

# St Mary Magdalene's Church, Yarm Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

## **Aim and purposes**

St. Mary Magdalene Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend John Ford until his retirement at the end of August 2020, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church.

## **Objectives and Activities**

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St. Mary Magdalene. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we were particularly concerned that the age profile of the congregation and our style of service was inhibiting spreading the gospel message to younger people. We were also aware that it is important that we maintain the tradition and fabric of the Church of St. Mary Magdalene and in particular its tradition of organ music at services.

The PCC tasked its GOLD (Generosity of Loving Discipleship) sub committee to look at ways of making the church more robust and less reliant on occasional offices (baptisms, weddings and funerals) and fayres to support the mission of the church.

## **Achievements and Performance**

In January we had a trial café church in the Youth and Community Centre with the PCC. It was lay led by Beryl Nadin, Avril Rhodes, David Yates and John Rhodes and well received. The group had undertaken extensive research into suitable venues and settled on the Community Centre at the Meadowings to roll out to the general public after Easter. This initiative was put on hold when the Community Centre closed due to Covid19. It will be started when the facilities are available.

The Diocesan advice on maintaining organ music in the church was accepted by the PCC and a quotation of £95k for the recommended work was obtained from our organ tuner and accepted. The church could not afford to cover these costs and has started to apply for grants. In order to secure funding the church will need to demonstrate its commitment and therefore fundraising is part of the plan.

Lockdown caused by the devastation of Covid 19 resulted in the work of the GOLD committee becoming important for the maintenance of our objectives in relation to a sound financial base. The committee was well supported by Sammi Tooze from the Diocese and Martin Bailey from the Deanery. A series of letters, emails and articles were written for Trident, by members of the group, explaining the impact of Covid 19 and the ways the congregation could help. The PCC reduced all non-essential spending and we managed to maintain the church and payment of our free will offer to support mission in the Diocese

including clergy numbers. There was a very good outcome as you will see in the annual accounts.

During 2020 the PCC met 6 times; average attendance was 83%. The Standing committee met 5 times during the year. The PCC started the year arranging meetings so that half the meetings were mainly on mission rather than business, however, when the Rector retired and Covid 19 influenced church activity, the PCC concentrated on the benefice profile (the document required before an advertisement can be placed for a new Rector) and maintaining safe operation in church. It became responsible, with the Churchwardens, for the Rectory and in particular the garden. A small team set about with loppers, secateurs and spades and worked tirelessly through autumn and winter months. The Diocese sent its surveyor, Jamie Rotherham, to help prepare the house for a new incumbent. The work continues into 2021 with a larger taskforce as the garden starts to grow again.

At the year end the vacancy was ready for advertisement in 2021.

## **Worship and Prayer**

### **Church Attendance**

During 2020, St Mary Magdalene Yarm as the Parish Church has continued to be the focal point for Anglican worship in the Parish, however, two periods of lockdown prevented services in church. Once it was established that services would not resume in the short term, Reverend John Ford arranged for three services per week to be held using the zoom platform for those with access to a computer with camera, microphone and speakers. These were held on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. When John Ford retired, David Local agreed to continue the format and the church is most grateful for his commitment and dedication. Congregational participation was maintained by people agreeing to read and/or lead prayers for the zoom services. These services continued throughout the year with the Sunday service moving to 4pm when the church was open for a 9.30am service. When the church was allowed to open for public worship it was carried out under strict national and government guidance. A big thank you is owed to the Health and Safety subcommittee for their thoughts and consideration in providing risk assessments.

A total of 197 services were held in 2020, including 36 Holy Eucharists and 86 zoom services. In all there were 1323 communicants of whom 244 received communion at Home or in the Care Homes. There were 1020 zoom service attendees. In 2020, 5 people were baptised, there were 3 weddings and 7 funerals in the Parish Church and 2 interment of ashes. This is a reduction in the figures when compared with 2019, but a great achievement in the circumstances. On a "normal" Sunday before the first lockdown, the average attendance was 89 including an average of 82 communicants.

The PCC decided to close the church for private prayer because it was not possible to arrange safe supervision of the church when open. The well being of all has been a priority for the PCC.

### **Worship**

Until lockdown in March, traditional public worship was based on Common Worship patterns, the 9.30am Sunday Service using Order 1 and the 8am Sunday and 9.30am Wednesday services using Order 2. After lockdown zoom services were started, based on the Daily prayer liturgy. The Organist and Choir director and trainee organist have enhanced the services by supplying recorded music.

Classified by the Church as a 'New forms of worship', on Monday mornings the informal Pram Service was held at 10am. The Pram Service, which attracts pre-school children and mainly mothers, continued to flourish. The "Pram Service+" in school holidays could not be offered due to Covid restrictions. The "Pram Service" on Mondays at 10am continued to thrive with an average attendance of 7 adults and 6 children, until Covid 19 closed the service in March 2020 after 10 weeks. The PCC is grateful to John Bancroft, members of the Family Service planning group and the Mothers' Union for all their work and support of the Pram Service initiatives. Covid 19 intervened before café church could be started.

Some of the younger children and families attend the monthly Funday Sunday Sparkle. Further information is available in the Appendix.

### Deanery Synod

Three members of the PCC sit on the deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. More information is included in the Appendix.

### The Church building and churchyard

The church building remains in good order, well maintained, lovingly tended and cleaned. We thank all those whose efforts contribute to this. Maintenance has proceeded in accordance with the guidance of the Examining Architect's quinquennial report. Our architect Mr John Niven retired this year and the PCC is in the process of finding a replacement.

In the churchyard the Town Council continue to maintain the grass cutting to a high standard. The wall has been repaired and cleared of vegetation and the footpath levelled. Thanks go to Councillor Monck and the Town Council for expediting the matter.

