



St Margaret's Church Wolston, Brandon and Bretford

**Annual Report and Financial Statements
of the Parochial Church Council**

**For the financial year ended
31 December 2021
and the PCC year ended March 2022**

Legal and administrative information:

Clergy: Revd Kevin Flanagan

Assistant Clergy: Revd Paul Simmonds

Church Administrator: Mrs Jayne Hayward

Bank: HSBC Bank, Church Street, Rugby

Independent Examiner: Mr Keith Francis

Church Architect: Mr Simon Bird

PCC Membership:

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

Incumbent: Revd Kevin Flanagan

Wardens: Ms Ruth McCartney Mr Simon Mulley

Representatives on the Diocesan Synod: Mrs Melissa Ralph, Revd Kevin Flanagan & Mr David Gadsby

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Mr David Gadsby (Vice Chair) Mrs Helen Simmonds
Mrs Melissa Ralph

Elected Members:

Miss Naomi Brown , Mrs Juliet Carter, Miss Latoyah Flanagan,
Mrs Josie Gadsby, Ms Jain Galliford, Mrs Dawn Jones [nee Webb]
Mrs Jenny Lumsden, Mr John Marlow, Mr Christopher Ryde, Mrs Kate Willis

Ex officio: Revd Paul Simmonds

Officers: Mr David Gadsby (Secretary) - Elected

Dr Stephen Wigmore (Treasurer) - Co-opted

Mrs Juliet Carter [Electoral Roll] - Elected

Cathedral Parish Partner: Mrs Jain Galliford

St. Margaret's Wolston**Church Running Costs in 2021 (General Fund)****Expenditure**

	2021 £	2020 £
Regular running costs:		
Quota to Diocese (Clergy Costs)	55,160	56,917
Vicar's Expenses	1,636	1,846
Running the Services	609	1,168
Building Maintenance and Running Costs	9,444	7,545
Training Courses, Alpha & Messy Church	13	65
Administration costs	9,919	11,394
Church Rooms	-	41
	76,781	78,975
Other costs:		
Donations made (general)	3,515	3,042
Youth work	-	-
	3,515	3,042
Total Expenditure	80,296	82,017

The Pastoral Care Team [PCT] that was set up 18 months ago has been very pro-active. We have upwards of 50 people that we look after, and have 12 fabulous members in our team. We meet roughly every 8 weeks to pray and support one another and check on how things are going. We also hold training sessions in the meetings to learn more about our work in the parish. We had a Christmas social and invited all those people that we minister to and it was such a huge success we are holding another one at Easter time. We look forward to another year of positive thinking.

We go forward in Christ's love with the armour He provides for us in difficult situations.

(Ephesians 6 v10-12)

Sue Marlow & Sue Burdett - on behalf of the PCT

Say One for Me

This has proved to be a very frustrating period because of the implied restrictions created by the Covid Pandemic. There have not been any further visits since those reported last year. Not only that, many of the then team members have moved on into other roles, or have withdrawn totally, or have been inhibited by physical ailments. All of this combines, in effect, to requiring us to go back and start from the beginning.

As I write the plan is that Jain Galliford and I will resume visiting as soon as she is able. We plan to recruit a new team of visitors to help, and to liaise this outreach closely with the work of The Pastoral Care Team.

Peter Bridges - on behalf of the Say One for Me Team.



Mission Statement

We, as the Parish church of Wolston, Brandon and Bretford, exist to:-

Worship God.

Be and make disciples.

Serve and care for those around us.

Vision Statement

We have a vision to see: -

A people who are encountering God in their day to day lives.

A people that are being set free by the power of the Holy Spirit.

A people who are learning and are equipped to live Jesus' way.

A people who are courageous, who take risks for Jesus.

A people who are reaching out to a new generation.

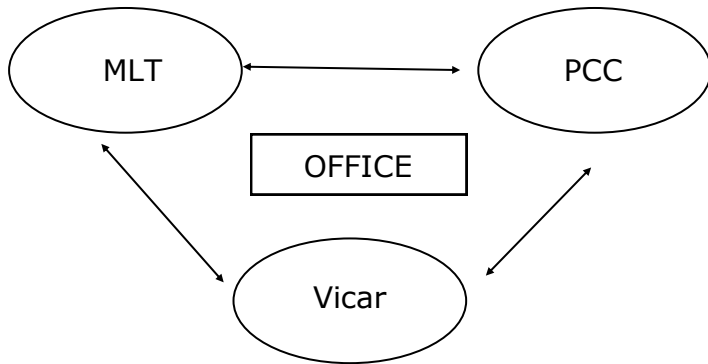
A people who will serve and care for those around them (at home, in the street, at work, and in the wider world).

Church Organisation

At the centre of the church leadership structure is the three way organisational link of the Vicar, the PCC and the MLT [Ministry Leadership Team], all ably supported by the church office.

However, we believe that everyone should be involved in different aspects of ministry, in whatever way suits their skills, gifts and temperaments, both inside and outside the church building itself.

