

Annual Report of Prestbury PCC for the year ended 31st December 2020

Administrative Information

St Mary's and St Nicolas' Churches are situated in Prestbury, Cheltenham. They are part of the Diocese of Gloucester within the Church of England.

Their correspondence address is:- The Team Office, St Nicolas Church, Swindon Lane, Cheltenham, GL50 4PA

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) was registered as a charity in August 2009: charity number 1130933.

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

Ex officio:

Revd Nicholas Bromfield (Chairman)
Revd George Davis
Revd Robert Wright
Linda Biggs

Churchwardens (ex-officio):

Clare Wyatt (St Mary's)
Matthieu Allison (St Mary's)
Marcus Steel (St Nicolas')
Brian Wood (St Nicolas')

<u>Elected PCC Members</u>	<u>Elected</u>	<u>Term</u>
Gill Cartwright	2020	2023
Geoff North	2020	2023
Marilyn Powell	2018	2021
Camilla Craven-Webb (co-opted)	2018	2021
Rosalind Waters	2019	2022
Matthew Wilson	2019	2022

Diocesan Synod Reps

Lynda Hodges	2018	2021
Mary Turner	2018	2021

Deanery Synod Reps

David Lyle	2017	2020
Margaret Holman	2017	2020
Sarah Frodsham	2017	2020
Margaret Compton	2017	2020
Janet Ford	2020	
Janet Waters	2020	

Christopher Parsons 2020
Wayne Alexander 2020

Treasurer Kevin Holmes (co-opted)

Secretary Stella Caney (not a PCC Member)

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC Members is as agreed by Prestbury APCM in 2009. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives and Activities

Prestbury 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 St Mary's and St Nicolas' Churches and associated properties.

Report for the Parish of Prestbury - Team Rector's Report

It barely seems weeks since our last Annual Meeting in September! Of course, the normal timing of such meetings has been postponed from late April, the traditional slot, for the second year running. This rescheduling also slightly muddies the water over what period of time we are reporting on. Therefore, while we would normally be reviewing the previous calendar year, it seems wiser to concentrate on the period from November last year until the present. We do of course, present the Parish's accounts for the whole of 2020 in this booklet.

I would sum up these months as a period of resilience and resurrection. Resilience in that with some determination we did not close our Churches for services but kept them open for Sunday worship for as much as we were legally allowed to do so and following the Government's and Church of England Covid Recovery Group's guidance. You may know that most other churches in Cheltenham and across the Diocese decided to stay closed during recent lockdowns. We decided that, as we could do so, keeping our Churches open was important in proclaiming the Christian hope and maintaining the morale of our worshipping communities and surrounding populations in a time of national crisis. I know that this has been greatly appreciated. Alongside in-person worship at our Churches we have continued our live streaming of Sunday and weekday services, so that there should not be any reason for anyone to miss out on feeling connected to our Church families.

I also mentioned resurrection. There has been a great sense of togetherness across the Team as we have worked out new ways of doing things and thought adventurously. The clearest sign of resurrection has been the numbers of people returning to Sunday services, plus many new faces, as confidence has risen and vaccinations have been done. On many Sundays we are on or close to the numerical limits for congregations which the building allows and this desire to return is so encouraging. Additionally, the numbers of weddings and baptisms being booked or rebooked shows a new sense of optimism and hope after times of apparent darkness. Reflecting the pandemic and seasonal fluctuations there have been large numbers of funerals,

around ten a month, and with the Church of England insisting that personal clergy visiting of families should be avoided, offering pastoral care to grieving families has been a great challenge at times.

There are many other items that could be included here. One of the most pleasing has been to see Tom our Curate grow in confidence and creativity as he has become embedded in our parish and more widely around the Team. Tom has been able to look at the big picture and his initiatives in the St Peter's area and Wymans Brook have been inspiring, helping the Church to reach areas we might not otherwise have time or resource to draw near. Tom begins a three-month 3rd year curate's placement in July and we will see him again in October. One big idea for September and the autumn is a relaunch of Celebrate! as 'Breakfast Celebrate!' to be held at the School on Bouncers Lane, combining a good breakfast from 9.15 am, then worship, then coffee time for parents and grandparents, wrapping up around 11 o'clock. We hope this will give time for relationship building and a family-oriented time of worshipping God in an informal way. This is the time to say a massive thank you to the Celebrate! leaders who have put in so much over the past 15 years as many take a well-earned rest!