### Pastoral Care

Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. A team of Eucharistic ministers visited those who have requested it, to celebrate communion with them either at their homes or in care homes until this was prohibited under Covid 19 regulations.

Once lockdown was announced our Care for the Congregation team, organised efficiently by Jean Hodgkinson, sprang into action. Their intention was to offer human contact, support and keep members of the congregation informed.

### Mission and Evangelism

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. We have managed to help the Little Sprouts response to Covid19 in the area, and also other charities, for example, NeoAngels, the Childrens Society, Love in a Box and hats for Albania. It is good that these efforts on behalf of others can be achieved in spite of restricted movement. During 2020 the Parents' group, professionally managed by Home-Start, delivered from Layfield Children's Centre was closed due to Covid 19 restrictions.

Our benefice magazine continued to be published albeit on-line for several months for some. Those who could not receive a paperless copy were sent one in the post. The

magazine keeps our parishioners informed of the important matters affecting our Church and articles that help develop our knowledge and trust in Jesus.

### Financial Review

This year has been challenging and looked disastrous in May. However, letters from the Rector and conversations via care for the congregation network, encouraged and facilitated the return of green envelopes and donations to be received. The outcome is a tribute to the value we place on our church and community. We have made inroads into the aim to cover planned expenditure by planned giving. The PCC agreed to trial the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) as a tax efficient way of contributing financially to the church and the GOLD group will be looking at rolling it out to the congregation in 2021. More details of the financial position are given in the Appendix.

### Reserves policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £24,000. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The cash balance of £20,166 held on unrestricted funds at the year end, was less than its target. It is the PCC's hope to increase this over time, as life gets back to some semblance of normality and the range of services can restart.

### Structure, Management and Governance

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission.

St Mary Magdalene Yarm PCC is a body corporate and operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church members are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

### Electoral Roll

On 31 December 2020 there were 122 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, 53 of whom were not resident within the parish. Jay Yates is the electoral roll officer for the parish.

### Safeguarding

The parish has adopted and implemented the House of Bishops 'safeguarding Policy Promoting a Safer Church'. Judy Dent continues to serve as the Parish Safeguarding Officer and maintains the register of those who are DBS checked and carried out safeguarding training. Training for levels C0 and C1 are available on-line and several members of the congregation and PCC have found it easy to use and complete. DBS checks have been carried out on all Trustees and those in positions of responsibility. There were no safeguarding notifications at St Mary Magdalene during 2020.

### **Vice Chairman's Concluding Remarks**

In summary, 2020 has been a difficult year and the PCC have supported the church to maintain as much normality as could be safely achieved. Implementation of the Parish Plan which seeks to interpret the Diocesan vision "Generous Churches, Making and Nurturing Disciples" had to be put on hold. The PCC subgroup to review stewardship, GOLD, looked at the potential financial consequences of lockdown and took action to secure income whilst the PCC and Churchwardens reduced unnecessary expenditure. We come out of the year in a position that allows for optimism and being able to face the future with confidence.

2020 has seen several deaths of members from the regular congregation and they are greatly missed. There has been a dramatic decline in average attendance because of lockdown though it has been mitigated to a certain extent by the zoom services. Keeping in touch has been vital to maintaining a sense of togetherness. The work of the 'care for the congregation' group and Trident editors to keep information flowing has been an essential element of keeping our spirits up. Now with the approval of vaccines by the MHRA (the medicines and Healthcare products regulatory agency) we have a way out for our church to resume its objectives and get back to some form of normality.

I would like to thank all PCC members especially those on the Standing Committee for all their support in 2020, to the Eucharistic Ministers for their work across the parish, especially in the Care Homes when it was safe to do so, to the servers, Tanya Brackenbury, and Paul Muranganwa and also to every member of the parish who supports the work of ministry in Yarm.

John Rhodes, Vice Chair

## ANNEX to the 2020 Annual Report

### Administrative Information

St Mary Magdalene's church is part of the Deanery of Stokesley in the Diocese of York within the Church of England and is situated in West Street, Yarm TS15 9BU. The parish is in the Benefice of Yarm with Kirklevington with Picton and Worsall. The PCC of Yarm remains the governing body for the Parish of Yarm.

PCC members who have served as Trustees between 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020:

		Dates
Incumbent	Revd Canon John Ford (SC – Chair)	(2012 until August 2020)
Wardens	Mrs Marion Johnston (SC)	(2017-2021)
	Mr John Rhodes (SC – Vice chair)	(2015-2021)
Elected Members		
	Mr Peter Monck	(2018-2021)
	Mrs Doreen Bancroft	(2018-2021)
	Mrs Margaret Nicholls	(2018-2021)
	Mrs Pam Parker	(2018-2021)
	Mrs Ros Carling	(2019-2022)
	Mrs Elaine Huggins	(2019-2022)
	Mr Martin Huggins (SC - Treasurer)	(2019-2022)
	Mrs Valerie Meeking	(2019-2022)
	Mr David Yates (SC – Secretary from August)	(2020-2023)
	Mrs Jayne Gregory (SC – Secretary until August)	(2020-2023)
	Mrs Lynn Allison	(2020-2023)
	Mrs Beryl Nadin	(2020-2023)
Representatives on Deanery Synod	Mr David Local (SC from August)	(2020-2023)
	Mrs Avril Rhodes	(2020-2023)
	Mr John Rhodes	(2020-2023)

SC – Member of the Standing Committee

### Health and Safety Sub committee:

Mr David Beeton, Mr John Bancroft, Mr John Rhodes

### GOLD committee:

Mr David Local (chair), Mrs Elaine Huggins, Mrs Margaret Nicholls, Mrs Marion Johnston, Mr Martin Huggins and Mr John Rhodes

