

HEWORTH CHRIST CHURCH

Stockton Lane, York



Annual Report and Accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

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Registered Charity Number 1130896

Heworth Christ Church Parochial Church Council, Stockton Lane, York

**Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

Administrative information

Heworth Christ Church is situated on Stockton Lane, Heworth, York, YO31 1JG.

It is part of the Diocese of York within the Church of England.

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The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Heworth Christ Church, Diocese of York, is a registered charity, number 1130896

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2020 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent: Rev Paul Deo *Chairman:* Rev Paul Deo

Vice Chair: Mr John Hattam

Wardens: Mrs Anne Tong and Mr Tom Whiteford

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

TBA

Elected members:

Until 2022 Mr John Hattam, Mrs Jean Taylor, Mrs Rachel Bradley

Until 2023 Mrs Margaret Hogg, Mrs Vivienne Clarke, Mr Godfrey Milbourn
Mr Tony Holland, Mrs Rosemary Thompson

Co-opted

Until 2021 Mr Michael Anderson

Treasurer Mrs Olga Bielby

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Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is registered as an independent charity, registered number 1130896, in the name of "The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Heworth Christ Church, Diocese of York".

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. A local agreement which has been applied is that the members of the PCC serve a 3 year maximum term of office after which they cannot stand for re-election within one year. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Church Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Heworth Christ Church PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishop's guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

The full PCC normally meets 6 times during the year. Because of restrictions due to the Covid situation there were only 3 meetings in 2020.

Objectives and Activities

The Parish of Heworth Christ Church has the following **Mission Statement**:

At Christ Church our hope is to see The Kingdom of God grow in our communities through Worship, Prayer, Lifestyle and Outreach.

Vision Statement: A Healthy Church- A Growing Church

The members of the PCC are aware of the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in "The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit" and have had regard to it in their administration of the PCC.

Achievements and Performance

Church attendance

There are 105 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll. There are several people who are ineligible to be on the Electoral Roll (eg Clergy) and others who wish to remain part of the Church family although unable to worship here on a regular basis due to illness or other circumstances.

Because of Covid restrictions the Church was closed or could offer only limited access for much of the year. The attendance figure for October was an average of 13. At this point, Churches were allowed to open subject to strict spacing and movement control, and Christ Church provided the opportunity for quiet prayer. However, throughout the closure period services were streamed from the Vicarage via Facebook every Sunday morning, and most of our worshippers chose to follow this service. Around 30 households followed the service live each week, with larger numbers watching a recording at other times.



Vicar's Report

2020

For the whole of the world, 2020 will be the year of Coronavirus. It was identified in 2019, had hit our headlines by January 2020, yet it had completely governed our lives by March. All aspects of our lives were affected, and 'normal life' changed beyond recognition.

And so did 'church'. But just HOW did it change...?

We couldn't gather in the building. Sunday services moved to being online, with fewer opportunities for us to have a range of people taking part in the leading and delivery of the Sunday morning service. Our only viable option was to 'live stream' directly from the vicarage via Facebook. It took a good long time to learn how to do this, let alone do it well. But by Christmas we were able to offer simple videos which enabled us to be creative with our 'Lessons And Carols' which thankfully gave us the chance to involve more people. Meanwhile a good number of people regularly recorded themselves doing readings or leading prayers, which gave us a welcome view of someone we knew, but couldn't see or meet with. We found a way to 'break bread' from time to time, which helped a little to restore a basic sense of community and common purpose.

Alongside the Sunday stuff, I produced 'Touching Base', which gave a very short focus and talk for the day on Monday to Thursday in the first instance, and I also produced 'DIY Worship' on those days, offering a basic format for daily worship, prayer and bible reading. PCC and other meetings happened via Zoom, a medium that we'd never really had to use before. In and amongst all this, I suspect that many of us became much more familiar with relatively recent technology, and I hope, we also became much more comfortable with it.

Very quickly after live streaming on a Sunday, it became clear that we were attracting a handful of people each week whose names we didn't recognise. People who would very probably never walk into the building at 10.30 on a Sunday morning were choosing to join in and be part of the weekly live stream. In percentage terms, we have had as many as 25% of those watching not regularly part of our 'church orbit'. This in itself has given us both a challenge and an exciting opportunity as we consider seriously just what 'church' might need to look like when all restrictions are lifted. We're already looking into what we'd need to successfully live stream the regular Sunday morning service from church when we can gather once again.

We couldn't gather in homes. Yet some groups have still found the means to 'meet', typically via Zoom. No, it's not ideal, but it's probably the best means of meeting together that is available to us for the time being, and so many people have used great initiative to make things happen; thanks to you all.. But it has meant that the regular contact that is so often made with others has not been possible. We addressed some of this by 'buddying' up those people who we felt might be most vulnerable, and some of those 'new' relationships have grown and flourished. People have discovered creative ways to help others feel loved and included. You could say that there are some aspects of lockdown that has helped our sense of community grow rather than dwindle, I guess, and I'm thankful for that and so grateful to those who have tirelessly kept people in touch with others wherever they could.