Lastly, I remain so thankful for our Deacon, Readers and retired clergy, together with former LMT Members without whom it would be very hard to run all the eleven Sunday services, occasional offices and support groups. This has been invaluable as I have been spending much time at Elmstone Hardwicke this year with the congregation there.

Revd Nick Bromfield
Team Rector

Financial Review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £212,910 (2019: £237,360), none of which was allocated as designated funds (2019: £1,000). Restricted income of £8,457 (2019: £14,327) was also received.

Total payments out of unrestricted funds were £205,898 (2019: £226,774), of which £835 (2019: £10,742) was from designated funds. The largest item of expenditure was the Parish Share of £144,645 (2019: £142,860), payable to the Gloucester Diocesan Board of Finance who provide the parish with clergy and support services. The amount paid out of restricted funds was £19,113 (2019: £8,837).

The net result on the unrestricted fund was a surplus of £7,012 (2019: £10,586), and on the restricted fund was a deficit of £10,656 (2018: surplus of £5,490).

Kevin Holmes

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds that equates to between 6 and 9 months unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time.

The unrestricted funds of £249,878 are held mainly in three separate deposit accounts between the two churches and the church hall (none of which are designated funds).

The restricted funds of £97,697 are held by St Mary's church and are for maintaining the fabric of the church.

The endowment funds of £31,692 are specifically for the maintenance of the churchyard.

It is our strategy to invest these fund balances in Church Board of Finance deposit accounts.

Kevin Holmes

Report of the PCC Secretary

Given that 2020 was a year like no other, the Prestbury PCC only met for a full meeting on four occasions during the year, with an average attendance of 15 members. One new member (Geoff North) was elected onto the PCC, but, sadly, fell victim to Covid 19. Additionally, four new Deanery Synod representatives were elected. Details of PCC membership are as listed in the Annual report of Prestbury PCC earlier in this document.

The PCC has discussed many matters during the year, among them:-

- Reserves Policy
- The issue of mutual financial support for churches in the NCTM.
- Contactless payments made by machine in church
- Matters arising and work to be undertaken from St Mary's Quinquennial report.
- Repair to the guttering at St Mary's
- Parish Share
- Parish website and Social media development
- Mental Health course during Lent
- Choosing of which charities should benefit from the quarterly open-plate giving
- Guest speakers from the Countrywide Contact Team from Gloucestershire County Council.
- Safeguarding
- Consideration of how the Local Ministry Team could be re-formed
- Online worship arrangements during the pandemic including streaming of services.
- Distancing arrangements for keeping churches open for Sunday services
- Churchyard regulations (revised in 2020)
- The placement of Rev Tom Cook as curate for the NCTM.

The PCC has received regular reports from the various sub-committees.

Stella Caney

Reports on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Parish

St Mary's Church

Buildings and Fabric

Early in January, it was noted that the handrail down to the boiler room had become loose. Hazard warning signs were immediately put in place until the rail could be made safe. This was

done by a member of the congregation who replaced a rotten wooden wall plug and made all secure.

In February, after consultation with the diocese regarding the correct product to use, Helen Mann, our Health and Safety Officer, painted a white line along the edge of the steps down into church from the South Porch. A service of the organ blower and the humidifier was also carried out this month.

On 10 March, additional security lighting was installed on the outside of the building and some of the old flood lights were removed. 17th March saw all public worship suspended due to the Covid 19 pandemic and the church was closed. Due to concerns about security, all moveable furniture was locked away in the choir or servers' vestries and the south door latch was secured with a wedge to prevent it being opened from the outside.

In April, a router was installed to provide internet access so that services could be provided remotely as soon as clergy were able to re-enter the building. We are very grateful to David and Diane Lyle and others who installed a wonderful display in the porch for people to look in at as they passed the church on the permitted walk for daily exercise. This display was lovingly and continually updated and refreshed. During the lockdown, the church gates were rapidly covered with notes and prayers left by passers-by - a point of hope in a dark time.

When lockdown eased in early summer there were concerns that the organ, having not been played for so long, would have suffered damage, but fortunately these fears were unfounded. As the Society of Clock Winders, the volunteers who wind the clock, were unable to access the tower during the lockdown, the church clock was paused at 3:35 (nearly ten to three, as in the poem!). As soon as access was permitted in June, the clock was restarted. We would like to record our thanks to the winders for all their hard work. The mechanism was serviced in early October.

A limited number of services restarted following a thorough risk assessment and seating plans were drawn up to allow social distancing. Unfortunately, after the restart of bell ringing, the shaft of the clock hammer for the third bell broke, but this was rapidly repaired.