### Organ sub group:

Mr Robin Harrison, Mr John Bancroft and Mr John Rhodes

## REPORTS TO THE APCM 2020

### **BENEFICE MAGAZINE: Trident**

The editorial team comprises Kate Brown, Ros Carling, Debbie Gravestock, John Rhodes and Jay Yates. 10 editions of Trident were published. During the first wave of lockdown on-line publication was started with some copies posted to minimise the risk of infection. We started the year by meeting a week before to assemble the edition and plan the contents of the next edition. This had to be done on-line from April and continued for the whole year. Thank you to all who have continued to provide contributions. The editors have never had a month without a varied and full copy. We continue to use Calibri 12-point font for the majority of the content to allow it to be easily read by as many people as possible. It does mean that the number of pages is slightly greater than a standard publication and a two-page article occupies three pages. We have requested that all source material is referenced in any article submitted, that was published. We tried to prevent infringement of any copyright by following the UK Copyright Service advice for news reporting.

The editors are aware of safeguarding and do not publish unnecessary names and contact details. We also endeavour to ensure permission is granted for photographs to be included, especially of children. Mentioning children, we are delighted to receive contributions from young budding journalists. We can assure readers that the work is not influenced in any way by parents, albeit that the standard is high.

We are indebted to our advertisers who allowed us to keep the cost at £5.00 per annum for 2020. Gill Waller who collected the advertising renewals and the printers TopPrint have been stars. Ros Carling received the magazine and undertook distribution. It is important that our advertisers know that you support Trident by thanking them for advertising in our magazine when you see them. We must remember that they do not do it solely to support the church, but to attract customers like us.

Trident is your magazine and an important tool in our outreach. Please share your copy with your friends, within public health guidelines, and encourage them to purchase a copy for themselves. We try and provide news and articles about events and activities taking place within the parishes. We are conscious that it is a church magazine and therefore should have some theological content. Thank you to Avril Rhodes for writing a regular column about how the bible is applicable today in a column entitled 'What the Bible says about ...'. We have many regular contributors and without you the magazine would not be enriched by such diversity.

We thank all of you who subscribed for the year as it does help us to provide the correct number. Please do ask a friend to consider taking out a subscription so more people can benefit from our efforts. Thank you one and all for your support.

**Report provided by Trident Editorial Team**

### **BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP**

Bible Reading using the BRF (Bible Reading Fellowship) publications continues to thrive within the congregation at St Mary Magdalene, and numbers have held up well although just a little reduced during these difficult times. Our short monthly informal reading and discussion group for our BRF users and anyone else interested have continued, but virtually on Zoom. These have been well supported and generated much enthusiasm, and have proved to be a valuable support and also another welcome chance for informal social

contact by those joining in. Our Reader David has also supported and prepared material for these, and many thanks are due to him.

There were 18 subscriptions to the church order for BRF bible reading notes booklets, and this implies 20-30 members of the congregation using daily readings and prayers, several being couples.

- 1 reads 'Guidelines', weekly reading and topic(s) for study.
- 17 read 'New Daylight', daily readings.

Unfortunately as noted above we have not been able to meet monthly around the tables in church with cake and coffee due to Covid restrictions, because the church has either been shut, or when open no social contact is permitted. Similarly we have been unable to provide the usual sample books laid out in church for the congregation to peruse and consider joining in, nor to discuss joining.

Finally I would note that our church members who are using one of the BRF publications find them valuable, often enjoyable, sometimes challenging, and always useful; and those of us who use the booklets highly recommend them to all.

### **Report provided by David Yates**

## **CHOIR**

The choir has continued to add to services whenever it can during the year. Harry has continued to be a huge asset, recording hymns and voluntaries for online services and I have created improvisations on various hymn tunes too. I particularly thank the choir for their staying back after services each week for a brief rehearsal. John Rhodes is putting much impetus behind trying to get the organ restoration off the ground as, sadly, it continues to be in a very poor state. We have missed John Bancroft dearly. Our Carol Service was a great event, with pre-recorded music by several members of the congregation creating a wonderful sharing occasion. We are very much hoping that music will become an elating part of services again in the not-too-distant future.

### **Report provided by Robin Harrison: Organist and Choir director**

## **CHURCHWARDENS and FABRIC**

The churchwardens for 2020 were Marion Johnston and John Rhodes and together we endeavoured to support Revd Canon John Ford until his retirement at the end of August and our Reader, David Local, to exercise his ministry here in Yarm.

The Redemptorist "Sunday" sheet continued to form the basis for Sunday readings and a big thank you to Avril Rhodes for ensuring readers obtained advance notice of their readings. The reverse of the Redemptorist sheets was used to provide notices when worship was held in church in the early part of the year. Copies are also distributed throughout the Benefice. Later in the year, when the church re-opened after lockdown the reverse of the sheets was used for key elements of the liturgy to replace books, in line with Covid 19 requirements.

The church was cleared in line with risk assessment and PPE purchased and provided. The layout was arranged to allow one way movement in or out of the church and 2m distance between parishioners not in a bubble. The notice boards were cleared of all non-essential items and books stored in the choir vestry.

The church fabric and equipment has been maintained according to the PCC schedule. The loose wooden blocks on the floor were repaired throughout the church and thanks go to Paul Huggins for undertaking the work. The architect completed a new Quinquennial inspection on 12th May 2020 and the report was presented to the PCC. There were no items that required substantial financial commitment and the churchwardens started to close out the items requiring attention.

The contract with Orca for cleaning came to an end due to pressures on the company created by extra work due to Covid. Andrea's Angels were engaged to replace Orca. Conyers School again donated a Christmas tree and this was put up by a small group in line with Covid guidance.

