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1. Letter from the Vicar

Ian writes:

The Covid-19 pandemic has turned into a marathon and sadly restrictions continued throughout last year, particularly impacting on the earlier part of 2021. Thankfully there was significant improvement in our parish life, with our new service schedule fully commencing in the summer and many parish activities resuming. Even the emergence of the omicron variant last November, did not stop our in-person Christmas plans. Whilst the year had its fraught periods, it was a great improvement on 2020 in so many ways. I have continued to be so thankful to God as I have witnessed the way people have cared for friends and neighbours and adjusted to the changes we have experienced over the year.



I hope this report gives you a clear picture of our parish life and its vibrancy in 2021. We seek to be 'light in our community' and I think that has been demonstrated in many different ways this year, despite the pandemic. Your financial generosity has again enabled our parish life and mission to continue through a very difficult year. Also, I hope this report is an encouragement to you to thank God for His loving faithfulness to us as we seek to live for Him and share the Good News in our words and in our actions. It is a real privilege to be vicar here in Chandler's Ford.

If you are reading this and wondering whether God might be calling you to involvement in the life and ministry of this parish please do contact me, Hayley or Penny – it is always great to talk to people about how they can use their gifts in the worship and mission of the parish and beyond.

Over the pandemic the verses below have particularly sustained and encouraged me: 'The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.' (Lamentations 3: 22-23)

They also give me confidence that, amidst all the changes and uncertainty of the last two years, great things are ahead for us.

I commend this report to you and I hope you enjoy reading it!

Every blessing

Ian

2. Parish Mission Action Plan: achievements and future

For a number of years, in common with all parishes in the Winchester Diocese, we have had a Parish Mission Action Plan (pMAP). Due to the pandemic and diocesan circumstances, mission action plans are currently on hold across the diocese. The pandemic situation is improving and we are now able to plan locally with some certainty. So in 2022 we will be reviewing our vision, our values and our mission priorities.

3. Our Values

Our Vision and Values

As we look forward, it is important to bear in mind our values. Our parish values are based on Mark 12: 30-31:

Jesus said the first commandment is 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbour as yourself.' (Mark 12: 30-31)

Therefore, as a parish we aim to:

Love God

- Know and worship God.
- Be Christ-centred in all we do, growing in faith and rooted in God's Word.
- Seek God's will for our lives, guided by the Holy Spirit.
- Be committed to prayer, individually and corporately.



Love one Another

- Be a vibrant all-age church family, characterised by creativity, thankfulness and joy.
- As a family, seek unity and honour diversity in worship.
- Be a community characterised by forgiveness, healing, restoration, acceptance, care and love.
- Offer generous hospitality, welcome & friendship to all.

Love Chandler's Ford and Beyond

- Encourage, enable and equip people for service and mission.
- Share the Good News of Jesus with those we meet, both by our actions and words.
- Be agents of social transformation, making a difference by joining in the building of God's Kingdom in Chandler's Ford and beyond.



4. Ministry Team

It was a year of great change in the ministry team. In early July we welcomed the Rev'd Penny Thatcher as our latest curate. Penny is also being co-supervised by the Rev'd Erica Roberts in Southampton, as she studies the spirituality of older people in her curacy.



The Rev'd Hayley Richens joined us as Associate Priest at the end of July. Both have settled very well into the parish as part-time Self-Supporting Ministers and it is great to have their wisdom and experience in the parish ministry team.



In September, we said 'goodbye' to Becca Wicks, our Children's and Families Minister, and to Tom Young, our Youth Minister. Becca returned to teaching and Tom started vicar training, having been accepted for training in July. The parish owes a huge debt to both Becca and Tom. Their energy, creativity and flexibility during these

pandemic years has been remarkable and we will miss them very much. Tom has also been preaching and leading in the 4pm service, as well as shepherding the youth groups online and back into in-person groups during the year. Becca, as well as supporting children and families, also organised the 'No one goes hungry' initiative, providing food for families in February half-term and Easter Holidays. In recognition of this, she was invited to the Duchess of Cambridge's Carol Service in Westminster Abbey in December. Our very best wishes go with both Tom and Becca and we wish them every blessing in the future. Throughout the year, Debbie Pearce, our Children and Schools' Minister, has done an outstanding job working with our children's groups and leading on line assemblies in some local schools. Since September, Debbie has been leading Messy Church and temporarily overseeing some of the youth portfolio, until we recruit our next Youth Minister. We offer huge thanks to Debbie for her enthusiasm, creativity and dedication.



With easing of restrictions, Ian, Hayley and Penny have been meeting for Morning Prayer on Thursdays at St Boniface. Morning Prayer on Mondays and Evening Prayer on Wednesdays have continued on Zoom, as have our weekly Parish Prayer Meeting on Mondays at 8pm. Thank you to Maddie Cole, Richard Stoll, Rob Hayter, Jean Nolan and Steph Forward for organising our prayer times.

Over the year Ian continued to have additional responsibilities not directly associated with the parish. He was a member of Diocesan Synod (until September 2021). As well as being a Training Incumbent, he is on the Eastleigh Deanery Standing Committee and is an Honorary Chaplain at Hampshire Hospitals Foundation Trust.

We were very blessed through the continuing ministry of the Revd Canon Peter Doores and thank him very much for all he contributes to the parish. Later in the year, the Rev'd Andrew Williamson returned to taking the midweek Eucharist.

We want to thank Rob Hayter, our Licensed Lay Minister (LLM), for all he does as he continues to preach and lead Evensong. He is a cheerful encourager! Our other LLM, Gina McCausland, stepped out of LLM ministry in October 2021 and we thank her for her contribution to parish life.

We want to thank the 4pm service co-ordinating team for all their hard work in co-ordinating aspects of the 4pm service. The team consisted of Ian, Tom Young, Becca Wicks, Debbie Pearce, Sarah Smith, Giles Richardson, Penny and Ian Thatcher, Steph Forward and Stuart and Ruth Divall. We would like to thank all of them for all that they have contributed on the team.

We are blessed with two truly amazing churchwardens. Una Barter and Lynne Mursell have worked tirelessly during uncertain and difficult times to oversee the return of in-person services in both churches and to ensure that all we did in 2021 was done safely. Thank you! They have been enthusiastically supported by our deputy and assistant wardens, particularly as services started in person and restrictions changed. We continue to be grateful to them for all that they contribute, a lot of which is unseen in the background. Our warm thanks are expressed to Paul Burgon, Sandy Groves and Jackie Hill for their oversight at St Martin in the Wood and Rosemary Ford, Linda Read, Mary Shepherd, Marion Smith and Stuart Divall for all that they contributed to St Boniface. We are grateful to all of them for their time, commitment and expertise.

Throughout the year, we have had regular clergy-wardens' meetings via Zoom. We have continued the pattern, established last year, of weekly parish team meeting where Ian and staff meet to discuss parish operations, and share and pray together.

We thank our administrator, Suzie Pavitt, for all her hard work, both remotely and in the office. Over the year she has been ably assisted by several office volunteers Ann Brew, Judith Bird and Anita Jarman, and we thank them very much for all their work. We hope the



office will be fully open again in early 2022. In June, Jo Streat resigned as Ian's PA (part-time) and PCC Secretary, due to ill health. We want to express our huge thanks to Jo for all that she has done in the parish over several years in this role. Hazel Bateman very kindly stepped in as temporary PCC Secretary, until the appointment of Gill Skates in November. Gill is settling in well as Ian's PA (part-time) and PCC Secretary.

The lay pastors, co-ordinated by Ann Brew, have quietly given much care to many people across the parish, even though in-person visiting has been limited. Though focused towards those bereaved, their work has also included other pastoral situations. We have started a pastoral review in the parish and hope to complete this with recommendations for PCC to consider in 2022.

This year, our home communion visitors have not been able to visit private homes due to Covid restrictions. Jean Nolan and Maggie McLeod have continued to offer support to residents at Challoner House and Penny Thatcher has also done this at Valley Lodge Care Home. As restrictions ease, we hope that it will be possible to resume holding in person services again in due course.

During the pandemic, we have rearranged church pastoral support and Connect Groups which have replaced the St Martin's Carers' Scheme and the Contact Scheme for worshippers at the 10am service at St Boniface. Ian would like to express his thanks to all who are involved in pastoral ministry and the way that this has continued over another very difficult year. We could not function without you using your gifts in this vital area of parish ministry.

5. Achievements, Performance and Overview of the Parochial Church Council

Achievements and Performance

The number of people on the electoral roll at the APCM was recorded as 317. The parish completes and returns an annual return form for the diocese, as part of the process of compiling national church statistics.

| | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Baptisms | 48 | 52 | 8 | 18 |
| Number of couples married in church | 7 | 8 | 1 | 1 |
| Funeral services in church | 39 | 19 | 12 | 17 |
| Funerals at crematorium | 15 | 6 | 29 | 12 |
| Easter Day communicants | 226 | 356 | 0 | 61 |
| Easter Day worshippers | 300 | 464 | 0* | 67 |
| Communicants on Christmas Eve/Day | 348 | 313 | 113 | 126 |
| Worshippers on Christmas Eve/Day | 973 | 863 | 121 | 171 |

*There was no attendance at church in person on Easter Day following the lockdown in place since March 2020 in response to the Covid pandemic. On Easter Day there was a livestreamed service from the Vicarage.

The statistics above are based on services where people were able to attend in person. However, we continued to have a livestream service every Sunday with an average 30 people attending and about 250 viewing at a later time.

A sample from October 2021 showed an average of 50 adults attending Sunday services and 30 adults attending midweek Communion.

Safeguarding

There are currently 68 people with a DBS clearance certificate. The Church of England have changed the DBS requirement which means DBS has to be renewed every three years instead of five.

Risk Assessments have been written for all church services and activities, online, Facebook and meetings face to face.

The PCC has eight policies in red binders at the back of both churches.

List of policies:

- Child Protection
- Safeguarding Adults
- Domestic Abuse
- Drug and Alcohol
- Lone Working
- Policy for Transporting Children and Young People
- Policy Statement on the Recruitment of Ex-Offenders
- Parish Policy on the Management of Those who pose a Risk

The Church of England have produced a 'Safer Environments and Activities' document. The PCC have agreed that we refer to this document alongside our own policies.

We also have an A5 booklet, 'Guidelines for visiting people at Home or in Care/Nursing Homes'.

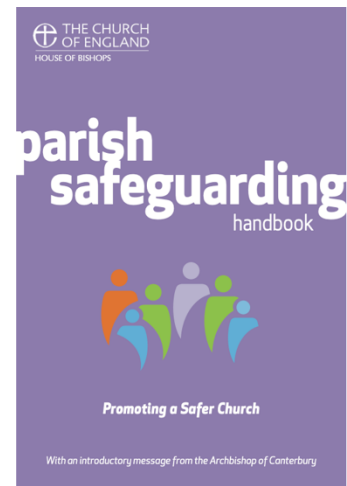
The policies are available on the parish website.

The National Safeguarding Team has created a range of Safeguarding Learning Pathways for people with roles within the church to complete and some volunteers have begun to do these.

An Overview of PCC Business this year

As 2021 was another unusual year, PCC meetings continued to be conducted virtually via Zoom until the summer.