Each Anglican church has in place a series of groups and processes which enable the safe and smooth running of a church within the Church of England.



Other groups exist which are individual to each church. Here at St Margaret's these groups have been in existence for many years, to enable the church to meet its aims.

For the sake of clarity, we will deal with these different reports in two different sections:- Church Organisation and Structure, and St Margaret's Group reports.

Vicar's Report

March 2022

I remember writing this last year, and finding it an incredibly difficult task with the covid situation around us. While this year things have improved, thankfully, things have not still got back to normal. This has been made very clear when I went through the church register of Services.

In the last year we have performed one Wedding, one Baptism, one renewal of Wedding Vows, and fourteen Funerals. While I would never claim that all these funerals were caused by covid, it just seems a cumulative effect of what was for everyone a very tough year.

It has become clear that, countrywide the last two years have had a severe effect in certain areas of church ministry. Looking just at this Diocese, finances have been severely affected, although thanks to people's incredible generosity, here at St Margaret's we have managed to continue to meet our parish share and pay all our other costs without delving into our reserve.

In other areas however we have not managed to escape the general trends that covid has brought.

Firstly, the number attending church on a Sunday has dropped, looking at figures for churches around the Diocese it seems that they have dropped by anything between 25% to 50%

The vision for a café at St Margaret's¹⁷ grew out of many chats amongst various members about how the newly reordered church could be used for the benefit of the whole parish as well as for worship. And so the idea of Maggie's was born.

It certainly is part of God's plan for us to serve his people as we see each trust and new relationships are growing between the Maggie's team and their customers.

Thank you Lord for faithfully providing all that we needed for Maggie's to be a success - although more volunteers are always very welcome.

As an added bonus the church office is based at Maggie's on Wednesdays giving parishioners easy access if they want a face to face chat about anything.

Messy Church 2021/22

As with all things we have been significantly affected by C-19 with our numbers falling greatly despite our efforts to stay in touch with Messy families, attempt on-line Messy Church and offer a socially distanced version as soon as we could. We did learn many things and God has directed us into to offering MC in a slightly altered format. We have noticed the children attending are considerably younger than before C-19 and we have adjusted what we do accordingly, **please pop along and be nose to see what that actually means.**

Another thing that changed is the planning team as Jayne F, Jake & Kaylum felt it was time to move on - we thank God for them as they continue to support MC. The new team are Jayne Hayward, Graham Clark & Dawn Webb.

It is a great privilege for us to reach out to young families in the villages with the Gospel in a really fun and engaging way, we believe absolutely in relational evangelism and trust that we will bear fruit for Christ. We thank the PCC for offering their supportive prayers and sometimes in practical ways too, not least with our expenses.

Latterly we have had several new helpers come along and one of them is a Mum who brings her children, they have fun and Mum organises a craft/ activity and others are members of the church.

We trust God will continue to guide us with his wisdom and we bring hope and light to many families and we will be blessed in seeing new families turn to Christ. Please pray

Jayne Hayward - on behalf of the Messy Church Team

Little Stars - stay & play baby & toddler¹⁶ group

It has been an exciting year for Little Stars. We started meeting in person after Easter 2021 and are now into our third term of weekly, term-time meetings. The highlights include our summer teddy bears picnic and Christmas party which were well attended by the community. We have half a dozen families who attend regularly and others who sometimes join us. We have arts and crafts, singing, play activities, bean bag prayers and interactive Bible stories for children (from birth to starting school). It is also a privilege getting to know the parents and grandparents who bring their children along, and we keep them updated on church events.

Little Stars would like to thank the church for their practical support.

Chris and Juliet come weekly to help setup beforehand. Ginny joins us, making teas and coffee, and is a helping hand. Kevin and Jayne drop in on occasion. And those who regularly move chairs for us. But we also say goodbye to Ellie and Dot, lovely women who have brought Little Stars much joy and creativity. We thank God for them and pray his blessings upon them. Right now, the team is Eva Leaf and Maddy Wigmore. Please continue to pray for us as we seek to bring hope and light to those who attend.

Maddy Wigmore - on behalf of Little Stars Team

Maggie's Café

In July 2021 we opened up Maggie's in the church for the first time. The aim of this project was, and still is, to offer a pleasant place in the parish for folks to pop in and enjoy a barista style coffee and lovely cakes.

Having received a grant from the Diocesan Mission Fund the PCC agreed to the café starting up with a lot of new equipment and sundry times you may find in a high street coffee shop.

Maggie's has become popular very quickly with all sorts of people including retirees, parents with small children and dog walkers.

Every week we see our 'regulars' but there are always new people to meet and greet. We regularly serve 30-50 customers each week.

Initially Nikita Flanagan was our barista and 'manager' and has done a fabulous job of getting Maggie's off the ground. Nikita is now working full time so isn't able to help. But we thank her for her enthusiasm and hard work to get the project up and running and even more so for the tempting sweet treats each week.