Churchwardens would like to thank all the sidespersons for the wonderful job they have done recording names at the door and guiding people to seats. The readers and intercessors have similarly helped deliver 9.30am Sunday and zoom services to a high standard. We would like to thank Avril Monck for helping with drawing up rotas.

Our church building is in good order and the congregation are very supportive. The churchwardens are grateful to all those who support the work of the church on a regular basis, whether by reading a lesson, interceding, cleaning, providing refreshments, acting as sidespersons, washing and ironing the linen, arranging social events, setting up for services, working in the churchyard, serving, taking part in Eucharistic ministry, booking in baptisms and arranging and delivering anniversary cards or by volunteering to do any of the multitude of odd jobs which our parish community needs.

**Report provided by Marion Johnston and John Rhodes: Churchwardens.**

## **CRAFT GUILD**

Our Tuesday afternoon group got off to a normal start in 2020 but our thirteenth year in the Fellowship Hall turned out unlucky for us as COVID put paid to group meetings in March. Nothing daunted, members continued crafting in their own homes. When restrictions eased in summer small house groups of 4-6 met. Some of us used the time to clear out materials we were never going to use and pass them on to other charitable causes. Whilst opportunity for sales of goods has been curtailed, we have still brought in some income for church funds.

We've missed the fellowship and laughter, with celebration of important birthdays and events. So one of our chief knitters, Barbara Ford, didn't get a proper send off when she and John moved to pastures new in autumn. We headed into 2021 and more unknown...

**Report provided by Carole Wilson**

## **DEANERY SYNOD**

The Parish representatives for Deanery Synod were Avril Rhodes, John Rhodes and David Local. Our Rector Revd Canon John Ford as Area Dean was the chair of Synod and Kate Brown from St Martin and St Hilary, Kirklevington with Picton and All Saints Worsall was the lay chair.

Because of the Covid pandemic Deanery Synod only met once in 2020 in February at Worsall Village Hall. Our main speaker was Revd Nik Stevenson, Multiply Minister based at St Francis, Ingleby Barwick. Nik outlined how he had approached his new ministry since being installed at Ingleby Barwick in 2019. His main activities had been identifying the groups of

people the Church do not reach at present and making himself visible in the community and listening to people's stories.

The then current triennial of Deanery Synod was due to end with effect from 30 June 2020 and the first Synod of the new triennial had been arranged for 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020. However, because of lockdown APCMs had not been able to meet and the new representatives were not appointed. As a result the current parish representatives continued in post until APCMs were able to elect new representatives.

The Diocese subsequently decided that the 2020 APCMs should meet before the end of November and the newly elected Deanery Synod representatives would commence as from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020. St Mary Magdalene APCM met on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020 in Church and the current Deanery Synod Representatives, Avril Rhodes, John Rhodes and David Local were elected for the triennial 2020 – 2023.

As our Rector and Area Dean Revd Canon John Ford had retired with effect from 31 August 2020 Bishop Paul Ferguson appointed Revd Clay Roundtree of St Francis, Ingleby Barwick as Area Dean. The Deanery Leadership Team (DLT) had arranged for all parishes of the deanery to contribute to a leaving gift for John and Barbara. At a socially distant private luncheon of the DLT the appropriate cheque was given.

As Deanery Synod had not been able to meet after the March 2020 lockdown the Deanery Leadership Team arranged a Deanery Service of Thanksgiving at Christ Church, Great Ayton on 21 October 2020. Although there was no lockdown in place, for those people who were still self-isolating or not sufficiently confident to attend in person, arrangements were made for the service to be streamed via Zoom. 7 clergy and 11 lay people attended in person plus 2 clergy and 5 lay people joined via zoom.

The service was specifically arranged to thank existing Deanery Synod representatives for their service over the past 3 years. Also the new Archdeacon of Cleveland, The Ven. Amanda Bloor was invited to preach and be welcomed into the area.

2020 was certainly a unique year in the life of Deanery Synod, hopefully never to be repeated.

**Report provided by David Local, Avril Rhodes, John Rhodes.**

## **FINANCE**

### ***General Unrestricted Funds***

2020 has been a very unusual year and we have managed quite well during the Pandemic, when the Church activities have been disrupted for large parts of the year. As a result, our income has been reduced significantly, but fortunately our Regular Givers have stayed with us and have kept their regular commitment stable. This together with reduction in spending on many elements of our normal operations, has given us an overspend of £6,389.60, leaving us with a reduced balance of £20,166.37, well below our planned reserves.

The specific detail is as follows.

Total unrestricted income was £76,506 (£89,704 in 2019) and is detailed in the financial statements. Of this, £64,669 (was £63,500) was pledged giving and includes associated tax relief, and represents a massive 84.5% (was 70.8%) of the total income. If Tax Relief is excluded, then pledged giving has reduced by £930 (1.8%) from last year, which is an amazing result. We introduced the Parish Giving Scheme in the last part of the year and this

has helped to provide more income by way of earlier receipt of Tax Relief. It has also provided a good start for its use into the future, with future benefits expected.

Other parts of the accounts are less encouraging. Our accounts show a further £2,515 (net) (was £5,707), came from fund raising, which this year did not include a Summer or Christmas Fayre. Instead, a raffle yielding £922 and Craft activities generating some £491 helped to fill this void.

The remaining income came largely from collections, donations and fees, and at £7,337 was well down on 2019 (£15,602). This halving came from significant decreases in collections and yellow envelope Gift Aided donations, as well as a smaller amount of income from fee earning activities. Also, we have received £649 (£1,097) from the rest of the Benefice as their contribution to the expenses of the Rector. There have been no legacies this year (£1,500 in 2019).