On 28th July the heating boiler had its annual service and was found to be faulty. It took several visits by engineers from R & S before it was finally repaired on the 27th October. Electric heaters had to be used to warm the church for services in early October, greatly adding to the electrical bill for that period (but saving on the gas!). The gas meter was changed to a smart meter by British Gas on November 9th.

During the summer a number of missing stone roof tiles were replaced.

The end of October saw a second lockdown due to a resurgence of the virus and church services were again suspended; however, it was permitted to keep the church open for private prayer which we were only able to do with the help of a team of volunteers. Many thanks to all who helped during this time.

In late autumn, work started on a major refurbishment of rainwater goods. All guttering etc was repainted, repaired and replaced as necessary. This work required the erection of scaffolding and continued into early 2021. We are hugely grateful to the Friends of St Mary's for funding this project.

Also for action in 2021 is the installation of an improved fire alarm system for the tower and replacement of the ladder from the bell chamber to the roof. Originally the plan had been simply to install safety hoops on the existing ladder in order to comply with Health & Safety regulations but the diocese had reservations about this plan and recommended replacement of the existing wooden ladder with a metal one. It is hoped this can be completed during 2021.

We are very thankful for all the volunteers who continued to clean the church, polish the brass, keep the sacristy tidy and the linen laundered during this difficult year.

Regrettably, due to the Covid 19 pandemic, it was not possible to conduct an inventory in 2020.

The Churchyard

In the churchyard, the removal of the Snowberry hedge along Mill Lane continued. The spoil tip in the north-east corner of the churchyard has also now been removed, the soil being used to raise some sunken memorial tablets and fill hollows in the ground. We are indebted to David Lyle and Paul Banks for their tremendously hard work on both these projects over many months.

Cheltenham Tree Services carried out maintenance work on a number of churchyard trees, including the horse chestnuts and yew trees. Unfortunately, the silver birch tree died and had to be removed.

The east end panel of chest tomb C58 fell. The panel was lifted and carefully placed inside the tomb for safety until such time as repair becomes possible.

The gully around the bottom of the wall and the outside drains were cleared during the autumn.

Many thanks to all those who continue to work to keep the grass cut and ensure the whole churchyard is neat and tidy.

Matt Allison and Clare Wyatt
Churchwardens St Mary's Church Prestbury

St Nicolas' Church

We are very grateful for the members of the congregation who have willingly given their time and talents in the care of St Nicolas' church and the hall, including the gardens, general cleaning as well as the care of linen, fabrics, ornaments and plate.

The Quinquennial Inspection was carried out in 2020, there were a few recommendations, mainly the redecoration of the soffits and fascia boards and repairs to a drain pipe at the rear of the Hall, which will be dealt with in due course. There was also considerable thought given to improving the ventilation and to ameliorating the solar gains in the church building. However the possible solutions seem to be more expensive than is worth doing.

During 2020 the following items were completed:

- Due to nefarious activities by members of the public in the church car park, the decision was taken (after consulting the police) to reduce the height of the hedge along Swindon Lane and the installation of CCTV covering the car park.
- As a consequence of the Covid pandemic the internal layout of the church was (temporarily) modified to comply with the Government regulations. The result was that roughly half of the chairs were removed and put in the coffee room, the maximum seating capacity of the church was reduced to 50.
- Also as a consequence of the Covid pandemic, the parish was forced to consider how we would stream services as soon as we were allowed back into church. So it was agreed that St Nicolas would be the guinea pig and under the guidance of Matthew Wilson and Jerry Spence a simple method of streaming the services was devised and installed. The equipment, the installation and the cabinet were all donated by parishioners, for which we are very grateful.
- As a cost reduction exercise, it was decided to acquire a Stiga mower with which members would be able to mow the field, thus saving £600 per annum. The cost of the mower was donated by a parishioner for which we are extremely grateful.
- The guttering on the Hall was repaired.
- A beautiful new red chasuble was bought in memory of Kath Dymock, it was blessed in 2021 by Father Nick on Palm Sunday.
- The boiler and fire extinguisher inspections have been carried out.

Marcus Steel, Brian Wood
Churchwardens St Nicolas' Church

Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod

Only one meeting of the Deanery Synod was held in 2020. Below are the Minutes that were circulated subsequently.