From the start there has been a wonderful team of volunteers who spend a lot of time on Wednesday mornings setting up serving and clearing away. Ruth McCartney has taken over as barista in chief and on the day management of Maggie's.

⁵The reasons why are still being discussed; while some people are still too scared to return to church, it seems others now attend twice a month, whereas they used to attend weekly. Others seem to have just lost the habit of church attendance all together.

Here at St Margaret's, I would say that our attendance has dropped by approx. a third from two years ago, although there are starting to be signs of hope as numbers are once again starting to slowly increase. I hope this will continue to improve as the year progresses and things get more back to normal.

It has been great to watch and hear singing return to worship services and refreshments following services, and hopefully as the cold weather gives way to summer, covid will continue to regress, and so things will get more back to more normal times.

Having said all that, it is great to be able to report that the Thursday Communion is very much bucking the national attendance trend. Before covid, attendance varied between six and eight people. That figure has now more than doubled, and last Thursday we had seventeen people in attendance. One of the exciting things is that, while some of the new people are from Sunday morning worship, others are completely new to church. I'd like to especially thank, not just Paul and Pam for taking services, but everyone who works behind the scenes to make these services the success that they have become.

Reflecting on last year, on a more negative point, last Christmas we unfortunately saw a spike in infections with the arrival of the omicron variant. As a result, it was decided on health and safety grounds to close church over Christmas week, something I hope we never have to do again. Ironically, two positives came out of it as we struggled to put something on for people wishing to worship at Christmas. Firstly, we twice opened church up for a time of silent prayer, which was very appreciated by those who attended. Secondly, we held a short, outdoor service, made up of readings and carols. Despite the extremely cold weather it was enjoyed both by those who attended, and people who were passing by.

While this has been spoken of elsewhere, one of the areas of ministry most affected across the diocese has been children's ministry, and that has been the same here at St Margaret's. As a result, we would sometimes have new families come and there be no other children present. Other times people have spent hours of work preparing and there being no children at all present, or only one. After a lot of thought and prayer, it was decided that instead of trying for children's work every week, we would aim for every second week, having Messy Church on the second Sunday and Family Service on the fourth Sunday.

While still ensuring that the children's area & creche are always available for anyone who comes on the other Sundays. It is too early to judge the results of this change; however, the first few services seem to have been very successful.

This year it has been great to watch Maggie's Café grow from nothing to a point where you can struggle to get a seat on a Wednesday morning. I'd especially like to thank all the staff there who work so hard, and those behind the scenes who bake such delicious cakes. I think I can say, without fear of contradiction, that especially following the last two years, having a place where people can meet and socialise in such pleasant surroundings is a joy, and a great example of the church providing a service to the community around it.

Looking forward to the coming year, it is still very hard to get into specifics, but as covid wanes and life begins to return to something nearing normality, so we need to work on developing our strengths even further, while also looking at areas where we are weaker.

This will very much be the challenge for 2022. We need to recognise that while nothing can happen overnight, we are called to both serve those around us, and to spread the Gospel to those who have yet to hear. The question we face is how to develop the ministries of St Margaret's within both our limited financial and human resources, while never forgetting that we are not in this alone, we serve a great God.

I cannot finish this report without a big thank you. There are so many people that I really need to thank that I simply can't name everyone, but all the people who serve the church and keep it functioning, I know you do it for God and not for public appreciation but thank you anyway!

Even so, there are four people who over the last year, of covid and difficult decisions, church would really have struggled without, and they Jayne Hayward in the Church Office, and Simon and Jayne M succeeded by Ruth Mc, in their role as Church Wardens. I don't know if any of them knew quite what they were taking on when they said yes to their current roles, but behind the scenes they have been rocks, and without them St Margaret's would not be the church it is now. So many thanks, God Bless

Kevin

MLT Report 2021/22

While the last year has not been as dominated by Covid as the year before was, it is fair to say that it still cast a long shadow. While we have managed (for most of the year) to go ahead with services, they have still been subject to a variety of restrictions such as wearing masks, limited refreshments

Each matinee concludes with the consumption of tea and cakes, seasoned with an ample sprinkling of good conversation.

The work is done by a small team, Peter and Sheila Bridges, and Bob Granger, who are ably assisted on the day by Carol and Bernard Fry.

Peter Bridges on behalf of Caleb Cinema Club

Foodbank 2021/22

For over a year now, St Margaret's and St Peters have come together to deliver food etc to the food bank in Willenhall, in Coventry, every week. From reports received from the team there, the last year has proved to be a difficult year for many people, and the numbers attending the food bank has increased.

We now have three different sites which are established as drop off points, the Old Rectory in Church Lawford, and the Vicarage and St Margaret's church in Wolston.

It has been a real blessing to especially see the amount of food dropped off at St Margaret's increase as Maggie's Café has become more popular.

Some people who struggle to get out to shop have also supported the food bank financially. The funding raised has been given to Pam, the vicar, in Willenhall who has used at her discretion to help families in real need in a variety of ways.