After New Year, in January there was just one Sunday service in-person. After this, services were then livestreamed with the 4pm service being pre-recorded in advance. Also in January, we were advised that our Associate Minister post sadly had been permanently cut due to the poor Diocesan financial situation. This was a huge blow to everyone.



The January PCC discussed feedback from the Christmas services. There were comments about how lovely many of the services had been despite the strange year we have had. Ian thanked the wardens for all they did in light of all the restrictions. There were updates on children's work, youth work and older person's work. All children's work continued online. Many older person's activities had to be stopped due to new Covid restrictions. Forty Christmas bags were sent out before Christmas. Many people had knitted poppies for Remembrance Sunday. Newsheets continued to be delivered every fortnight although activity bags have had to be stopped for the time being. Connect groups worked well where people are supported by phone calls/Zoom meetings. Malcolm Banks, Parish Treasurer, gave an update on finance and the church reserves policy was agreed (two months' budgeted expenditure).

The Mission Committee advised we gave £4000 to St Anne's, Liuli. Bukedi is now not a mission partner as there is no longer any link with the charity.

There was an extraordinary PCC meeting on 24th February on Zoom where an alternative service schedule was discussed as a result of losing the Associate Minister post.

At the March PCC meeting a new service arrangement was accepted which meant the 10am Holy Eucharist service on a Sunday would alternate between St Martin's and St Boniface. The livestreaming of services continued and a number of services were simultaneously broadcast on Outreach Radio (previously Lockdown FM) too. Thanks were expressed to the 4pm service co-ordinating team for all their hard work in leading the service through the pandemic.



Malcolm gave an overview of the budgetary situation. At the beginning of the year, we hadn't expected to lose £30k of income from loss of hiring, fees and collections which is around one tenth of our income. Additional costs resulting from Covid, including livestreaming, were £2,300. Fortunately our livestreaming costs were very low due to the technical expertise in the parish and sincere thanks were expressed to all those involved.

In reviewing last year's accounts, Malcolm stated that expense exceeded income by £15k, which is about 4.8% of our income, and this was only kept down due to amazing level of donations. Total balances are at £95k which left us a surplus over the reserve figure. Malcolm recommended we accepted the accounts, carrying forward £5,246 and allocate an additional £2,567 for mission. Ian thanked Malcolm on behalf of the PCC for all that he and the team had done this year.

We received a letter of thanks from Toynbee School for the laptops that we donated.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting took place on 21.4.21 at St Boniface and on Zoom.

At the May PCC meeting, still on Zoom, we were informed that Jo Streat was sadly leaving. Hazel Bateman had kindly agreed to take the PCC minutes in the meantime.

We were also advised that Bishop Tim was stepping back from his role, initially for six weeks.

With regard to the new service pattern, it was agreed that it would commence from 21st June onwards. It was also agreed that Wednesday Communion would continue. Evensong would resume once guidance had been received.

The 4pm service would meet outside, weather permitting, as singing was allowed outside.

The election of officers was held and the following people were voted in:



Election of Officers

Vice-Chair (Christine Clark)

- a. Secretary (vacant)
- b. Standing Committee Secretary (Gloria Brown)
- c. Electoral Roll Officer (Anita Jarman)
- d. Treasurer (Malcolm Banks)
- e. Parish Accounts Administrator (Jackie Richardson)
- f. Finance Administrator (Ann Brew)
- g. Regular Giving and Gift Aid Administrator (Jim Rooke)
- h. Parish Health and Safety Officer (Linda Read)
- i. Disability Liaison Officer (Duncan McKellar)
- j. Safeguarding Officer (Gloria Brown)
- k. Deputy Safeguarding Officer (Linda Read)
- l. Risk Management Officer (vacant)

Appointment of Representatives

Hazel Bateman was appointed as representative for Chandler's Ford Community Association. Jackie Richardson and Gill Skates were appointed as representatives of Churches Together in Chandler's Ford, along with Liz Plummer as the Twinning representative.

Committee members were voted in as follows:

Finance and Stewardship Committee

Christine Clark, Malcolm Banks, Una Barter, Lynne Mursell, Giles Richardson and Jim Rooke.

Parish Church and Centre Committee

Una Barter, Lynne Mursell, Jim Rooke, Christina Oldham, Barbara Dobson, Paul Burgon, Jeremy Hyde, Jenny Greasley, Linda Read, Jane Keen and Anne Davies.

Mission Committee

Giles and Jackie Richardson, Lynne Mursell, Anne Addiss, Jean Nolan and Una Barter

Communications Committee

Carol Hodgson, Judith Bird, Paul Anfield and Sandy Groves.

Standing Committee

Ian Bird, Hayley Richens, Lynne Mursell, Una Barter, Malcolm Banks (by virtue of their roles as Vicar, Associate Priest, Church Warden, Treasurer of the PCC). Jean Nolan and Christine Clark were voted on to the Standing Committee. Gloria Brown is Standing Committee Secretary.

The Rev'd Hayley Richens, who was previously curate at St Luke's, Hedge End, would be licensed to the parish as a part-time, Self-Supporting Associate Priest on 20th July at St Boniface.

Penny's ordination service on Sunday 4 July would be livestreamed on the cathedral's YouTube channel and we would be welcoming Penny to serve as Deacon in the parish at the 4pm service later that afternoon followed by a celebration tea in the St Boniface Centre.



Malcolm gave an update to the financial situation at the end of April. The figures show that expense was exceeding income so that we were £10k below where we hoped to be due to hiring limitations. Roof alarms now installed at St Boniface were saving us £220 per month on our insurance.

Judith Bird reported that 42 people continued to receive bags of cake and activities with doorstep chat via 16 deliverers. This ministry continued to be greatly appreciated by people unable to get out and come to church. News sheet deliveries had been scaled back as many people were now able to collect them from church. Hopefully Beacon Café and Afternoon Guild will start up again in August, dependent upon the lifting of restrictions. Thanks were recorded to Judith Bird and her team for their work in supporting older people with cakes and chat visits. These are much appreciated by the recipients!

Debbie, Becca and Tom all gave feedback on the children, schools and youth work. Wiggle Worship was discontinued at half term, as their needs were now being met by accessing services online. The older youth groups were now back to meeting in person.

Thanks were expressed to Becca, Debbie and Tom for the wonderful work they have done throughout the pandemic.

Ian confirmed that livestreaming of Sunday services would continue indefinitely, whilst there was a need. The PCC would be exploring issues around eco church and creation care, led by Stuart Divall.



In July's meeting, the two most prominent items for PCC discussion were creation care and the parish financial situation.

Environmental Consultant Stuart Divall had circulated draft policy and principles documents for the PCC to consider and these received unanimous support. Ian was keen to add in the future creation care to our parish Vision and Values – it is the fifth Mark of Mission.

The PCC approved the much-revised Financial Management and Controls document, and Malcolm went on to present the very serious financial situation facing us as a parish. If nothing changed, the General Fund would run out of money by the end of the year. Ian would be writing to all church members about this in due course. A Giving and Gift Day was planned for October.

Becca and Debbie reported that children's work continued to flourish. A drop-in for children and young people aged 7 – 16 was to take place from 6.30pm – 8.30pm on Tuesdays during August.

Finally, Becca was warmly thanked for all she had done in her part-time Children's and Families minister role. She would be returning to teaching in the autumn.

The September PCC meeting was held as a blended meeting – in person and online. Ian updated the meeting on staff changes and thanked Becca and Tom for all their great work in the parish. He read a letter from the diocese about Bishop Tim's retirement in February.

Malcolm stated that the generous response to Ian's appeal in June meant that the deficit for the first half of the year had been wiped out and our reserves restored, but the situation for the rest of the year was problematic. Giving and Gift Day in October would focus on increasing regular giving.

Debbie Pearce was warmly thanked for agreeing to increase her hours temporarily so that our youth and children's work could continue. Most of the groups had restarted, including Messy Church and she appealed for more volunteers to come forward to help with the youth work, especially men.

Stuart Divall and the churchwardens had started an Eco audit of the parish. Once completed, the next step would be the formation of a committee to focus on specific areas of work to take this forward.

November's PCC meeting was a blended meeting. Gill Skates was welcomed into her new role of Vicar's P.A. and PCC Secretary.

Malcolm gave an in-depth report on church finances for 2021. The summer appeal and gift day in October meant we were now in a reasonable financial position. Hirers were returning, more services were being held. Malcolm stressed it was important people be encouraged to focus on regular giving as knowing how much regular income is makes planning easier. He discussed tithing in that we are encouraged to give from the first fruits of our labour.

Gloria brown updated PCC on National Safeguarding changes. DBS renewal will now be every three years. Also, changes in the Safeguarding Training programme have been made, which means more people will need to complete safeguarding training than before (e.g. those helping with refreshments). Gloria would be contacting those who need to complete training and/or DBS checks.

Debbie Pearce was thanked again for increasing her hours for children's work. Most groups had restarted and also three schools have agreed for us to go in for assemblies. Judith reported the Older Persons Ministry was going well. Holiday at Home, Beacon Café and Afternoon Guild were running again with good numbers attending. The Omega Course started in November which looked at handling life changes with hope and dignity and ending life well. Jean Nolan had started going into Challoner House again, and they had a remembrance service that was very well received. She will also be doing a service in December and a carol service.

Stuart Divall gave an update on the eco church audit. The aim was to submit for accreditation before Christmas.

5.1 Youth and Children's Work

Youth Ministry

This report has been collated from PCC information that Tom Young wrote, with Debbie Pearce taking over in September 2021. The year started with Tom leading our different youth groups:



Wildfire – Years 7 to 11, meets every Tuesday evening 7.30-9pm at St Martin's.

Fuel – Years 9 to college age, meets every Thursday 7.30-9pm at St Martin's.

Focus – Years 7 to 11, meets every Sunday 4pm at St Boniface.

January. The new lockdown in 2021 has been a big blow to the youth. Many of them were struggling with Zoom as they need to be online all day for school, so the numbers for Zoom youth group had been low. This had been a similar picture across all youth groups in the area.

Fuel meets every other week on Zoom and in the weeks in between Tom sends a video or article which is discussed the following week. There was one physical meeting before Christmas and Christmas activities were on Zoom. Tom made up gift bags including resources for mental health for the youth. 'Unite' is also a once-a-month ecumenical youth group which aims to connect young people.

May - Youth work is finally back to in-person meetings. Wildfire had resumed on Tuesday evening, although only 16 people could be inside and socially distanced. They had been meeting on Zoom as well, and good relationships had been formed between the young people. The Thursday Fuel group had been decimated by the pandemic and by some members moving on to university. More would be moving on in September, but others would move up from Year 9. During Christian Aid Week, the young people did different sponsored challenges that they enjoyed and raised money enabling the Christian Aid Action committee to exceed its target of £4k. The youth also created a video that went out on the Sunday of Christian Aid week to raise awareness.



Limitless Weekend – August. Wow, what a great weekend of fun, food, firepit, games, worship and teaching. Tom and team lead Limitless at St Boniface for our youth. They enjoyed worship and teaching online and then spent time in discussions. The leaders all took turns to provide three meals, including a cooked one, and an amazing firepit late into the evening. During the summer, there were Tuesday evening drop-in sessions for junior and secondary age children to ease the transition to secondary school.