Ninth Meeting of Deanery Synod 2017 - 2020 - 19th February 2020

1. Revd Gary Grady welcomed everyone, particularly Archdeacon Phil Andrew, to the meeting - the last of the Triennium. He thanked everyone for their participation over this period. He thanked Revd Ashley Collishaw and Holy Apostles for their hospitality.
2. The meeting was opened with Prayer
3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
 - a. §5a Revd Sarah McDonald will be Sarah McDonald Haden.
 - b. With this alteration the minutes were agreed to be correct and signed.
4. MATTERS ARISING There were no matters arising.
5. AREA DEAN AND LAY CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

- a. The revised Church representation rules state that APCMs may be held up to the end of May. However, as Archdeacon visitations and the Synod dates have already been set for this year, it is hoped that in 2020 they will be earlier.
- b. Mrs Sara Turner thanked Lay members for their support to both the Deanery and their churches during the Triennium. She asked that APCMs elect their full quota to the Deanery Synod.

6. DEANERY UPDATES

- a. Revd Sarah McDonald Haden will be licensed on Friday March 6th, 7 pm at Bournside School
- b. Revd Simon Heron will be licensed at Christchurch on May 6th at 7 pm.
- c. Deanery plans Revd Gary Grady, Revd Josie Goodwin, Revd Roger Widdecombe and Sara Turner have met with Revd Dana Delap who is leading on this on behalf of the Diocese. All Clergy and a lay representative from each church will be involved. Places where people meet, including hospitals and schools will be put on a map. Information will be drawn together. Phase 2 will be to look at where churches are in relation to this information. A small team will be appointed to summarise the information which will be presented to a Chapter meeting and to the Synod in November. The Deanery Plan will remain as a working document.
- d. Anne Grinter had brought free resources re. money management to the meeting which are aimed at vulnerable people. If required she can obtain more.

7. THE RESOURCE CHURCH

- a. Archdeacon Phil Andrew referred to the end of Acts Chapter 2 which is exciting, unsettling and intimidating - sharing our resources and so to do what we are called to do. The Resource Church strategy is at Bishop Rachel's invitation. They are building together across the Diocese to decide where to plant churches, deciding how to reach out to young people and looking at new housing estates in order to be there at the beginning of new societies.
- b. Revd Andrew Blyth said that the Resource Church equips and trains so that people are resourced and used by God to serve in the wider development mission. This is a shared vision with a clear commitment and willingness to offer resources to serve in church planting. Sharing together can be done in many ways. Resource planting is designated by Bishop Rachel to support church planting and other forms of mission in line with the LIFE vision. It serves at the invitation of the Bishop. What, where and how involves the provision of a leadership team.
- c. Skills - Training - Planting - Vocations - Courses - Renewal Teams are all involved.
- d. There are many types of Church Plant - re-opening closed churches, revitalisation, new leadership, new development areas, community space, café church, work place gatherings, church on estates, and church in schools.
- e. A planted Church can become a planting church.
- f. Members of Trinity Church want to be part of this and feel called to serve in this way.
- g. Congregations can be wherever they are invited and wanted. Trinity has people travelling in to them. New kinds of expression must be included.
- h. OneLife at Hester's Way currently make use of sports ministry.

8. ANNA CHAPLAINCY

- a. Revd Brian Dunlop said that the CaBiC Charity has been set up. Their aim is to provide support, resources and training for work with older people in Cheltenham and Bishop's Cleeve.
- b. The 2012 Census showed that in Cheltenham 17% are over 65. It is expected that at the next Census 24% will be over 65 and 5% over 85.
- c. Cheltenham has 57 Care Homes. People in these are more physically and mentally frail than a decade ago. It has been reported that only 10% have regular visits.

- They can thus become very isolated. Many have moved away from friends to be near family - who lack time. The number with dementia has increased significantly.
- d. Anna Chaplaincy is about the care of people as they grow old. There are now 137 Anna Chaplaincies nationally. Every Parish is encouraged to have one.
 - e. They are working in both Care Homes and the wider community. They would like to be part of Ministry teams.
 - f. It is planned to implement an Anna Co-ordinator who will audit what is already happening. To have an interdenominational Anna Chaplain in an area who would work with a team of Anna Friends.
 - g. A lot of things are already going on in Cheltenham but it is difficult to access these unless they are known about. The aim is spiritual, to accompany people on their way to the end of life - a model servant ministry.
 - h. Revd Graham Bowkett proposed that:
'This Synod supports and welcomes the proposal by CaBiC to appoint an Anna Coordinator for Cheltenham and Bishops Cleeve to work on an interdenominational basis to support and assist churches in providing enhanced spiritual care to older people and in particular by creating a network of regional Anna Chaplains and church based Anna Friends.'
 - i. The motion was seconded by Mrs Sara Turner.
 - ii. The Synod was in favour with no votes against and one abstention.
 - i. A letter has been sent to every church requesting financial support and prayer.
 - j. It was requested that a similar motion be put to the Tewkesbury and Winchcombe Deanery Synod, which covers the area of Bishop's Cleeve.
 - k. DIOCESAN SYNOD A Report by Richard Neale on the recent Synod had been sent to members by email. The focus had been on environmental matters.
9. CLOSING Revd Gary Grady thanked Holy Apostles for their hospitality and everyone for being part of this triennial Synod. He encouraged PCCs to elect their full quota of Lay representatives.

