

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1130891

**Parochial Church Council of St. Peter & St. Paul, Shepton Mallet**

**Trustees Annual Report and Unaudited Financial  
Statements**

**31st December 2020**

**Annual Report and Financial Statements**

**Year ended 31st December 2020**

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## Trustees Annual Report

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### ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

St Peter & St Paul Church, Shepton Mallet is situated in Somerset and is part of the Diocese of Bath and Wells within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Peter Street Rooms, Peter Street, Shepton Mallet, Somerset, BA4 5BL.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a Registered Charity (Number 1130891).

PCC members (trustees) who served during the period were as follows:

Rector	Rev. Jonathan Hunter Dunn
Churchwardens	Vaughan Ives, Nick Bennett
Lay Chairperson	David Crisfield
Treasurer	John Knight
Secretary	Robert Goodhand
Deanery Synod	Suzi Mackenzie
Elected Members	Wendi Davis, Sophie Jarrett, Stephen Jarrett to April Andy Mortimore, Sue Crisfield, Vivienne Goode from April Cliff Brown, Steve Bruce-Jones, Moira Knight

**Independent Examiner** Simone Paull (ACMA)

### Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

### Objectives and activities

Shepton Mallet PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the St Peter & St Paul's Church and associated property.

### Church Attendance

There were 114 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll (October 2020). Declared Church membership as of October 2020 was 133. Owing to Covid-19 restrictions, average church attendance is not considered relevant. Average numbers of individuals viewing On-line services are conservatively estimated at 250 per week. We also held 2 weddings and 8 funerals in the church during 2020.

### Families, children and youth ministry

For the majority of 2020, due to the Covid pandemic, much of the regular activities for children and youth at St. Peter and St. Paul's was put on hold. A core group of church families, totalling 9 children, were still able to meet together virtually in King's Kids from March until September 2020. For most of the autumn term of the year, we were able to meet together in person, coinciding with my arrival as Children's, Youth and Families Worker. During the Christmas period, we were still able to run some events for families and schools in the area, including a Nativity Trail around the town, and Advent Trails within the church building for a local primary school, alongside online versions of our regular Christmas services. We expect to continue to meet virtually on a Sunday into 2021 and have now begun running a midweek Bible fellowship group for our teenagers online.

Rachel Lord

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### RECTOR'S REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Despite the exceptional events of 2020, morale in the Church remained good as we were able swiftly to move to on-line streaming of services. This new ministry proved incredibly successful, reaching beyond the Church family. As detailed herein, the economic position of the Church continued to be good despite the suspension of services in the church building for much of the year resulting in the inevitable reduction in offertory giving.

In preparing for growth, in September 2020 we appointed a full-time Children's, Youth and Families Worker. Rachel Lord has already proved to be a wonderful partner in the Gospel, seamlessly taking over the lead of the team and teaching, delivering faithful ministry within the church and locally in St Paul's school and the community. We will need to see an increase in our giving income to ensure her position is sustainable.

Our vision: *To know Jesus and to make Him known* is now benefitting from our three guiding principles of Learning, Living and Loving with their clear Christ-centred focus.

Learning from Jesus

Living for Jesus

Loving like Jesus

Despite restrictions on our meeting together, internet based conferencing solutions have proved sufficient for many of the Bible Fellowships, prayer pairs and triplets and small group meeting, (eg Standing Committee and PCC) and teaching (eg Lent Talks, Worship at Home) to continue. Bible Fellowships remain a vital part of our vision supporting our learning and providing much needed fellowship.

In line with planning of 2019, 2020 saw wonderful development of our pastoral care. This brought much-needed blessing and joy. Similarly, the prayer ministry, though more ad-hoc during 2020, has increasingly been called upon. We have much to thank the Lord for!

The suspension of services provided a valuable opportunity for us to reflect on and consider what pattern of services will support our vision as we move forwards. In the Autumn of 2020, a group was formed for this purpose.

The re-ordering project continued, despite restrictions, with an exciting new scheme being considered.

In all this, so many are working hard for which I am so very grateful. We are working together more and more effectively to know Jesus and to make Him known here to His praise and glory.

Rev. Jonathan Hunter-Dunn

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### FINANCE REPORT

#### Income

Our total income for the year was £145,052 representing an increase of 14% on 2019. However, Planned Giving and Ad hoc Donations were 6% lower and Cash Collections were 72% lower owing to the effect of the Covid-19 restrictions on our services. Our income from Gift Aid and Weddings & funerals increased by £10,589 and £8,839 respectively. These increases were due to carry over from 2019 and will not be repeated. A legacy of over £19,000 for our Re-ordering project contributed to our overall final total income.