The desperate need here was really brought home to me when I arrived to drop off food just before Christmas, to find a long queue of people, both adults and children, queuing in the pouring rain just waiting for the food bank to open.

I just want to thank people for their incredible generosity during the past year, and I hope it will continue during the year to come.

While I am on Sabbatical, please continue to use the vicarage as a drop off point, or if you'd rather not then please use the church! The deliveries will continue as usual.

Kevin

Chris & Juliet Carter continue to edit the Grapevine. It has been available on-line on the church website throughout the year and we started printing paper copies again with the April 2021 issue, using a commercial printing company. Numbers of paper copies are gradually building up again, with about 310 now printed per issue. The subscription remains at £5.00 per year, for ten issues with the December/January and July/August being joint issues.

Juliet Carter

Bells Report 2021/22

There has been little bellringing during the past year due to covid. It is hoped that more ringing will follow by the Coventry Diocesan Guild of Bellringers this year.

A Quarter Peal (45mins) was rung on Sunday 30th January 2022 for the 40th anniversary of the first Quarter Peal on the bells since augmentation from four to eight, they were dedicated by the Bishop of Warwick the previous day. We remembered three of the original team who have now passed away, two of us rang in the original one as well as the latest. We also remembered Beryl Jenson a lifetime member of St Margaret's.

The bells remain in good condition although like any machinery require maintenance occasionally and with this in mind the order was placed with J. Taylor Bell-founders of Loughborough, who have been involved with St. Margaret's since 1894, with the refurbishment of the four smallest bell clappers, the four largest were refurbished in 2012. 50% of the cost was funded by the Coventry Diocesan Guild of Bellringers bell maintenance fund. Keith Hayward and myself removed the clappers to the church floor ready for collection by Taylor's. We also cleaned the tower of dust and an influx of flies ready for the clappers to be returned and installed by Taylor's with help from Keith and myself.

Keith Chambers - Tower Captain

Caleb Cinema Club

As soon as restrictions on gatherings were eased, the Cinema Group began to meet again on the second Friday of each month. Perhaps as a result of being confined to home for so long our numbers have grown, with an attendance of about 20 people. A large contingent coming from Bedworth, and a similar number from Binley Woods. Sad to say we have very little support from members of the church family.

We continue to wear masks as a protection. This policy was vindicated when one of our supporters tested positive the day after attending a film. The films that we show are all allowed by the Church's Christian Copyright Licensing International Certification. Since resuming again in Sept 2021 the films that we show are very varied and are advertised in advance in the Avon Grapevine.

A lot of what the MLT have discussed has been related to this, while also looking at the best way to move the church forward again. Like all churches; that I am aware of; covid has hit us on several different levels, in terms of attendance, in terms of finance, in terms of people being available to serve and in terms of children's work. As a result, the question has arisen should we just aim to do what we did before, (if indeed that is possible) or should we use this opportunity to review much of what the church does, and see if we can improve it. As well as discussing these more long-term issues, the MLT has also become more focussed on prayer. We recognised that at times we were so busy discussing issues, that prayer was almost in danger of becoming an add on. So recently we have attempted to rectify this by starting with prayer, and looking to spend at least an hour in prayer before we even begin discussing the agenda.

On behalf of the MLT - Kevin

PCC Report 2021/22

Since the AGM was held quite late last year, in April, the PCC has only met 5 times. Regular items have been:

Monitoring of all aspects of Church finance.

Regular updates on safeguarding policy and procedures, to ensure all our practice is compliant with what is needed.

Reporting and monitoring of Church maintenance as outlined in the fabric report.

Consideration of Deanery Synod issues, particularly the Parish share and plans for potential changes to benefices.

Specific items which the PCC have discussed, approved and subsequently supported include:

- Fees for the use of Church and Church Rooms.
- Appointment of a sexton to do work in the Garden of Remembrance.
- Setting up and supporting a Pastoral Care team to reach out to those in need in the villages.
- Discussing, approving and supporting Maggie's Café, which has proved a real service to the community and is developing possibilities of further outreach.
- Developing a Church strategy for using the Internet, including use and control of social media – this is work in progress.

Thanks to all members who have contributed to discussion and decisions this year.

David Gadsby.

PCC Secretary & Lay Chair

Treasurer's Report year ending 31st Dec 2021

In 2021, we continued to maintain three types of fund – the General Fund (covering regular income and expenditure of the Church), Designated Funds (which the PCC has set aside for specific types of expenditure) and Restricted Funds (where the donor has specified the purpose on which the funds must be spent).

2021 saw the Church record a General Fund surplus of £4,050, compared to a deficit of £819 in 2020. Expenditure fell by approximately £2,000 largely due to savings from closing the physical Office. Income also grew by around £3,000, due to new income from Maggie's Café and the generous donation towards the Advent Lunch.

Although it remains the PCC's wish to tithe our income to support other causes, it was again decided to limit this amount in 2021 to £3,600 until St Margaret's income allows this to be increased.

