



St Mary's Eaton Socon in 2021



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1. Vicar's Report

Welcome to St Mary's Eaton Socon 2021 Annual Report.

In my welcome to last year's Annual Report, I wrote *No one would have believed last Christmas (2019), what the world would face in 2020*. Little did anyone know that the continuing impact of Covid19 would still be felt around the globe in 2022! It's been a much longer time than first hoped for! Yet during these challenging circumstances, the church has continued to minister and reach out to people, because the church is all about sharing and living out God's amazing love! Thank-you to everyone who has shared in this work.

As a church, 2021 held a mixture of joys and challenges for us. Last March, I laid out a roadmap for St Mary's – whilst some dates were adjusted in response to the changing restrictions, this helped to give a sense of direction to the life of the church through those days. In July, we spent time as a church remembering and reflecting on our experiences to ensure we recover well – thank-you to those who helped put this together.

Since September, we have celebrated a return to a more recognisable pattern of regular corporate worship, with each service adapting and changing in different ways in response to the changed world around us. Whilst many have returned 'in person' to services as they have felt able to, we continue to stream the Sunday 10.30am service for the benefit of those unable to attend.

2021 also saw the launch of the Kitchen Project to resource St Mary's with the long-awaited Kitchen. Not only did we achieve this (thanks to everyone who contributed to this project) but we were also able to refurbish the existing Kitchenette and began work on refurbishing parts of the Church Hall.

Looking ahead, 2022 will be a key year in rebuilding the life of the Church. To give us time to seek the Father's heart for St Mary's, do look out for the days we will be setting aside for prayer throughout the year – do join us! Do you believe 'the best is yet to come?'

With every blessing

Timothy Robb

2. Audio and Visual

The Audio Visual team consists of three members who provide the visual displays for the church services. We use a dedicated laptop with a program called Easy Worship which is configured for each service.

With services online, the role now includes managing the streaming and selecting the output; whether from the laptop display are one of the cameras.

We are very keen to welcome newcomers, so if you are a "bit of a techie" and would like to get involved with serving on the AV team do get in touch with one of us. We'll happily explain everything and support you until you are comfortable to run a service on your own.

Gavin Chapman

3. Bell Ringers

Once again, the past year has been extremely difficult for the bellringers due to the various restrictions imposed upon us. Sadly, our ropes are not 2metres apart which has meant, at times, we have had to ring a strange combination of bells. In addition, it is difficult to ring in a face mask. Obviously, some of our more vulnerable ringers do not feel the ringing chamber is a safe environment for them to be in currently.

On the positive side we do have a very small group of loyal ringers who have continued to support us on Sunday mornings whenever they have been allowed to. During November our practices returned to being very popular again and we had people attend from as far away as Saffron Walden.

We did toll a bell whenever asked last year, such occasions included the funerals of His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh and Captain Tom Moore, thanking the NHS and Remembrance Sunday

There have been a couple of weddings during the year which have required bells and we have been able to fulfil these requests, thanks to our friends from Bedford who have helped out when needed. There has been one visiting band in 2021 which has had a financial impact on our funds for maintaining the bells as they do deteriorate if they are not rung regularly.

Because Omicron raised its head in December, ringing over Christmas became very limited and all practices were cancelled. This seems likely to continue into the New Year. Currently we are not able to teach new recruits but if you are a lapsed ringer or know someone who used to ring in the past, we would be delighted to see you, particularly on a Sunday morning.

Michael & Sue Matthews

4. Building and Fabric

Although some people may have thought that during the lock down period the church and hall were locked up with not much attention, this is far from the truth as they still had to be maintained in good condition including regular and annual maintenance inspections.

A project that was started during the quiet period was the building or conversion of a new kitchen for the hall. The walk-in cupboard was emptied, contents found a new home and the partitioning wall knocked down to make one room. A new electrical supply was installed, a new boiler for the kitchen & hall and very smart new kitchen units and appliances fitted. The existing kitchen also received attention to make it a very smart kitchenette for serving hot and cold drinks.

At the same time as the electrical work was being carried out for the kitchens, the lighting in the porch area and the toilets were upgraded to LED lighting.

We look forward to this new facility being of real benefit and blessing to the church. Thank you to all who have contributed.

Looking forward to 2022:

- Lighting in the church is in need of an upgrade to LED lighting and work will need to start on defining and costing this project;
- Hall to be smartened up now kitchen work is complete.

Gavin Chapman

5. Creation Care



Creation Care Group

The Creation Care Group was set up two years ago to help St Mary's understand and address the developing environmental crises around us. As Christians we are not just following a trendy fashion of environmental concern, but want to show that we love creation because we love its Creator.

Our efforts so far were rewarded by an Eco Church bronze award last May. This recognised the progress we'd made in five areas:

Worship and Teaching – our worship and prayers often reflect our love and concern for creation, including a couple of Sundays in 2021 when we focussed on climate and the environment

Buildings – we're tracking the Church's 'carbon footprint', buying our electricity on a renewable tariff and progressively installing LED lights. But there's a long way to go – the Church of England is aiming that all its buildings are 'net zero carbon' by 2030.

Land – we've started managing the Churchyard to be of more benefit to wildlife

Community and Global Engagement – we've informed Church members about global concerns, particularly leading up to COP26 in Glasgow last November, and written to our MP about it

Lifestyle – we've tried to make sure that everyone has a copy of our home-grown leaflet of practical ways in which we can each enjoy more the world around us and do less damage to it, and there are regular tips in our Newsletters



But bronze is just the start – 25% score in each area. We're now working to improve that to silver, needing a 50% score in all five categories.



The most visible changes have been in the Churchyard where, with the Town Council, we've allowed areas to grow as meadows so that wild plants and creatures can thrive there. The Council also helped us to renovate a bed with fruit-bearing bushes, and create a new hedge and bed alongside the Circle of Remembrance with wildlife-friendly planting. We've created a bug hotel and compost heaps and installed a water butt. A 'Quiet Area' has been built with five benches to provide space for individuals or small groups to relax. All this has been recognised with another bronze award, sponsored by the local Wildlife Trusts.

The Council team has been very stretched over the past year, but we're very grateful for the extra work they've put in – it's actually taken them more cost and effort than the previous practice of regularly mowing and leaving the cuttings behind. We're also grateful to all the people who've adopted beds in the Churchyard, or helped at the Groundforce mornings or the new monthly Monday working parties.

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

We are looking for one or two more people to join our small Creation Care Group which leads these efforts to make the Church more creation-friendly. If you are interested, please contact one of us.

James Faulkner, Anthony Harris, Edward Jarvis, Roger Peppiatt

6. Churchwarden Report

2021/2022 was my 7th term as Churchwarden, and it's been another unusual year to say the least, Covid is still with us. We have seen the return of our traditional services in a Covid safe way over the period and we have continued with streamed services on a Sunday morning.

Streamed services continue to engage with large numbers of people and 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.

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. However, as David and I have a combined age of over 140 years we will not be standing for re-election as Churchwardens, it is time to hand on the baton.

I would like to thank our team of Assistant Churchwardens: Jane Gogarty, Brian Elliott, Richard de Fraine, Gavin Chapman, David Ferris, Joanna Wells, Yvonne Bradbury-White, and Corrie Verduijn for their support. I would also like to extend thanks and appreciation to: Martin Pooley, Darren Smith and Len Thomas, who have stepped down for all their help and support over the years.

I would like to thank the Sidespeople and Welcomers 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 the kitchen upgrade has been completed as scheduled, I would like to thank Den for the huge amount of work he has put in to make 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.

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. David has recently stepped down from this role and Gavin Chapman is taking it up, so many thanks Gavin for 'stepping up'.

Edward Jarvis

7. Churches Together in St Neots (CTSN)

2021 was a busy year for CTSN in spite of Covid. No 'In Person' services or events could be held. Many churches continued to offer streamed services and continue to do so beyond restrictions being lifted. Technology has proved a bonus.

Rev Ray Porter, from our church, was Chair again and continued to provide leadership for the group. Five other church members, from various other churches, formed the Working Group reporting to the AGM. The 'Christmas Prayer for St Neots' was again available on the website featuring leaders from many of our churches and was well received.

CTSN has grown and developed over the last year becoming a useful forum within which the various elements of Christian activity within the town can network and support each other. Christian activity, within and between churches and their wider community exists in many different directions and the existence of CTSN combines energies and can enable community ideas to flourish. Acting individually is important, but being able to appreciate the way in which, as a town, we care for each other is vital. Time and energies used creatively through CTSN to support the needs of others is our strength and backbone. From a meeting led organisation we are becoming a wider influencer and enabler, bringing parts together into a whole. Although driven through church life the benefits of our combined activity serve needs within our town. Linking with the St Neots Initiative gives us access to other organisations and ideas.