Total unrestricted expenditure was £82,895 (was £92,300). We have increased our contribution to the Freewill Offer to support the Mission in the Diocese, from £60,000 in 2019 to £61,800 this year. This Freewill Offer was paid in full, and is a very significant 80.8% (66.9% last year) of our total income from all sources. In addition, Diocesan fees for weddings and funerals in our Church have added £3,432 (£4,675) to our total giving from the Parish to the Mission in the Diocese, which now totals £65,232 (£64,675). The cost of running the Church building was £8,517 (£9,820), a small but useful reduction. The upkeep of services cost a further £5,573 (£5,803), and continues to support the training of an organ scholar. We also continued our support of the Home-Start PLAY scheme in Yarm for the first quarter of 2020, after which they were forced to close due to the Pandemic. There are no plans to resume this support. Expenses for clergy amount to £1,586 (£3,031) – a reduction which resulted from the Rector having retired in August. Other expenditure was £2,158 (£5,123), which included COVID supplies to safeguard attendees at services.

Net result for the year was an excess of expenditure over income of £6,390 (£2,596 in 2019).

This is a significant overspend, but is remarkable given the effect of the Pandemic on our activities. We will need to carry on being prudent into 2021, to rebuild our position for the future work of the Parish. The total balance of unrestricted funds at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 was £20,166 (£26,556).

### ***Restricted Funds***

We have taken advantage of the lack of use of the Church, to undertake extensive floor repair work and have funded this from the Restoration Fund, our main restricted Fund, at a cost of £2,740. We have also paid Architect Fees of £827 for the work on internal schemes worked up over many months. Income only came from modest interest payments, resulting in a reduction of our balance of £3,432. The balance of the Restoration Fund at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 was £29,524 (£32,956 in 2019), which will be available for future work and for keeping the Church in good order.

Restricted funds were still collected and paid out to individual charities at a much reduced level from collections at funerals as specified by families concerned, and from special events arranged by the Church for nominated charities. The total amount was a pleasing £2,963 (£5,723) and was in addition to the £1,250 paid to Home-Start from our General Unrestricted Income

### ***Reserves Policy***

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds, which equates to three months' unrestricted income, to cover emergency situations which may arise from time to time. The balance of £20,166 in unrestricted funds at the year-end falls short of this target (currently

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£21,500). It should also be remembered that this position was made possible by the legacies in 2009, 2012, 2013 and 2019 amounting to £25,000 in total. There have been no legacies made during 2020.

Additionally, we recognise that the maintenance of a historic building requires periodically significant sums of money to carry out important restoration and maintenance work. Although we had a significant legacy in 2011, we have spent considerable sums on successful restoration and renovation projects, leaving our reserves for this aspect of our work at just over £29,500. The use of this money needs to be carefully regulated and monitored, and it would be good if it could be augmented by individual efforts and some new legacies in due course.

**Report provided by M J Huggins Hon Treasurer**

## **FUNDAY SUNDAY SPARKLE**

During January and February 2020 the children met in church on the first Sunday of the month for craft activities. On the fourth Sunday we met in church and then went into the vestry for more structured learning, rejoining the congregation for the Eucharist. The craft activities on 5th January focused on Epiphany with the children making stars, camels, and lolly-stick wise men.

During our more formal FSS session on 26<sup>th</sup> January the children listened to the story of the presentation of Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2 v22-40) in preparation for Candlemas. The older members of the group made individual stand up Temples with the words, 'a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel' written across the top. Younger children decorated Simeon and Anna figures using fabric, wool, felt, etc.

The children celebrated Candlemas on 2<sup>nd</sup> February with the rest of the congregation. Most of the children attending this session had not been in church the previous week so we were able to reproduce activities from then. Other activities included making candle bookmarks and story board books.

Sadly our final official FSS before Lockdown was Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. We talked about Lent, focusing on Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday, and getting ready for Easter. The children had great fun making Lenten Pretzel dough which they took home to bake. The older children discussed how the pretzel represents the Trinity. Those who had time wrote a Lenten prayer on a cut out heart for the prayer tree. We shared a packet of pretzels and later shared more with the whole congregation.

Many thanks to Anne Stainer and Angela Beckwith for their much appreciated support and help and we give thanks to all the contributions Joanne Austin, the instigator and inspiration behind FSS, made in 2020.

**Report provided by Beryl Nadin.**

## **GENEROSITY OF LOVING DISCIPLES (GOLD) REPORT**

The parish GOLD group comprises of David Local (Chair), Marion Johnston, John Rhodes, Maggie Nicholls, Elaine Huggins and Martin Huggins. The Diocesan Generous Giving Adviser, Sammi Tooze and the Deanery Financial Adviser, Martin Bailey regularly attends the meetings.

Despite the lockdowns of 2020 as a result of the pandemic to GOLD group continued to meet in person or by Zoom as the situation required. Following the 2019 generous

campaign we continued to meet and plan for a follow-up in 2020. Arrangements were in place to undertake this in May 2020 until the effects of the pandemic lockdowns took over. However, as a result of the Church closure the parish finances were being severely reduced. As a result the GOLD group recommended the PCC to undertake an appeal direct to our church members to address this problem. As a result a letter from the GOLD group signed by Rector Revd Canon John Ford was distributed to all church members on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

The Parish Treasurer's financial report and the 2020 Accounts indicate that together with prudent savings on expenditure decided by the PCC together with the encouraging result of the appeal the possible disastrous consequences of the pandemic lockdowns have been significantly avoided. Following the appeal, the GOLD group recommended the PCC roll-out the Parish Giving Scheme adopted by the Diocese. This was agreed by the PCC and arrangements were made for this to take place with effect from 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021. We look forward to seeing the result of this strategy in 2021.

