



# Annual Report 2019 & 2020

**The Annual Report and Accounts of the Parochial Council of the Parish of St Denys, Lisvane**  
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Parish Church of St. Denys, Lisvane  
Annual Vestry 2020 & 2021  
Monday 19th April 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom

**Agenda**

1. Prayers.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Chairman's welcome.
4. To receive and confirm the Minutes of 2018 Annual Vestry held on 7th April 2019
5. To receive and discuss the Parish Report including the Audited Accounts for 2019 & 2020 and the Budget for 2021
6. To receive *en bloc* Reports which are included in the Parish Report.
7. To make the following elections
  - Churchwarden-the People's warden.
  - Parochial Church Councillors not exceeding 12 in number.
  - Sides Persons/Welcomers
8. To appoint an Auditor.
9. To consider any other business of which notice has been given and to which the Meeting consents.
10. Closing Prayer and Blessing

A qualified Elector is a Communicant member over the age of sixteen whose name is entered on the Electoral Roll of the Parish.

All nominated for any office must be communicant members, eighteen years old or over and a qualified elector.

No person should be nominated unless he/she has signed the consent column of the Nomination Form.

Notice of other business under Item 9 should be given in writing to the Chairman (Vicar) or Secretary of the P.C.C. not less than 24 hours before the Annual Vestry Meeting

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING  
SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2019 AT 7.30pm  
ST. DENYS CHURCH**

**Present:** Rev Canon Stewart Lisk (Area Dean and Chairman)  
Mr Stephen Brunker (Churchwarden)  
Dr Duncan Shadwell (Churchwarden)  
34 Parishioners attended the meeting.

**1. PRAYERS.**

Rev Canon Lisk opened the meeting with prayers.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

These were received from Anita Griffiths, Dr Michael Watson, Derrick Evans, Ian & Catherine Kerby, David de Lloyd, Martyn & Andrea Ridge, Tony & Jean Edwards, Christine Steward.

**3. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME.**

Rev Lisk welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending and mentioned he had written to the congregation in his letter in the annual report and that the Wardens, secretary and PCC members had been very busy over the last year. He also said St Denys was a lively and successful parish eagerly awaiting the appointment of it's new Vicar.

Rev Lisk thanked the outgoing Vicar Rev Chris for his 9 years of service and wished him every blessing. The wardens and senior clergy with representatives of the Diocesan board hoped to complete the appointment process of the new Vicar last week but had one more appointment tomorrow, and was very hopeful that this would be made in the next few days. Rev Lisk also mentioned that the advert for a new vicar also mentioned changes in the Diocese with the New Diocesan Vision including new ministry areas. This time last year more close links with Christ Church were discussed and now the neighbouring parish of Llanishen's Vicar is retiring shortly.

Working together is unique to each mission area and this will happen once new clergy are appointed.

**4. TO RECEIVE AND CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING HELD ON 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018**

The minutes were agreed to be a true and accurate record and signed by Rev Lisk. Proposed and seconded.

**5. TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS THE PARISH REPORT INCLUDING THE AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR 2018 AND THE BUDGET FOR 2019**

The accounts and budget were accepted as detailed in the Annual Parish Report.

Rev Lisk took great pleasure in reading the report which represents a huge amount of work which has been going on over the past year. Rev Lisk commended the report to the meeting and added his congratulations to all. The floor was then thrown open if anyone wished to comment. The silence indicated approval and appreciation.

Rev Lisk thanked Linda Ashmore, Treasurer and all those who had assisted during the transition period. Rev Lisk also thanked the generous and sacrificial givers to St Denys and encouraged everyone to think and pray a little more to see if we are able to increase our giving.

Rev Lisk then invited Linda Ashmore to take the floor.