September saw a big change for the youth groups as Tom left the parish to start his training to become a vicar. We all thanked Tom for his energy, hard work and fun at leading the youth, especially throughout such a tough year. Although we will all miss him, we prayed for Tom, Amy, Zeke and Ezra to be blessed in their next faith journey. As we had no new Youth Minister starting, Debbie agreed to take on the role until the vacancy was filled.

As with many other churches, the reduced number of volunteers helping in the groups was noticed. However, we were able to continue face to face meetings with the amazing helpers we have. We did have to make a few changes though. One was with Fuel as only two teenagers were attending. Although this was great to have even two, it was felt that the group needed to be stopped for a while and relaunched.

Wildfire returned with only nine members. This isn't the usual number, however with Covid rates rising again in teenagers we were not sure how many would attend. Focus was back with again lower numbers than usual, again due to Covid rates. We continue to wear masks within group and use hand gel when required. All snacks at groups are served by leaders to reduce and risk of germs spreading.

December. Finally we are starting to see some normality within the groups, yet all Covid restrictions still apply.

Wildfire now has between 15-20 youth attending, which is back to pre-Covid numbers. The group continues to be run by Jane Bennett, Julie Allen, Debbie Pearce and Becca Wicks, for which Debbie is very thankful. On the 14th December 29 youth and leaders were able to enjoy a Christmas party. A three-course meal was cooked and served by Jackie Richardson and her amazing team of helpers, for which we were so grateful. Games were played, laughs were had and a little chocolate gift given at the end. It was such a blessing to be back doing 'normal' activities, celebrating together. The party also supported Fledge, a local teenagers' charity, with £56.86 donated.



We plan to re-start Fuel next year, at St Boniface. At present the group will be run by Rob Hayter, Debbie Pearce and Claire Brendish, with Linda Chant hopefully returning once a new youth minister starts. It is felt the group at present should be focusing on building friendships as all youth attending have never been before, focus on discussing issues set by the youth e.g. peer pressure, being a Christian at school, etc..

Wildfire continues to be run with 15-20 attending each week. It is a little easier now that the evenings are lighter so we can use the outdoor area more.

Focus group has grown and some weeks can have nine attending. We have finished looking the Wellbeing course and are now following the Energize website.

A huge 'thank you' to all the leaders and helpers which keep our youth work going; you are a huge blessing to us.

Children's Ministry

2021 was yet again an unusual year!

Last year Debbie and Becca spent most of the year on Zoom, this year they spent most of the year trying to get off Zoom! Although it was a great way of communicating with the children and their families, there is nothing like being face to face.

As a reminder of how our role is shared, Becca is Children's and Families Minister and Debbie is Children's and Schools Minister. Becca concentrates on 0-5 years age range and takes the lead at Little Stars Sundays and Little Stars Toddler Group, Wiggle Worship and being involved in wider family ministry. Debbie works with the 6-11 age range leading Groundbreakers on a Sunday, Xplode after school club and coordinating the work with local primary schools. There is significant overlap with the age ranges and with youth work, to ensure that there is good continuity and a unified approach.

Sadly, in September 2021 Becca stepped down to go back into teaching and Debbie increased to working four days per week. The parish and Debbie thanked Becca for all her hard work within the children's teams and wished her well in her new role.

Groups during the week

Wiggle Worship



This took place at St Boniface every Wednesday morning at 10.30am, in the Salisbury Room. It consisted of a short, toddler-friendly session with songs, stories, and activities. Due to Covid the group had been watching stories on Facebook, but sadly not many had been accessing this. Becca reassessed the groups numbers, children leaving for school in September and staffing issues, and it was decided that Wiggle Worship would not return in September. Many families had been blessed by it, but it was time for it to finish. However, there is always a chance it may come back at another time.

Little Stars Toddler Group



Becca remained reading stories on Facebook and communicating with the Little Stars families. However, as Covid restrictions started to ease we decided its would be lovely to see everyone face to face. So, on Tuesday 11th May St Martin's opened its doors to a new Low Key Little Stars. Families were asked to sign up online, allowing us to limit the numbers to just 15 adults a week. Everyone was asked to wear masks, to bring their own food and drinks, and asked to sit in one of the activity areas we had set up. It wasn't the same as Little Stars, but it was all we could offer within the Government and church restrictions. On Tuesday 6th July, we changed the group further by allowing families to turn up without signing up, as the restrictions were being reduced again. The team found that although it was so great to see everyone, we were still not getting many attending. The team discussed this at length and sadly, it was decided that between the drop in the number of families and staff reducing in September, we would close Little Stars. Our last session was held on Tuesday 17th August and was full of fun, friendship, and goodbyes, as we presented the school leavers with books. Little Stars ran for nearly 9 years and as Becca announced 'It has been a privilege to get to know over 1000 Little Stars families during those years. THANKYOU for your support, for allowing us to journey with you as parents and for sharing the sparkle of your Little Star with us on a Tuesday morning'.



Xplode After School Group



Xplode is our after school club for children in year R to year 6, which meets every Tuesday during term time, from 4-5.30pm at St Martin in the Wood. The group is centered around having fun and building friendships, which occurs through games, making crafts, snacks and sharing something from our week.

Xplode started the year on Zoom with Debbie and Margaret Doores creating bird feeders, crafts, games and sharing. The children were desperate to be back at church, but we had to

be patient. Finally, by May we were able to meet again, however we had moved to St Boniface field for safer Covid-play. The children were encouraged to provide their own snacks and drinks at this time. We welcomed back around 11 children and tried our hardest to make it fun. September brought changes within the group with both Tom Young and Peter Knight standing down, and Anne Addiss, Mary Shepherd and Liz Plumber joining Debbie, Margaret, Audrey and Maddie to complete our amazing team. We gave both Tom and Pete big 'thank you' cards and gifts, for all their hard work over the years. Over the next few months, the numbers of children increased and by the end of 2021 we were seeing 20-25 children, which is such a blessing.

Sunday Groups

Explorers - St Martin in the Wood

At the present time we do not have any children in the 10am service, therefore this group is on pause, but we will start it again once we have families back after Covid.

4pm Service

The 4pm children and youth ministry started the year on Zoom, as did most groups within the parish. Gradually throughout the year the Covid restrictions lowered and enabled us to be face to face once again. Below is a short description of each group.

Little Stars



It is very difficult for children of a very young age to access online church although they are very welcome to join in! Therefore, we were very glad to be back in person when possible.

Groundbreakers



This year, two children moved from Groundbreakers to Focus and two children moved up from Little Stars. It continued to be a very odd year due to Covid. We gradually came off Zoom in May and began face to face groups once again. To begin with, some families were still very anxious about Covid risks. However we used the outdoor space as much as possible, kept downstairs when bad weather, leaders wore face masks, everyone always used hand gel and didn't provide snacks. Lent bags were delivered out to families again this year, filled with activities and treats, and were all gratefully received. September saw us return to a bit of normality with the group returning upstairs, drinks and snacks being provided, and worship, crafts and games as crazy as ever. We started September looking at becoming Planet Protectors, this fitted in well with the parish move to becoming eco churches.

As December arrived our numbers had increased by four families which has been such a blessing. We look forward to what God has in store.

Messy Church



We started online at the beginning of the year, bringing lots of fun, worship, teaching and games into families' homes via Facebook. Although quite a few children's groups had moved back to in-person, we felt Messy Church should stay online a little longer due to controlling numbers and Covid risks. Therefore, Messy Church returned to St Boniface on 19th September, where we were so blessed to see many families. Due to Becca and Tom both leaving, Debbie was joined by Jane Bennett leading the service. Debbie would like to thank Jane for her energy, fun and ability to ad lib and just go with it! We have enjoyed many themes over the months, especially a great Messy Christmas that saw Debbie and Jane dress up as Mary and Joseph, with Jane even having a beard!

Other events

Holiday Club Sadly, due to Covid restrictions, our Holiday Club remained on hold in 2021.

Uniformed Organisations

With the Covid restrictions reducing we were able to invite our Beavers back for their Christingle in November. What a joy to have around 90 children, adults and leaders in St Boniface Church. Ian and Debbie lead the service in which one of the Beavers was dressed up as a Christingle. Later in the service the children all sang 'Away in a Manger', which was a very emotional moment for everyone. How we have missed having children in church.

School Ministry

Our parish is blessed to have assembly links to seven primary schools within Chandler's Ford. Debbie continued to keep in touch with them all via emails and videos, over the many Covid lockdowns. Some of the schools messaged back saying how much the children had enjoyed this interaction and thanking us for all our efforts. However, by September we really felt it was time to move back into schools, where possible and so an email was sent out asking which schools were happy for us to return in person. Out of the seven only Hiltingbury Infants and Juniors and Chandler's Ford Infants replied with a 'yes', with other schools saying they would let us know. Therefore, Debbie headed into all three schools for new face to face assemblies, which was enjoyed by all, especially Debbie. Sadly, due to Covid cases rising again, the Hiltingbury schools returned to assemblies online which Debbie was able to lead via the school office computer, but still found ways of interacting with the classes, with help from the teachers. We look forward to 2022 enabling the team to grow and bring assemblies back to their normal level of fun!

Nobody Goes Hungry

Becca Wicks realised that many families in our parish were not going to be able to have free school meals over February half-term and so as a parish she asked for food donations. With a team she also approached local shops and businesses to provide all necessary items to create food parcels for families. The food started arriving and before long St Boniface was filled with an abundance of blessings from everyone. It was quite emotional to see how everyone had rallied around



to help. The Nobody Goes Hungry project was able to provide 70 families with food bags for half term, which was met with huge thanks and relief from families, unsure where they would get food from.

Due to the generosity of parish and shops, we had quite a lot of food left over and so it was decided that we would provide the same event over the Easter holidays too. Again, people in the parish and local stores blessed us with yet more food, but also Easter eggs and other treats to give to families. This time 52 families came and collected, food bags for themselves and their children, which contained at least four Easter eggs, with more provided if the families were bigger. A huge 'thank you' was given to Becca for all her hard work, creating teams, organising it all and being such a blessing to us and the community.



New Wine (29th July – 3rd August)

Again, New Wine was online this year. We provided all seminars at St Boniface over the weekend, with a huge marquee outside to enjoy, when weather permitted. This year, Debbie and Becca also ran New Wine Kids on Saturday and Sunday, with Tom leading the youth in Luminosity once again. This year with Covid restrictions reducing and trying to gather people together, as a community we enjoyed fish and chips on Saturday night with pizza on Sunday. This was a great way of gathering outside and gradually starting to build up confidence in being able to see one another again.

Nativity Party

Jon and Mel Westmacott's home group organised a wonderful family Nativity Party at St Boniface, which was attended by church families and community. The event was full of fun games, songs and activities, surrounding Advent and Christmas.