In other funds, a successful fundraising campaign saw £3,400 raised for replacing the Churchyard gates and installing a pathway to the Garden of Remembrance. We also received a £500 donation from the biannual Garden Walkabout and £450 from the Ceilidh in November.

The net result of the above is that we now have £28,518 in the General Fund and £11,640 in Designated/Restricted funds. The policy of the PCC is to keep 3 months running costs in General Fund and the current figure is 4 months.

The forecast for 2022 is for the church to achieve a smaller surplus of £1,200, based on the assumption the Advent Lunch donation won't be received again, combined with small increases in wages and utility costs. Of course, these figures are only our best estimates, and are entirely dependent on the continuing generosity of our community, successful fundraising from operations, and the development of ministry in the coming year.

Dr Stephen Wigmore

The Family Service is a more child centred service with groups. As well as Dynamite for the older group we are now able to offer more organised group for the younger children led by Sam and Ellie Gallant and Maddie and Steve Wigmore. The vision is that as we build up our children's work, attracting more families to church and having more volunteers, so we will be able to ultimately increase our provision.

Jayne Flanagan is stepping down as her role in co-ordinating the children's work. Please pray for God to provide someone else to take on this role.

Jayne Flanagan.

Arise! Men's Breakfast 2021/22

We were able to start meeting again in September 2021 and have managed to meet every month since. Our guests speakers have been Nigel Malka about his experiences as he "walked the way" [Via Beata] with Through Faith Missions. Andre Friedli about our vision for "Men in Sheds". Paul Simmonds recounting the fascinating story of the recovery of a Morgan car once owned by his Grandfather. People from The Coalition for Marriage and also speakers from The Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer. A small group of men joined in with carol singing around the village, which was received with much pleasure by villagers.

Attendance is variable with approx. 20 men most months - we are gathered from far and wide. Despite being a not for profit activity we were still able to fund ourselves, and make a contribution of £70 towards church funds.

3 of us took on the last minute task of collecting shoe boxes full of toys etc for Carriers of Hope in Coventry - which was very well supported by the church and we managed to provide 30 boxes for the children of refugees & asylum seekers. We will start earlier this year.

A lot of time since the autumn has been spent trying to find a base for our "Men in Sheds" project; with all opportunities locally falling away from us; we have now teamed up with a group of men in Willenhall who are offering support by allowing our shed to be sited in their car park. Perhaps this is where God wants us to be?

A few of us have also expended much time and energy in gathering together some re cycled materials to be used for a proposed footpath to the Garden of Remembrance.

Peter Bridges - on behalf of Arise

For the second year running the way we connect with school has been extremely limited because of the pandemic. Jayne Flanagan, our School Chaplain, has tried hard to maintain the connection whenever possible.

However, because of the wonders of technology we have been able to continue to do assemblies via pre-recorded videos. Thanks to Josie and Kevin and Jayne for keeping this going. A special thanks to Josie that she will keep doing fortnightly assemblies during Kevin and Jayne's sabbatical.

Jayne has continued to write 'Chaplain's Chat', a brief 'Godly' thought published in the school newsletter. Thanks to Paul, Helen and Eva who will keep this going during the sabbatical.

We have still been able to host church groups in church. The whole school came into church (in several smaller groups) to celebrate Harvest. Jayne was also able to show the Reception class around church as part of their RE lesson.

After the sabbatical Jayne Flanagan will be stepping back from leading the chaplaincy work. Please pray for the church leadership as they see how they can maintain our close relationship with St Margaret's School. Please pray for this vital ministry that we would know God's leading for the way forward.

Jayne Flanagan - School Chaplain.

Sunday Morning Children's Groups

These were able to start back in September.

The older group is led by Jayne Flanagan and Chris Mulley, helped by Alison Evans and Lisa Hodgkinson. Despite so much effort and planning it was disappointing that young people who came to church before the pandemic have not returned or did not come very regularly. This made doing planned activities very difficult.

The younger group, Sparklers, ran into difficulties because of a lack of volunteers. Thanks to Sally Clarke who organised resources and activities which parents and carers were able to do with their children in the crèche. Thank you also to those who volunteered to read the Bible stories, this was really appreciated.

Because of the struggles of getting things up and running after not having children's groups during the pandemic the MLT has introduced some changes. We have decided to concentrate our resources into Messy Church on the 2nd Sunday of the month and the Family Service on the 4th Sunday.

Over the last year lots of minor projects have been completed both in the church and church rooms. This has included completing the outstanding work around the re-ordering of the church and installation of the server.

A new portable lectern was purchased using the donation from Bishop Christopher.

Fundraising has covered the cost of new gates and a path to the Garden of Remembrance. New oak gates have been ordered, and we are waiting on completion of the faculty and planning permission before starting work on the path.

The Quinquennial Inspection for the church was held in October. This is the Church building "MOT" which is held every 5 years. A lot of work was undertaken to ensure that this passed smoothly.

Quinquennial Report Summary from Simon Bird, Architect

"Generally the Church is in good condition, well maintained and cared for. It was good to see the new re-ordering being used for the café on the day of the inspection and to witness first-hand how busy it was.