The GOLD group will continue to meet to develop generous strategies for the PCC to consider during 2021.

**Report provided by David Local – Chair.**

## **MOTHERS' UNION**

Yarm Mothers' Union began 2020 with 25 members. At our A.G.M. in January we presented Barbara Ford with a Mothers' Union vase and John with a bottle of wine to thank them both for everything they have done for our Branch, Barbara as Treasurer and John for supporting us with Mothers' Union Services. As COVID19 affected the whole country we were only able to hold our A.G.M. in January, our Monday afternoon meeting in February, and two Wednesday evening meetings as well as two Prayer meetings before we all went into lockdown and churches closed for the foreseeable future which meant we were unable to hold any more meetings in 2020.

However, I, together with other Branch members, kept in touch with everyone either by telephone, newsletter or zoom. It was also lovely to be able to meet and greet members from our deanery and diocese when John Ford, the Mothers' Union Chaplain, arranged special services for us.

**Report provided by Jennifer Local – Branch Leader**

## **PRAM SERVICE**

Pram Service normally takes place at 10am every Monday except public holidays. It is aimed at pre-school children and their carers, and is very informal. We usually start in the Lady Chapel; occasionally the numbers make it too tight in the Lady Chapel, in which case we meet in the Nave.

After initial greetings (and a word in the ear of newcomers so they are not taken by surprise by what happens – although sometimes I am taken by surprise by what happens!), everyone is given a candle. We then each have a chance to say briefly for whom or for what situation we are going to light our candle (and "Pass" is perfectly acceptable), after which we say the Lord's Prayer together. We light our candles and place them in position on the candle stand. This leads on to a short illustrated bible story read by myself or one of the other adults present – we try to ensure that all the children can see the pictures and maybe have other visual aids or objects which help to make the story memorable. For the last part of the Pram

Service we head across to the Children's Corner and sing four or five songs together (words provided) such as 'Wide, wide as the ocean', and we always end with 'The wise man built his house upon the rock'. Many of these, including the last, have actions which add to the enjoyment. We say 'The Grace' together, and then it's time for refreshments, served by members of the Mothers' Union, and a good old chat while the children play. It has been known for some people to stay till noon.

During school holidays we often have an extended session which we call 'Pram Service Plus'. This starts with the Pram Service, and then we have crafty activities which we encourage the adults to bring for the children. This might be in the Church or in one of the nearby community halls. It usually lasts until about 2pm, and we have a break for a picnic lunch (we bring our own) about noon. In the Summer holidays we usually have one session in Snaith's Field after Pram Service in Church, and have another session where we meet at Saltburn on the beach and have a fish 'n' chip (or whatever) picnic.

Pram Service welcomes, and is attended by, people of all denominations and none. The carers who come are parents, grandparents and other recognised carers. In the school holidays older children who perhaps used to attend Pram Service come back to join us with their pre-school siblings, and then it really is all age worship. It's great to see everybody listening to the story, joining in the action songs and beavering away at the activities when it's Pram Service Plus. Most families who find their way to Pram Service for the first time come because of word-of-mouth, often using the well-known mantra: "I'm going to Pram Service, it's great, why don't you come along too". Families having children baptised at St Mary Magdalene are also told about Pram Service.

In 2020 unfortunately Pram Service activities had to be severely curtailed and we only managed to meet ten times before lockdown. One of those was Pram Service Plus and, if you can picture 17 children and 16 adults in Church you'll get some idea of what it was like before the pandemic, and hopefully what it might be like again before long.

**Report provided by John Bancroft**

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Mr Philip Atkinson

# Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene, Yarm

## Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ending 31 December 2020

		General Fund		Restoration	TOTAL	TOTAL
	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 £	2019 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>						
Voluntary Income	2(a)	68,921.37	2,912.97		71,834.34	82,011.02
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	3,850.63			3,850.63	8,005.05
Income from Investments	2(c)	57.49		135.02	192.51	338.71
Income from Church activities	2(d)	3,676.09			3,676.09	6,795.54
Other income	2(e)				0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>76,505.58</b>	<b>2,912.97</b>	<b>135.02</b>	<b>79,553.57</b>	<b>97,150.32</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>						
Church Activities	3(a)					
Ministry		64,012.09			64,012.09	64,205.82
Church		8,517.08			8,517.08	9,820.21
Upkeep of services		5,572.89			5,572.89	5,802.91
Other ordinary expenditure		2,617.73	2,912.97		5,530.70	13,441.71
Extraordinary expenditure		840.23			840.23	2,453.66
Restoration				3,567.00	3,567.00	216.09
Fund Raising Costs	3(b)	1,335.16			1,335.16	2,298.41
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		<b>82,895.18</b>	<b>2,912.97</b>	<b>3,567.00</b>	<b>89,375.15</b>	<b>98,238.81</b>
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES &amp; MOVEMENT OF FUNDS</b>		<b>-6,389.60</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-3,431.98</b>	<b>-9,821.58</b>	<b>-1,088.49</b>
<b>BALANCES B/FWD 1 JANUARY</b>		<b>26,555.97</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>32,956.23</b>	<b>59,512.20</b>	<b>60,600.69</b>
<b>BALANCES C/FWD 31 DECEMBER</b>		<b>20,166.37</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>29,524.25</b>	<b>49,690.62</b>	<b>59,512.20</b>

# Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene, Yarm

## Balance Sheet at 31 December 2020

	Notes	General Fund		Restoration	TOTAL	TOTAL
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2020 £	2019 £
FIXED ASSETS		NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	6	£246.48			£246.48	£616.35
Short term deposits		£4,470.09		£28,059.53	£32,529.62	£45,455.33
Fixed term deposits					£0.00	£0.00
Cash at Bank		£16,838.05	£296.21	£1,464.72	£18,598.98	£16,886.90
		<u>£21,554.62</u>	<u>£296.21</u>	<u>£29,524.25</u>	<u>£51,375.08</u>	<u>£62,958.58</u>
LIABILITIES						
Creditors - amounts falling due in one year	7	£1,388.25	£296.21		£1,684.46	£3,446.38
NET CURRENT ASSETS less LIABILITIES		<u>£20,166.37</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£29,524.25</u>	<u>£49,690.62</u>	<u>£59,512.20</u>
PARISH FUNDS						
Unrestricted		£20,166.37			£20,166.37	£26,555.97
Restricted			£0.00	£29,524.25	£29,524.25	£32,956.23
Totals		£20,166.37		£29,524.25	£49,690.62	£59,512.20

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 15 March 2020 and signed on its behalf by



J C Rhodes (Acting PCC Chairman)

# Notes to the Financial Statements

## For the Year ended 31 December 2020

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

#### Funds

*Endowment funds* are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the PCC's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place. There are currently no such funds under the control of the PCC.

*Restricted funds* comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor, and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific PCC activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis. The Restoration Fund is a restricted fund, and donations to Mission or other Charity are also treated as restricted, when they result from a specific donation or collection.

*Unrestricted funds* are income funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purposes.

#### Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when received and are reclaimed for the accounting year and not the tax year. Tax refunds due for the period January to December 2020 are identified in the notes to the accounts, but are not included in the figures. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognized when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

#### Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan freewill offer is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission or charity are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognized when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

#### Fixed assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the rector and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £2,000 and all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Individual items of equipment are written off when the asset is acquired.

*Investments* are valued at market value at 31 December.

# 2020 GENERAL FUND

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## 2. INCOMING RESOURCES

Unrestricted Funds

Restricted Funds

TOTAL FUNDS  
2020

TOTAL FUNDS  
2019

### 2(a) Voluntary Income

#### Planned Giving

Gift Aided - Direct Payments inc PGS	39244.00		39244.00	37456.00
- Green Envelopes	6036.90		6036.90	6177.50
Not Gift Aided - Direct Payments	1840.00		1840.00	2540.00
- Green Envelopes	1968.00		1968.00	3844.80

49088.90

#### Other

Gift Aided - Yellow Envelopes (one off)	1392.65		1392.65	5150.24
Tax Reclaim on Gift Aid (2019) and PGS (2020)	15580.07		15580.07	13482.13
Cash Collections	1838.75		1838.75	3841.56
Special Collections & Donations (inc COVID)	791.00	2912.97	3703.97	6215.04
Donation from fees	230.00		230.00	290.00
Legacy			0.00	1500.00

19832.47

### 2(b) Activities for generating funds

Coffee Donations	352.08		352.08	1355.48
Raffle (2019 - Functions)	922.60		922.60	82.00
Magazine Income	1662.00		1662.00	1467.40
Income from Flowers - weddings and memorium	60.00		60.00	553.00
Votive candles	20.00		20.00	256.37
Miscellaneous Income	77.50		77.50	74.85
Craft Guild - activities	491.45		491.45	141.73
Craft Guild - for Hall Hire	150.00		150.00	160.00
Beetle Drive (2019 - Summer Fete)	115.00		115.00	1372.53
Christmas Fayre	0.00		0.00	2541.69

3850.63

### 2(c) Income from Investments

Interest on Deposit Account	53.56		53.56	124.34
Interest on Darlington Building Society	3.21		3.21	3.20
Interest on Gift Aid Account	0.72		0.72	1.02

57.49

### 2(d) Income from Church activities

Fees	3027.00		3027.00	5699.00
Kirklevington & Worsall contribution to Rector expenses	459.62		459.62	810.26
- Rectory Water Rate	103.28		103.28	200.12
- Redemptorist	86.19		86.19	86.16

3676.09

## TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES

76505.58

2912.97

79418.55

95426.42

## 3. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2020	TOTAL FUNDS 2019
<b>3(a) Church Activities</b>				
<b>Ministry - Rector</b>				
Parish Freewill Offer for Diocesan Ministry	61800.00		61800.00	60000.00
Expenses (inc vacancy costs 86.17)	1669.79		1669.79	3241.43
Water Rate	479.30		479.30	800.48
<b>-Mission</b>				
Gold costs (2019 - expenses - curate)	63.00		63.00	163.91
	64012.09			
<b>Church</b>				
Gas	2037.85		2037.85	2394.45
Electricity	958.25		958.25	1219.35
Insurance	3164.09		3164.09	3079.11
Water Rate	97.35		97.35	106.50
Cleaning	1064.00		1064.00	1747.20
Organ & Piano Tuning & Maintenance	0.00		0.00	444.00
Boiler Maintenance	235.00		235.00	150.00
Electrical & lightening Protection Testing	237.98		237.98	77.50
Roof works	520.00		520.00	279.00
Minor Maintenance	202.56		202.56	323.10
	8517.08			
<b>Upkeep of Services</b>				
Candles	223.81		223.81	533.70
Wine & Bread	77.85		77.85	221.65
Miscellaneous	366.47		366.47	362.96
Pew Sheets (Redemptorist)	344.76		344.76	344.64
Organist	3000.00		3000.00	3000.00
Organist Tuition	1560.00		1560.00	1290.00
Churchyard Upkeep	0.00		0.00	49.96
	5572.89			
<b>Other Expenditure</b>				
Young people ( Messy Church trial)	51.00		51.00	136.01
Hire of Hall	333.35		333.35	800.04
Baptism & Marriage Books	40.56		40.56	77.90
Deanery Precept	120.00		120.00	120.00
Performing Licence & RSCM membership	107.00		107.00	383.73
Printing	374.63		374.63	607.40
Gift Aid Envelopes	104.50		104.50	240.98
Miscellaneous	186.69		186.69	302.76
Charities (see Note 9)	1300.00	2912.97	4212.97	10772.89
	2617.73			
<b>Extraordinary Expenditure</b>				
COVID Supplies (2019 - Entrance Carpet)	557.18		557.18	1091.00
Easter booklet & letters (2019 - Microphone)	41.25		41.25	628.80
Present for Archbishop (2019 - Guillotine & stapler)	50.00		50.00	63.06
Floor repairs	0.00		0.00	333.30
Rector retirement (2019 - Architect Fee)	191.80		191.80	337.50
	840.23			
<b>3(b) Fund Raising Costs</b>				
Functions	70.00		70.00	0.00
Magazine Printing	1175.69		1175.69	1356.19
Cost of flowers	67.00		67.00	532.98
Cost of coffee & biscuits	22.47		22.47	369.24
Cost of Summer Fete			0.00	40.00
	1335.16			
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>82895.18</b>	<b>2912.97</b>	<b>85808.15</b>	<b>98022.72</b>