Summer Drop In (for years 3-11)

This new event was set up this year by the Youth and Children's team, as it was felt that children in years 3-11 needed somewhere to meet, interact and to help them move onto their next age group. Summer Drop In was held at St Martin's every Tuesday from 6.30-8pm in the holidays and was attended by many young people. Each week had a theme, activities and of course plenty of mess! We had lots of positive feedback and feel this is something we may do again next year, while Holiday Clubs are on pause. A big thank you to the team and teens that came to help, and for joining in when needed.

None of our children's work would be possible without the generosity of so many people. Thank you to all those who contribute time, energy and prayer into our incredibly important and exciting work.

5.2 Worship and Spiritual Growth

Psalms 147:1 'Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praise to our God'



The year started with the country in lockdown. We continued with services online each Sunday and some of our services were also broadcast on our local community radio station, Outreach Radio. In January, we received the exceedingly disappointing news that the Bishop of Winchester had removed the parish's full-time Associate Minister post due to diocesan financial difficulties. This was a huge blow.

At its meeting in March, in the light of this permanent reduction of stipendary clergy in the parish, PCC unanimously voted to adopt a new service schedule, which was rolled out over the coming months as covid restrictions eased. During Lent, in-person services returned, with gel, facemasks and social distancing. On 17th March, we recommenced the midweek communion at St Martin in the Wood and then on 21st March Sunday service resumed at St Boniface, which was also livestreamed. Other services continued to be livestreamed. On Easter day, we celebrated Easter Communion at St Boniface. The new morning service schedule started in the middle of June and by August all services were active. Baptisms restarted in June and we had one summer wedding.

Over the summer, the 4pm service met in the field behind St Boniface, or in the centre if the weather was poor. We were able to join the New Wine weekend again online at the very end of July, with gazebos in the field. In-person services resumed in the church in early September.



In the Autumn, we were able to celebrate in-person special services such as Harvest, Giving and Gift Day, All Souls' Service, Remembrance Sunday. The 10am Morning services held in both churches continued to be livestreamed and some were broadcast on Outreach Radio. This year, we held another service to mark Baby Loss Awareness Week and thank you to Dr Mel Westmacott for organizing this.

Although the Omicron variant threatened to disrupt Christmas plans, in the end they went ahead without a hitch. Special services included Beaver Christingle and Christmas Eve Christingle, Nine lessons and Carols and Carols by Candlelight.

We want thank everyone who has been involved in filming and producing sections of services for the first half of this year and especially our musicians in the parish who have been very creative in their recording , as well as playing both inside and outside for services! We thank Paul Anfield, Jenny Greasley and Bob Everett for their continuing technical support and expertise for the morning service and supporting baptism services. Huge thanks go to Giles Richardson who upgraded both church visual systems over the summer, and also Jon Westmacott and Ian Thatcher for producing the livestreamed 4pm services in the year. We thank very much Tom, Becca and Debbie for their amazing commitment over the first half of 2021 in filming and producing services for 4pm, Messy Church, Groundbreakers and Little Stars.

Also, we thank the 4pm co-ordinating team, who met regularly to plan, review and support the 4pm service in its various forms and activities over the year. The group is Tom Young, Stuart and Ruth Divall, Becca Wicks, Debbie Pearce, Ian and Penny Thatcher, Sarah Smith, Steph Forward, Giles Richardson and Ian Bird. The monthly online Encounter service has proved popular online and we thank Stuart and Ruth Divall, Penny Thatcher and Steph Forward for leading the service and also for all their efforts in bringing the service throughout the entire pandemic.

For the first half of 2021, in-person groups were not permitted or were very restricted in ways of meeting. However, many of our parish groups, including our homegroups, met online and continued until the situation started to change post-Easter. At the end of the year, we had a range of groups meeting in person, still on Zoom or offering both in-person and online options.

Men@8, a men's prayer and bible study group, continued to meet, but online, on the first Saturday morning of the month at 8.00am. We would like to thank those who have led this group.

Novo continued online for most of the year and we want to thank Debbie Pearce, who leads and co-ordinates this group.

This year we were involved again in the 'Thy Kingdom Come' initiative. Our parish branch of the Mothers' Union has continued to meet on a regular basis on Zoom.

In the midst of all the uncertainty and frustration of the continuing pandemic, we have been able to worship and meet together in appropriate ways over this year. God has blessed us in so many ways and we can be very thankful for his love and faithfulness to us as a parish.

5.3 Mission

Our Mission Committee secretary, Anne Addiss writes:

We said 2020 was a year like no other, then came 2021! Charities everywhere have had to continue to find new ways of raising awareness and funds. At this time our regular parish donations to Christian-led charities are more needed than ever. The Mission Committee has continued to oversee the parish mission day scheme for supporting overseas and local Christian mission organisations. This year we donated to the work of the following organisations: USPG, Church Army, CMS, Edith's Hope and the Children's Society (Christingle). Unfortunately, due to lockdown restrictions the only speaker we were able to welcome to the parish was Tim Hyde from the Church Army. Our visiting speakers significantly raise our awareness of the diversity of work being carried out by these organisations to share God's love around the world and we look forward to welcoming them back to talk to us as soon as they can. We would like to thank those mission representatives involved in organising parish support in 2021 and keeping us informed on their activities. The PCC has continued to support our extra-parochial giving at 10% of our income. Also supported in the year were local charities, including Fledge, ARK, Eastleigh Basics Bank and Winchester Churches Night Shelter.



The Parish Discipleship and Mission document continues to be revised. Again, it has not been possible to have people involved in the various areas of ministry in the church to speak briefly about them to our congregations, but we look forward to the time when talks can resume.

We thank the Mission Committee members: Una Barter, Jean Nolan, Anne Addiss (Secretary), Ian Bird, Giles Richardson, Jackie Richardson and Lynne Mursell (Chair) for all their enthusiasm and hard work. Jackie Richardson is the Churches Together representative.

Christian Aid's activities were among those seriously impacted by the pandemic; thinking 'outside the box' they organised different types of activity. Members of the parish supported activities including a service for Christian Aid Week, Zoom quizzes, Beautiful Chandler's Ford Food Picture Quiz and garden parties. In addition, parishioners generously responded to the Christian Aid emergency appeal for the Haiti Earthquake Appeal.

This year, we supported three local charities, ARK (Acts of Random Kindness), Fledge (a local charity working with young homeless persons) and Eastleigh Basics Bank and each received £500.



The parish has practically supported Eastleigh Basics Bank and Hazel Bateman continues to act as our Basics Bank champion. Many thanks to Sue Caukwell for all the work she did as a Basics Bank champion over the years. Thank you to all who continue to support this vital local work. This year our harvest gifts went to Winchester Churches Nightshelter and Eastleigh Basics Bank.

Churches Together in Chandler's Ford: 2021 Report



One of our CTCF representatives, Jackie Richardson writes:

In common with so many other groups, Churches Together attempted to resume activities and events as far as possible in 2021, whilst having to adapt these to ensure adherence to the fluctuating Covid restrictions. The changing environment has also provided an opportunity to re-examine what we do and try new things.

The main activities of the year were:

January: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity A service was held by zoom and prayer resources for individual use and reflection were also made available online.

February/March: A five-week **Lent course** called *Not a Tame Lion* based around three films, *Prince Caspian*, *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe* and *Shadowlands*, and the writings of C.S. Lewis was held. The course looked at issues of suffering, God's absence, and the gift of the present moment, as well as heaven, judgement and the force of evil. All groups had to meet by zoom but this did not affect numbers, and the response was good.

Easter: With the help of Becca Wickes, Churches Together organised an **Easter trail** around Chandler's Ford using the what3words app. Clues at 10 sites told the Easter story and those participating were also able to collect palm crosses, seeds, a copy of the Easter story and an Easter egg.

May: The ecumenical Christian Aid Group organised its second service by Zoom. Fundraising events such as a photo quiz competition and shortly another quiz evening have also been organised.



September: At the **AGM** Sara Goodhead (Methodist church) was re-elected as Chair and David Gurr (St Francis) was re-elected as Treasurer. Kathy Drust of St Francis was elected Secretary, replacing Jamie Broadey of Velmore Church.

December: We were able to sing carols, accompanied by a great team of musicians, outside ASDA. Thankfully this was on a dry evening, and it was wonderful to see so many customers stop and listen ... albeit at distance!

The **ecumenical Chaplaincy** launched a Schools Chaplaincy in 2021 and the shops team within the Chaplaincy has increased the number of businesses it visits. After the periods of enforced isolation during the pandemic, Chaplains find their visits are valued even more and

people are appreciative of the opportunity of the chance to talk. Churches Together funded Chaplaincy Training provided by Workplace Chaplaincy Mission (UK).

A great sadness of the year was the closure of the United Reformed Church in Kings Road, with the final service being held in August. The URC members have been very committed supporters of Churches Together over the years, and have hugely blessed our community with their heart for outreach and social action.

The church closure has reduced membership of Churches Together in Chandler's Ford to the Anglican Parish; St Edward's Catholic Church, the Methodist Church, St Francis Church and Velmore Chapel. A simpler membership fee structure is being introduced based on church size. No payments have been requested for the last 2 years though, and whilst finances are sufficient to meet the usual level of activities none will be sought.

At our meetings we share news of projects in which we are engaged and prayer needs.

We look forward to being able to do more this year in God's strength and are already planning to be back at the Fryern Funtasia in May 2022.

Traidcraft Report on activities during 2021



Tricia Urquhart was instrumental in establishing Traidcraft stalls and events in the Parish and raising awareness of Fair Trade and its importance. In 2021 Tricia moved away from the area in order to be closer to her family. Several of us had been inspired and encouraged by Tricia to support Traidcraft and formed a group in order to continue this work. It was a challenge for us personally as we came to grips with all that is involved, but also as we had to consider how best to do this against the background of corona virus restrictions.

In all this we are tremendously grateful to the Parish, particularly our vicar and wardens, in permitting us to begin to hold stalls again after the church service and allowing us to store stock in the church buildings. It is a tragedy that nationally many churches have not re-started Fair Trade support following the lockdowns, either through lack of volunteers, or clergy being reluctant to allow stalls in churches. Traidcraft has from its inception relied on the sale of goods from church stalls for the majority of its sales and is currently in a precarious financial position. The lives of many producers in the developing world depend on the continued support of Fair Traders across the country, and we are acutely aware of that.

We are also grateful to the Parish Treasurer for allowing us to use Parish resources, such as the SumUp machine, to make our banking arrangements and sales simpler. Monthly stalls after the first service of the month re-commenced in August, and in addition we held a Christmas shopping event at St Boniface on October 31st and sold Christmas items at Beacon Café in November. The Parish has for many years also served Traidcraft tea and coffee.

All of this would also have not been possible without our wonderful volunteers: Fiona Benham, Christine Clark, Brenda Hall, Tina Oldham, Liz Plummer and Gill Skates, who set up all the stock, man the stalls and help us pack away. Thank you so much.

In November several of us attended an informative zoom event with Matt Oliver, CEO of Traidcraft entitled 12 Days of a Fair Christmas.