The new St Neots (Community) Directory: <https://stneots.directory> brings together many facets of life in our town. Faith is one element of this. Although the activities driven by faith are just one part of life here they nevertheless help to meet specific needs and therefore play an important part.

The Care Centre and Tree of Hope Fair Trade Shop at the URC, Thursday Food for the needy at Berkley Street Methodist Church, Men's Forum, Warm Clothing Collection and the Bereavement Friendship Group all operate through the formal structure of CTSN and are supported by volunteers across our churches. Other activity such as Foodbank, Prison Ministry, ACTIOS, Shoebox appeal and Christian Aid have their roots in CTSN but operate independently. Christian Performing Arts is also linked to CTSN.

No 'in person' town activity in the shape of combined services took place last year and none are foreseen at present. Christian presence in our project activity is therefore even more important.

I recognise and am grateful for the continued support and encouragement that Tim and SMES gives to the work I continue to do and especially to Ray, my guide and mentor!

Pam Branch SMES (CTSN representative & CTSN Secretary) January 2022

8. Community Families and Children's Worker

8.1. Sunday School

Prior to Covid, Sunday School was known as Light Factory and run by Heather Arnold and a team of volunteers. Heather has now stepped down to focus on the youth work and I want to start by thanking Heather for all her years of leading Light Factory and the time and effort she put into it.

Due to Covid we have seen a significant drop in the number of families attending regularly, but we hope and pray that more of our church families will re-engage with us in 2022.

In September 2021 we were able to re-open Sunday School. Special thanks must go to Jennifer and Matt Reed for helping to get Sunday School back on its feet during September and October.

In November 2021, I (Liz) came on board after returning from parental leave and we have seen a small number of church families consistently bringing their children every week. It has been lovely to get to know these children and see them get to know each other.

In December we had a Christmas party where we did some craft and shared food together.

We are always on the look out for new Sunday School volunteers so if you'd like to help, please speak to me!

Liz Faulkner (Community, Church Children & Families Worker)

8.2. Little Stars

Little Stars is a toddler group held on a Wednesday morning from 10am till 12 for parents/carers/nannies/childminders (and anyone else) and any children aged 0 – 4yrs old. It is mainly a free play session with refreshments, craft, and a song time at the end.

After having been closed for 19 months due to Covid, Little Stars re-opened in November 2020 with appropriate Covid restrictions in place (masks, individual refreshments etc) and has been a popular group with between 20 – 25 parents plus their children at each session. We are beginning to see regular parents attending every week, which gives us the chance for relationship building and for us to be able to provide help and support as needed.

In December we had our Christmas party and nativity retelling where the children get involved in bringing characters up to the stable and it is always a good time with plenty of fun!

In addition, in December we held an ex-Little Stars party for children who had moved on (due to school or parents going back to work) during the time we were closed. This was attended by a few families (a few pulled out due to illness) who really enjoyed the chance to say goodbye and it was lovely for us to be able to see them again and tell them about other ministries at St Mary's.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all our little stars volunteers, those who stepped down during Covid, those who have continued and those who have stepped up to help since we've been back. Little Stars wouldn't run without your time and energy! We are always on the lookout for new Little Stars volunteers so if you'd like to help, please speak to me!

Liz Faulkner (Community, Church Children & Families Worker)

9. Craft Group

The Craft Group meet every Tuesday at 10am in the Church Hall and it was with great relief to all members when we were able to get together again in June albeit social distanced. "At this difficult time the Craft Group is a blessing" was a quote by one member.

Our usual outlets of the Christmas fayre, the Easter sale and the May Day celebrations were once again cancelled but this did not stop us from beavering away with our needles in whichever way we are gifted. We have been able to provide hats, gloves and scarves for the Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes, Christmas cards for Littlehey and help Tim pack hampers for the families in St Neots.

Providing support for one another has also been crucial. You don't need any craft skills to be part of the group, just drop in for a coffee, tea, and a chat (there is plenty of that). We love to show what we are doing and are happy to share our skills and learn from each other.

Sue Hazzard

10. Synod Updates

10.1. Deanery

There have been three meetings of the Deanery Synod during 2021 in March, July and October.

In March, the meeting was held online and the new Rural Dean, Rev'd Graham Buckle, was commissioned by the Archdeacon of Bedford, Dave Middlebrook. The Rev'd Matt Phillips was welcomed as the new vicar of the Benefice of Dunton, Wrestlingworth and Eyeworth. St Andrew's Church, Biggleswade is currently in interregnum and the Rev'd Alex Wheatley was to be inducted as vicar in St Mary's Church, Potton later in the month.

There would be no Lent Evensong this year as it was difficult to arrange in the current circumstances.

In July, a presentation was given by Rachel Johnston, the Diocesan Environment Officer, encouraging every parish and benefice to work towards the Eco Bronze Award by December 2022. Eaton Socon got a special mention as one parish that had already achieved this. Four nominations were received for the new triennium of Diocesan Synod and these were elected unanimously. Ken Ebbage will continue to be the Deanery representative on the Diocesan Board of Finance.

In October, a talk was given by Christian Cole, the Diocesan Youth Missioner. He gave a report on the Diocesan Youth Research Project. Despite the low numbers of children and young people attending church, he urged parishes not to lose heart but to foster those that do attend. He spoke of the support that is being provided with courses for lay leaders of youth, a weekly newsletter and working towards providing opportunities for youth from different parishes to come together. A decision was taken to continue with the current Deanery Project, Home of Hope, Malawi, as there had been little opportunity to fundraise for it over the last year. A new project would be chosen in October 2022.

Jane Gogarty

10.2. Diocesan

There were three meetings of the Diocesan Synod in 2021 in March, June and October.

The March meeting was held online. In his address Bishop Alan thanked parishes for the myriad of ways that they had managed to keep going over the past year and stated that as we began to get back to a more normal way of doing things, that did not mean going back to the old ways. There had been a lot of good initiatives that had been developed during the last year and these should be retained or incorporated into new ways of doing things. Two motions were passed to continue with the development and implementation within the diocese of the Covenant for Clergy care and Wellbeing and also to set up a Diocesan Wellbeing Group to enable this. The current quinquennium of the General Synod comes to an end in July and elections will take place in September/October. A presentation was given on the Development of the Diocesan Youth Strategy by Lucy Shuker.

The July meeting was held online. Bishop Alan's address focused on 'emerging hopefully' and was based around Psalm 46. We were reminded that this is the last meeting of this triennium and nominations for the new triennium need to be made to Deanery Lay Chairs. The Rev'd Will Gibbs gave a presentation on 'Living in Love and Faith – The Process' This is a national Anglican exploration through a five-session course giving the opportunity to think more deeply about what it is to be human. It will explore relationships, marriage, identity, sexuality and gender.

In the October meeting, the results of the elections for clerical and lay Vice -Presidents was given. The elections had previously taken place online. A Scheme was presented for the Diocesan Board of Finance to be designated as the Diocesan Board of Education. A discussion was held about what three key things the Synod should be looking at over the next three years to take forward mission and ministry. The sum to be raised by the Parish Share was presented as part of the presentation from the Diocesan Board of Finance. Jane Gogarty

11. Flower Management

We continued with faux flower arrangements in church for the first half of 2021 due to the coronavirus restrictions which were in place. Regrettably, for the same reason, it was also not possible to arrange fresh flowers in church to celebrate Easter this year.

However, moving on through the year we did restart fresh flowers in church from July onwards.

We were very pleased to be able to celebrate Harvest on Sunday 10 October with special arrangements demonstrating God's faithfulness to us in the provision of crops, fresh produce and flowers.

Below is one of the displays:



The pedestal display (above right) reflects the Remembrance Service held on Sunday 14 November.

The theme for Christmas this year reflected the Light that Jesus brought to the world through his birth and with it the eternal hope, joy and peace that He offers to us all.



Finally, I would like to express my thanks for the gifts received this year including the donation from TLCobbold for the Harvest displays.

My sincere thanks goes to Annie Preece, Joy Martin, Jennie Smith, Brenda Ashford, Pam Branch, Marilyn Cobb, Sylvia Stonham, Amanda Kipling and Heather Owens all of whom have made the church decoration and displays possible during another very challenging year.

Julia Findley

12. Foodbank

2021 saw the foodbank help ever more people in our community, with emergency food and much more.