#### Expenditure

Our total expenditure of £132,574 represents an increase of 5% on last year. The main increases from last year that contributed to this were: Parish Share (up £9,556), Children's and Youthwork (up £5,690 with Families Worker employed from October), and Depreciation (up £4,150 due to the investment in audio-visual equipment). These increases were partly offset by reductions in Building Maintenance and Professional Fees (down £8,162), Parish Weekend (down £3,375) and Clergy Expenses (down £2,227). In addition to the above expenditure we invested £20,751 in the new audio-visual equipment which is now held as a fixed asset on the balance sheet.

#### Funds value

In addition to the income and expenditure movements outlined above the value of the PCC's investments fell by £3,519 (17%) over the year due to the prevailing economic conditions.

The net result of the excess of income over expenditure and the reduction in investment value was an increase in the value of the PCC's total funds by £8,959 to £134,087. Within this total, the value of the General Fund fell by 18% to £73,849, of which £17,801 is tangible fixed assets which are not readily usable as cash.

An opportunity has been taken this year to simplify and clarify the accounts by rationalising the many small designated funds which are unnecessary or unused. Further information on these changes and the valuations of the retained funds is given in note 17 to the accounts.

#### Reserves

The PCC is required to formulate and disclose its policy on "reserves", i.e. the level of funds which are freely available at any time. The PCC has adopted a policy to maintain reserves of £41,500 which is based upon 3 months of average projected general expenditure to cover variability in the timing of outgoings and a £5,000 lump sum to cover unforeseen short term building maintenance needs. The PCC defines reserves as the total value of its unrestricted funds less Tangible fixed assets. Using this definition, PCC reserves were therefore £80,350 on 31 December 2020.

#### Comments

2020 was an extraordinary year and the uncertainties arising from the continuing Covid-19 pandemic will continue for some time. Our current reserves are, therefore, a tribute to the continuing faithful giving of our church family. However, we should be aware that we now have a full time Children & Youth worker and the prospect of significant repairs to the church roof plus the proposed installation of a digital organ. I would expect that our current income and expenditure pattern will significantly reduce these reserves in the coming year.

John Knight

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

Year ended 31st December 2020

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Parochial Church Council of St. Peter & St. Paul, Shepton Mallet ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2020.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

**SIMONE PAULL ACMA**  
**Independent Examiner**

**Date**

**5th March 2021**

**45 Compton Rd, Shepton Mallet BA4 5QR**

## Statement of Financial Activities

31st December 2020

		2020			2019
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
Income		£	£	£	£
Donations & Legacies	4	99,712	26,255	125,967	109,173
Charitable Activities	5	14,337	0	14,337	5,511
Trading Activities	6	2,909	0	2,909	9,684
Investment Income/Interest	7	1,377	0	1,377	2,013
Other Income	8	462	0	462	451
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>118,797</b>	<b>26,255</b>	<b>145,052</b>	<b>126,833</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Expenditure on fundraising		0	0	0	0
Expenditure on charitable activities	9	123,303	1,927	125,230	112,980
Other Expenditure	10	7,344	0	7,344	12,776
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>130,647</b>	<b>1,927</b>	<b>132,574</b>	<b>125,756</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure)</b>		<b>(11,850)</b>	<b>24,327</b>	<b>12,478</b>	<b>1,077</b>
Transfers between funds		1,249	(1,249)	0	0
Gains on investments	11	(3,519)	0	(3,519)	2,895
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<b>(14,119)</b>	<b>23,078</b>	<b>8,959</b>	<b>3,971</b>
<b>Total Funds brought forward</b>		<b>112,271</b>	<b>12,857</b>	<b>125,128</b>	
<b>Total Funds Carried forward</b>		<b>98,151</b>	<b>35,936</b>	<b>134,087</b>	

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

## Statement of Financial Position

31st December 2020

		2020	2019
	Note	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible Fixed Assets	15	17,801	2,400
Intangible Fixed Assets	16	16,946	20,465
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		<b>34,748</b>	<b>22,865</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		99,340	101,592
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>99,340</b>	<b>101,592</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Agency Collections		0	-671
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>-671</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>134,087</b>	<b>125,128</b>
<b>Represented by Funds</b>	17		
Unrestricted - General		73,849	89,752
Unrestricted - Designated		24,302	22,519
Restricted		35,936	12,857
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>134,087</b>	<b>125,128</b>

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form part of these financial statements

The Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements were approved by the PCC and authorised for presentation to the APCM.