The damp issues regarding the west end of the Church are one of the most pressing matters."

There are several actions that are recommended to be completed within one year mainly concerning guttering, drainage and repointing.

More major works are screwing and re-fixing the plaster ceiling in the Lady Chapel which has separated from the ceiling in places. There is also evidence of woodworm in the Lady Chapel void ceiling void timbers which require specialist treatment.

In the medium term the stonework around several windows and the main door need repairs or replacement. This will be a significant cost.

The church has successfully passed the criteria for the EcoChurch Silver award which is a major achievement.

Throughout the year on going maintenance has been carried out by a small group, of three and later two as Jayne Murdy moved away, on the flowerbeds etc within the churchyard. Bulbs have been planted; after being donated by Marian Lyall in remembrance of her parents & partner; through the grass along the Wolston pathway. Shrubs have been maintained and replenished as needed and general tidying up of pathways.

We currently have a problem with moles within the churchyard and this is attempting to be addressed.

A working party was arranged to help¹⁰ with the larger items in the churchyard and maintenance of the churchyard but sadly numbers available on that date were not enough to complete the tasks, so please look at dates offered this coming year if you would be able to offer help.

Ivy has been cut through on the adjoining wall with the Stables as it was a concern that it may cause damage during the winter months and the area behind the church rooms is in need of attention.

From the Churchwardens **Simon Mulley & Ruth McCartney**

Electoral Roll 2021/22

The Electoral Roll has 99 members, with 20 living outside the parish.

Juliet Carter - Electoral Roll officer.

Safeguarding 2021/22

As a church we are committed to the safeguarding and protection of all children and adults. The PCC and all church leaders are aware of their safeguarding role. We follow the National Safeguarding Policy. This has now been reviewed and there have been some changes. At the end of last year, we used the assessment tool to discover what we had achieved and were pleasantly surprised. The PCC reviewed the action plan and we have clear goals to follow. We have used Safer Recruiting for Youth and Children's Leaders and for the Pastoral Care Team. Those involved in this ministry have applied for a DBS check where necessary and all are aware of the Safeguarding Training that they need to undertake. Those working with children and young people will also receive a volunteer agreement which includes information to help them in their role. New members of the PCC have also applied for a DBS check and the majority have completed training. Most training is done online and it has to be renewed after 3 years. DBS checks now have to be done every 3 years. The PCC has received a report each month and has agreed the safeguarding Policy and also the Safeguarding procedure to follow if there are allegations and concerns. It has also approved the use of social media where online groups are set up on the church's behalf. This will be monitored.

There have been no concerns during the past year.

We are very grateful to all those who give their time to nurture and support all our children, young people and adults.

Josie Gadsby - Safeguarding Officer

Rugby Deanery Synod

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The Deanery Synod met three times during the year.

Main issues considered were:

The Clergy Covenant. A national initiative designed to ensure all clergy are cared for by their congregations. Our PCC has been briefed and will look at in detail during next year.

Parish share – looking at how it is agreed and what it means for individual churches.

Deanery plan developments – looking at training, restructuring and stipendiary posts. Main organisational difference is the merging of Draycote and Leam Valley benefices (7 churches) with two stipendiary posts.

Eco-church developments within the diocese and deanery,

David Gadsby- On behalf of the Deanery Reps.

St Margaret's School, Governors Report 2021/22

There are three Foundation Governors on the Governing Body of Wolston St. Margaret's Primary School. They are all representatives of St Margaret's Church and this reflects the fact that it is a Church of England School. This year they were Jen Hawker, Andy Murdy and David Gadsby. Following Andy's departure for Scotland he was replaced during the year by Jenny Lumsden.

They have taken a full role in assisting the school in its work of educating the children within a Christian framework, monitoring, questioning and where able advising on finance, curriculum and learning outcomes.

Specifically Jen has reported on how the Christian ethos of the school is developed and maintained; Andy has advised on Health and Safety issues; David has had an overview of safeguarding policies and procedures. Jenny is to be asked which area she would like to focus on.

They are pleased to report that despite the huge challenges caused by the pandemic the school is moving forward and providing, in our view, a good education underpinned by Christian values.

David Gadsby - on behalf of the Foundation Governors.

The Parochial Church Council
of
St. Margaret's Wolston

Financial Accounts
Year ended 31st December 2021

Registered as a charity in England and Wales (No. 1130693)