Due to Covid-19, we have continued with our “delivery” model which means all food parcels are delivered to clients by a small team of dedicated volunteers. As well as the usual long-life food items such as tins, cereal packets, UHT milk etc, every client receives a box of fresh fruit and vegetables. Frances and I and now a small team of volunteers, several from St Mary’s, pack these fresh produce boxes in our garage. Just before Christmas we packed our 2000th box!

St Neots Foodbank fed 2538 people during the year with over 4500 meals. This is an increase of 47% over the previous year. In all the foodbank has 35 active volunteers.

As well as provision of emergency food parcels, we provide additional services which are much appreciated:

- Sign-posting clients to other agencies to check they are receiving the benefits they are entitled to and any savings they can make as well as dealing with wider issues affecting them and their families. In this aspect of our service, we have been helped enormously by having our own Citizens Advice worker.
- Provision of Huntingdon District Council vouchers for supermarket and energy vouchers
- Provision of Sim cards from Vodaphone for those who need them
- Via the national crowd-sourcing on-line charity, “Acts 435”, we have assisted around 100 people who were in urgent need of items such as a cooker or school uniforms. Over £11,000 has been raised. For more information, go to acts435.org.uk.

In December we distributed around 200 hampers to those known to us who would benefit.

The foodbank has been truly blessed with generous donations of money and food without which we could not meet the needs of people in our community. Thank you to all at St Mary’s who have and continue to contribute.

Roger Peppiatt
Trustee
St Neots Foodbank

13. Ground Force Team

On Saturday 9th of October a group of 8 worked on the church yard. We were donated over 100 hyacinth bulbs from St Neots Town Council. We planted a mix of bulbs in the two new beds near the circle of remembrance. Our volunteers also tidied around some of the graves also finished the bug hotel. Thank you for all the hard work from our volunteers.

James Faulkner

14. Living in Faith Encounters (LIFE) Groups

Let's get Covid-19 out of the way first of all. Over the last year the groups have continued in one form or another through some difficult days. Those who have led and attended have been faithful keeping the groups going. We would like to thank you for your faithfulness and support for this important ministry in the life of the church.

Nanette and I have only recently taken over the leadership of the groups and we look forward to meeting with all the groups, and to that end we will drop in to your group from time to time.

We plan to meet with the leaders at least once per term the first will have taken place in January.

Over the coming months we hope to be able to share with you some of our thoughts ideas and prayers.

If you are not in a Life Group and want to join or find out what, where or anything about the groups contact Nanette or me and we will do our best to help.

David and Nanette

15. Men's Breakfast

In the earlier part of the year, we were not able to meet because of Covid but in May we had a meeting on Zoom at which Dr. Dan Strange spoke about our Christian engagement with modern culture.

It was great to have our first live meeting in July when we met in the Jubilee Hall and although we were few in numbers we were able to spread out and make use of the spacious room. The Rev'd Dr Henry Lu, Director of the Chinese Overseas Christian Mission was the speaker and spoke on the need to welcome Chinese folk to the UK, especially those from Hong Kong. In September Dr Stuart Judge spoke, asking the question "Are we Just a Brain"?

Numbers for these two meetings were much less than before lockdown, but the November meeting saw us reaching up to twenty to hear Dr Christopher Catherwood giving a most stimulating talk on whether we can still regard Churchill as a hero.

We have a full programme of talks arranged for 2022 and look forward to welcoming more people. These meetings give the opportunity for men of the church to get to know each other better; give us the opportunity to discuss and think together about issues related to our faith which are not easily addressed in sermons or Life Groups. Many of the topics are of general interest and it has been good to see men inviting others to join us who are not part of our congregation.

Our thanks go to Jim Fitzgerald for cooking our lovely full English breakfasts!

Ray Porter and Gavin Chapman

16. M-Team

After a lengthy lock down period and isolation the monthly meeting of the Maintenance team was resumed in October. The purpose of the M-Team is to address regular maintenance issues around the church and hall buildings, to keep the church safe, secure and in good condition. These tasks have included clearing the dust and cobwebs on the walls and windows up to the ceiling of the church, repairing various handles and locks, repairing the odd piece of furniture and keeping the outside drains and gutters free from debris.

Apart from the routine jobs associated with an old building, we have a list of tasks for 2022 so there isn't much chance of the work drying up!

I would like to thank all who have volunteered and helped each month and with a willing attitude makes the morning an enjoyable experience. I must add that we are always keen to welcome anyone who would like to join in and help using their practical skills.

Although these activities are important and serious, the morning can be a time of good banter and fellowship and getting to know each other. Oh yes, there is always a tea / coffee break with something to nibble too!

Gavin Chapman

17. Music Group

The past year has seen a reduced music group at 10.30 services due to COVID restrictions, with only one or two instruments and one or two singers at most services. We're grateful to Ally Brattle for taking on coordination of the singers' rota and to both her and Edd Salkield for developing the sound desk rota and operator training respectively. The purchase of the grand piano in June was a highlight of the year, it has already seen much use in services and other events, and we look forward to how it will be used in the future when things become a little more "normal".

Phil Barrett

September and October each saw evenings of sung contemporary worship as part of the safe space initiative. They were well attended with folk having the freedom to meet with God. Once life returns to normal, the intention is to do more of these.

The Christmas Carol service was more of a stripped-back affair with fewer singers and instrumentalists due to the covid situation. There was a mix of traditional and contemporary carols. Given the covid climate, it was well attended. Those taking apart were fortunate enough to enjoy food prepared in the new kitchen by the Peppiatts between final rehearsal and the service.

David Brattle

18. Pastoral Care Team

It has been another busy year for St Mary's pastoral care team. 2021 can be divided into two periods.

During January to July, we were operating our successful, "St Mary's Connected" scheme of regular contacts with people associated with the church. From its start in March 2020 to when it was wound up in early August 2021, we made 2200 contacts, mainly phone calls, supporting people and maintaining a link with the church. During this period, the 13-strong team supported each other via regular meetings conducted via Zoom. However, once restrictions were lifted and regular church services in person were reinstated, we decided the scheme had run its course.

From August to the end of the year, we resumed our usual roles, summarised in the table below. The figures are very different from a "normal" year. The pandemic changed how we could operate. Care Home visits have not happened since the onset of Covid-19.

Our next face-to-face team meeting is in January to discuss our work going forward in 2022. Our last such meeting was on 14th November 2019.

We are grateful to all our team for their commitment to the work and to Tim for his leadership.

Visits for various reasons	125
Respite visit	3
To give Holy Communion	3
Meal provision at home	3
Provision of transport	1
Phone calls	324
Texts etc	80
TOTAL	539

Roger & Frances Peppiatt

19. PCC Report

2021 was again a challenging year for the PCC. Even with some Covid restrictions being lifted, for safety reasons the PCC still met online for the first half of the year, meeting at the church again from September onwards. Online meetings took the same format as ones held before lockdown, with each meeting starting with a reflection and prayer, led by a PCC member. However, instead of following this with a time of sharing together, while online they were separated into zoom breakout rooms, so that they could share how they were with each other. Meeting again as a group in Church was celebrated by enjoying wine and nibbles supplied by PCC members! Refreshments are not normally served, apart from occasional Jelly Babies!!

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Treasurer, Roy Notley, presents a full review of the accounts at each meeting for general, designated and restricted funds. Constant reviews of likely finance outcome for the year were discussed, especially towards the later months as it became clear that there would not be a return to normal as had been anticipated. Tim Robb shared that there were some grants available from Councils for Churches that had lost money due to not being able to hire out their buildings. As a result of our application, we received a £6000 grant.

During the year the PCC sanctioned the purchase of a grand piano and the launch of the much-needed kitchen project.

The 2022 budget was discussed and revised many times again due to the uncertainties of what 2022 would bring. At the time of writing these notes, a budget for 2022 was on hold, pending the results of the recent appeal for financial pledges requested by January 2022. It was apparent that 2022 would be an extremely difficult year to keep finances balanced.

MINISTRY

Due to Covid the congregations at the Christmas services were a lot lower again than in 'normal' years. Some of the Christmas services, together with the 10.30am Sunday service, have continued to be streamed, with good numbers watching and many voicing their thanks for this facility.

The PCC discussed at great length how the Church could move forward post pandemic. It was agreed that we ALL needed to **Remember, Reflect and Recuperate**. A number of safe spaces were set up in Church and both Church members and members of the wider community were encouraged to visit the spaces. One of the new things to come out of this was an occasional Sung Worship Sunday evening meeting.