The thing I've missed the most this year is regular and frequent gatherings with other people. We've all suffered in that respect and yet so many people have worked so hard at creating opportunities for relationships to grow and blossom. I've been amazed at the way people have shown such resilience and 'fighting spirit' in the face of a really tough and unprecedented social situation, and I've learned first hand this year just how difficult it can be for families to find ways to get together. They do say that communities often thrive when faced with real challenge, and I can see how so many people have given so much in the interests of others over these 12 months or so. It's so heart warming and inspiring.

And we've kept the ship afloat, even if we've drifted into seas that we never imagined. We've found ways to do all that we've needed to do, including holding our AMP/APCM via Zoom. Regular income has (you might say inevitably) gone down, but we haven't had to 'sell the silver', and I thank so many of you for continuing to support this church financially through the last year. We will get through this together, I'm convinced. And as we do, we'll work together and discover just where the God who has been with us all the way through this year takes us next! Thanks to everyone as we have together risen to this immense challenge and for the way in which so many have gone 'beyond the call of duty' in doing so. Bring on 2021!



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Financial Review

Total receipts on ordinary unrestricted funds were £85,590 (2019:£77,081) and are detailed in the financial statements. The income from hiring out our hall was £8,040 (2019 : £13,609) .The reduction of £5,569 compared to last year was because of Covid restrictions. A generous donation offset much of our losses.

We spent £68,989 (2019 : £74,369) on our Christian ministry, a decrease of £5,380 on last year, due in part to the curtailment of pastoral activities and limited opportunity to carry out building tasks under the Covid restrictions. Our Freewill Offering to the Diocese, which is spent mainly on clergy stipends and housing, remained unchanged at £46,500.

Unrestricted Funds

Our carried forward balance from 31 December 2020 was £41,147 (2019: £24,803)

Designated Funds

Money from our Thanksgiving Fund was used to make online viewing of our services available to some parishioners who would not otherwise be able to access them. The balance stands at £21,743. (2019 : £ 22,404).The Coffee Shop proved very popular from January to March, but has been unable to operate since then. The balance carried forward is £1993(2019:£1,091) .

Restricted Funds

We have not been able to carry out the work due to be financed by the £1500 grant we received last year, which remains unused. Our Charity Fund, financed from 25% of our tithing, now stands at £10,017 (2019:£8,472).

Tithing

Our Tithe of £7,780 was shared between The Kabanda Trust, Accomplish Children's Trust, Tearfund and our own Charity fund.

Major expenditure

Our planned programme of building works has been disrupted by the Covid situation. Some repairs were carried out to the bell tower.

Balance sheet

Our bank balances at 31st December 2020 were £63,916 (2019: £49,680) Our CBF Investment fund Shares were valued at £16,902 (2019 £15,814) against the original cost of £10,361

Reserves

Our policy is to maintain a cash balance equivalent to two months expenditure. Our monthly outgoings are currently approximately £6,375, which includes the Freewill Offering of £3,875 and general costs of £2,500.

Acknowledgements

The treasurer is most grateful to Mrs Jane Kasiuk and Mrs Terina Hurley for their support during the year and to Mr David Fletcher for his advice and assistance in examining the final accounts.

Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by

Signed 

Reverend Paul E Deo (PCC Chair) Date 6/4/21.

Independent Examiner's Report to the charity of Heworth Christ Church PCC

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages to

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) 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.

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:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - 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
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

(Signed)



Date: 24 February 2021

Mr D Fletcher
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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	2020 Total	2019 Total
Incoming resources							
Incoming resources from Coffee Shop		—	1,470	—	—	1,470	1,311
Voluntary income	1	76,570	—	6,812	—	83,382	75,604
Investment income	2	511	—	—	—	511	535
Incoming resources from charitable activities	3	8,340	—	—	—	8,340	14,842
Other incoming resources	4	169	—	—	—	169	2,290
Total incoming resources		85,590	1,470	6,812	—	93,872	94,582
Resources used							
Cost of generating funds		—	568	—	—	568	2,205
Charitable activities	5	68,989	1,768	8,200	—	78,957	85,939
Governance costs		—	—	—	—	—	—
Total resources used		68,989	2,336	8,200	—	79,525	88,144
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer		16,601	(866)	(1,388)	—	14,347	6,438
Transfers		(1,345)	—	1,345	—	—	—
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains / losses		15,256	(866)	(43)	—	14,347	6,438
Gains / Losses) on investment assets		1,088	—	—	—	1,088	2,508
Net movement in funds		16,344	(866)	(43)	—	15,435	8,946
All assets at 01 January 2020		24,803	26,188	14,392	—	65,383	56,437
All assets at 31 December 2020		41,147	25,322	14,349	—	80,818	65,383