Rev. Jonathan Hunter-Dunn  
PCC Chairman



Date 8th March 2021



**31st December 2020**

The PCC is an unincorporated charity registered in England and Wales (no. 1130891). The registered office address is Peter Street Rooms, Peter Street, Shepton Mallet, Somerset, BA4 5BL.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (Charities SORP (FRS102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value.

The financial statements have been prepared in pounds sterling, the functional currency of the entity.

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds which have been earmarked by the trustees for a particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the income has been received.

Expenditure is recognised when a payment is made. Expenditure includes any VAT and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates i.e.

\*\* expenditure on raising funds includes all the costs of fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the purchase of goods for sale:

\*\* expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by the charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity;

\*\* other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

All tangible fixed assets are initially recorded at cost. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less any residual value, over its useful economic life as follows:

Office equipment	straight line over 4 years
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Audiovisual equipment straight line over 5 years

The annual depreciation charge is recognised in expenditure

Investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in income or expenditure.

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	Unrestricted £	2020 Restricted £	Total £	2019 Total £
<b>4. Donations &amp; Legacies</b>				
Planned giving	65,466	-	<b>65,466</b>	70,184
Cash collections	2,472	-	<b>2,472</b>	9,146
Ad hoc donations	9,003	7,222	<b>16,225</b>	16,541
Income tax recovered	22,771	-	<b>22,771</b>	12,182
Legacies	-	19,033	<b>19,033</b>	1,120
<b>Total donations and legacies</b>	<b>99,712</b>	<b>26,255</b>	<b>125,967</b>	<b>109,173</b>
<b>5. Charitable activities</b>				
Donations to toddlers/children/youth	913	-	<b>913</b>	732
Wedding and funeral fees retained	13,055	-	<b>13,055</b>	4,216
Other income from charitable activities	369	-	<b>369</b>	563
<b>Total charitable activity income</b>	<b>14,337</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14,337</b>	<b>5,511</b>
<b>6. Trading Activities</b>				
Bookstall	1,230	-	1,230	1,701
Peter Street lettings	150	-	150	1,211
Church lettings	-	-	-	210
Refreshments	104	-	104	121
Concerts and functions	-	-	-	1,045
Parish weekend	1,425	-	1,425	5,395
<b>Total trading activity income</b>	<b>2,909</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,909</b>	<b>9,684</b>
<b>7. Investment Income</b>				
Dividends and Interest	<b>1,377</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,377</b>	<b>2,013</b>
<b>8. Other Income</b>				
Fundraising income	43	-	<b>43</b>	<b>15</b>
Miscellaneous Income	419	-	<b>419</b>	<b>436</b>
<b>Total other income</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>451</b>

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	Note	Unrestricted £	2020 Restricted £	Total £	2019 Total £
<b>9. Expenditure on Charitable Activities</b>					
Parish Share		62,856	-	<b>62,856</b>	53,300
Childrens & Youthwork		7,207	-	<b>7,207</b>	1,517
Finance & Administration		15,637	-	<b>15,637</b>	13,915
Charitable Giving	18	11,932	253	<b>12,185</b>	12,077
Church Utilities & Insurance		7,007	-	<b>7,007</b>	6,996
Church Buildings & Maintenance		4,959	1,674	<b>6,633</b>	14,795
Weddings & Funerals		3,370	-	<b>3,370</b>	160
Music & Services		2,231	-	<b>2,231</b>	1,893
Clergy Expenses		1,757	-	<b>1,757</b>	3,984
Training & Recruitment		300	-	<b>300</b>	927
Books to promote objectives		320	-	<b>320</b>	1,231
Mission		214	-	<b>214</b>	0
Equipment		163	-	<b>163</b>	985
Depreciation	12	5,350	-	<b>5,350</b>	1,200
<b>Total Exp. on Charitable Activities</b>		<b>123,303</b>	<b>1,927</b>	<b>125,230</b>	<b>112,980</b>
<b>10. Other Expenditure</b>					
PSR Buildings & Maintenance		1,708	-	<b>1,708</b>	883
PSR Utilities & Insurance		2,837	-	<b>2,837</b>	3,026
Parish Away Day		1,425	-	<b>1,425</b>	4,800
Bookstall		1,142	-	<b>1,142</b>	1,743
Refreshment costs		88	-	<b>88</b>	675
Concerts & Functions		-	-	<b>0</b>	488
Miscellaneous costs		143	-	<b>143</b>	1,161
<b>Total Other Expenditure</b>		<b>7,344</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,344</b>	<b>12,776</b>
			<b>2020</b>	<b>2,019</b>	
			£	£	
<b>11. Net gains on investments</b>					
M&G Charifund and Charibond			-3,519	2,895	
<b>12. Depreciation</b>					
Net income is stated after charging depreciation of tangible fixed assets as follows:					
	Photocopier		1,200	1,200	
	A/V Equipment		4,150		
	<b>Total depreciation</b>		<b>5,350</b>	<b>1,200</b>	
<b>13. Staff costs</b>					
The total staff costs (including employee benefits) for the year					
			17,243	11,115	