Linda advised that the red cash book had been retired and the cheque book semi retired. The accounts are now computer based and 99.9% of people are now paid by faster payments. The summer/autumn saw the beginning of the collection of the Church House funds. In October she attended a training course for Treasurers which has resulted in the tweaking of some of our procedures for handling money. In November/December arrangements were made to move our bank accounts to the Co-Op due to the charging policy which Barclays would have imposed on us. Linda thanked Huw Davies for his expertise to help her complete the accounts. In brief our income has increased by £1,869 in the reporting period despite a fall in adult congregation in 2018. For expenditure – we have shown a decrease in spending by £6,584. However, the 2017 figure included £20,909. for the Youth worker position. On a like for like basis, our expenditure increased by £14,335. The Church House Fund – The Diocese Account holds £360,103.80. The St Deny's Church House Account has £99,365.10 which totals £459,468.90

## 2019 year to date

**Income** – Since the departure of Rev Chris, we have seen a fall in our income of £1,359 to the end of March 2019. This reduction has mainly occurred in cash collected at the services, but we have also seen reductions in direct debits and standing order amounts. We all hope this trend will reverse.

**Expenditure** – We have said in the accounts we will have a deficit of £13,984. This is due to the work needed to be done to the fabric of the church.

**St Denys Bank Account** – Currently holds £57,788.40. The PCC will be kept fully informed throughout the year

**Church House Fund** – The Diocese Account holds £348,477.90. The St Deny's Church House Account has £110,694.78 which is ring fenced in Barclays Bank earning us 0.30% in interest. Total £459,172.68

**Areas of Change** – Two main changes are:

**Weekly Envelopes** – these will be opened by two independent people from myself, this process will still remain anonymous as the only people who knows what number belongs to whom is Diana (the gift aid secretary) and myself., This year I will leave the boxes in the porch without your name on them for you to pick up your number unless you prefer me to hand deliver them to you?

**End of Year Accounts** – To bring us in line with good practice we are going try to have me as a treasurer (book keeper) and an accountant look over and prepare the accounts and then an accountant to verify the accounts. This is because the verifier only takes a snap shot of what is going through the accounts, so again this will help protect everyone.

**Savings** - By not having a vicar in position we are currently saving money on the vicarage and associated expenses. Once the church house is demolished further savings will be made. In addition, we have identified a further £4,050 of savings pa going forward by using the current clergy expenses policy.

Linda officially thanked Huw Davies for his accrual accountancy expertise and Roy Goddard for having the patience of a saint in verifying the accounts to accountancy standard. Linda also thanked everyone for their continued financial support and also the personal support she has received whilst settling in as the new treasurer.

Rev Lisk thanked Linda, Huw and Roy for all their hard work.

John Lister, parishioner, asked if we were happy that we have enough money for the Church House project. Steve Brunker replied that we need to see the tenders to know the exact amount we need to spend and we still have some pledges outstanding. When the tenders are in the PCC will need to discuss further but we will not be signing any contracts unless we can fund the project to its completion. There is scope to reduce the cost of the build. John Lister said there was a need for a robust business plan to be in place to fund the ongoing costs and before any final decisions are made by PCC he requested that the congregation to be kept fully informed of PCC decisions of how we spend the money. Rev Lisk said that with regards to ongoing costs, lots of groups are looking to use church halls, secular groups can bring funds in, if we could consider this plus rental income from the two flats. Rev Lisk feels the PCC have gone slowly and methodically through this process. Jonathan Bould, parishioner said on income versus running costs, this was quite clearly talked about at last year's AVM. PCC have given considerable thought to the costs and the current Church House is not without it's own running costs. Rev Lisk said whoever is elected to the PCC will ensure that funds are carefully considered. In law PCC members are liable so will not be rushing into decisions without due consideration. The new vicar candidates are also aware of all that is going on and they will be fully involved in everything.

Rev Lisk thanked John Lister and Jonathan Bould for their observations.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed and seconded, all in favour with no abstentions.

## **6 TO RECEIVE *EN BLOC* REPORTS WHICH ARE INCLUDED IN THE PARISH REPORT**

The reports were accepted en bloc unanimously. Proposed and seconded.

## **7. TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING ELECTIONS**

### **7.1 Churchwardens**

Stephen Brunker will continue in his role as Vicar's Warden

There was one nomination for People's Warden, Duncan Shadwell. Proposed and seconded.

Rev Lisk thanked Duncan.

Rev Lisk appointed Steve Brunker in the absence of a Vicar as Area Dean.

### **7.2 PCC**

11 people put their names forward. No vote therefore required. No objections, proposed and seconded.

*The following are elected as the PCC for 2019/20*

Ros Brunker	Melanie Falley	Mike Inkpen	Justine Jones
Andrew Keogh	Karen Neill	Martyn Ridge	Jane Shadwell
John Steward	Mererid Stone	John Willis	

### **7.3 Sidespersons/welcomers**

As a rota is in place for these duties no vote had to take place.