All aspects of Church life were reviewed extensively under Activities, Ministries and Events Evaluation to see how things could be done better.

The monthly 8am Sunday service has been discontinued but combined with the 9am Sunday service on the first Sunday of each month. The Wednesday service is now held in the side aisle.

YOUTH

All areas of youth work were discussed. The work among the younger age group (0-11) has been especially challenging throughout the pandemic. However, the older group (11-18) were cared for well and this age group also adapt to screens/zoom etc more easily than children.

The children's worker will not be joining in school assemblies for the foreseeable future. Her contract was changed so that she can support and develop the work among the younger children in the church. PCC were made aware of the impact this will unfortunately have on our presence in the community.

FABRIC

Every 5 years the Church must undertake a Quinquennial inspection. This was done in November and the report back is awaited.

The kitchen project got underway, and the new kitchen was officially opened in November.

Approval was given by the Diocese for the creation of a quiet area within the Church grounds. The circular paved area has been laid, the grass will be seeded in the Spring and the benches installed soon.

ADMIN

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

Staff continued to be furloughed, albeit on a part hours basis, until the end of April. The Children's & Families Worker was absent most of the year on parental leave, resulting in little children's ministry, until her return in November.

The Vicar's PA left towards the end of September to pursue full-time studies. This position was filled in January 2022, but on reduced hours, due to 2022 budget constraints.

It was agreed that a lone working device be purchased for the Church Administrator or by anyone working alone in the office.

PCC minutes are written up and, once ratified, displayed 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 especially to Rev'd Timothy Robb.

Brenda Notley
PCC Secretary

20. Planned Giving

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 2021 regular giving was down by £3600 from 2020. Giving of all kinds was £904 down on 2020.

All giving amounted to 90.4% of expenditure.

<u>Giving was via the following streams:</u>	2020	2021		<u>Monthly giving spread.</u>		
Direct Debits (Parish Giving Scheme)	27929	29195	23.55%		<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Bank Standing Orders	62974	59993	48.40%	Up to £25 per month	22	17
On-line Debit/Credit Cards (Stripe)	0	690	0.56%	Between £26 and £50	28	32
Dedicated Numbered Envelopes	5146	3277	2.64%	Between £51 and £100	20	21
Gift Aid Reclaim from HMRC		20563	16.59%	Between £101 and £150	7	7
PLANNED GIVING	96049	113718	91.74%	Between £151 and £200	2	3
Gift Aid envelopes	751	293	0.24%	Between £201 and £300	9	10
Cash Offertories	1719	2816	2.27%	Over £300	5	2
Casual donations	3989	5805	4.68%		93	92
Gift Aid Reclaim from HMRC	22349	1324	1.07%			
Gift Day	10864	0	0.00%			
ADHOC GIVING	39672	10238	8.26%			
TOTAL GIVING	135721	123956				

At start of year there were 93 regular givers; 22 increased their regular amount and 5 decreased; 7 started regular giving but 8 stopped leaving 92 regular givers at end of 2021.

On behalf of PCC of St Mary's Eaton Socon we convey our sincere thanks for your sustained regular giving. Only 6 now remain on dedicated numbered envelopes.

The budget for 2022 is quite bleak as far as it is possible to predict at this time. We will need your extra support, to protect the services provided.

Remember, apart from regular giving by direct debit (See 'Give to your local parish online' leaflet and use parish code 320632297) or bank standing order there are many other streams of income available for the occasional giver.

- 1. VIA ON-LINE BANKING:** direct bank transfer to 'Eaton Socon Parochial Church Council' 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

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- Increase your gift annually in line with inflation
- Enhance your gift with an optional 25% Gift Aid
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- Donate securely

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Website: www.parishgiving.org.uk

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7. MONEY: by cash or cheque in offertory baskets in church when open.
Please note: giving by means of options 2, 3 or 4 above will incur a commission charge deducted at source from your contribution.

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

21. Prayer Ministry

I would like to thank everyone who has been prepared to pray for the requests we receive online. We have had many requests which are sent out to over 35 people who then bring these to the Lord.

It is great when we get updates and have seen answers to prayer. If anyone is interested in joining this vital ministry, please contact me on prayer@eatonsocon.org.

We now have a prayer space in the chancel for anyone to use at any time, so please feel free to use this space.

Barbara Jarvis

22. Safeguarding

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.

As the church activities involving children began to re-emerge, new volunteers came forward and the necessary safer recruitment and checks were carried out so that this could be done safely. The Church of England has now recommended that DBS checks are renewed every three years and this is now being implemented.

All Safeguarding Training is now being delivered online. C0 is now referred to as the Basic course and C1 as the Foundation Course. Only Clergy and Parish Safeguarding Officers now need to do the face-to-face training. 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

23. Tea and Biscuit Book Club

The Book Club has carried on reading and meeting every four or five weeks throughout the long Covid period, only cancelling two meetings. One was in March 2020 at the start of the first lockdown, and the second was just before Christmas 2021 when Omicron threatened family gatherings. Amazingly, the St Neots library has managed to find us sets of books almost every month, producing the usual mix of fiction to entertain, interest and sometimes annoy us. Books varied from the unsettling "Beside the Sea" at the start of lockdown to "Christmas Wishes" – a seasonal and very easy read. Banjo's walks included regular deliveries of books, and it was great to see him at the door with Jo and her family. Suitably distanced of course!

For over a year meetings were held over Zoom (organized efficiently by Amy) and inevitably discussions focused on an exchange of "news", but we did discuss the books and exchange ideas for other reading. By early summer 2021, some members were able to meet in the Riverside Park, and then we started meeting in the Church Hall. Drinking tea from our own mugs, we enjoyed home-made cake (thank you Carole) and discussing our books away from screens.

In addition to reading the Book Club has made regular donations to charities, Church related, local or occasionally linked with our reading. Our latest donation was to the St Neots Coffee Pot Memory Café, and in October 2020 we supported a very successful Macmillan Coffee Morning held outside Jo's house.

Joanne Rickwood

24. Treasurer's Report

CHURCH GENERAL ACCOUNT

This was another difficult year due to restrictions brought about by the pandemic. Staff returned from furlough in April and services gradually returned to as near normal as could be expected from September, with the Sunday 10.30 service continuing to be streamed, as well as attended by those who were able.

Planned giving income fell by £3,600, but cash collection income and sundry donations recovered a bit and were £3,149 up on last year. With hall lettings back to pre-pandemic level and increased occasional services, income was up by £4,971. Overall, total income for the year was up by £4,328.

Furlough grants finished for St Mary's at the end of March, receipts were £3,008 compared to £9,923 last year.

Conversely, expenditure was down by £4,870. Building related costs were up by £3,381 from last year and staff costs were down by £4,592. There was no gift day for enhancing general funds in 2021.

DESIGNATED FUND

Income of £8,068 included a grant of £6,000 from HDC. There were no fundraising events. A new designated fund has been established for catering events. Little Stars restarted in November and received a £200 grant from ESCA, as did Café on the Green.

Cumulative designated funds now stand at £20,790, of which £13,812 is for future developments.

RESTRICTED FUNDS

A donation of £2,000 was received ready for when work can commence on the boiler chimney and flues.

There was no movement on vestry or nave lights funds in the year.

The kitchen project was very well supported with donations and grants. £2,000 of the costs of work paid for by this project has been absorbed by the church general fund as it was not directly attributable to that project. The remaining funds of £1,174 are for restocking the kitchen equipment.

A new fund for the “quiet area” was started, current fund value is £986. The piano fund was closed following acquisition of the “posh” piano.

Cumulative restricted funds now stand at £29,544.

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2022

This has again been a very difficult budget to prepare. The assumption is that we will slowly revert to much more “normal” times as we recover from the unique situation of the last 2 years. We think income will be around the same as 2021, including the pledges and changes/new planned giving from 17 persons at the time of writing.

Expenditure is expected to be £8,500 more than 2021 and that includes reduction of World Mission to 5% of planned giving, instead of 10% and reduction of Vicar’s PA hours from 16 to 8 per week.

The final budget agreed by the PCC in January shows a predicted deficit of £8,271. We are confident that further pledges will go a long way to cutting that deficit substantially.

My thanks to all who have assisted in the preparation of these Accounts, particularly a thanks to Gavin and Tim for their solid support and assistance.

Roy B Notley

25. Wednesday Welcome

After an unprecedented 18 months our group is stronger than ever. Rules permitting, we met as friends during the summer under the trees on the green sharing ice creams, sweets and most importantly, friendship.