# 2020 RESTORATION FUND

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2.	INCOMING RESOURCES	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2020	TOTAL FUNDS 2019
2(a)	<b>Voluntary Income</b>			
	Donations			
	Grant from Lottery Heritage Fund			
	VAT Refund - LPW Grant Scheme			1513.75
	Other Grants - Diocese for Reordering			
	Tax Rebate			
	Legacy			
		0.00	0.00	
2(b)	<b>Activities for generating funds</b>			
	Craft Guild Sales			
	Miscellaneous events			
		0.00	0.00	
2(c)	<b>Income from investments</b>			
	Interest on deposit account - CBF	17.52		30.78
	Interest on Virgin Money	117.50		179.37
		135.02	135.02	
2(e)	<b>Other Income</b>			
		0.00	0.00	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>135.02</u> =====	<u>135.02</u> =====	<u>1723.90</u> =====
3.	<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>			
3(a)	<b>Church Activities</b>			
	<b>Restoration</b>			
	Fee - Architect	827.00		
	Internal Reordering			
	- decoration			
	- lighting			
	- floor repairs	2740.00		216.09
		3567.00	3567.00	
	<b>Other Expenditure</b>			
		0.00	0.00	
3(b)	<b>Fund Raising Costs</b>			
		0.00	0.00	
	<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<u>3567.00</u> =====	<u>3567.00</u> =====	<u>216.09</u> =====

4.	(a)	<b>STAFF COSTS</b>	2020	2019
		Invoiced payments for Organist for normal services	3,000.00	3,000.00

During the year the PCC contracted in an organist, who is self employed, and as such does not attract social security costs.

(b) **PAYMENTS TO PCC MEMBERS**

A small immaterial portion of the expenses paid to the incumbent may have related to his services as chairman of the PCC. No expenses were paid to any other PCC member, persons closely connected to them or related parties.

5. **FIXED ASSETS**

The PCC has no assets as defined in the Accounting Policies above (1)

6.	<b>DEBTORS</b>	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	TOTAL 2020	TOTAL 2019
	Other Debtors	246.48		246.48	616.35

In addition there is outstanding Tax recoverable, related to the period January to December 2020, which will be recovered during 2021. The estimated amount is £12,745.94, and will be accounted for in 2021 accounts. This includes reclaim for tax on small donations, which will provide an estimated £1,355.92 of income.

7. **CREDITORS**

	Accruals for utility and other costs	1,388.25	296.21	1,684.46	3,446.38
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8. **GENERAL NOTES**

8.1 Net movement of general funds in the year was -£6,389.60

8.2 Balances brought forward include historical legacies as follows:

General Account: legacies from 2009	£18,000.00
legacy in 2012	£5,000.00
legacy in 2013	£500.00
legacies in 2019	£1,500.00
Restoration Account: legacy in 2011	£116,326.33

8.3 Assigned Fees. A sum of £3,432.00 (£4,675.00 in 2019) has been paid to the Diocese, being the Statutory Fees charged for the services of clergy to officiate at weddings, funerals and the like.

8.4 Purchase of items for sale (eg. Cards, tea towels, pens etc) are written off in the year of payment.

8.5 Value of normal stock is less than £500.00. Stock is not controlled or accounted for.

**9. Charity Donations - 2020**

The following donations were made to Charity:

	Overseas Missions & Christian Relief Agencies	Home Missions & Church Societies	Secular Charities	TOTALS
<b>Church Sponsored Activities</b>				
All from Restricted Income except items 9.6 and 9.7.				
9.1. Neo Angels - lent activities			600.00	
9.2. Little Sprouts - lent & Christmas Card			469.61	
9.3. False Bay, South Africa	835.00			
9.4. Childrens Society - Christingle service		305.00		
9.5. NE Helpink - Harvest			500.00	
9.6. Homestart PLAY scheme (Q1 only)			1,250.00	
9.7. York Historic Churches		50.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>835.00</b>	<b>355.00</b>	<b>2,819.61</b>	<b>4,009.61</b>
<b>Restricted Donations at Funerals</b>				
9.8. Dogs Trust			176.76	
9.9. Cancer Research			26.60	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>203.36</b>	<b>203.36</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>835.00</b>	<b>355.00</b>	<b>3,022.97</b>	<b>4,212.97</b>
Additionally the following donations were made outside of the accounts, but resulting from efforts from members of the congregation:				
9.10 Christian Aid	500.00			500.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>				<b>4,712.97</b>

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March 2021