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARGARET'S WOLSTON

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021

	Note	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	<u>TOTAL FUNDS</u>	
		General	Designated		2021	2020
		£	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:						
Donations and legacies	2(a)	71,618	-	-	71,618	74,807
Other voluntary income	2(b)	2,816	1,000	12,178	15,995	14,105
Investments	2(c)	-	-	-	-	53
Income earned from operating activities	2(d)	5,557	3,464	-	9,021	3,575
Income from Writeoff of Aged Cheques		367 0	0		367 0	
Total Income		80,358	4,464	12,178	97,001	92,540
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Grants	3(a)	3,515	-	-	3,515	3,042
Charitable activities: directly relating to the work of the Church	3(b)	67,981	2,753	8,401	79,135	83,952
Church management & administration	3(c)	8,800	-	-	8,800	9,994
Total Expenditure		80,296	2,753	8,401	91,449	96,988
Net Income/(Expenditure)		63	1,711	3,777	5,551	-4,449
Transfers between Funds		3,987	-3,314	- 673	-	0
Net movement in funds		4,050	-1,602	3,104	5,551	- 4,449
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		24,468	4,087	6,872	35,428	41,026
Total funds carried forward		28,518	2,484	9,976	40,979	36,578

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER 2021

	Note	TOTAL FUNDS	
		2021	2020
		£	£
Current Assets			
Debtors	6	4,384	4,610
Short term deposits		-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		40,968	38,548
		45,352	43,158
Liabilities: Amounts due within one year	7	4,372	6,784
Net Current Assets		40,980	36,374
Net Assets		40,980	36,374
Funds	8		
Unrestricted		31,002	28,555
Restricted		9,976	6,873
Total		40,979	35,428

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 27th January 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

K. Flanagan

The notes on pages 3 to 9 form part of these accounts.

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2) INCOME:-	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
	General	Designated		2021	2020
	£	£		£	£
2(a) Donations and legacies					
Planned giving	57,143			57,143	56,752
Collections and other giving	2,211		-	2,211	3,491
Income tax recovered	6,471		-	6,471	7,108
Sundry donations	5,238		-	5,238	6,166
Income tax recovered	556		-	556	1,289
	71,618	-	-	71,618	74,807
2(b) Other voluntary income					
Grants - Clerks Close Charity	2,737			2,737	2,683
Amazon Smile & Give-As-You-Live	79			79	98
Building Fund		1,000	2,830	3,830	9,574
Garden of Remembrance			-	-	1,250
Childrens Fund			80	80	-
Church Gates & Pathway			3,400	3,400	
Messy Church			13	13	500
Garden Walkabout Fund			2,730	2,730	-
Advent Lunch			3,125	3,125	-
	2,816	1,000	12,178	15,995	14,105
2(c) Income from investments					
Interest on CBF deposit account	-	-	-	-	53
	-	-	-	-	53
2(d) Income from operating activities					
Church (Maggie's) Café	-	3,018	-	3,018	-
Sale of magazine	2,210	-	-	2,210	672
Fees	2,427	-	-	2,427	1,365
Contribution for use of Church Room	910	-	-	910	869
Reimbursement for photocopying	11	-	-	11	670
Ceilidh	-	446	-	446	-
	5,557	3,464	-	9,021	3,575
2(e) Income from Writeoff of Aged Cheques	367			367	-
TOTAL INCOME	80,358	4,464	12,178	97,001	92,790

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3) EXPENDITURE:-

TOTAL FUNDS

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted	2021	2020
	<u>General</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Funds</u>	£	£
	£	£	£		
3(a) Grants/Giving	3,515	-		3,515	3,042
3(b) Activities directly relating to the work of the Church					
Ministry : diocesan quota	55,160	-	-	55,160	56,917
: clergy expenses	1,636	-	-	1,636	1,846
Church - running expenses	7,003	-	-	7,003	7,190
Church - maintenance	1,440	-	-	1,440	355
Buildings and equipment	1,000	-		1,000	-
Church Room - running costs	-	-	-	-	41
Printing the magazine	1,120	-	-	1,120	-
Upkeep of services	609	-	-	609	1,168
Training and courses	13	-	-	13	65
Youth & Children Work	-	-	125	125	13
Garden Walkabout Fund	-	-	2,419	2,419	-
Carol Service Donations	-	-	125	125	125
Messy Church	-	-	450	450	-
Church (Maggie's) Café	-	2,619	-	2,619	-
Building Fund	-		4,282	4,282	-
Reordering Project	-		-	-	16,233
Advent Lunch			1,000	1,000	-
Ceilidh	-	134		134	-
	67,981	2,753	8,401	79,135	83,952
3(c) Church management & administration					
Administration					
Printing and stationery	1,226	-	-	1,226	957
Sundry	1,974	-	-	1,974	2,680
Staff costs - Administrators	5,249	-	-	5,249	6,357
Office in Chapel - running costs	350	-	-	350	1,400
Independent Examiners' Fees	-	-	-	-	-
	8,800	-	-	8,800	9,994
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	80,296	2,753	8,401	91,449	98,388

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4) STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - Year ended 31st December 2020