Since returning to the church hall our numbers have increased to over 40 with a varied age range from 50 to over 90 years of age, such a nice mix. More men would be very welcome!

Tea, cakes and a chat are the basis for meetings, however we organise some trips and entertainment.



Highlights in 2021 included a poetry reading by Karen (church administrator), a concert by the U3A Ukulele band (a firm favourite) which was held in the church, lunch at the Barley Mow and an afternoon tea at Roxton garden centre. At the latter two it is true to say they spoil us!

2022 will include our firm favourites plus a 2hour cruise on the river Ouse in May, a talk by Dogs Trust and an afternoon at The Stables Christian Centre (lunch and afternoon tea provided by our lady members with time spent in the lovely grounds).

As the name suggests anyone is welcome to **join us on a Wednesday afternoon at 3pm in the church hall** and I can assure them they would be welcomed with open arms and made to feel at home.

Please feel free to ring me if you would like more information.

Mike Gilham (07899 856636)

26. World Mission

World mission has always been an integral part of the work at St Mary's and I am pleased to say that despite the present pandemic we as a church were still able to support our mission partners throughout 2021 both financially and through prayer.

We partnered with:

Allen and Litsa McClymont at OMF International (£1,600)

Teresha and Israel Karahukayo at Spring of Hope in Uganda (£2,600)

ACTIOS (£1,900)

Chris and Elaine Hurst, Wycliffe Bible Translators in Mexico (£1,500)

Dr Mano Emmanuel at Colombo Theological Seminary in Sri Lanka (£2,000)

Newsletters continued to be received and can be found on the church website. We hope to have short videos from our partners this year to show in church to help keep us all more up to date with their work.

Our Mission Sunday Service was able to take place on 26th September, a little later than usual. We welcomed Helen Walton to speak from The Leprosy Mission and as a church donated £1,455 towards their work. We still collect stamps for The Leprosy Mission and we were able to give her a large bag to take back to Head Quarters! Thank you to all those who collect their stamps and please continue to bring them in to church.

We also took part again in Operation Christmas Child and generously filled many shoeboxes. This year the Eastern Regional Centre was in St Neot's and some church member's went to the old CostCutters in the centre of town to help check boxes before they were shipped. The boxes from St Mary's were destined for Liberia.

After not being able to send Christmas cards to our partners in 2020 due to the pandemic we managed to send them this year, signed by church members with words of encouragement and best wishes.

We'd like to say a big thank you to Julia Findlay who stepped down from leading the Mission Team which she did with great commitment during 2020 and most of 2021. We now have space for another team member and would be very pleased to hear from anyone who might be interested in joining us.

Julia Chapman

27. Youth

27.1. Fusion

2021 continued to be another great year for the Youth even though we entered it in another lockdown! However we were now all pros at zoom and swiftly moved online, re-installed the challenges and award charts to win prizes of food. Always a winner!!!



Once we were allowed to meet up, the Youth enjoyed spending time together playing games, catching up on their week, and participating in games inspired by our BFF Taskmaster. We finished our summer term with a party and we still laugh now remembering all the Youth running frantically away from each other as they played manhunt in the church grounds. In August, we took part in the Shack Challenge (please see Reactors update for more details) and continued our fundraising with a cake sale in September at the 10.30 service.

In the Autumn term, we continued to learn and support other charities such as “The Leprosy Mission” and “Operation Christmas Child”.

In November Helen Walton from The Leprosy Mission came to Fusion to give us a talk on leprosy and how the Mission is working to cure it. She told us of the myths surrounding leprosy and the terrible stigma that still surrounds it. There is now a drug which can cure the disease before it causes damage, however this costs money, something the people don't have. Helen made the talk fun with a video, a quiz, and a pair of oven gloves and a chocolate orange! The game was to unwrap the chocolate with the gloves on to simulate how someone with Leprosy felt when trying to use their motor skills. Helen was very engaging and kept our interest throughout. We decided that the proceeds from our next cake sale would go to The Leprosy Mission.

In November, the Youth again collected items to go in two Christmas shoeboxes and Julia took them with her when she helped out in our local collection point.

Autumn continued to be a busy time for the Youth. Making the most of being able to socialise without Covid measures but making sure we were as safe as possible by weekly Lateral Flow testing. A trip to Thorpe Park was arranged and a great time was had by all.

Half of the Youth decided the faster the ride the better and the other half decided to take the more relaxed route and participate in the gentler rides.



However, we were all fooled when we boarded a ride we couldn't see. What we thought was a nice gentle ghost ride, ended up being a rollercoaster in the dark. We can still hear the screams now! Keeping up with tradition, we were the last to leave and after a quick stop at McDonalds to refuel, the Youth succumbed to sleep for the journey home.



In December to celebrate another year together, we all headed out to Eat'n'Bowl for a couple of games of ten pin bowling and you guessed it...another trip to the golden arches!!!

All I can say, there were many of us who loved the guide bars down the side of the lanes, without which, we probably would have never known what it was like to hit a pin.

Throughout the year we celebrated GCSE results, end of year tests/modules and birthdays.

Big birthdays also continued to be the order of the day as we enjoyed 18th and 50th with cake, personalised card and even a candle to blow out!

We also invested in our very own Youth Hoodies which the Youth wear with pride.

Being a part of the church family continued throughout the year as we supported events such as the new kitchen's opening and Thanksgiving tea, Christingle, Instant Nativity Play and helped out with the refreshments on Sunday mornings.

As we enter 2022, we have many things to look forward to.....Cake sale to help raise money for the Leprosy Mission, Shack Challenge and Newday festival (1-6th August) to name but a few.

We have much to thank God for in particularly our Youth and all those that have supported us throughout the year...parents, church and leaders. Thank-you Lord for everything!

Peter and Heather Arnold



27.2. Reactors



2021 saw Reactors back on line and having their Sunday sessions on Zoom. We started 'The Bible Course' by Andrew Ollerton which proved very popular and really gave our youth a better understanding of the chronology of events in the bible and how everything led towards the arrival of Christ and the fulfilling of God's plan. This course took us to the end of May so before the summer break we worked through a few sessions from *Ministry for Youth*.

Having been unable to meet for such a long time a highlight of the year was doing *The Shack Challenge* at the end of August. Me, Heather and 12 of our young people lived together for 12 hours



on the church premises, eating together, on a budget of £3.10 each for the day, helping the *Global Care Team* in the church yard, playing out door games and watching films. Everyone was still in good humour at the end of the day and we raised £1475.00 for *Global Care* who used the money to buy

food for the Dalit community in Patripul, India.

Having introduced our young people to the need for mission and missionary's we continued the theme when we resumed, in person, in September.

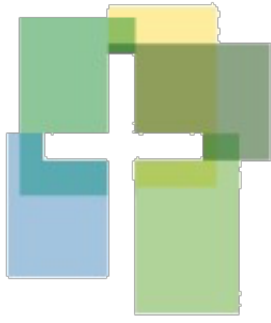
We enjoyed a visiting speaker, Sophie Parsons, a student from Churchill College, Cambridge, who was part of a team working on a project in Tanzania to clean up contaminated water and learnt more about the work done by OMF and more specifically the McClymont family who we partner with and support here at St Mary's.

Making cakes continues to be a popular activity and our youth made cakes for the opening and thanksgiving tea for the new church kitchen at the end of November. In our Sunday sessions we finished the year preparing for Christmas using material from the 'engage' series published by *thegoodbook company*.



We don't know what 2022 holds in store for us but we do know that everything is in God's hands so we can look forward with great anticipation in the knowledge that He will be there to guide and help us as Heather and I lead Reactors in the coming year.

Julia Chapman



St Mary's Eaton Socon

THE CHURCH ON THE GREEN

MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

and

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

with ACCOUNTS

Date Sunday 13 March 2022

12 noon

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APCM AGENDA – Sunday 13th March 2022

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 on Sunday 13th March 2022 at 12 noon.

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

David Ferris Richard de Fraine
Jane Gogarty

Representing 10.30am Sunday Service

Yvonne Bradbury-White	Teresa Bryant	David Hesketh
Edward Jarvis	Jeannie Minchinton	Corrie Verduijn

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS HELD ON SUNDAY 7th March 2021

The meeting was opened at 11:28 by Rev'd Timothy Robb. Mrs Jennifer Reed took the minutes.

