

Parochial Church Council of St Mary, Standon

Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31st December 2020

Standon PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England and operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. It has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the fabric of the church building, its contents and the churchyard. Since November 2006, we have been a united benefice with the parishes of The Mundens with Sacombe.

2020 has been a year like no other. The global Covid-19 pandemic has seen us forced to close our doors for large parts of the year, at times literally, as we were instructed to lock our doors for a period of several months in the first national lockdown of 2020. For the rest of the year, we have streamed services online, or held them for limited numbers under Covid regulations.

Until 15th March, we held public worship services each Sunday. In that period, our 8.00 service drew an average attendance of 14 and our 10.30 one an average of 63 adults and 2 children. This average is calculated excluding the two services in which large baptism parties were present. An average of 61 devices logged into live online services in the first lockdown.

After 15th March, churches were instructed to close their doors, and we streamed services online each Sunday morning from the Vicarage and our Reader's home. This continued until 5th July, when we were permitted once more to allow congregation members to attend, under strict guidelines and in limited numbers. In the period between then and the end of the year, our average attendance was 42, and we continued to stream from church. At the end of 2020, we decided, reluctantly, for everyone's safety, to suspend live services once more, and offer streamed worship only until the national lockdown is eased. We have decided that streaming will continue now as a feature of our ministry, and we have, in early 2021, bought the equipment to install a permanent system in the church.

In addition to Sunday services, we offered daily morning prayer online between March and July. We were unable to celebrate any of the major festivals in the usual way, but we offered online services on each occasion. We did hold 2 live evensong services in January and February, and another two online later in the year. We conducted 6 funerals and 1 wedding in the church, and 4 graveside funeral services. We baptised 3 children, with one of the services taking place outside in the church grounds. We hosted the annual District Bell Ringers service in January and our local World Day of Prayer service in March.

Apart from the period when we were instructed not to do so, we have unlocked our church during daylight hours, and it has been used by many for prayer and reflection. While lockdown was eased over the summer, we were able to welcome individuals and family groups interested in its beautiful architecture and long history, but for much of the year most of the space has been cordoned off, and only a limited space made available for private prayer. One concert was able to take place, just before the first lockdown started in March.

In addition to activities centred on the church building, the Centre Community Church has run on Sunday afternoons. The Centre offers an informal, contemporary expression of worship, meeting at the Community Centre, with provision for young people and children. Until 15th March and for one Sunday on 18th October, the meetings were 'in person'; the average attendance was 32 adults and 15 children. When live services were not possible, the Centre moved online and has continued to offer virtual worship on Sunday afternoons throughout the year.

At Easter we were unable, because of Covid, to offer our usual annual Holiday Bible Club for children aged 4 to 11.

We offer friendship, practical help and pastoral care to any in our community who need it. This has been challenging in 2020, but we have organised informal peer support groups, and have tried to keep in touch with everyone, especially those we feel are most vulnerable, and to help where we can. Our home groups and Bible study groups have moved online, and participants have continued to find them helpful.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During 2020 it was not possible to hold our annual meetings at the usual time, and APCMs were deferred until the autumn. On 11th October, we incorporated our meeting into our Sunday morning service.

During the year, the following served as members of the PCC:

Rector	Rev John Chitham	Elected Members	Mr Michael Baker (from 11 th October) Mr Cliff Beeston
Wardens	Mr Michael Smith (until 11 th October) Mrs Angie Adamson Mr Keith Plummer (from 11 th October)		Mr Stephen Coley (until 22 nd April) Mr Colin Coleman (from 11 th October) Mrs Brenda Evans (until 25 th April) Miss Lizzy Franks
Reader	Mrs Caroline Franks		Mr Richard Franks Mrs Sue Geddes
Officers	Miss Lizzy Franks Hon. Secretary Mrs Caroline Franks Hon. Treasurer		Mrs Margaret Goodall Mrs Jade Harrison (until 28 th April)
Deanery Synod Representatives	Mrs Angie Adamson Mrs Caroline Franks (until 11 th October) Mrs Diane Moss (from 11 th October) Mrs Marion Smith (until 11 th October)		Mrs Marilyn Overall Mr Keith Plummer (until 11 th October)
		Co-opted Member:	Mrs Marion Smith (until 11 th October)

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In January 2019, our architect, Michael Dales RIBA, resigned from the position. Due to the challenges of 2020, we did not replace him until January 2021, when Michael Garber RIBA was appointed.

Financial Responsibilities of the PCC

The PCC is required to prepare a statement of accounts for each accounting year which shows a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the church.