The PCC employed a Parish Administrator throughout the year and a Families Youth and Children's Worker from October so the number of employees at the year end was 2 (2019 : 1)

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14. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were paid to trustees or persons directly associated with them except for the reimbursement of expenses incurred by various trustees on behalf of the PCC.

15. Tangible fixed assets

	£
<u>Acquisition cost</u>	
Brought forward at 1 January 2020	4800
Additions	20751
Disposals	0
Carried forward at 31 December 2020	<b>25,551</b>
<u>Depreciation</u>	
Brought forward at 1 January 2020	2,400
Charge for the year	5,350
Carried forward at 31 December 2020	<b>7,750</b>
<u>Carrying Amount</u>	
Brought forward at 1 January 2020	2,400
<b>Carried forward at 31 December 2020</b>	<b>17,801</b>

16. Investments

M&G Charifund and Charibond	
Valuation at 1 January 2020	20,465
Revaluation	(3,519)
<b>Valuation at 31 December 2020</b>	<b>16,946</b>

17. Analysis by fund

	Value 1st Jan £	Income & Gains £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Value 31st Dec £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
General	89,752	118,197	130,019	-562	<b>73,849</b>
<b>Designated Funds</b>					
Margaret Dyke	24,302	-	-	-	<b>24,302</b>
Community	1,212	-	-	-1,212	<b>0</b>
Tower & Bells	1,814	-	404	-1,410	<b>0</b>
Children & Youth	(2,438)	600	224	2,062	<b>0</b>
Outreach	327	-	-	-327	<b>0</b>
Peter Street Rooms	(2,698)	-	-	2,698	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>	#####	118,797	130,647	1,249	<b>98,151</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	£	£	£	£	£
Chipilli	253	-	253	-	0
Roof Repairs	250	-	250	-	0
Toilet	250	-	-	(250)	0
Audio Visual	679	-	-	(679)	0
Re-Ordering	10,620	25,695	1,424	250	35,141
Bells/Handbells	570	-	-	(570)	0
Digital Organ	0	560	-	-	560
Overseas Disaster	235	-	-	-	235
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>12,857</b>	<b>26,255</b>	<b>1,927</b>	<b>(1,249)</b>	<b>35,936</b>
<b>Total funds of the charity</b>	#####				<b>134,087</b>

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### 17. Analysis by fund (continued)

**Margaret Dyke:** Set up with a legacy from Margaret Dyke, this fund has been designated by the PCC to support the church, particularly for mission and music, as decided by the incumbent and wardens in consultation with the PCC.

**Community:** A designated fund for use by the incumbent to relieve individuals in cases of financial difficulty, for moderate purchases for church use and for modest hospitality. This fund has not been used in recent years and has now been closed with the balance returned to the General Fund. The purposes to which the fund was addressed are still supported by appropriate allowances in the General Fund budget including Rector's Discretionary Gifts reported in General Fund Charitable Giving.

**Tower and Bells:** A designated fund to support maintenance of the tower and bells. The fund has been closed and its small balance returned to the General Fund. Its purposes continue to be funded and reported through the building maintenance line in the General Fund budget.

**Children and Youth Work:** This designated fund had been set up previously to highlight and provide for ministry to young people. Now that the church is investing heavily in this area with the employment of a full time Families, Children and Youth Worker through the General Fund it is no longer appropriate to designate a small fund for this purpose. The fund has been closed at the year end with the balance returned to the General Fund through which it will be supported with a dedicated budget and reporting line.

**Outreach:** A designated fund to provide funding for mission activities such as Alpha courses. The fund has not been used for a number of years and has been closed with the balance transferring to the General Fund. Future outreach costs will be met by the General Fund and a line added to the budget to support this.