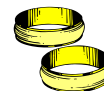
As a group, we do not believe Traidcraft can be successful in its aim to transform global trading structures if knowledge about the company's work and sales are confined to church buildings. Consequently, we are looking for opportunities to explain the ethos and principles of Fair Trade to a wider audience. So, we have begun to move out of our buildings with a presentation to Itchen Valley Ladies Probus Club (many thanks to Barbara Dobson for the invitation) and also now have our first talk to a Beavers Group (thanks to Heather Blake) coming up. If anyone has a link with an outside organisation, school or club and would like us to come along to talk about Fair Trade, please do get in touch.

Finally, our grateful thanks to every one of you who has made a choice to make a difference and to support Traidcraft by buying from us this year.

The Traidcraft Team

(Hazel Bateman, Angela Bird, Sandy Groves, Elisabeth Pritchard and Giles & Jackie Richardson)

Weddings



Our Weddings' co-ordinator, Barbara Dobson writes:

2021 was a year of hiccups! We started with weddings continuing to be postponed and we were unable to hold our Wedding preparation morning. However, as the year progressed we had the joy of reading Banns and then in July and August we actually had some activity! We had a renewal of vows which was a real family celebration, with everyone dressed in beautiful wedding outfits and so much happiness around them. Then in August we had a wedding which, again, was a great occasion with everyone so happy to be there celebrating.

The 'wedding team' continues as the same superb group as last year- ever ready to ensure the bridal couple have a wonderful and memorable wedding day. The team supporting me is Paul Anfield, Jenny Greasley and Anita Jarman. Hugh and the choir are also always ready to support the celebrations with music and singing.

Government changes were brought in just before our August wedding – tighter checking procedures on the couples' identities and nationalities and a change in the marriage certificate. The church now issues a marriage document which, after signing, has to be delivered to the registry office in Winchester, where the wedding certificate is issued – from a computer! No more personal hand written certificates to be pored over in ancestry tracing.

5.4 Church Centres

St Boniface Centre and St Martin in the Wood Centre

The two church centres are a particularly valuable resource in the Parish because of the outreach opportunities they provide to the community in Chandler's Ford and beyond. In normal times they have also provided a significant financial contribution to our work and worship.



However for the second year running it was not possible to use these resources to the full. After Christmas 2020 we were in another lockdown which lasted until the Spring. From May 30th people were allowed to meet inside with the gradual lifting of restrictions about meetings and gatherings continuing until June.

Ballet was one of the first groups to return in April and in May Pilates restarted. The field at St Boniface was used by different groups, weather permitting; children's groups met outside or online and people gathered to celebrate New Wine in August.

Hirers were subject to the regulations of their governing bodies and the interpretations of evolving Government regulations. In the end almost all our hirers had returned by early September but so far not the NHS Blood Donation service.

U3A were able to broadcast their meetings, with help from Giles Richardson.

Film nights recommenced in the autumn.

St Martin's was opened as a polling station and that went well.

Two of our paid cleaners were eligible for furlough during lockdown and their salaries were topped up by the church; one cleaner was paid in full as she was not eligible for furlough.

There is now a key safe at both churches to ensure easier access and security of the buildings.

The Church and Centre committee met regularly on Zoom during the year, to ensure the buildings were well maintained during lockdown.

As part of our journey towards becoming an eco church we are continuing to look at our environmental impact in this place and how we can improve.



General Synod have said that the church will be carbon neutral by 2030. This is not straightforward and is a huge task. St Martin's has some insulation, but St Boniface has very minimal insulation. In September with Stuart Divall, the wardens completed an eco church questionnaire to establish where we were doing well and where improvements could be made. PCC and Church and the Centres committee will continue to consider how we can be more eco friendly. Our priority will continue to be mission.

5.5 Administration and Communication



In normal times, the parish office is the administrative hub of the parish and plays a vital role in our mission. Obviously, in 2021, the office had to be closed for much of the time due to the restrictions, but Suzie Pavitt continued to run the office remotely with great efficiency. Thanks also go to Judith Bird, Ann Brew and Anita Jarman for helping to keep the parish office running during these extraordinary times. We are especially grateful to these ladies for taking on extra duties when Suzie was on compassionate leave. Jenny Greasley has done a great job of dealing with the hirers for the church centre and Barbara Dobson continues to help co-ordinate the weddings, although these have been very limited this year. There have been some funerals this year and our thanks go to all who have helped to steward these or who have been involved with the music, sound or livestreaming.

We continue to be grateful to David Lewis for all that he does in producing the parish magazine and for all those who have contributed to it in 2021. We would also like to thank Christine Clark for standing in for David when he needed some time off from Parish commitments. Our thanks also go to Debbie Pearce who continues to take photographs, used by Jane Duxbury to produce the front and back covers of the magazine, and also to the wider magazine team, who have faithfully typed, proof-read and distributed the magazine around Chandler's Ford. Judith Bird has continued to compile the fortnightly paper newssheet, and the emailed weekly news, for which we would like to express our heartfelt thanks. Thanks also go to everyone who has helped to distribute the newssheet and reading packs. If anyone would like to receive parish news electronically then please contact the parish office.

The parish website continues to be another useful means of communication with visitors and congregation alike. Our thanks go to Suzie Pavitt and Giles Richardson for all that they have contributed to keeping this as up to date as possible in these trying times. All the

services are available through the parish website at www.parishcf.church or through our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/parishcf and on YouTube.

Finally, thanks also go to Tom Young and Becca Wicks for all of their assistance in keeping the Parish Facebook pages & groups and the Website updated before they moved on to their new roles elsewhere.

5.6 Older People's Ministry

2021 was another difficult year, with continuing lockdowns due to the pandemic. Gradually the situation improved as the year went on until, that is, the Omicron Covid variant resulted in further restrictions in care homes. The challenges for older people and those living (and working) in care homes has continued. With the help of many lovely volunteers, we have continued to find ways of offering love, hospitality and contact to the older people in our parish.

Parish News Sheet Deliveries

During the first year of the pandemic, 2020, we started a fortnightly delivery of news sheets and information to people at home. During 2021, we continued these deliveries, though gradually reduced the number delivered as people were able to return to church. By the end of 2021 the dedicated team of deliverers were still delivering around 30 news sheets each fortnight to those who are housebound, or unable to return to church for health reasons.

Cake and Chat



As we started the year with another lockdown, and being unable to start Beacon Café, we continued with the Cake and Chat deliveries. As in 2020, the dedicated team delivered cake, biscuits, a leaflet with a theme, and a puzzle leaflet.

Generous people continued with the cake making, and various people provided articles, poems and prayers for the leaflets. Thanks particularly to Christine Clark and Audrey Beal for their contributions. Most deliveries ceased in July 2021, as most people were getting out by then and Beacon Café began in the early autumn.

A massive thank you to all the cake makers and deliverers.

Beacon Café

2021 was another disrupted year in terms of meeting in person, starting with another lockdown. However, after restrictions finally eased, Beacon Cafe returned in the autumn. We had a good number of people return, and a few new people who had been referred to us by the Chandlers Ford Help group.

As well as the regular sessions, we were pleased to welcome the Traidcraft team who came with a stall, and we finished the year with a Christmas celebration with festive refreshments

and the annual Christmas Quiz. We continue to deliver bags of cake to a small number of people who are housebound.

We are so thankful for the many volunteers from the parish who make this possible, either in the kitchen, cake making, craft activity organising and chatting!

Connect Groups 'Connect Groups' were established in 2020 amongst the older members of our congregations as part of our parish initiative to keep everyone connected during the time of pandemic. Whilst many parishioners have been able to gradually return to the Sunday and weekday services during 2021, enabling them to interact with others at Church, Connect Groups can provide a way of keeping in touch for those who are still less able to be out and about in person.

Omega Course

In a new venture for the parish, we ran the Omega Course in the Autumn of 2021. This is a course which encourages people to think positively about the ageing process and to embrace their later years thoughtfully and with hope and confidence. Over 6 weeks we looked at various aspects of ageing and the changes which occur, physically, mentally and spiritually. We had a group of 14 people, ranging in age from those about to retire to those in their 90's, who participated in watching DVD material, listening to speakers, discussing relevant questions and generously sharing their own experiences. Feedback has indicated that participants found it both useful and thought-provoking, and we are considering running it again later in 2022.

Local Care Homes - Challoner House and Valley Lodge

The parish has had links with Challoner House for many years, and more recently with Valley Lodge. In normal times, one team delivers a monthly Home Communion Service at Challoner House and another a monthly Songs of Praise service at Valley Lodge to residents who wish to attend. Again, in normal times, home communion is taken to residents in their rooms, should they request it. We might also be informed via staff, of a request to pray with a resident in their room.

The pandemic continued throughout 2021, but we were able to maintain contact with our friends via telephone and show them our love with the delivery of posies on Mothering Sunday and palm crosses and chocolate eggs for Palm Sunday and at Easter respectively. Once regulations were lifted a little, the Challoner Team were able to deliver a non-Eucharistic service from within a 'pod' to a small number of residents in the adjoining lounge. From September to December 2021, the team was able to join the residents in the dining room, albeit at a distance, to deliver a non-Eucharistic service. In this larger venue, the number of residents in attendance increased a little. These services were well received. Sadly, with the onset of the Omicron variant all Barchester care homes, including Challoner House, were closed in mid-December 2021. As a result of this further closure the planned Carol Service could not take place.

Having been unable to go into Valley Lodge until October, we then had the privilege of being invited to hold a memorial service in the home in December to remember those residents who had passed away due to Covid over the previous two years. We were also able to hold

a Christmas Carol Service just before regulations tightened once more, and it was a really joyful and fun-filled occasion. Thanks to Hugh and members of the Choir for their musical support!

We are hoping that 2022 will see us able to resume the taking of Holy Communion into both homes as and when appropriate.

Judith Bird, Jean Nolan and Reverend Penny Thatcher

5.7 Regular social events

In early autumn a number of our regular social events resumed in person, including Holiday at Home, Beacon Café, Men's Breakfast and Film nights. Other groups such as Novo, Mother's Union have continued to meet on Zoom this year. Sadly, the monthly St Martin's lunches will not be resuming and we would like to thank Margaret Doores and her team for all their hard work over the years.

5.8 Churchwarden's report

Parish of Chandler's Ford, Annual Report from the Churchwardens, including the Report on Ornaments and Fabric for St Boniface and St Martin in the Wood April 2021 - March 2022

As Churchwardens of the Parish of Chandler's Ford, we are pleased to submit this report on behalf of St. Boniface and St Martin in the Wood Churches.

One Parish, two churches working together

The COVID pandemic has continued to affect church life over the past year, with us starting to emerge from lockdown in April 2021, however church services have continued both in person and online. From the beginning of July, the new service schedule was deployed across the Parish with Sunday Eucharistic services alternating between the two churches. Hirers began to return in September when restrictions were eased.

1. Ornaments and Fabric

We can confirm that the Ornaments and Fabric of St. Boniface and St Martin in the Wood are in good order.

2. Building and Centres, including Quinquennial Survey

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In February 2019 our church architect, Duncan McKellar, RIBA AABC MSc Building Conservation, completed our Quinquennial survey. This identified all of the maintenance and improvement actions which were recommended over the following five-year period to keep our buildings in a good state of repair. Activities are categorised from Cat A which are urgent to Cat E which are recommendations for the future. Due to lockdowns and the

financial position of the Parish many tasks were deferred in 2020; however, in 2021 we were able to put a plan together and get much of this work underway.