We are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations and with applicable accounting standards
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the church and to ensure that such accounts comply with applicable accounting standards and with the Statements of Recommended Practice and the Regulations made under the Charities Act 2006. We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the church and to take reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

Policy on Reserves

The PCC recognises the need to hold reserves to allow the protection of its core activities in the event of income shortfalls and to promote balanced strategic planning. Reserves are defined as income that becomes available and which the PCC can spend at its discretion to further its objectives but which has not yet been spent, committed or designated.

At the end of 2020, the PCC held £81,058 in its General Fund. This sum is broadly in line with its agreed policy to hold between 12 and 18 months' anticipated expenditure, but we must continue to be watchful of spending levels. Funds beyond our immediate needs are held on deposit with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund, which provides us with a competitive rate of interest, but with low risk and instant access.

At the end of 2020, in addition to our general fund, we hold designated funds of £1,000 in the Transport Fund, £4,246 in the Legacy Fund, £100 in the Tithe Fund and £65 in the Centre Fund.

When we receive a legacy, we transfer 10% to the Tithe Fund, to be used for others as appropriate needs come to our attention. A legacy was received during the year of £1,000.

The restoration fund has received an amount this year from the Listed Places of Worship scheme, plus a grant from the Friends of St Mary's, to fund the conservation report on the Sadleir tombs, and the setting up of the Tombs website.

Risk Management

Any charity, in carrying out its objectives, must have an eye to the risks involved. We are responsible for an ancient building, designed with no thought for the needs of frail or disabled people; we deal frequently with people who are vulnerable; we work with children; our income is by donation and often some of the PCC have access to confidential information. In addition, during 2020, we have had to introduce measures to keep everyone safe during the pandemic.

We try to guard against risk without letting risk-limiting measures get in the way of our ministry. Where we can, we insure against financial loss. Where this is not possible, we try to minimise risk in other ways. For example, we have treated the lead on our church roof with Smart Water and installed an alarm system; we have also asked our neighbours in the High Street to report any suspicious activity around the church, and we leave the flood lights on until after the pub opposite has closed and the High Street is quiet. We hold a comprehensive set of risk assessments which are reviewed regularly. We have an appointed Health and Safety Officer and there is a Health and Safety Policy in place. The addition in 2017 of a kitchen and disabled access WC at the back of the nave has reduced the number of occasions when people must make their way up and down the stone chancel steps; those steps now have a handrail. We have a care to the qualifications and integrity of those to whom we entrust sensitive information or access to our funds and take sensible precautions to protect them and those with whom they interact, including using encryption or other security systems on those computers our Data Protection Officer

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deems appropriate. The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (which sets out the PCC's obligations to safeguard children and vulnerable adults). We make sure that those working regularly with children and vulnerable adults are subjected to DBS checks in line with Thirtyone:eight guidelines and are conversant with our Child Protection Policy. Our benefice Safeguarding Officer, who advises the PCC, has extensive experience of child protection issues in relation to her role as Designated Senior Person at school and her work as Safeguarding Officer at CPAS summer camps. She is also a Diocesan trainer in Safeguarding. The financial functions of the PCC are shared between three people, working independently. All work undertaken by volunteers is subject to review.

Committee Structure and Review of the Year

The PCC operates through a number of committees, which meet between meetings of the full PCC. Other than the Standing Committee, the PCC committees do not have delegated decision making powers; they make recommendations to the PCC, which is responsible for all decision making. Since March, all meetings have taken place remotely.

Standing Committee

This, the only committee required by law, has power to transact PCC business between its meetings, subject to directions given by the council. It is comprised of the Rector, our Readers, Church Wardens, Secretary and Treasurer. The Benefice Administrator also attends these meetings.

World Mission Group

This committee is benefice-wide and considers matters to do with world-wide mission, including the way we support our missionary partners overseas, both financially and through prayer and encouragement. It considers which charities and organisations should be supported through appeals, special collections or specific donations and has organised fundraising events for specific missionary projects. We adopt a benefice approach to almost all of our support of world mission.

Special Appeals

Once again, special appeals were well supported during 2020, despite the challenges posed by not meeting in person.

Our regular giving for our mission partners in Burundi raised £2,612 including tax. During the year, we sent the £2,141 collected in 2019 and early 2020, and the balance of the amount collected in 2020 has been sent in 2021.

Our harvest appeal for our missionary partners in both Burundi and Zimbabwe raised £1,482, including £157 of tax.

In December 2020, our appeal was for funds to fill 'Boxes of Hope', parcels of groceries to be distributed to local families suffering difficulty due to the pandemic. £3,261 was raised by the benefice, and that is being spent on into early 2021.