David Lyle

Report on the proceedings of the Diocesan Synod

Three meetings were held in 2020 – 1st February, 1st July and 28th November. The first meeting was held at St Andrew's Church in Churchdown, and the second and third were held via Zoom. At every meeting there is an opportunity for any member to submit a notice/question to the Secretary (prior to the meeting), which will then be included on the agenda for further discussion. Each meeting begins with Worship, and there is always an update from the Board of Finance and the Bishop's Council included on the agenda.

At the third meeting Ben Preece-Smith (Board of Finance) spoke about some of the challenges that face the Diocese, in particular that the Board of Finance has "been supporting an unsustainable level of local ministry for decades". He shared a power point presentation which articulated the problem and proposed solutions – a presentation that was a decade old. He went on to say that he "believed the matter was urgent, the changes needed have been identified for a long time – this is now the time to act, not to be distracted by excuses". He felt this necessary decisiveness was the hurdle that would most challenge the Diocese.

At the first meeting Andrew Braddock gave a presentation updating Synod on progress made in implementing the Diocesan Environmental Policy since March 2019. The motion that this Synod "Recognises we are facing a climate and ecological emergency which is a crisis for the whole of God's creation,

and;

Calls on all parts of the Diocese of Gloucester to work towards an 80% reduction in emissions of CO2 and other greenhouse gases no later than 2030, based on 2006 data (replacing the current target of 80% reduction by 2050), and to take other measures in order to be carbon neutral, also by 2030" was approved.

The annual Safeguarding Report was presented by Canon Judith Knight and Simon Atkinson – a new independent member of the Safeguarding Advisory Board.

At the meeting on 1st July an item on the agenda was 'Reflections on Life'. Bishop Rachel noted that lockdown had created a real mix of experience for people over the past few months; sadness, isolation, refreshment and joy. People were asked to share their testimonies of how the transforming Gospel of Jesus Christ has been lived and shared during the pandemic.

Another item was an update on the deanery strategic planning process. The key question is "what shape do we need to be going forward?"

Also presented for approval (usually not done until October) was the GDBF Budget for 2021. "This is a standstill budget from 2020, meaning no increase in Parish Share, stipends or salaries". This was approved.

At the last meeting of 2020 Bishop Rachel gave her Presidential Address, incorporating interviews with people involved in three strands of developing new worshipping communities and disciples across the Diocese.

Tim Hastie-Smith and Nathan Youlton spoke about 'One Life'.

Andy Wilson and Debbie Oriss spoke about the Church Army Centre.

Andrew Blythe shared his vision around Resourcing Planting Churches.

Archdeacon Phil shared his enthusiasm and encouragement for this project, and reiterated Bishop Rachel when speaking of being part of the 'same vine' and part of one church.

The full Presidential Address can be watched at:- https://youtu.be/38VH_LA3j_c

There was an update by Bishop Robert on the Deanery LIFE Plans. He shared how Deaneries have had to stop, re-think and re-frame due to Covid 19. The next part of the process will be for the two Archdeacons to meet with Area Deans and Lay Chairs and by Easter to be able to share something like a 'first' report and what that may look like, with more formal plans by the end of the year, recognising that all plans change and evolve.

This is only a brief summary of what has been discussed at the Diocesan Synods of 2020. More information is available on the Diocesan website:- glosdioc.org.uk

Mary Turner

St Mary's Sunday Club

Sunday Club has been running since April 2018. In normal circumstances we meet in St Mary's Upper Room during the first part of the 11 o'clock Eucharist, enabling children to rejoin their families for communion. There are five regular leaders/helpers with occasional help from other members of the congregation if necessary, as we require two DBS-checked adults present at each session. Parents/carers are welcome to come with their children if they wish.