Status of Quinquennial Tasks at the end of 2020

Status of Quinquennial Tasks at the end of 2021

The work has been varied from unblocking rainwater gullies, rewiring the IT in the office, renovating and clearing all the gutters and downpipes at both churches, replacing locks, fitting insulation, repairing floors, painting rusty radiators and redecorating. Repairs to the stained glass sanctuary window at St Martin's are nearly complete at the time of writing this report due to a generous and kind donation by Jean Edwardes in memory of her late husband, Bill.

In addition to the Quinquennial works there have been a number of other tasks that have been completed including fitting a lead alarm to the roof of St Boniface to reduce our insurance premiums, upgrading the livestream equipment across both churches, replacing fire exit signs and lightbulbs, repairing leaks, fixing the CCTV and rebuilding the office computers. Many more tasks are already planned and budgeted for this year including roof repairs and moss clearance at both churches.

The Community Payback team has now returned to work and we look forward to welcoming them back to both churches to carry out maintenance activities.

The wardens would like to thank all of the volunteers who have enabled us to make such good progress this year by contributing their time and talents to this work. Huge thanks go to Giles Richardson who has made a significant contribution by using his time and great expertise in carrying out many aspects of this work.

3. Church Documents

The current church services registers, wedding, funeral and baptismal records are in order and kept up to date. From these records the annual Parish Mission Statistics have been completed and submitted to the Church of England Membership Return. The record of documents and registers appertaining to the church indicates which records are kept in various places in the churches and which registers and historical papers are in the Hampshire Records Office.

4. Faculties and The Chancellor's General Directions

The situation has changed with regards to the installation of a defibrillator at St Boniface. As a result of the delays, partly brought about by lockdown, a defibrillator has been installed next door at the Ritchie Hall. South Central Ambulance service has advised us not to install another defibrillator close by. We are exploring other appropriate places where it can best serve another local community. As a result, the extension to the faculty is no longer relevant.

6th February 2020: Application for Archdeacon's permission for a Temporary Reordering. To remove up to four pews in order to move the children's area to a space in front of the sound desk. This would offer a safer, larger area and free up access to the outer door. It has not been possible to follow through on this project mainly because of the need to maintain social distancing within the building. There are ongoing discussions with the Diocese about how to take the temporary re-ordering permission forward. On 3rd February 2022 it expired.

5. Building Insurance

Following a review of parish insurance in 2017 we have been insured with Trinitas, who offer a single parish-wide insurance covering both churches. This continues to offer value for money. On the advice of Trinitas, in May surveillance equipment was fitted on the St Boniface roof areas which are lead covered. This has resulted in a significant reduction in the premium of £220 per month.

6. Other Projects

- General maintenance of the outside and inside of our church buildings continues on a regular basis as restrictions have allowed.
- Our Parish Administrator maintains a register of suppliers and contractors across the parish, with dates of when servicing or checks are required.
- PAT testing has been carried out at both churches.
- Annual servicing of boilers has been carried out in both churches.
- Fire extinguisher testing has been carried in both churches.
- In the St Martin's centre the vertical blinds were broken and have now been removed. The curtains have been re-hung and are now fit for purpose, if a little tired.
- A defibrillator was installed at St Martin's on 3rd February and is situated externally, under the noticeboard at the front of the church. It has been registered with South Central Ambulance Service and is now functional.
- In St Martin's library the fire escape ladder was installed next to the escape window, with clear signage and instructions for use.
- The cost of refurbishing the church floor at St Martin's was prohibitive, so currently we are in the process of making good the area affected by water leakage and further repair and polishing is planned.
- As wardens we have been involved in completing questionnaires which looked at all aspects of the church buildings and grounds usage in preparation for certification by A Rocha UK, as part of our journey towards Eco Church. At the time of writing, St Martin's

has achieved bronze certification and St Boniface has actions in place to achieve certification. This journey will continue through higher certifications as further eco measures are put in place.

- Toilet Twinning is complete with certificates in all our toilet facilities.
- There was an intermittent fault with the organ at St Martin's, which was particularly difficult to manage during livestreaming. A module was tested and replaced and both our organists have reported a definite improvement.

7. The Grounds

We are grateful to the people who care for our grounds and car parks, keeping them in a good state. The grounds and gardens at both churches are regularly maintained by a professional gardener and volunteers. The paths and car park were cleared of moss at St Martin's. The paving slabs around the war memorial at St Boniface were levelled and repaired and the sunken path under the St Martin's notice board has also been repaired.



8. The Church Centre and Church Buildings

The Parish Church and Centre Committee, with representatives from most congregations, oversees the running of the Churches and Centres, ensuring the buildings are kept clean and well decorated for the benefit of church groups and community hirers. The majority of the meetings during this year were on Zoom. Employed staff and volunteers are involved in the cleaning process.

Following on from the 'Nobody Goes Hungry' initiative during the first lockdown in 2021, there were sufficient donations to make it possible to repeat this during the Easter holidays.

During the year hirers gradually started to return as restrictions eased, increasing from September onwards.

9. Social Events (as allowed within the constraints of lockdowns)

To keep in touch with Parishioners during COVID restrictions, we continued with the following:

- regular distribution of envelopes which included Sunday bible readings, prayers, the news sheet and words of encouragement to people living alone or without the internet;
- goody bags containing poems, topical gifts, puzzles and homemade cake which were much appreciated.

Social events continued online, with some returning to meet in person when circumstances allowed, including Men@8, Men's Breakfast, Women's Breakfast, Mothers' Union Evening Group, Afternoon Guild and Home Groups.



We were pleased to see the return of both Beacon Café and Holiday at Home during the year.

The Fairtrade team continued to provide a service throughout the year; however, we were very pleased to welcome them back into church on 1 August.

We continued to support Eastleigh Basics bank throughout this period.

Church Twinning: In October 2021 we were due to host our Twinning friends from Germany and France, but this was cancelled. It is very much hoped that Twinning will go ahead in October 2022. We had a link up with our friends in Germany and France in October 2021 via Zoom which was very much appreciated under the circumstances.

10. Family and Young People's Activities

We were pleased to welcome back the children and young people into church as Covid restrictions eased. Tom and Becca left their respective posts in the summer and our congratulations and thanks go to Debbie for her sterling work in supporting and taking forward children and youth work in the Parish.

11. Church life

The life of our church, both within the buildings and outreach, is supported by, and would not survive without, the tireless work of active, committed volunteers. Many people work quietly behind the scenes; all offer time, talent and expertise and none of this is taken for granted. We would like to thank everyone who keeps the church a vibrant and active part of our community.

The constraints of Covid have had an impact on our congregations and, understandably, many have chosen to continue to isolate; however, the first communion at St Martin's resumed on 17th March 2021 with the first Service of the Word at St Boniface on 21st March 2021.

We continued to host a coffee and chat Zoom after the Sunday online services until mid-May when we were able to meet over coffee in person, with restrictions.



We would like to thank all deputy and assistant wardens and stewards who have helped, as they were able, at St Boniface and St Martin's. Thanks also go to our volunteer coffee makers, church cleaners, sacristans, flower arrangers and office volunteers who help with admin and bookings, those who look after church heating and locking when needed. Thanks to the Parish magazine, eNews and pew sheet editors, contributors and distributors; for pastoral work which has taken on a different form and members of committees who have generally been attending meetings online.

We welcomed the St Boniface choir back gradually as lockdown eased, at first with limited numbers to observe social distance. On Sunday 20th February 2022, an informal choir will be welcomed back to lead the singing at St Martin's.

We are grateful for the help we receive from our Parish administrator and the vicar's PA, and for the invaluable support from the PCC.

At the end of November, along with Ian, we were particularly pleased that the COVID rules allowed us to personally host and thank the amazing teams of volunteers who assisted us over the year. We are very grateful for their continued support and dedication during a difficult year.

Covid presented us with opportunities as well as challenges this year; for example we placed our Easter daffodil cross outside St Boniface with the opportunity for passers-by to place a daffodil.

We are very grateful to the Sound Team for continuing to stream services online and allow those at home to worship and take part. On average 30 people watch the livestream and about 250 catch up at a later time.

Some of us were able to support Penny as she was ordained Deacon on 4th July and we are blessed that she is sharing her journey into Curacy with us. We were also very pleased to welcome the Rev'd Hayley Richens to the parish on 18th July. We are very grateful for the gifts they are each bringing to the life of the parish.

On 5th September we said goodbye to Becca Wicks as she returned to a teaching post. Sadly we also bade farewell to Tom Young our youth minister the following week and wish him well as he begins his training in the Ministry. Thanks go to each of them for all the work they undertook in the Parish especially during these different times.

Since the departure of her colleagues, Debbie Pearce has temporarily increased her hours and done an amazing job in managing to keep the work with children and youth going, with the support of dedicated volunteers.

We said farewell to Jo Streat as Ian's PA and thank her for her work supporting Ian and the PCC; we were then pleased to welcome Gill Skates into the role in November and wish her much success.

We all continue to benefit from Ian's ministry, leadership and pastoral care. He works tirelessly to provide inspiring and varied worship and shares his vision for outreach and mission. His workload was exacerbated by the loss of the full time Associate post. Our thanks go to Judith for her work within the Parish including Beacon Café, editing e-News and pew sheets, pastoral care and supporting Ian.

We continue to pray for God's grace and guidance as we face changes and challenges ahead. We pray for Ian and the Leadership Team, as we make the most of the opportunities that will arise as we journey forward as a Parish.

To everyone we would like to say -

A HUGE THANK YOU!

**Thank you for your support, help and encouragement during the year
Lynne Mursell & Una Barter**

**Churchwardens
March 2022**



6. Review of Financial Activities and Affairs

The budget for 2021 was based on some assumptions about the timing and extent to which activity would resume in our churches. Assumptions were made about removal of restrictions allowing attendance at services and other church activities. The same was true for hirers being able to resume the multitude of activities that take place across the buildings.

As we all know it was much later in the year before we achieved anything close to a normal level of activity and there is much said about it elsewhere in this report. Despite the gulf between our assumptions and what actually happened it has not been the disastrous year for parish finances that we feared.

The achievements of 2021 are worth celebrating:

- The parish has maintained giving to mission and aid agencies at 10% of budgeted income. A “tithe” on PCC unrestricted income that supports the work of mission and help for those in very real need in this country and around the world.
- Special collections to support organisations as diverse as the Royal British Legion, Eastleigh Basics Bank and Winchester Beacon were taken at various services.
- We collected to support the laptops for schools’ initiative and the parish was able to fund 26 laptops to help children who were struggling to carry out their school work online.
- Major improvements to our live streaming capability were carried out during the year that were funded from legacies and other donations given in the past by faithful members of our community. This enables the parish to reach out to those who cannot otherwise attend services, including weddings and funerals.

A major concern when looking at income for the year is that regular giving hasn’t increased in recent years. This is despite the focus given to regular giving at the Giving & Gift Day in 2021 and the attention drawn to inflation in various communications.