### **7.4 Triennial Elections**

**Diocesan Conference Rep:** Chris Belcher

**Area Deanery conference reps:**

Roy Thomas  
Linda Ashmore  
Caroline Willis  
Mererid Stone  
Chris Belcher

Rev Lisk thanked all these volunteers.

## **8. TO APPOINT AN AUDITOR**

The meeting was asked if it was happy for PCC to appoint an auditor in due course which it was agreed.

**9. TO CONSIDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN AND TO WHICH THE MEETING CONSENTS**

None given.

Rev Lisk threw the floor open.

The question of funds available from church funds to assist when Church House was up running was raised. Rev Lisk said funds were available from various bodies i.e. the Gibson Trust All Churches Fund, the Atlantic Trust, Cardiff City Council etc were worth considering and applying for. The Church in Wales has £10M available for mission and evangelical work and there may be funds available from this. Rev Lisk will make this information available to the wardens for further investigation.

**10 CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING**

The meeting stood for a minute's silence in memory of Monica Stokes, Gwyn Husband, Michael Durrant and Averil Evans who had passed away in the previous year.

The meeting closed with all saying The Grace.

Accepted as a true and accurate record

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Amendments to the minutes





## OBJECTS AND CONSTITUTION

The Parish of St Denys, Lisvane, in the Cardiff Deanery, is part of the Diocese of Llandaff within the Church in Wales. The parish is situated to the north of Cardiff, east of Llanishen and adjoining the Diocese of Monmouth.

The church address is:-  
The Church in Wales  
St Denys Church  
Church Road  
Lisvane  
CARDIFF CF14 0SJ

The Church in Wales is a province within the Anglican Communion and, as such, exists to advance the Christian Religion through worldwide mission. The object of the Parochial Church Council is to ensure that the Life and work of the Church within the Parish helps to fulfil that mission, both locally and more widely.

The P.C.C. is not a body corporate. Its composition, procedure, and powers are regulated by the Constitution of the Church in Wales, as amended from time to time by its Governing Body, set up under Section 13(1) of the Welsh Church Acts 1914. Elections are held at an Annual Vestry Meeting which must take place on or before 30<sup>th</sup> April. All persons whose names are entered on the Electoral Roll are entitled to vote and stand for election. Before assuming office, every member of the Council must sign a declaration that he or she will be bound by the Constitution.

The Representative Body of the Church in Wales holds the land and property of the Church in Wales, including St. Denys' Church building, its contents and the churchyard. The Representative Body is an Exempt Charity and was set up under Section 13(2) of the Welsh Church Acts 1914. It acts on behalf of the Province in paying the stipends of full time clergy, and administers the Church in Wales scheme of Gift Aid giving and recovers tax on behalf of parishes. The P.C.C. is responsible inter alia for promoting the mission of the church, the parochial budget and all expenditure there under, the care and maintenance of the church fabric and of the churchyard, and for action on any other matter referred to it in accordance with the Constitution.

The Council is also the normal channel of communication between the parishioners and the Bishop of the Diocese.

It is the responsibility of both the P.C.C. and the Incumbent to work together and co-operate in all matters of concern and importance in the parish for the promotion of the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic and ecumenical in the parish.

The parish policies and aims are encapsulated in our Church Mission Statement:

### *BELONGING / SERVING / BLESSING*

#### Belonging

At St Denys we want to create an atmosphere of belonging where all are welcomed, accepted, valued and feel at home.

We want to encourage everyone to encounter God and experience what it means to belong to Him by following Jesus in the power of The Holy Spirit.

#### Serving

At St Denys we want to encourage people to serve God wholeheartedly.

We want to encourage everyone to follow Jesus' example by sacrificially serving people with humility, love and compassion.

#### Blessing

At St Denys we want to create a culture of blessing

We want to encourage people to reflect God's generosity by sharing His blessings with us both individually and as a church.