In addition, £1,098 (including tax) was donated for the Red Balloon Foundation, our youth and children's work partners, and £130 for Operation Christmas Child boxes. In the absence of being able to collect items for the local food bank, we organised online supermarket deliveries directly, and £3,546 was donated by our benefice for this purpose.

All of the amounts collected in 2020 in response to appeals to help others totalled £9,809.

Members took part in Operation Christmas Child, filling shoe boxes to be sent to parts of the world where children affected by war or disaster have no other hope of receiving a gift at Christmas. 158 boxes were sent to Nigeria and Eastern Europe.

The Centre

The Centre, a time of contemporary worship, teaching and discussion, with activities for the children, met on Sunday afternoons in the local Community Centre until 15th March. When physical meeting became impossible, worship moved online, using YouTube, Facebook and other social media platforms to keep in touch and meet for worship and Bible study. The baptism service planned for Easter was not able to take place, but we hope to re-arrange that when restrictions are lifted. Lizzy Franks continues to be involved with CPAS Pathfinder Holidays, another casualty of lockdown, and in August several youngsters from our benefice attended the virtual camp created by the leadership team.

Our youth work has continued to provide as wide a range of activities for young people as has been possible, in order to strengthen links in our local community. In addition to our weekly after school club at Little Munden School and lunchtime club at Ralph Sadleir, while that was possible, we have continued to run our midweek Bible study group for teenagers who have made a commitment to follow Christ. In the summer of 2020, some of our young people were due to travel to Mexico with our youth work partners to take part in an Amor Ministries project to build houses for families who would otherwise have no chance of owning their own home. The church family supported their fundraising efforts to pay for the trip, and their target was reached, but the trip itself has been postponed to 2022.

Finance Committee

This committee of representatives of PCC and church members considers all aspects of PCC finances. It is responsible for the preparation and monitoring of budgets, review of the current financial position and for advising the PCC on financial matters. Our financial results for this year show a surplus on unrestricted funds of £4,152, including a legacy receipt of £1,000. This is an unexpectedly positive outcome, due in no small part to additional giving by a handful of members, who donated significant sums over and above their regular giving, in response to our concern about losing the income from the weekly collection bags. £60,952 was spent during the year on providing Christian ministry from St Mary's. This includes parish share payments to the Diocese of £56,487 to support diocesan costs such as clergy stipends and housing, training for clergy and readers and the many support services we have available to us in our parish ministry, and costs of £2,300 to support our youth work.

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In addition, we spent £13,738 on the running and maintenance of the church and churchyard, and £8,698 on administrative and other costs. In general, our costs are lower for 2020, due to the reduction in our permitted activities.

Electoral Roll

At the end of 2020, there were 118 members on the electoral roll. 23 of these live outside the parish.

Other High Points of the Year

Our aim is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the practices of the Church of England. All our activities are organised against this background.

Much of 2020 has, necessarily, been dominated by the Covid-19 pandemic. It is unprecedented in modern times for church doors to be closed and locked, and this was particularly hard at a time of national fear and uncertainty. We have been challenged to find new ways of being the Church in our community. We have learned new skills, as we've moved to online services, meetings and events. One of the positive outcomes of this is the ability for non-local supporters to join us for worship, and we have a number of people who log in each week from other parts of the country. We've used personal contact to keep in touch with those who have felt lonely as we've all self-isolated. When we could, we met in person, and took all the measures we could to do that safely, while still streaming the service for those who couldn't join us. We have done all we can to show God's love and offer God's hope to our villages.

Our pastoral team has continued to offer support to those who need it. Our funeral ministry has been particularly important, and a source of hope and comfort for grieving families.

Five of our leadership attended the Leading Your Church into Growth training in February 2020.

Our ladies' and men's midweek groups continue to thrive, having moved successfully to Zoom.

We seek to encourage and develop a desire among our members continually to be learning and growing as Christians.

We continue to endeavour to live out our faith in our community. As in previous years, we managed to visit housebound members of our community, with a gift, at harvest, albeit without going into others' homes, and this was much appreciated. Members of our churches continue to be involved in all the organisations in our parishes.

We have worked closely with our two benefice church schools, continuing to strengthen the ties between church and school and working to draw some of the children and, with them, their parents into church family life. Our church schools have not been able to hold services in our churches in 2020, but our Rector and Reader have recorded weekly collective worship for them, and organised in-house Christingle services, within the guidelines, at Christmas.

We try to organise worship that will draw in members of our community. This has been more difficult online. Our benefice choir is rightly admired in our area, and we have used their skill to enhance our streamed services, recording both in person (when that was permitted) and by combining remotely recorded voices when we couldn't meet. When we were open for services, we continued to offer Book of Common Prayer services as well as Common Worship ones.