Regular giving doesn’t keep pace with either inflation or our own plans to grow as part of the Kingdom. We are blessed that one-time donations do overcome this increasing gap and enable us to balance the books. This is testament to the same faithful people who each year give large and small sums to enable the parish mission to continue. We have to recognise that a significant number of our church community members prefer to give in this way rather than increase their regular giving.

It is of note that in 2021 the Common Mission Fund contribution requested by the diocese was reduced by £14,000 from the amount requested in 2020. This was in recognition of the difficulties experienced by many parishes and without that reduction our accounts would tell a very different story.

Overview of Accounts

Income for the year exceeded expense by £11,385 resulting in a consolidated balance of £106,398 at the end of the year.

Legacies

One legacy was received during the year from the estate of Joy Barnard.

Legacies left by Sybil Mercer, Beryl Cormack and Joy Barnard have been used to fund improvements to live streaming and audio equipment at both churches. We are very grateful that these former members of our church community chose to leave gifts that would support the mission of the church long after their death.

The finance team is made up of Anne Brew, Jim Rooke, Jackie Richardson and Malcolm Banks who are ably supported by Suzie Pavitt and Jenny Greasley in the management of invoices.

Accounting Policies

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

Funds

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

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 their main affiliation to another body or those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Reserves

The Parish reserves policy is reviewed annually by the PCC and states:

It is the policy of this Parish to hold unrestricted reserves in the General Fund equivalent to two months budgeted expenditure. At least half of this amount should be held in deposit accounts.

The Fabric Fund is intended to cover unforeseen building problems, works identified at the next Quinquennial inspection and likely expenditure within the next 5 years. It is the intention that as it is used to fund work it will be restored up to a reserve figure of £30,000. The PCC will look to achieve this in a reasonable period of time, taking into account other demands on funds

Incoming resources

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 recognised.
- Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.
- Funds raised by fetes and similar events are accounted for gross.

Other income

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

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

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

Resources used

Grants

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

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The diocesan Common Mission Fund contribution is accounted for when paid. Any contribution unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Fixed assets

Consecrated property and movable church furnishings

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

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's Inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). Items with a purchase price of over £5,000 may be capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic life on a straight-line basis, if the PCC considers this to be appropriate.

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

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises may be depreciated on a straight-line basis over 4 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £5,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December 2021 in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the Diocesan Loan Fund, at the bank or any other approved deposit taker.

Mission Giving and Donations

It is the policy of the PCC to allocate to Mission Giving and Donations, a sum equal to 10% of the budgeted income for each year.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHANDLER'S FORD PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 40 to 46.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church'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 accounts 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 any 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.

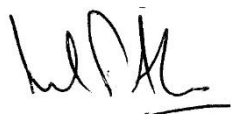
An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Chandler's Ford Parochial Church Council and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent Examiner's statement

Since the gross income for the year exceeds the amount provided in section 145(3) of the Act, I confirm that I am qualified to act as Independent Examiner under the provisions of the Act and that my qualification is as shown below.

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 accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act and the Regulations have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mrs M D F Atkinson FCA
Atkinsons, Chartered Accountants
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Date: 31st March 2022

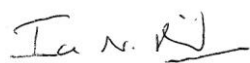
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 31 December 2021

| | Note | Unrestric. Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | TOTAL 2021 £ | FUNDS 2020 £ |
|---|------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| INCOMING RESOURCES | | | | | |
| <i>Voluntary income</i> | 1(a) | 263,219 | 16,437 | 279,656 | 260,229 |
| <i>Activities for generating funds</i> | 1(b) | 15,851 | 0 | 15,851 | 16,673 |
| <i>Investment income</i> | 1(c) | 379 | 0 | 379 | 481 |
| <i>Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities</i> | 1(d) | 8,518 | 0 | 8,518 | 5,912 |
| <i>Other Incoming Resources</i> | 1(e) | 5,824 | 0 | 5,824 | 2,379 |
| | | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| | £ | 293,791 | 16,437 | 310,228 | 285,674 |
| | | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== |
| RESOURCES USED | | | | | |
| <i>Charitable Activities</i> | 2(a) | 279,605 | 13,945 | 293,550 | 301,263 |
| <i>Fund Raising</i> | 2(b) | 5,293 | 0 | 5,293 | 229 |
| | | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| | £ | 284,898 | 13,945 | 298,843 | 301,492 |
| | | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== |
| NET INCOMING/OUTGOING RESOURCES | | 8,893 | 2,492 | 11,385 | -15,818 |
| TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS | | | | | |
| (All balancing, see note 11) | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS after transfers | | 8,893 | 2,492 | 11,385 | -15,818 |
| BALANCES Brought Forward at 1 JANUARY 2021 | | 79,880 | 15,133 | 95,013 | 110,831 |
| | | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2021 | £ | 88,773 | 17,625 | 106,398 | 95,013 |
| | | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== |

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

| | Note | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|---|------|-----------|-----------|
| FIXED ASSETS | | | |
| Tangible fixed assets | 7 | 206 | 206 |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Debtors | 9 | 10,581 | 4,169 |
| Short term deposits (Dioc. Loan Fnd & Deposit Accounts) | | 91,302 | 88,219 |
| Cash at bank and in hand - General Fund | | 20,320 | 5,748 |
| | | 122,203 | 98,136 |
| LIABILITIES | | | |
| Short Term (due within one year) | 10 | 16,011 | 3,329 |
| | | 16,011 | 3,329 |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | | 106,192 | 94,807 |
| NET ASSETS | | £ 106,398 | 95,013 |
| FUNDS | 11 | | |
| Unrestricted | | 90,773 | 79,880 |
| Restricted | | 15,625 | 15,133 |
| | | £ 106,398 | 95,013 |

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 23rd March 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev'd Dr Ian Bird

(Chairman)



Malcolm Banks

(Treasurer)

The notes on pages 42 - 46 form part of these accounts.

RETURN OF PARISH FINANCE

The Accounting Policies are detailed in the page headed "Accounting Policies"

INCOMING RESOURCES (RECEIPTS)

| 1 | | Unrestric. Funds | Restricted Funds | TOTAL FUNDS | |
|------|--|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|---------|
| | | | | 2021 | 2020 |
| | Voluntary Income | | | | |
| 1(a) | Gift aided planned giving | 148,090 | 0 | 148,090 | 152,027 |
| | Non-gift aided planned giving | 9,995 | 0 | 9,995 | 5,767 |
| | Non-gift aided collections at services | 2,149 | 0 | 2,149 | 668 |
| | All other donations | 54,679 | 10,830 | 65,509 | 52,358 |
| | Income tax recovered on all gift aided donations and GASDS | 48,306 | 2,607 | 50,913 | 49,409 |
| | Legacies | 0 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 0 |
| | Grants | 0 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 0 |
| | | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| | | 263,219 | 16,437 | 279,656 | 260,229 |
| | | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| | Activities for Generating Funds | | | | |
| 1(b) | Income from the use of church buildings | 14,297 | 0 | 14,297 | 15,816 |
| | Fund-raising | 1,554 | 0 | 1,554 | 857 |
| | | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| | | 15,851 | 0 | 15,851 | 16,673 |
| | | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| | Investment Income | | | | |
| 1(c) | Dividends and Interest (gross) | 379 | 0 | 379 | 481 |
| | | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| | | 379 | 0 | 379 | 481 |
| | | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| | Incoming Resources from Church Activities | | | | |
| 1(d) | Magazines | 2,226 | 0 | 2,226 | 2,289 |
| | Fees | 4,679 | 0 | 4,679 | 3,313 |
| | Event receipts | 1,613 | 0 | 1,613 | 310 |
| | | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| | | 8,518 | 0 | 8,518 | 5,912 |
| | | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| | Other Incoming Resources | | | | |
| 1(e) | Insurance claims | 0 | 0 | 0 | 685 |
| | Other Income | 376 | 0 | 376 | 1,694 |
| | Fair Trade sales | 5,448 | 0 | 5,448 | 0 |
| | | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| | | 5,824 | 0 | 5,824 | 2,379 |
| | | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| | TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| | | 293,791 | 16,437 | 310,228 | 285,674 |
| | | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |

2 RESOURCES USED (PAYMENTS)

| | Unrestric. Funds | Restricted Funds | TOTAL FUNDS | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|---------|
| | | | 2021 | 2020 |
| 2(a) Church Activities | | | | |
| Mission Giving and Donations | | | | |
| Mission and relief agencies | 26,600 | 0 | 26,600 | 25,500 |
| Secular charities | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Payments from special collections | 7,782 | 0 | 7,782 | 2,303 |
| | 34,382 | 0 | 34,382 | 27,803 |
| Ministry | | | | |
| Common Mission Fund | 139,704 | 0 | 139,704 | 153,808 |
| | 139,704 | 0 | 139,704 | 153,808 |
| Clergy and staff costs | | | | |
| Clergy and staff expenses | 2,192 | 0 | 2,192 | 1,561 |
| Parsonage house | 107 | 0 | 107 | 104 |
| Salaries, wages and honoraria | 54,771 | 5,000 | 59,771 | 69,609 |
| | 57,070 | 5,000 | 62,070 | 71,274 |
| Church running expenses | | | | |
| General mission and outreach | 2,413 | 3,300 | 5,713 | 4,164 |
| Youth work | 673 | 0 | 673 | 1,611 |
| Children's work | 121 | 0 | 121 | 445 |
| Event costs | 570 | 0 | 570 | 1,435 |
| Upkeep of services | 4,376 | 2,270 | 6,646 | 3,233 |
| Expenditure on parish magazine | 1,276 | 0 | 1,276 | 972 |
| Church administration | 8,006 | 0 | 8,006 | 8,111 |
| | 17,435 | 5,570 | 23,005 | 19,971 |
| Church and Centre Running Costs | | | | |
| Church and Centre running costs | 30,899 | 0 | 30,899 | 28,407 |
| | 30,899 | 0 | 30,899 | 28,407 |
| Church and Centre Repairs and Maintenance | | | | |
| Major repairs, replacements and redecoration | 115 | 3,375 | 3,490 | 0 |
| New building work | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 115 | 3,375 | 3,490 | 0 |
| | 279,605 | 13,945 | 293,550 | 301,263 |
| 2(b) Cost of Generating Funds | | | | |
| Fund-raising | 283 | 0 | 283 | 229 |
| Fair Trade cost of sales | 5,010 | 0 | 5,010 | 0 |
| | 5,293 | 0 | 5,293 | 229 |
| TOTAL RESOURCES USED | 284,898 | 13,945 | 298,843 | 301,492 |

3 INCOME TAX RECOVERED

Income tax recovered under the Gift Aid scheme includes £1,114 (2020: £788) claimed under the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme on small cash and contactless card donations for which a Gift Aid declaration had not been completed.
A further tax reclaim of £1,431 is included in payments from special collections.

4 STAFF COSTS (Funded by General Funds, included in the above)

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|--------|--------|
| | £ | £ |
| Wages and salaries | 53,190 | 61,166 |
| Employers National Insurance Contributions | 0 | 372 |
| Employers Pension Contributions | 1,581 | 1,824 |

A total of £2,734 was claimed from the government Job Retention Scheme in addition to the costs shown above.

During the year the church employed an organist, a Parish administrator, a PA to the vicar, a Youth Minister, two part time Children's Ministers and three cleaners for the Church Centres.
The value of donated assistance has not been quantified.