1. Apologies for absence.

Ted and Di Brannan Brenda Notley Janice Porter Yvonne Bradbury-White

2. Minutes of the last Annual Meeting of Parishioners

The minutes of the last meeting held on 4th October 2020 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 Revd Ray Porter , seconded by Mr David Hesketh. The motion was carried unanimously, with 1 abstention.**

3. Appointment of Churchwardens

There were two nominations put forward:

Mr Edward Jarvis & Mr David Hesketh.

**Proposed by Mrs Sue Matthews, seconded by Mr Brian Elliott.
Carried unanimously with no abstentions.**

Tim thanked the Churchwardens for their support throughout this challenging time. Tim shared that Ed now enters his 7th and final year of being Churchwarden and so succession planning is being worked on.

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 Dr Roger Peppiatt and seconded by Mrs Nanette Hesketh.
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 Verduyn

**Proposed by Dr Roger Peppiatt and seconded by Mrs Nanette Hesketh.
Carried unanimously with no abstentions.**

5. Any other business

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 11:33.

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 2021
9. Election of an Independent Examiner for the current financial year
10. Election of up to **Five (5)** 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 7th March 2021

The meeting was opened at 11:33 by Rev'd Tim Robb.

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence were accepted as those recorded for the Annual Meeting of Parishioners. **Proposed by** Mr Matthew Reed and **seconded by** Mrs Carole Robson
Carried unanimously with no abstentions.

4. Minutes of last Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 4th October 2020 had been circulated prior to the event. There were no corrections.

It was proposed to accept minutes by Dr Julie Robb and **seconded by** Mrs Elizabeth Faulkner. **Carried unanimously with 1 abstention.**

3. Matters arising from Minutes

There were none.

4. Notification of other business

None

5. To receive a copy of the revised Electoral Roll

Mr Roy Notley read out the statement below on behalf of the Electoral Roll Officer, Mrs Brenda Notley.

ELECTORAL ROLL 2020/2021

The statistics of the roll are as follows:

The year 2020/2021 started with 156 names on the Electoral Roll. During the year, the roll was revised and just two people added, with 158 names now listed who worship regularly here at St Mary's, Eaton Socon, consisting of 102 female and 56 male. No names were removed from the Roll due to death or due to moving away since it was revised in September 2020, just before the APCM in October.

Proposed by Mr Steven Bailey **seconded by** Mrs Jane Gogarty. **Carried unanimously.**

6. To consider a report of the Parochial Church Council

Proposal to accept that the report is a correct summary of the last year at the PCC. Proposed by Mr Edward Jarvis, seconded by Mr Richard DeFraine. Carried unanimously with no abstentions.

TR reminded people that they can come and observe the PCC meetings to learn more about the workings of the PCC.

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 Mrs Jane Gogarty, seconded Mr David Hesketh and carried unanimously, with no abstentions.

At this point TR explained that as church services will continue to be live-streamed for some time, it will always be clearly marked in the church where people will be seen on the live-stream.

8. To consider a report of the Treasurer and the independently examined accounts of the Parochial Church Council for 2020

CHURCH GENERAL ACCOUNT

2020 was certainly a difficult year to manage the church's finances because of the various lockdowns and closure of the church due to the covid19 pandemic. Once again, though, all of you who regularly give and even those new to the church who have given on-line have kept our financial position quite secure and kept us on a sound footing looking forward. Income of 143k was 6k down on last year. Planned giving was up 3k, collections and sundry giving was down 9k, gift day was up 1k and hall lettings/occasional fees were down 1k. Expenditure of 138k was 9k down on last year. Ministry costs were down by 4k, staff pay was up by 3k but with govt furlough grants of 10k the net effect was down 7k. Mission was up 1k as was parish share.

As a result of all this the church general fund was in surplus by a net sum of £5252.

DESIGNATED FUND

This fund is unrestricted but is maintained separately and is set aside for future development projects and costs, and any miscellaneous one-off costs at the discretion of the PCC. There was no opportunity to fund raise this year so income, mainly from donations, was only £2517. Expenditure on bases for shed and benches around circle of remembrance and for professional fees re future development plans reduced funds carried forward to £13961.

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

The general fund and designated fund and written down value of recorded assets make up the total unrestricted fund. The PCC took the decision to clear all remaining book value of assets this year. At start of year unrestricted reserves were £51078 but £16008 of that was asset value. Unrestricted reserves carried forward to 2021 are £31268 representing general fund up from £12055 to £17307 and designated fund down from £23015 to £13961. The onset of the pandemic in 2020 and the effect it would have had on our cash resource if it had not been for your continued contributions is a reminder to us all of why we need to build and maintain a strong reserve to serve us when the incidence of unexpected catastrophes falls upon us.

RESTRICTED FUNDS

There are currently 21 restricted funds. Income from proceeds of disposal of organ was £2000 though some costs were incurred for the banner and dismantling of electricity supply. Repairs of tower clock mechanism cost £2290. Donations to utility fund were £800 and £315 of help was paid out. The SEND project has received £1378 in donations but is on hold due to the pandemic and its champion being currently away on adoption leave. The new bibles cost £1499 against which £661 has been donated. Donations received this year have covered the remaining sum of £838. Total income across all restricted funds exceeded expenditure by £112 so the net funds carried forward are £33699.

LOOKING FORWARD 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 to September 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 indicates a small deficit of £1084 for 2021. This again will be constantly reviewed throughout the year. The projected deficit is currently forecast to be £2429 at end of year. Our biggest risk to forecasting income is anticipating any changes from those who already give a regularly, so in that respect we can never be certain of that income stream.

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 on-line donate buttons.

Finally, my thanks also to Roger Brittain for his time so generously given in examining the annual accounts. It takes up a fair bit of his free time especially as I choose to keep intricate and detailed accounting records.

- Frances Peppiatt asked whether there was still a restricted account for the purchase of a Grand Piano. Roy Notley answered that there was.
- Roger Brittain commented that Roy keeps very well-maintained accounts /records, which makes the accounts easier to examine.

The report was proposed by Dr Phil Barrett seconded by Dr Kate Salkield and carried unanimously.

Tim conveyed his thanks to Roy on behalf of the PCC, particularly as the budget was revised a number of times during the year due to the changing circumstances,

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 Richard DeFraine **seconded by** Revd Ray Porter, and **carried unanimously with no abstentions.**

Tim thanked Roger Brittain for his work.

10. Election of up to 3 lay representatives to the Parochial Church Council

One nomination was received:

Mr Gavin Chapman

This nomination was **proposed by** Dr Anthony Harris and **seconded by** Prof. John Wood and **carried unanimously with no abstentions.**

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

There were fewer reports than usual as most things have not been meeting during the pandemic. TR apologised as there should have been reports from the Book Club and the Bellringers.

Acceptance of this report was **proposed by** Mrs Sue DeFraine **seconded by** Mr Michael Matthews and **carried unanimously with no abstentions.**

12. Results of elections to the Parochial Church Council

Elections were not required

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

- Jane Gogarty shared that the next Diocese Synod Triune was coming to an end and that she was happy to stand again for election.
- Anthony Harris asked whether there was a way of letting the members of the church know when things, such as a Diocese Synod Meeting, were happening, so that we could pray for them. Jenny Barrett suggested adding a prayer request section on the weekly email. Tim agreed that this was a good idea and could add a prayer request section to his regular emails when prayer needs are known.

- Matthew Reed asked when Tim thought work would start on the kitchen. Tim answered that it would start as soon as we have the funds in. Roy Notley shared that £1250 had been donated so far and that there was £2k in restricted funds, meaning that there was about £3k so far in the Kitchen Fund.
- Sue Biles asked when the church will consider having a Women's Breakfast again. Tim replied that this will be considered over the next few weeks.
- Frances Peppiatt asked when Light Factory would resume. Tim said that it was likely to be in September, but that there may be some family events over the Summer.
- Carole Robson asked whether there was a list of things that needed to be done in the kitchen, so that people could volunteer to help. Tim agreed and asked people who would like to be part of a Kitchen Working Party to email him.
- Sue DeFraine suggested that the Kitchen Project be put onto the weekly newsletter as it wasn't clear that there would be a Gift Day on Easter Sunday.

Tim expressed his thanks to everyone who had contributed to the life of church over the last year and to those who have continued to resource church. He thanked the staff who continue to be furloughed and will hopefully be back to normal hours at the beginning of May. Tim thanked Jennifer for taking the minutes and he thanked Julie and Sarah for their support and work over the last year. Tim thanked Jenny for hosting the APCM on Zoom and for organising 'zoffee and zea' after church each week, it is much appreciated, Finally he thanked God for the way He continues to lead us.