**Peter Street Rooms:** This designated fund which began the year in deficit (and was amalgamated with the General Fund in last years Financial Statements) has been closed with a transfer from the General Fund. In future Peter Street Rooms will be funded through the General Fund which includes multiple lines to record income and expenditure which is specific to this purpose.

**Chipili:** A restricted fund to provide for projects in the Chipili area to benefit the health, social and spiritual welfare of the community. The fund has been exhausted during 2020 and is now closed.

**Roof repairs:** A restricted fund to pay for repairs to the church roof. Although the fund has no value at the year end it will be retained to allow restricted donations and grants for these necessary repairs in future.

**Toilet:** A restricted fund to provide for toilets in the church building. As the permanent provision of toilet facilities is a key element of the re-ordering project this fund has been merged into the Re-ordering Fund.

**Overseas disaster:** A restricted fund to help people overseas following a disaster when the local infrastructure cannot meet their needs.

**Audiovisual equipment:** A restricted fund that held donations for the audiovisual equipment improvements carried out in January 2020. The fund has been exhausted and is closed.

**Re-ordering:** A restricted fund to provide for the development and implementation costs of our re-ordering project

**Bells and handbells:** A restricted fund for the development or replacement of our handbells. As the fund and the handbells have not been used for many years, and after consultation with the last remaining member of the original group, this fund has been closed and the balance transferred to the General Fund.

**Digital organ:** A new restricted fund started with the receipt of a donation in 2020 for the purchase of a new digital organ.

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18. Charitable Giving	2020	2019
	£	£
Tearfund	1,300	1000
St Peter's Lifeline	1,300	1000
Salvation Army	1,300	0
Shepton Mallet Men's Shed	1,300	1000
A Rocha	1,300	0
Windsor Hill Wood	1,300	1,000
YWAF	1,300	0
Solar Cookers Int.	1,342	0
Hope UK	1,300	0
Various Others	444	2,077
Elim Connect Centre	0	1,000
Barnabas Fund	0	2,000
Mike Over Fellowship Fund	0	1,000
Wycliffe Bible Translators	0	1,000
Church Mission Society	0	1,000
<b>Total charitable giving</b>	<b>12,185</b>	<b>12,077</b>

### Main charities supported

**Tearfund:** As a Christian charity, Tearfund believes that everyone has an amazing God-given potential to create change. They show people around the world how to unlock these gifts and put them to use escaping poverty. Many of their partners in this work are local churches, who discover how to offer their communities material and spiritual hope.

**St Peter's Lifeline** is a small charity that supports an impoverished parish community in a harsh, remote, area of Kenya. It's principle activities are: educating orphaned and impoverished children, eliminating the foul scourge of FGM, a sustainable micro finance scheme for women, daily feeding scheme at 7 local primary schools, caring for over 120 disable children & their families and the provision of a water supply & irrigation.

**Salvation Army:** Our gift in 2020 was to support the local food bank operations in our town.

**Shepton Mallet Men's Shed:** Men's Sheds are community spaces to connect, converse and create. The activities are often similar to those of garden sheds but for groups of men to enjoy together. They help reduce loneliness and isolation but most importantly they are fun.

**A Rocha** is a Christian based organisation active in practical conservation projects around the world. These focus on resolving issues that threaten ecosystems and the diversity of their flora and fauna. Some projects are small-scale and led by volunteers; others are bigger-budget programmes involving whole communities dependent on the health of local forests and wetlands.

**Windsor Hill Wood** is a woodland shelter, a place of radical hospitality, manual labour and prayer. They aim to create a loving environment for people going through tough or uncertain times and offering them the chance to rediscover peace, silence and acceptance amidst the beauty and simplicity of the woods.

**Youth With A Future (YWAF)** is a small Mendip-wide charity that supports 16-25 year olds who have had a tough start in life, especially those who have been homeless and are being supported by the YMCA. Grants are given for young people to purchase essentials for their first tenancy, to purchase interview clothes or college kits, and also grants to organisations supporting this age group.

**Solar Cookers International** improves human and environmental health by supporting the expansion of effective, carbon-free solar cooking in world regions of greatest need. SCI leads through advocacy, research, and strengthening the capacity of the global solar cooking movement.

**Hope UK** is a drug education charity – helping equip young people to make drug-free choices. They equip young people to make drug-free choices, working with groups and individuals in formal and informal settings helping them develop the knowledge and skills they need to live healthy lives. Their trained volunteers and staff, provide interactive, age-appropriate educational sessions about drugs. Life skills that build confidence, enhance peer resistance and develop helpful, transferable skills are woven into sessions designed to encourage healthy choices and enable children and young people to realise their potential.