5 PAYMENTS TO PCC MEMBERS

Becca Wicks was employed as Children's Minister in the parish and during the year was paid £7,826 (2020: £11,754).
Debbie Pearce is employed as Children's Minister in the parish and during the year was paid £14,290 (2020: £11,754).
Tom Young was employed as Youth Minister in the parish and during the year was paid £18,711 (2020: £26,406).
No other member of the PCC has received any remuneration or other benefits. There were no other disclosable transactions in respect of PCC members, persons closely connected with them or other related parties.

6 INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REMUNERATION

(Funded by General Funds, included in the above)

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|
| | £ | £ |
| Amounts payable in respect of: | | |
| Independent examination | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| | ===== | ===== |

7 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

| | | Land and Buildings £ | Total £ |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------|
| 7(a) Tangible fixed assets | | | |
| GROSS BK VALUE | At 1 January 2021 | 206 | 206 |
| | Additions | 0 | 0 |
| | | ----- | ----- |
| | At 31 December 2021 | 206 | 206 |
| | | ----- | ----- |
| DEPRECIATION | At 1 January 2021 | 0 | 0 |
| | Charge for the year | 0 | 0 |
| | | ----- | ----- |
| | At 31 December 2021 | 0 | 0 |
| | | ----- | ----- |
| NET BOOK VALUE | At 31 December 2021 | 206 | 206 |
| | | ===== | ===== |
| | At 31 December 2020 | 206 | 206 |
| | | ===== | ===== |

Equipment costing less than £1000 has not been included.

The Land & Buildings comprises only the church car park in Hursley Road (shown as the cost of transfer of ownership to the PCC from the Chamberlayne Estates). The St Boniface and St Martin's Centres are not shown, since they are attached to their respective churches and clearly could not be sold.

7(b) Investments The PCC currently has no Investments (shares etc).

8 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

| | Assets | Unrestric. Funds | Restricted Funds | Total |
|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| FUND NAME: | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| General Fund | 206 | 66,073 | 15,625 | 81,904 |
| Fabric Fund | | 24,494 | | 24,494 |
| Fund balance | £ 206 | 90,567 | 15,625 | 106,398 |

9 DEBTORS

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ |
| General Fund | 10,581 | 4,169 |
| | £ 10,581 | 4,169 |

10 LIABILITIES

Short Term (amounts falling due within one year)

| | | |
|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| General Fund | 16,011 | 3,329 |
| | 16,011 | 3,329 |

11 FUND DETAILS

A summary of the movements of each of the various funds follows:

| FUND NAME: | Fund Bal. 01/01/2021 | Incoming Res. | Outgoing Res. | Surplus/ -Deficit | Transfers of Funds | Fund Bal. 31/12/2021 |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| General Fund - Unrestricted | 53,880 | 295,791 | 281,392 | 14,399 | -2,000 | 66,279 |
| General Fund - Restricted | 15,133 | 14,437 | 13,945 | 492 | 0 | 15,625 |
| Fabric Fund | 26,000 | 0 | 3,506 | -3,506 | 2,000 | 24,494 |
| £ | 95,013 | 310,228 | 298,843 | 11,385 | 0 | 106,398 |

Figures include stock, assets, debtors and liabilities where appropriate.

The purposes of the various funds are...

General Fund - Unrestricted - the monies used for the normal running of the churches

General Fund - Restricted - monies given for specified purposes including legacies, not available for normal running expenses

Fabric Fund - Designated - for major repairs

TRANSFERS of funds:

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|-------|------|
| From the General Fund to the Fabric Fund | 2,000 | 0 |

12 DONATIONS (GRANTS TO CHARITIES)

The PCC made the following gifts to charities:

| Mission Giving | 2021 | 2020 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| CMS | 5,000 | 4,000 |
| USPG | 7,000 | 4,000 |
| Friend's of St Anne's Liuli | 0 | 4,000 |
| Church Army | 5,000 | 4,000 |
| Children's Society | 5,000 | 4,400 |
| Christian Aid | 2,000 | 1,000 |
| Fledge | 500 | 1,200 |
| ARK | 500 | 1,200 |
| Eastleigh Basics Bank | 500 | 1,700 |
| Edith's Hope | 1,000 | 0 |
| Wycliffe Bible Translators | 100 | 0 |
| Total Extra-Parochial giving | 26,600 | 25,500 |

A variety of retiring collections, special services and events were organised for specific charitable purposes, and the proceeds were sent to the appropriate charities. Details of the amounts are given below.

| | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Bukedi Link | 0 | 75 |
| British Legion | 415 | 0 |
| Winchester Beacon (WCNS) | 665 | 0 |
| USPG | 0 | 33 |
| Eastleigh Basics Bank | 218 | 0 |
| CMS | 0 | 10 |
| Collections for leaving gifts | 838 | 0 |
| Children's Society | 323 | 0 |
| Toilet Twinning | 0 | 420 |
| Rehema Project | 0 | 445 |
| Carers' Packs | 0 | 1,319 |
| Laptops for schools | 5,223 | 0 |
| Half Term Food | 75 | 0 |
| Stress balls for prisoners | 25 | 0 |
| Total | 7,782 | 2,302 |

Appendix 1

Administrative information

The Parish of Chandler's Ford is a densely populated suburban community situated midway between Southampton and Winchester. The two Anglican places of worship comprising this parish are St Boniface church, Hursley Road, and St Martin in the Wood church, Queen's Road. The parish is within the Eastleigh Deanery and the Diocese of Winchester. The address for correspondence is: The Parish Office, St Boniface Church, Hursley Road, Chandler's Ford SO53 2FT.

The PCC's banks are: NatWest Bank, 34 Southampton Road, Eastleigh, Hampshire SO50 9XN
CAF Bank, 25 Kings Hill Ave, Kings Hill, West Malling ME19 4JQ

The independent examiner is: Mrs M. D. F. Atkinson, Atkinson Chartered Accountants, 32 Hiltingbury Road, Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh, Hampshire SO53 5SS.

Parochial Church Council members who have served from 1 January 2021 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Incumbent | Rev'd Dr Ian Bird |
| Self Supporting p/t Associate Priest | Rev'd Hayley Richens (from July 2021) |
| Self Supporting p/t Curate | Rev'd Penny Thatcher (from July 2021) |
| Churchwardens: | Lynne Mursell Una Barter |

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Jean Nolan
Lynne Mursell
Carole Hodgson
Anne Davies

Elected PCC members:

| | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Christine Clark | (Lay-chair) |
| Linda Read | |
| Anne Addiss | |
| Jeremy Hyde | |
| Judith Bird | |
| Giles Richardson | |
| Gloria Brown | |
| Becky Cooke | |
| Paul Anfield | |
| Stuart Divall | |
| Sandy Groves | |
| Barbara Dobson | (from April 2021) |
| Chris Giles | (till April 2021) |
| Penny Thatcher | (till July 2021) |

Co-opted for one year

| | |
|--|-----------------------|
| Tom Young (Youth Minister) | (till September 2021) |
| Debbie Pearce (Children and Schools' Minister) | |
| Becca Wicks (Children and Families' Minister) | (till September 2021) |

Appendix 2

Structure, Governance and Management

Parochial Church Councils were given a legal status for the first time under the *Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919* and by the *Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1921*. A Parochial Church Council is a body corporate which means the PCC is a separate body from the people who serve on it and no-one on the PCC can be made liable for its debts. Being a body corporate also means that a change in membership of the PCC does not affect the PCC's liability for its debts. Each new PCC should honour the contracts undertaken by the previous PCC.

The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission (Registered charity No.1131152). The appointment of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules, and all church members are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

There are a maximum of 15 elected members who are elected to serve for a period of three years, and approximately one-third of the elected members retire every year, ensuring both continuity and an influx of fresh ideas. There are up to 5 Deanery Synod Representatives. New PCC members are given a copy of *The PCC Member's Essential Guide* by Mark Tanner. Additional advice and assistance to new members is available from the PCC Secretary throughout the year. Churchwardens and parish officers attend training provided by the diocese when appropriate.

The Standing Committee comprises the Vicar, churchwardens, lay vice-chair, PCC treasurer, two other members of the PCC and the standing committee secretary (chosen annually by the council, non-voting). The Standing Committee transacts the business of the PCC between meetings, often at short notice, but is always subject to the direction of the PCC.

There are four sub-committees of the PCC: the Finance and Stewardship Committee; the Parish Church and Centre Committee, who are responsible for the fabric and management of their buildings and grounds; the Communication Committee and the Mission Committee, which considers both outreach and charitable giving. A copy of the Terms of Reference under which these sub-committees operate is available from the parish office. Officers are appointed annually to carry out specific tasks, e.g. safeguarding, health and safety. In 2021, appointed officers are listed in the minutes of the May PCC meeting.

In addition, the PCC appoints representatives annually: one to Chandler's Ford Community Association and up to six to the ecumenical Churches Together in Chandler's Ford Committee.

The PCC employs a part-time administrator, Suzie Pavitt, to run the parish office and supervise a team of volunteer office assistants. The PCC also employs Gill Skates as part-time PA to the Revd Dr Ian Bird and PCC Secretary and part-time Children and Schools' Minister, Debbie Pearce. The council also employed Jo Streat as part-time PA to the vicar and PCC Secretary till June 2021, a full-time Youth Minister Tom Young till September 2021 and Children and Families' Minister, Becca Wicks till August 2021.

Appendix 3

Charitable Objectives and Risk Management

The PCC's general functions are set out in the *Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956*, section 2: 'It shall be the duty of the minister and the PCC to consult together on matters of general concern and importance to the parish.'

The functions of the PCC are:

- * 'Co-operation with the minister (i.e. the Vicar) in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.'

The Church is called to be *pastoral* – to look after individual people; to be *evangelistic* – to tell people the Good News and invite them to accept it; to be *social* – to help the poorer members of society and those suffering from racial, economic and other forms of injustice; and to be *ecumenical* – to encourage good relations with other Christian denominations. The PCC's primary objective is the promotion of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England.'

- * 'The consideration and discussion of matters concerning the Church of England or any other matters of religious or public interest, but not the declaration of the doctrine of the Church on any question.'
- * 'Making known and putting into effect any provisions made by the Diocesan Synod or the Deanery Synod, but without prejudice to the powers of the council on any particular matter.'
- * 'Giving advice to the Diocesan Synod and the Deanery Synod on any matter referred to the council.'
- * 'Raising such matters as the council consider appropriate with the Diocesan Synod or Deanery Synod.'

This shows the link between the PCC, the Deanery Synod and the Diocesan Synod. Each PCC has on it one or more members of the Deanery Synod who act as a link between the Deanery Synod and the council.

Financial objectives are outlined in the Financial Report beginning on page 36.

Risk management

As trustees, members of the PCC are aware of their corporate responsibility to monitor and manage the risks to which the PCC is exposed. At the last review, all major risks were assessed and mitigation steps taken to ensure they were managed to an acceptable level of risk. The risk register is available for inspection in the parish office and will be reviewed again in 2022 once Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted. The PCC will undertake the review, overseen by the clergy and churchwardens.