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total
	<u>General</u>	<u>Designated</u>		<u>£</u>
	£	£		
INCOME FROM:				
Donations and legacies	74,807	-	-	74,807
Other voluntary income	2,781	-	11,574	14,355
Investments	36	9	9	53
Income earned from operating activities	3,575	-	-	3,575
Other	-	-	-	-
Total Income	<u>81,199</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>11,583</u>	<u>92,790</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Grants	3,042	-	-	3,042
Charitable activities: directly relating to the work of the Church	68,981	1,056	15,315	85,352
Church management & administration	9,994	-	-	9,994
Total Expenditure	<u>82,017</u>	<u>1,056</u>	<u>15,315</u>	<u>98,388</u>
Net Income/(Expenditure)	-	819	-	1,047
Transfers between Funds	-	-	2,485	2,485
Net movement in funds	-	819	-	3,533
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	25,287	7,619	8,120	41,026
Total funds carried forward	<u>24,468</u>	<u>4,087</u>	<u>6,873</u>	<u>35,428</u>

	2021	2020
	£	£
5) Staff Costs (including Youth Worker)		
Wages & Salaries	5,249	6,357
National Insurance	0	0
	<u>5,249</u>	<u>6,357</u>

The PCC employed 1 (2020: 2) part time staff members (Administrators) throughout the year.

	2021	2020
	£	£
6) Debtors		
Income Tax Recoverable - unrestricted	3,419	3,658
Income Tax Recoverable - restricted	965	250
Prepayments and interest receivable	-	702
	<u>4,384</u>	<u>4,610</u>

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7) Liabilities (Creditors)

	2021	2020
	£	£
Diocesan Quota outstanding	0	0
Electricity and Gas Bills outstanding	943	613
Vicar's expenses outstanding	428	430
Share of Fees due to Diocese	0	819
Deposits - Garden of Remembrance	2,220	2,360
Re-ordering Retention accrual	0	2,562
Quinquennial Inspection (Maintenance)	645	0
Church (Maggie's) Café	135	0
	<u>4,372</u>	<u>6,784</u>

8) Fund Details

Movements in Funds

	Opening Balance	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	24,468	80,358	-80,296	3,987	28,518
	<u>24,468</u>	<u>80,358</u>	<u>-80,296</u>	<u>3,987</u>	<u>28,518</u>
Designated funds:					
Building Fund	2,601	1,000	0	-1,452	2,150
Ceilidh	0	446	-134	-312	0
Church (Maggie's) Café Fund	1,485	3,018	-2,619	-1,550	335
Total Designated Funds	<u>4,087</u>	<u>4,464</u>	<u>-2,753</u>	<u>-3,314</u>	<u>2,484</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>28,555</u>	<u>84,822</u>	<u>-83,048</u>	<u>673</u>	<u>31,002</u>
Restricted Funds					
Messy Church	500	13	-450	-	63
Youth & Children	4,006	80	-125	-	3,961
Bible Fund	299	0	0	-	299
Building Fund	0	2,830	-4,282	1,452	0
"Who Let The Dads Out"	181	0	0	-	181
Garden of Remembrance	1,251	0	0	-	1,251
Advent Lunch	0	3,125	-1,000	-2,125	0
Church Gates & Pathway	0	3,400	0	0	3,400
Total Restricted Funds	<u>6,238</u>	<u>9,448</u>	<u>-5,857</u>	<u>-673</u>	<u>9,155</u>
Funds Held In Trust					
Garden Walkabout Fund	510	2,730	-2,419	-	821
Carol Service Donations	125	0	-125	-	0
	<u>635</u>	<u>2,730</u>	<u>-2,544</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>821</u>
Total Funds	<u><u>35,428</u></u>	<u><u>97,001</u></u>	<u><u>-91,449</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>40,979</u></u>

9) PCC Expenses and Remuneration

Under the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities, it is now required to report certain information relating to remuneration and expenses paid to members of the PCC and their immediate families.

In accordance with this requirement, it is reported that expenses of £1,636 (2020: £1,846) were paid to Kevin Flanagan during the year. In addition, although remunerated by the Diocese of Coventry, the Diocesan quota referred to in note 3(b) is primarily utilised to fund his stipend and housing.

Of the wages and salaries referred to in note 4, none was paid to any PCC member or the family or a PCC member

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2021

1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

The financial statement has been prepared under the historic cost convention except for the valuation of any 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

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted, but are shown separately in the accounts.

Restricted funds are those that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of these funds are shown in note 9 to the accounts.

Income

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and the ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Funds raised by fetes, garden parties and similar events, or by sales of books and magazines, are accounted for gross.

Other income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental income is due.

Income from investments

Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue

Expenditure

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if payment of that award is probable.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Any parish share unpaid at 31st December is provided for in the accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Expired Cheques

From the start of 2021 cheques issued by the Church that have not been cashed for over 1 year will be written off to income (having been originally recorded as expenditure when issued).

Fixed Assets***Consecrated property and moveable church furnishings***

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's Inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1st January 2000 have been capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic life on a straight line basis.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £5,000 or on the repair of moveable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2000 is written off.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31st December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as a debtor less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Margaret's Church, Wolston.

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 1 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, you consider that an audit is not required for this year under the regulations of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

This report, including my statement, has been prepared for and only for the PCC as a body. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the PCC those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the PCC as a body for my examination work, for this report, or for the statements I have made.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements,

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met, or to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



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1 March 2022