Our monthly churchyard working party continues to draw in people not otherwise associated with the church as well as keeping our churchyard looking attractive and tidy. For much of the year, they were able to meet, as they work outdoors.

Following the sad and untimely death of our tower captain, Stephen Coley, his wife, Tracey took over the role. Work has been undertaken to remedy the loose clappers on the 4th and 5th bells. The tenor will be attended to in 2021.

We continue to look at how to make our outreach even more effective and look actively for opportunities to engage more members of our communities, by any means we can.

We have a strong tradition of Bible study and learning, and are always seeking to increase the use of home groups and studies.

Our beautiful, ancient, grade 1 listed building presents us with real challenges as we strive to be the living church in these villages. The Friends of St Mary's continue to raise funds to finance restoration projects, and a small group has just launched a project to raise the funds necessary to restore the two Sadleir tombs in our chancel, capitalising on the current interest generated by Hilary Mantel's trilogy of books. Our last quinquennial inspection, dated November 2017, drew attention to a number of areas where work is needed to our building, mostly repairs to the pointing, copings and rendering. We have completed the urgent (requiring attention within 6 months) works, which were minor, and are fundraising to finance the next tranche of work, recommended for attention within 18 months. As we are between architects, we do not yet have an estimated cost for these works, but we hope that our new architect will provide this for us in the near future.

Much has been achieved during 2020, despite the restrictions, but, as ever, there is much still to do as we shape our vision for the next years. We are well placed to carry our work forward when lockdown is lifted, and, with God's help, plan to be instrumental in spreading his gospel ever wider in this community and abroad.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have complied with the duty to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

This report was approved by the PCC on 28.04.2021 and signed on their behalf by Rev John Chitham (Incumbent).

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Receipts and Payments Account
for the year ended 31st December 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Voluntary income	2a	84,307	17,520	101,827	142,182
Income from investments	2b	381	1,009	1,390	1,649
Church activities		2,321	2,348	4,669	5,296
Other incoming resources		1,000		1,000	123
Total Receipts		<u>88,009</u>	<u>20,877</u>	<u>108,886</u>	<u>149,250</u>
Payments					
Church activities	3	82,893	12,649	95,542	161,791
Governance costs	4	964		964	757
Total Payments		<u>83,857</u>	<u>12,649</u>	<u>96,506</u>	<u>162,548</u>
Net Receipts / (Payments)		4,152	8,228	12,380	(13,298)
Balance as at 1st January 2020		82,317	19,102	101,419	114,717
Balance as at 31st December 2020		<u>86,469</u>	<u>27,330</u>	<u>113,799</u>	<u>101,419</u>

The notes on pages 3 to 5 form part of these accounts

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
as at 31st December 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
Bank Balances and Cash		
Short term deposits	88,284	87,911
Cash at bank and in hand	25,515	13,508
	<u>113,799</u>	<u>101,419</u>
Of the total cash of £113,799, £27,330 is restricted.		
Other Assets and Liabilities		
Assets:		
Gift aid tax recovery not yet received	4,422	4,693
VAT recoverable (Listed Places of Worship Scheme)		2,696
Other monetary assets	4,632	4,751
	<u>9,054</u>	<u>12,140</u>
Liabilities:		
Unbilled fee for independent examination	1,000	1,000
Money donated for missionary partners and appeals not yet sent	4,142	2,117
Other amounts due	3,360	2,099
	<u>8,502</u>	<u>5,216</u>
Investments		
Market value 01.01.19	33,643	28,337
Unrealised gain/(loss) in the year	2,323	5,306
Market value 31.12.19	<u>35,966</u>	<u>33,643</u>
The investment comprises shares in the Central Board of Finance, as follows:		
	No. of shares	No. of shares
Chancel Fund	286	286
Chapman Bequest	292	292
Sadleir Bequest (Grave Trust)	134	134
Standon Church Charities	1,047	1,047
	<u>1,759</u>	<u>1,759</u>

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These accounts were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 28.04.2021 and signed on its behalf.

Mr Keith Plummer (Church Warden)

Miss Lizzy Franks (PCC secretary)

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Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st December 2020

1 Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

Funds

Endowment funds are funds the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds, depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

The value of the PCC's endowment funds at 31st December is £14,558 (2019 £13,618).

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given.

Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund.

The value of the PCC's restricted funds at 31st December is £27,331 (2019 £19,758).

Another £21,408 of restricted funds are invested in CBF Investment Fund Income Shares.

Designated funds represent income set aside by the PCC for payment of specific expenses.