## Current Members of the PCC

### Ex-officio and co-opted members

Incumbent (in office from July 2019)	Rev'd James Griffiths
Lay Reader	Dr Duncan Shadwell
Ministry Support Worker	Ali Jensen
Churchwardens	Duncan Shadwell (Peoples - Elected)
	Stephen Brunker (Vicars)
Secretary	Mrs Denise Searle
Treasurer	Mrs Linda Ashmore

### Elected Members (11)

Ros Brunker	Melanie Falley	Mike Inkpen
Andrew Keogh	John Lancaster	Karen Neill
Martyn Ridge	Jane Shadwell	John Steward
Mererid Stone	John Willis	

Gift Aid Secretary: Mererid Stone

The position of Secretary is held by a salaried member of staff and therefore is on the PCC as a permanent observer.

Justine Jones stood down from PCC in September 2020

Liane Toye, a co-opted member of the PCC stood down in September 2020

**VICAR'S REPORT 2019/20**

When I was appointed to Lisvane I could never have imagined that I would be writing my first report for the AVM in the middle of global pandemic. The last 18 months have been something of a rollercoaster, but it feels as if we have turned the corner, although there is doubtless a long way yet to go.

Let me first express my huge thanks to you all for the wonderful welcome you gave us when we arrived in July 2019 and for the warm friendship and support that you have shown ever since. I cannot tell you how much we have enjoyed being here, especially the wonderful sense of being part of a church family together.

I am very conscious that as I begin my ministry here I am building on the foundations laid by others. I have enjoyed reading through previous AVM reports to get a better understanding of the history of St Denys. I was very struck by the first AVM report under Revd Gwilym Williams and his reference to the then church mission statement: 'Bring people to Jesus and Jesus to People.' I love that simple summary of the purpose of the church. I'm sure that's what we all want the heartbeat of St Denys to be, and I am delighted to be able to partner with you in that mission.

How do we take this mission forward? In the New Testament, the ministry of the local church has two foundational elements: prayer and the ministry of the word (Acts 6.4). They must also be the foundation of our ministry together. There is always the temptation to think that what we need is the latest outreach programme or church growth initiative.

One of our primary concerns at the outset of the pandemic was the well-being of parishioners, especially those who are unable to leave their homes. I am hugely grateful to all that Jan Marsden and Ali Jensen did to coordinate our response, and to all those who helped us to put leaflets through every door in the parish offering help.

The pandemic has been enormously frustrating in all sorts of ways. However, some good has come out of it too. First, I sense it has strengthened our sense of community. Second, it has deepened our prayer life. Throughout the pandemic we have had at least two prayer meetings on Zoom during the week and have also started a weekly church prayer meeting on Monday nights. Thank you to all those who have kept this vital ministry going. Third, the closure of the building reminded us that the church is not the building, but the people. Fourth, it has turned our focus outwards. By being forced to close our doors and move online we have realised that there is a digital mission field that we have not reached out to as well as we might have. We need to be bold and creative going forward and make the most of this opportunity that God has given us. Fifth, being able to run services both in-person and online has made us realise that we can serve the members of the church who do not find it easy to leave their homes by enabling them to join in with our worship either online or by dialling in.

The news at present looks very positive. It is anticipated that most restrictions will be lifted by the summer, although both the English and Welsh governments are being guarded about when social distancing restrictions might be lifted.

Given the size of St Denys this is of particular importance to us as we cannot effectively use the building as long as these restrictions remain in place. We will continue to assess where we are as we begin to emerge from the pandemic.

Progress has continued on the new Church House development throughout the last year. It is hoped that we will soon be able to benefit from new premises. One of the original impetuses behind this project was to enable us to reach out to our growing community. It is hoped that before long that project will be underway, and we must seek to do all we can to reach out to our new neighbours.

In September it was announced that we would be forming a Ministry Area with the parishes of Christ Church, Roath Park and Llanishen. The Ministry Area must be formed by the end of 2021. Although we were aware that a Ministry Area would be formed in North Cardiff, the proposed governance and financial structure of the Ministry Area involved a closer union with other churches than many had anticipated.

Many members of the congregation expressed their concerns, hoping that an alternative arrangement might be found. However, it became evident that the Ministry Area plan is the future, although, as we learned at the Roadshow in December, there is significant flexibility within the parameters set by the bishop and our aim is to reach a settlement that will allow the ministry of St Denys to continue in much the same way as before, but with the added benefit of being able to complement our ministry here by drawing on the resources from other churches as well as serving them as best we can.