We started 2020 on the first Sunday of January with Epiphany, when we made camels from egg boxes and wooden clothes pegs. Apart from the two Sundays of half term in February we had up to five children, both regulars and visitors, present each week until 15th March, the week before Mothering Sunday. Additionally two children now often choose to serve at the Eucharist, either carrying the incense boat or as an acolyte carrying a candle, instead of joining us upstairs.

From 22nd March all church buildings were closed because of the pandemic. Although St Mary's reopened for services from mid-July, we decided not to restart Sunday Club, partly because maintaining correct safeguarding procedure seemed incompatible with social distancing guidelines in a confined space, but partly also because the Upper Room was being used as a storage area for many things which would normally be housed elsewhere in the church.

We kept in touch with families throughout the year by email, sending newsletters in June and November and links to online resources provided by Roots during the lockdowns. Roots material follows the lectionary, so children are able to learn more about the day's readings through games and craft activities. During the year Roots have expanded their resources to be more available to families at home while groups such as ours were unable to meet in person.

Frances Murton

Prestbury Parish Magazine

We usually publish 10 issues a year and maintain an initial print run of 250 copies. From March to June 2020 no one was permitted to enter our church buildings because of the coronavirus outbreak. This meant the working pattern of the parish changed and it was not possible to print the April to August issues and there were no readers in church to purchase them. This did not perturb me. Each monthly issue was prepared and posted on the *Prestbury.net* website for everyone to read. Unusually 11 issues were produced in the year, this being possible because we could not take holidays away in the summer. For the benefit of those who prefer to read the magazine in paper form two 'omnibus' editions were prepared and printed; one for April, May and June; and the other covering July, August and September. Normal printing resumed in time for the October issue.

Because we could not print the magazines for several months it was decided not to charge the advertisers during this time even though their adverts appeared in the online editions. The omnibus editions did not carry advertisements. Sad to say, the circulation has dramatically reduced in recent times because fewer people have been in church. The income from the magazine has therefore reduced considerably.

Kate Bestwick provides significant support in all areas of production, specifically the preparation of Calendar, Diaries and Registers. Beryl Elliot and David Lyle co-ordinate the Bible Page and Book Review pages respectively. Richard Johnson continues to look after the sales outlets and

day-to-day management of the advertisers who provide much needed funds for our churches. I co-ordinate and compile the magazine.

Edward Wyatt checked the proof copies. At the start of the year Nigel Woodcock with Bill Boyer and John White helped print the magazines on Wednesday afternoon. Since the time the churches re-opened the Administrator has only been in the office on Fridays. Kate would start printing the few magazines needed after printing the service sheets. I would come to the office when she told me she was ready to go home and watch the remainder of the printing.

I wish to thank all the above named people for their efforts and all our contributors who promote diversity and a range of news and views, ensuring transparency and openness. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you and learning from you. Feedback from our many readers encourages me to appreciate how much the magazine keeps us all connected by supporting our faith and community. I hope there is each month something of interest to our churchgoers and those in the wider community. Our monthly theme continues to provide the cornerstone for illustrated articles.

Brian Wood

Friends of St Mary's

Covid restriction stopped all events of social gathering and fundraising, but several members donated their payment for the cancelled Murder Mystery. Nevertheless, standing order donations continued with Gift Aid. The main expense was underwriting the roof leadwork and guttering to the cost of £15,320 in 2020, leaving a balance in the account of £17,695.

In 2021 it is expected we will pay the final bill for the guttering. Simple social gatherings are planned for the summer after lockdown has been lifted completely. We are aware that the roof will need major work in the next few years.

David Lyle

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PRESTBURY ST MARY AND ST NICOLAS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2020 £	2019 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS							
Donations and legacies	2(a)	196,901	-	2,837	-	199,738	214,258
Income from charitable activities	2(b)	14,395	-	5,620	-	20,015	35,420
Investment income	2(c)	1,614	-	-	-	1,614	2,009
TOTAL INCOME		212,910	-	8,457	-	221,367	251,687
EXPENDITURE							
Expenditure on charitable activities	3(a)	183,140	835	19,113	-	203,088	209,342
Other expenditure	3(b)	21,923	-	-	-	21,923	26,269
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		205,063	835	19,113	-	225,010	235,611
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		7,847	(835)	(10,656)	-	(3,643)	16,076
Transfer between funds		4,423	(4,423)	-	-	-	-
Gains/(losses) on investments - unrealised		-	-	-	2,047	2,047	4,675
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		12,270	(5,258)	(10,656)	2,047	(1,596)	20,751
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2020		237,608	5,258	108,353	29,645	380,864	360,113
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2020		249,878	-	97,697	31,692	379,268	380,864