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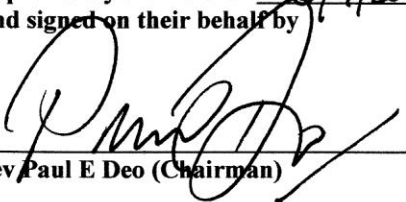
Balance sheet as at 31 December 2020

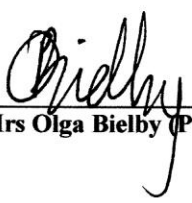
	2020	2019
	£	£
Fixed assets		
CBF Investment Fund Income Units 825 Shares (Original cost £10,361)	16,902	15,814
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	63,916	49,680
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	—	(111)
Total net assets	<u>80,818</u>	<u>65,383</u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted General Fund	<u>41,147</u>	<u>24,803</u>
Designated		
<i>Building Repairs Fund</i>	1,586	2,693
<i>Coffee Shop</i>	1,993	1,091
<i>Freewill-Thanksgiving Offering</i>	<u>21,743</u>	<u>22,404</u>
	<u>25,322</u>	<u>26,188</u>
Restricted		
<i>Building Repairs Fund</i>	2,688	2,688
<i>Charity funds</i>	10,017	8,472
<i>Restricted Donations</i>	<u>1,644</u>	<u>3,232</u>
	<u>14,349</u>	<u>14,392</u>
Funds of the church	<u>80,818</u>	<u>65,383</u>

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The attached notes on pages 9 to 10 form part of these financial statements

Approved by the PCC on 6/4/2021
And signed on their behalf by


Rev Paul E Deo (Chairman)


Mrs Olga Bielby (PCC Treasurer)

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Notes to 2020 financial statements

1.Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total 2020	2019
Gift Aid - Bank	33,320	—	3,290	—	36,610	41,450
Envelopes	295	—	—	—	295	1,200
Other planned giving	8,720	—	2,100	—	10,820	8,337
Loose plate collections	305	—	—	—	305	2,755
One-off Gift Aid gifts	10	—	—	—	10	2,088
Donations	20,908	—	600	—	21,508	6,656
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	13,012	—	822	—	13,834	13,118
Total	76,570	—	6,812	—	83,382	75,604

2.Incoming resources from generated funds - Investment income

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total 2020	2019
Dividends	473	—	—	—	473	460
Bank and building society interest	38	—	—	—	38	75
Total	511	—	—	—	511	535

3.Incoming resources from charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total 2020	2019
Fees for weddings and funerals	150	—	—	—	150	1,233
Church hall lettings	8,190	—	—	—	8,190	13,609
Total	8,340	—	—	—	8,340	14,842

4.Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total 2020	2019
Non-recurring one-off grants	—	—	—	—	—	1,910
Funeral collections	169	—	—	—	169	380
Total	169	—	—	—	169	2,290

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Notes to 2020 financial statements (continued)

5.Charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total 2020	2019
Giving Relief and development agencies	1,945	—	250	—	2,195	—
Giving Home mission	100	—	—	—	100	2,900
Giving Overseas Mission	3,890	—	7,800	—	11,690	13,000
Ministry parish share etc	46,500	—	—	—	46,500	46,500
Assistant staff costs	—	—	—	—	—	150
Working expenses of incumbent	751	—	—	—	751	1,821
Pastoral	—	573	150	—	723	—
Senior Friends	149	—	—	—	149	1,437
Water rates vicarage	260	—	—	—	260	252
Vicarage telephone	624	—	—	—	624	624
Parish outreach and mission	—	—	—	—	—	1,209
Education and Training	6	—	—	—	6	—
Church running insurance	582	—	—	—	582	568
Church maintenance	288	—	—	—	288	1,699
Church running expenses	2,837	—	—	—	2,837	2,306
Upkeep of services	743	88	—	—	831	675
Young people	—	—	—	—	—	58
Upkeep of churchyard	789	—	—	—	789	1,027
Administration Other	1,080	—	—	—	1,080	963
Printing, Stationery, Postage	162	—	—	—	162	467
Church running electricity	592	—	—	—	592	615
Church running gas	1,152	—	—	—	1,152	1,535
Church running water	90	—	—	—	90	125
Hall running electricity	1,099	—	—	—	1,099	1,142
Hall running gas	203	—	—	—	203	271
Hall running insurance	582	—	—	—	582	568
Hall running expenses	2,893	—	—	—	2,893	2,861
Hall maintenance	402	—	—	—	402	1,834
Hall running water	269	—	—	—	269	373
Church major repairs - structure	—	603	—	—	603	—
Hall + major repairs - structure	448	504	—	—	952	—
Hall + major repairs - installation	480	—	—	—	480	—
Hall + interior and exterior decorating	—	—	—	—	—	590
Messy Church	73	—	—	—	73	369
Total	68,989	1,768	8,200	—	78,957	85,939