Tom Salkield thanked Tim for his faithful leadership over the last 12 months, it is much appreciated by the church. Tim thanked the congregation for their continued support.

The meeting closed at 12:14 with the saying of the Grace.

MEMBERS OF THE PCC – 2021/22

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	(until Nov 2021)
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 Mrs Margaret Lygoe Mr Tom Salkield Mrs Iris Slade	(until 2021) resigned April 2021 (moved away) resigned April 2021 (moved away) (until 2023) (until 2022) resigned Nov 2021 (moved away)
Co-opted	Mrs Allison Brattle	

ELECTORAL ROLL 2022

The statistics of the roll as follows:-

The year 2021/2022 started with 158 names on the electoral roll. During the year, the roll was revised with 24 names removed and 13 added since the last APCM.

147 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-21

	CHURCH	DESIGNATED	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	TOTAL 21	2020
RECEIPTS						
<i>Planned Giving</i>						
Bank	89878		89878		89878	90903
Envelopes	3277		3277		3277	5146
Tax Recovered	21887	62	21949	6611	28560	23686
Gift Day						10864
Collections	3109		3109		3109	2470
Donations and Sundry Income	6255	6848	13103	31879	44982	10299
Legacies						
Youth Work		33	33	588	621	855
Church Hall Lettings	3994		3994		3994	1717
Weddings and Funeral Fees	8187		8187		8187	5493
Fundraising Events	60	1125	1185	277	1462	591
Interest Received	24		24		24	179
TOTAL RECEIPTS	136671	8068	144739	39355	184094	152203
PAYMENTS						
GRANTS						
Missionary and Charitable Giving	9743		9743		9743	11180
Local Mission						2100
Other	100		100		100	389
MINISTRY						
Parish Share	74849		74849		74849	75828
Staff Expenses	1384		1384		1384	1500
Telephone	928		928		928	876
Q-18						
Youth Work	58	270	328	475	803	733
LIVING						
Fellowship	-76		-76		-76	591
Pastoral	72		72	396	468	533
WORSHIP & PRAYER						
Worship	870		870	7949	8819	1003
Services	1738		1738	36	1774	2898
Refreshments	87		87		87	185
Hall Hire	428		428		428	275
OUTREACH						
Outreach	200		200	143	343	481
Events	298	1027	1325	538	1863	436
BUILDINGS						
Building Maintenance	6049	-58	5991	33973	39964	12552
Prof Fees						8792
Insurance	4236		4236		4236	4187
Gas	4135		4135		4135	3252
Electric	1555		1555		1555	1541
Water	92		92		92	160
Cleaning	377		377		377	887
MGMNT/ADMIN						
Staff Costs	24600		24600		24600	17169
Govt Grants	-3008		-3008		-3008	
Printing/copying	2663		2663		2663	2796
Post/Staty	642		642		642	809
Books/Posters	1044		1044		1044	649
IT	2581		2581		2581	3442
Courses/Conf	425		425		425	248
OTHER ADMIN	381		381		381	318
OTHER CHARGES	157		157		157	83
TOTAL PAYMENTS	136608	1239	137847	43510	181357	155893
Excess/(Deficit)	63	6829	6892	-4155	2737	-3690

	CHURCH	DESIGNATED	GENERAL	RESTRICTED	TOTAL
BT FWD	17307	13961	31268	33699	64967
Net Movement in funds	63	6829	6892	-4155	2737
TFR			0		0
	17370	20790	38160	29544	67704

St Mary's Eaton Socon Parochial Church Council
Income and Expenditure Statement
Church General Fund as at:-

Dec-21

		2020	2021	VARIANCE
RECEIPTS				
P Giving	STO/PGS	90903	89878	-1025
	Envelopes	5146	3277	-1869
Income Tax Recovered planned		21269	20563	-706
INCOME PLANNED GIVING		117318	113718	-3600
Income Tax Recovered oneoff & gfsd		1080	1324	244
Collections		2470	3109	639
Donations and Sundry Income		3989	6255	2266
Legacies				0
Youth		97	0	-97
Church Hall Lettings		1717	3994	2277
Weddings and Funeral Fees		5493	8187	2694
Fundraising Events			60	60
Interest Received		179	24	-155
INCOME OTHER		15025	22953	7928
TOTAL RECEIPTS		132343	136671	4328
PAYMENTS				
GRANTS				
	Mission/Charitable Giving	11180	9743	-1437
	Local Mission	2100	0	-2100
	Other	389	100	-289
MINISTRY				
	Parish Share	75828	74849	-979
	Staff Expenses	1500	1384	-116
	Telephone	876	928	52
0-18				
	Youth Work	193	58	-135
LIVING				
	Fellowship	591	-76	-667
	Pastoral	143	72	-71
WORSHIP				
	Worship	888	870	-18
	Services	1399	1738	339
	Refreshments	185	87	-98
	Hall Hire	275	428	153
OUTREACH				
	Outreach	451	200	-251
	Events	0	298	298
BUILDINGS				
	Building Maintenance	3036	6049	3013
	Insurance	4187	4236	49
	Gas	3252	4135	883
	Electric	1541	1555	14
	Water	160	92	-68
	Cleaning	887	377	-510
MGMNT/ADMIN				
	Staff Costs	27092	24600	-2492
	Furlough grants	-9923	-3008	6915
	Printing/copying	2796	2663	-133
	Post/Staty	809	642	-167
	Books/Posters	649	1044	395
	IT	3442	2581	-861
	Courses/Conf	248	425	177
	Other Admin	318	381	63
	Other Charges	71	157	86
TOTAL PAYMENTS		134563	136608	2045
Excess/(Deficit)		-2220	63	2283
Depreciation of Assets		-16008		16008
Gift Day		10864		-10864
Transfers		-3392		3392
Net Excess/(Deficit)		-10756	63	10819

St Mary's Eaton Socon Parochial Church Council

Income and Expenditure Statement

Designated and Restricted Funds as at:-

Dec 21

DESIGNATED

	bt fwd	income	expends	tfrs	TOTAL
LEGACY					0
CATG EVENTS		1059	967		92
L.STARS/F CLUB	397	466	195		668
CAFÉ ON GRN	120	233	135		218
GENERAL	13444	6310	-58		19812
	13961	8068	1239		20790

RESTRICTED

	bt fwd	income	expends	tfrs	TOTAL
BOILER/FLUES	10984	2000			12984
VESTRY	7000				7000
NAVE	1875				1875
KITCHEN	2177	30645	31648		1174
TOWER/QUIET	95	3672	2781		986

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

24019

UTILITY	903	506	396		1013
LUNCH CLUB	576				576

OUTREACH

1589

NEW DAY	492	57			549
LF CAMP	125				125

YOUTH EVENTS

674

HYMNAL	447	-26			421
PIANO	6979	550	7529		0

MUSIC

421

CRAFT	200		43		157
WED WELC	494	-11	100		383
WLTD0	156	11	167		0
MENS	94	488	371		211
WOMEN	268				268
FUSION	82	532	475		139

CHURCH GROUPS

1158

PASTORAL/CREATION CARE	211	94			305
SEND	1378				1378
BIBLES	-837	837			0

OTHER

1683

Totals	33699	39355	43510		29544
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St Mary's Eaton Socon Parochial Church Council

BALANCE SHEET at 31st December 2021

	2021	2020
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible fixed assets-GNL		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors	5788	766
Short Term Deposits	46015	45991
Cash at bank and in hand	20350	22428
	72153	69185
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors due within one year	4449	4218
NET CURRENT ASSETS	67704	64967
LONG TERM LIABILITIES		
NET ASSETS	67704	64967
RESERVE FUNDS - GENERAL		
General at 01-01-21	17307	12055
Movement to date	6892	-20191
Tfr to refurbishment	0	16008
Tfr to designated	-6829	9435
At 31-12-21	17370	17307
Refurb. Rsv at 01-01-21	0	16008
Mvement to date	0	-16008
At 31-12-21	0	0
Desig Rsv at 01-01-21	13961	23015
Tfr from General funds	6829	-9435
Tfr from Restricted funds		381
	20790	13961
	38160	31268
RESERVE FUNDS - RESTRICTED		
BOILER/FLUES	12984	10984
VESTRY	7000	7000
NAVE	1875	1875
KITCHEN	1174	2177
TOWER	986	95
UTILITY	1013	903
LUNCH CLUB	576	576
NEW DAY	549	492
LF CAMP	125	125
WORSHIP	0	0
HYMNAL	421	447
PIANO	0	6979
CRAFT	157	200
WED WELC	383	494
WLTDO	0	156
MENS	211	94
WOMEN	268	268
FUSION	139	82
CREATION CARE	305	211
SEND	1378	1378
BIBLES	0	-837
GRANTS	0	0
At 31-12-21	29544	33699
	67704	64967