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PRESTBURY ST MARY AND ST NICOLAS

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed assets	4(a)	80,000	80,000
Investment assets	4(b)	31,692	29,645
		<u>111,692</u>	<u>109,645</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	6	8,660	2,068
Short term deposits		172,467	161,264
Cash at bank and in hand		97,153	114,020
		<u>278,280</u>	<u>277,352</u>
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
	7	(10,704)	(6,133)
NET ASSETS		<u>379,268</u>	<u>380,864</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted	5	249,878	237,608
Designated	5	-	5,258
Restricted	5	97,697	108,353
Endowment	5	31,692	29,645
		<u>379,268</u>	<u>380,864</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on

19th June 2021

and are signed on its behalf by:

Nicholas Bromfield
Team Rector

The Revd Nick Bromfield (Chairman)

Mr Kevin Holmes

Mr Kevin Holmes (Hon. Treasurer)

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

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1 Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value except the valuation of the Church Hall, which is shown at estimated sale value of the whole site, and of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP FRS 102)
- and with the Charities Act 2011

In preparing the accounts, the trustees have considered whether applying the accounting policies required by the Charities SORP FRS 102 a restatement of comparative items was needed. No restatement was required.

Funds

Unrestricted 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.

Designated funds are where the PCC has earmarked some of its own unrestricted funds for a specific purpose.

Restricted and Endowment funds can only be applied for the purposes specified by individual donors.

The accounts 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 affiliation to another body nor those informal gatherings of Church members.

Income

Voluntary income and capital sources.

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

Planned Giving receivable under gift aid is recognised only when received.

Income Tax recoverable on gift aid donations is recognised when the income is received.

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 its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Funds raised by special events are accounted for gross.

Sales of books and magazines are accounted for gross.

Rental Income from letting of Church premises is recognised when the rent is due.

Investment income

Dividends and interest are accounted for when received.

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Gains and losses on Investments

Realised gains and losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Expenditure

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

The Diocesan Parish Share is accounted for when payable.

Fixed Assets

In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of 'charity' by Section 10(2) of the Charities Act 2011 such assets are not capitalised in the accounts.

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 when 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.

Current Assets

Short term deposits include cash held on deposit with the CBF Church of England, Gloucester Board of Finance and at banks.

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2 INCOME

				2020	2019
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted		
	Funds	Funds	Funds		
	£	£	£	£	£
2(a) Income from donations and legacies					
Parish giving scheme	96,592	-	-	96,592	88,055
Open plate collections	8,325	-	-	8,325	15,020
Other giving	29,855	-	515	30,370	45,232
Income tax recoverable	30,731	-	-	30,731	31,377
Appeals	-	-	2,322	2,322	6,541
Sundry donations	8,884	-	-	8,884	4,486
Donations and appeals	1,200	-	-	1,200	7,900
Legacies	17,054	-	-	17,054	1,000
Fundraising events	4,260	-	-	4,260	14,647
	<u>196,901</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,837</u>	<u>199,738</u>	<u>214,258</u>
2(b) Income from charitable activities					
Magazine and bookstall	1,311	-	-	1,311	3,447
FOSM membership & events	-	-	5,620	5,620	6,830
Church hall lettings	7,904	-	-	7,904	16,390
Fees	5,180	-	-	5,180	8,753
	<u>14,395</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,620</u>	<u>20,015</u>	<u>35,420</u>
2(c) Investment income					
Untaxed dividends and interest	1,614	-	-	1,614	2,009
TOTAL INCOME	<u><u>212,910</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>8,457</u></u>	<u><u>221,367</u></u>	<u><u>251,687</u></u>