The value of the PCC's designated funds at 31st December is £5,346 (2019 £5,071).

Unrestricted funds are general funds which may be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

The value of the PCC's general fund at 31st December is £81,123 (2019 £76,930).

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
2 Receipts				
2a Voluntary income				
Planned giving	55,760	2,233	57,993	56,930
Income tax	13,180	1,540	14,720	13,929
Collections and donations	11,940	1,764	13,704	7,865
Grants and appeals	290	11,983	12,273	50,838
Contributions	3,137		3,137	12,620
	<u>84,307</u>	<u>17,520</u>	<u>101,827</u>	<u>142,182</u>
2b Income from investments				
Dividends		1,009	1,009	980
Interest	381		381	669
	<u>381</u>	<u>1,009</u>	<u>1,390</u>	<u>1,649</u>

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3 Payments	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
Church activities				
Missionary and charitable giving:				
Overseas Missionary Societies	439	3,624	4,063	4,416
Overseas relief and development agencies		80	80	1,495
Home missions and other Church societies	490	2,635	3,125	1,014
Secular agencies	<u>929</u>	<u>4,197</u>	<u>4,197</u>	<u>1,695</u>
	56,487	10,536	11,465	8,620
Parish share			56,487	53,757
Other ministry expenses	4,450	15	4,465	17,537
Church running expenses & maintenance	13,294	444	13,738	11,153
Other expenses	1,078		1,078	1,284
Other administrative expenses	6,655		6,655	10,959
Capital projects		1,654	1,654	58,481
	<u>82,893</u>	<u>12,649</u>	<u>95,542</u>	<u>161,791</u>

Capital Projects

Early in the year, a conservation report was commissioned on the two Sadleir tombs in the chancel of St Mary's. This was completed before lockdown made the undertaking impossible. Ralph Sadleir's profile is high at the moment, in the wake of the publication of the final book in the Hilary Mantell trilogy, and we wanted to take advantage of current interest to reach beyond the village for financial support to restore the monuments. Fund raising has now started through the Friends of St Mary's to raise the amount necessary to undertake the work.

A website has been set up, and efforts made to contact descendents of the Sadleir family across the globe.

	2020	2019
	£	£
4 Governance costs		
Independent examination fee	<u>964</u>	<u>757</u>

5 Staff and Trustees

The PCC has no employed members of staff. Other than the Rector, who is not employed by us, its activities are generally carried out by volunteers.

Michael Smith, a Trustee, received £6,450 during the year in his capacity as organist of the church (2019 £6,450). Marion Smith, a Trustee, received £6,737 during the year in her capacity as a self-employed administrator of the church (2018 £7,860). Both of these amounts are permitted by the governing document of the charity.

No remuneration was paid to any other trustee during the year nor to any person connected to them.

The fees of the organist are included in ministry expenses. The remuneration of the administrative assistant is included in administration costs.

PCC members and officers were reimbursed for any PCC expenses they incurred.

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6 Movement in Funds

	Balance 01.01.20	Income	Expenses	Balance 31.12.20
Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund	77,146	86,535	(82,623)	81,058
Unrestricted Funds - Designated				
The Centre		320	(255)	65
Legacy Fund	3,346	900		4,246
Tithe Fund	0	100		100
Transport Fund	1,000			1,000
Local Mission & Outreach	825	154	(979)	(0)
	<u>82,317</u>	<u>88,009</u>	<u>(83,857)</u>	<u>86,469</u>
Restricted Funds				
Restoration Fund	159	4,506	(1,655)	3,010
Appeals	949	9,809	(8,255)	2,503
Bells Appeal	7,097			7,097
Friends of Standon Churchyard	5,378	2,789	(444)	7,723
Organ Fund	0			0
Standon Church Charities	4,351	601	(4)	4,948
Overseas Mission Partners	1,168	2,612	(2,141)	1,639
Pastoral Fund		560	(150)	410
	<u>19,102</u>	<u>20,877</u>	<u>(12,649)</u>	<u>27,330</u>
Total Funds	101,419	108,886	(96,506)	113,799

7 Connected Charities

The Friends of St Mary's Church, Standon

Charity Commission No. 1088516

Main objects: The preservation, beautification and improvement of the fabric of the church.

These are pursued by raising funds and making donations to Standon PCC towards the cost of the work it supports.

The charity is run by a committee made up of 6 people appointed by Standon PCC and 6 people elected by the annual general meeting.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF St MARY, STANDON

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Parochial Church Council Of St Mary, Standon ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2020 on pages one to five following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 2011 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 accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

Jacob Farley

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Date: 6th May 2021