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-21	To	Period end date	Dec-21

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total funds £ F04	Prior year funds £ F05
Incoming resources (Note 3)						
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	S01	134,357	37,513	-	171,870	153,154
Charitable activities	S02	5,179	277	-	5,456	2,308
Other trading activities	S03	8,187		-	8,187	5,493
Investments		24		-	24	179
Separate material item of income	S05	-	-	-	-	-
Other	S06	-	1,565	-	1,565	992
Total	S07	147,747	39,355	-	187,102	162,126
Resources expended (Note 6)						
Expenditure on:						
Mission & Charitable Giving		9,843			9,843	11,569
Parish Share		74,849			74,849	75,828
Ministry	S08	5,631	8,524		14,155	8,342
Youth Work		328	475		803	733
Building Costs	S09	16,386	33,973		50,359	22,579
Fundraising		1,325	538		1,863	976
Administration	S11	3,544	-		3,544	12,343
Staff Costs		24,600			24,600	29,192
Print, Post & Stationery		4,349			4,349	4,254
Depreciation		-			-	16,008
Charitable activities		-	-	-	-	-
Separate material item of expense	S10	-	-		-	
Other		-	-	-	-	-
Total	S12	140,855	43,510	-	184,365	181,824
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)						
Net gains/(losses) on investments	S13	6,868	- 4,155	-	2,713	- 19,877
Net income/(expenditure)	S14	24	-	-	24	179
Extraordinary items	S15	6,892	- 4,155	-	2,737	- 19,698
Transfers between funds	S16	-	-	-	-	
Other recognised gains/(losses):	S17	-	-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	S18	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	S19	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	S20	6,892	- 4,155	-	2,737	- 19,698
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward	S21	31,268	33,699	-	64,967	84,665
Total funds carried forward	S22	38,160	29,544	-	67,704	64,967

Section B Balance sheet

		Guidance Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total this	Total last
			funds	income	funds	year	year
			£	£	£	£	£
			F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Fixed assets							
Intangible assets (Note 15)	B01		-	-	-	-	-
Tangible assets (Note 14)	B02		-	-	-	-	-
Heritage assets (Note 16)	B03		-	-	-	-	-
Investments (Note 17)	B04		-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets	B05		-	-	-	-	-
Current assets							
Stocks (Note 18)	B06		-	-	-	-	-
Debtors (Note 19)	B07		3,498	2,290	-	5,788	766
Investments (Note 17.4)	B08		-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 24)	B09		39,111	27,254	-	66,365	68,419
Total current assets	B10		42,609	29,544	-	72,153	69,185
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 20)	B11		4,449	-	-	4,449	4,218
Net current assets/(liabilities)	B12		38,160	29,544	-	67,704	64,967
Total assets less current liabilities	B13		38,160	29,544	-	67,704	64,967
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year (Note 20)	B14		-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	B15		-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities	B16		38,160	29,544	-	67,704	64,967
Funds of the Charity							
Endowment funds (Note 27)	B17		-		-	-	-
Restricted income funds (Note 27)	B18			29,544		29,544	33,699
Unrestricted funds	B19		38,160		-	38,160	31,268
Revaluation reserve	B20					-	
Total funds	B21		38,160	29,544	-	67,704	64,967

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy
R Notley	R B NOTLEY	24/02/2022
T Robb	T S Robb	24/02/2022

Note 3

Analysis of income

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds £	Prior year £
	Analysis					
Donations and legacies:	Donations and gifts	102,767	26,479	-	129,246	117,093
	Gift Aid	21,949	5,046	-	26,995	24,783
	Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	General grants provided by government/other charities	9,608	5,400	-	15,008	10,423
	Membership subscriptions and sponsorships which are in substance donations	-	-	-	-	-
	Donated goods, facilities and services	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	33	588	-	621	855
	Total	134,357	37,513	-	171,870	153,154
Charitable activities:	Fundraising Events	1,185	277	-	1,462	591
	Church Hall Lettings	3,994	-	-	3,994	1,717
		-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	5,179	277	-	5,456	2,308
Other trading activities:	Wedding and Funeral Fees	8,187	-	-	8,187	5,493
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	8,187	-	-	8,187	5,493
Income from investments:	Interest income	24	-	-	24	179
	Dividend income	-	-	-	-	-
	Rental and leasing income	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	24	-	-	24	179
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	-	1,565	-	1,565	992
	Total	-	1,565	-	1,565	992
TOTAL INCOME		147,747	39,355	-	187,102	162,126

Other information:

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

Donations and Gifts £4818; Gift Aid £322; events £591; grants £300

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)

£1565 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	3,008	9,923
Government grant 2		-	-
Government grant 3		-	-
Other		-	-
	Total	3,008	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)

Note 6

Analysis of expenditure

	Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds £	Prior year £
Expenditure on Ministry:	Staff Expenses	1,384	-	-	1,384	1,500
	Telephone	928	-	-	928	876
	Fellowship	- 76	-	-	76	591
	Pastoral	72	396	-	468	533
	Worship	870	7,949	-	8,819	1,003
	Services	1,738	36	-	1,774	2,898
	Refreshments	87	-	-	87	185
	Hall Hire	428	-	-	428	275
	Outreach	200	143	-	343	481
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total expenditure on Ministry	5,631	8,524	-	14,155	8,342
Expenditure on building/utilities	Building Maintenance	5,991	33,973	-	39,964	12,552
	Insurance	4,236	-	-	4,236	4,187
	Heat, Light, Water	5,782	-	-	5,782	4,953
	Cleaning	377	-	-	377	887
	Total expenditure on buildings/utilities	16,386	33,973	-	50,359	22,579
Expenditure on admin costs	IT	2,581	-	-	2,581	4,441
	Other Admin/courses	963	-	-	963	649
	architect fees/mgmnt svcs	-	-	-	-	5,400
	Equipment purchases	-	-	-	-	1,853
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total expenditure on Admin costs	3,544	-	-	3,544	12,343
Other	Mission & Charitable Giving	9,843	-	-	9,843	11,569
	Parish Share	74,849	-	-	74,849	75,828
	Youth Work	328	475	-	803	733
	Fundraising	1,325	538	-	1,863	976
	Staff Costs	24,600	-	-	24,600	29,192
	Print, Post & Stationery	4,349	-	-	4,349	4,254
	Depreciation	-	-	-	-	16,008
	Total other expenditure	115,294	1,013	-	116,307	138,560
Separate material item of expense		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		140,855	43,510	-	184,365	181,824

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	24,499	29,015
Social security costs	-	-
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	101	177
Other employee benefits	-	-
Total staff costs	24,600	29,192

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

Section C	Notes to the accounts	(cont)
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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 £
325	
5463	491
0	275
5788	766

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)
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Note 20 Creditors and accruals

Please complete this note if the charity has any creditors or accruals.

20.1 Analysis of creditors

Accruals for grants payable
Bank loans and overdrafts
Trade creditors
Payments received on account for contracts or performance-related grants
Accruals and deferred income
Taxation and social security
Other creditors

Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
939	-	-	-
900	1,150	-	-
2,610	1,497	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	1,571	-	-
Total 4,449	4,218	-	-

20.2 Deferred income

Please complete this note if the charity has deferred income.

Please explain the reasons why income is deferred.

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 £
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-

Note 24

Cash at bank and in hand

Short term cash investments (less than 3 months maturity date)

Short term deposits

Cash at bank and on hand

Other

Total

This year £	Last year £
-	-
46,015	46,011
20,350	22,408
-	-
66,365	68,419

Section C		Notes to the accounts (cont)							
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 - expendable 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		22,132	36,106	-	34,219	-	24,019	
OUTREACH	R		1,479	506	-	396	-	1,589	
YOUTH EVENTS	R		617	57			-	674	
WORSHIP SUPPORT	R		7,425	525	-	7,529	-	421	
CHURCH GROUPS	R		1,294	1,230	-	1,366	-	1,158	
OTHER	R		752	931	-		-	1,683	
	R						-	-	
	R						-	-	
	R						-	-	
	R						-	-	
	R						-	-	
Other funds	N/a	N/a	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Funds			33,699	39,355	-	43,510	-	29,544	

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		
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	20790

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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To Eaton Socon PCC
Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021

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
15/ 02/2022