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3 EXPENDITURE

				2020	2019
	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds		
	£	£	£	£	£
3(a) Expenditure on charitable activities					
Grants - missionary and charitable giving					
Home missions and Church societies	-	-	2,322	2,322	6,023
The Rock	-	-	-	-	517
Other	2,046	-	-	2,046	2,107
	<u>2,046</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,322</u>	<u>4,368</u>	<u>8,647</u>
Activities directly relating to the work of the Church Ministry:					
Diocesan parish share	143,174	-	1,471	144,645	142,860
Clergy expenses	2,874	-	-	2,874	3,998
Church running expenses	14,507	-	-	14,507	16,947
Church maintenance	10,355	835	-	11,190	20,477
Hire of equipment	1,335	-	-	1,335	2,586
Upkeep of services	1,325	-	-	1,325	2,700
School bibles	265	-	-	265	365
Upkeep of churchyard	844	-	-	844	1,067
Church hall running costs	2,936	-	-	2,936	3,541
Friends of St Mary – fabric upkeep	-	-	15,268	15,268	1,975
Friends of St Mary – running costs	-	-	52	52	322
Organist fees	2,430	-	-	2,430	2,545
Fundraising costs	1,049	-	-	1,049	1,312
	<u>181,094</u>	<u>835</u>	<u>16,791</u>	<u>198,720</u>	<u>200,695</u>
Total expenditure on charitable activities	<u>183,140</u>	<u>835</u>	<u>19,113</u>	<u>203,088</u>	<u>209,342</u>
3(b) Other expenditure					
Administration:					
Parish administrator	17,975	-	-	17,975	18,427
Parish office telephone	1,407	-	-	1,407	1,189
Printing and stationery	2,541	-	-	2,541	6,653
	<u>21,923</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,923</u>	<u>26,269</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>205,063</u>	<u>835</u>	<u>19,113</u>	<u>225,010</u>	<u>235,611</u>

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4(a) FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

	Freehold land and Church hall £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Total £
Gross Book Value			
At 1 January 2020	80,000	19,257	99,257
At 31 December 2020	<u>80,000</u>	<u>19,257</u>	<u>99,257</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2020	-	19,257	19,257
At 31 December 2020	<u>-</u>	<u>19,257</u>	<u>19,257</u>
Net Book Value			
At 31 December 2019	<u>80,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,000</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>80,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,000</u>

The Freehold land and Church Hall is in Bouncer's Lane (opposite St Mary's C of E Schools). The gross book value is based on the value estimated by some members of the PCC at which the site could be sold for house building purposes. This valuation which was expressed several years ago was confirmed as the site value by a professionally qualified estate agent, who made no charge for his opinion.

4(b) INVESTMENTS - ENDOWMENT

1,550 units invested in the Central Board of Finance Investment Fund were valued at £31,692 on 31 December 2020 (£29,645 at 31 December 2019).

The original cost of these units was £2,206.

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5 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total £
FIXED ASSETS					
Church hall, office equipment, etc	-	-	80,000	-	80,000
Investments with the CBF	-	-	-	31,692	31,692
	-	-	80,000	31,692	111,692
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7,814	-	846	-	8,660
Short term deposits	172,467	-	-	-	172,467
Cash at bank and in hand	78,655	-	18,498	-	97,153
	258,936	-	19,344	-	278,280
TOTAL ASSETS	258,936	-	99,344	31,692	389,972
Less: LIABILITIES DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	(9,057)	-	(1,647)	-	(10,704)
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	249,879	-	97,697	31,692	379,268

6 DEBTORS

	2020	2019
Income tax recoverable	6,625	1,166
Accrued income	1,069	232
Prepayments	120	-
Friends of St Mary's gift aid	846	670
	8,660	2,068

7 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020	2019
Other creditors	9,057	2,599
Restricted charities	117	2,119
Friends of St Mary's membership provision	1,530	1,415
	10,704	6,133

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8 STAFF COSTS

	2020 £	2019 £
Salaries and honararia	20,405	20,972
	<u>20,405</u>	<u>20,972</u>

During the year the PCC employed a Parish Administrator.

9 FUND DETAILS

The Restricted fund is Prestbury Hall, Friends of St Mary's fund, and donations received to pay the increase in Parish Share.

The Friends of St Mary's fund is run under the authority of the PCC. The membership fees are treated as a separate restricted fund for the upkeep of the fabric of St Mary's church.

The Designated Fund comprises a legacy to St Nicholas being held for refurbishment projects.

Endowment funds consist of thirteen separate bequests held in the form of income units with the CBF Investment Fund.

Unrestricted funds are available for the day-to-day running of the Parish.

10 MISSION GIVING

The Parish made donations to the following charities:

	2020	2019
Stroud Women's Refuge	546	-
PCC Elmstone Hardwick	1,500	-
Cobalt Health	-	30
Toilet Twinning	-	777
Kambia District Foundation	-	687
Gloucestershire Deaf Association	-	613
	<u>2,046</u>	<u>2,107</u>

During the year the congregations supported Stroud Women's Refuge, CBM, World Vision, CCP and Sense International.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Parochial Church Council of St Marys and St Nicolas

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Parochial Church Council of St Marys and St Nicolas (the PCC) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the PCC's accounts 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts 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.

Signed:



Name: Gemma Percival

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): ACA

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Date:

5th July 2021