We have now had our first Ministry Area Transition Team meeting and I am pleased to say that this was the view expressed by others too.

This year has been a sad one in many ways. In particular we have lost some much loved and key members of the church. Bert Clarke, Alan Prosper and Joyce Davies all passed away during the lockdown and since our last AVM in 2019 we said goodbye to Fred Williams, Ellie Williams and Joan Flook. Grieving their deaths has been especially hard because of the ongoing restrictions. Di Williams moved away to be with family after the death of her husband David and Thelma Andrews also moved away to live with family.

As we look to the year ahead there are three priorities for us a church:

*Rebuild.* The pandemic has had a huge impact on our church and on our community. It has affected us in many different ways and much of the economic impact is yet to come. It is hard to know exactly what church will look like when in person worship begins again, not least because the experts are predicting that attendance will decline by up to as much as 20%. This year is going to be one of rebuilding and regathering as church, supporting one another and healing after all that we have been through.

*Reach out.* The pandemic made us all aware of just how fragile and precarious life is. People have been asking serious questions about what really matters in life. Jesus alone can meet the deep needs of the human heart and so the next couple of years will be crucial times for the church to be looking outwards and holding out the hope of the gospel.

*Restructure.* The Ministry Area implementation timetable means that much of this year will be given over to the restructuring process. This is going to be a very significant undertaking and i am very grateful to Mike Plaut and Duncan Shadwell for being willing to represent the church with me in this process.

Finally, I wanted to say a few words of thanks. There are too many people to thank by name. I really am so grateful to everyone for all the help and support that you have given to the church. However, I would like to single out a few people in particular. First, I am especially grateful to Steve Brunker and Duncan Shadwell for all of their support in their role as wardens. Second, I am hugely indebted to Ali Jensen, who was already working 2 days a week as our Ministry Support Worker when I began my ministry here but whose hours were extended to 4 days per week in September 2020 thanks to the very generous pledges of many in the congregation. Ali's industry and creativity in leading our children, young person's work and community engagement is evident from her report. Third, Denise. Denise has been a wonderful parish administrator - always positive, flexible and willing to go the extra mile. It's been a joy to work alongside her. Fourth, I am very grateful to Martyn for all that he has done leading the choir. Finally, Linda has been a great help as our treasurer in managing the financial side of church life. Finally, thanks so much to Jan Marsden and her team who have been outstanding in their care and support for members of the church throughout this very difficult year.

Let us go forward together in the faith of Christ.

*Rev'd James Griffiths*

*Vicar of Lisvane*



**ELECTORAL ROLL & CHURCH ATTENDANCE 2019/2020**

This has been a challenging time for us all, and the electoral roll, like everything else has suffered interruption during the course of a complete renewal. Every five years the roll has to be renewed and, this year, the task commenced at the beginning of March, but had to pause once the "lockdown" started.

The last occasion that the roll was renewed was 2015 when the total numbers were **188**. Small variations occurred in subsequent years and the number at 2019 AVM was **191**. At present, with the task part completed we have around 120 forms submitted, and I hope that by the time of the Easter Vestry meeting we will improve on this total.

Under the new General Data Protection Regulations, the Church in Wales has decreed that the electoral roll can no longer be publicly displayed as in previous years. You will, however be able to ask to see the list of names on the electoral roll, and arrangements will be put in place for this in April.

The Sunday average attendances in May 2019 ( including children ) were **108**. This is below previous years ( 2015 : **139**, 2016 : **112**, 2017 ; **138** and 2018 : **124** ) , but May 2019 was the time of the interregnum.

Average 2019 attendances for persons over 18 years, as required in the archdeacon's report was **101**. This is significantly below previous years ( 2015 : **118**, 2016 : **121**, 2017 : **124**, 2018 : **118** ), but of course the change of incumbents may well explain this decline. The diocese uses this average to calculate the parish share which accounts for a substantial proportion of our parish expenditure.

The total attendances for persons under 18 has stabilised after a worrying decline in previous years ( 2015 : **1678**, 2016 : **1643**, 2017 : **1359**, 2018 : **1161**, 2019 : **1161** ).

Unfortunately, owing to lockdown last March, it has not been possible to generate comparative figures for 2020, although, of course, services have continued on-line and from time to time in church.

During the last few months, with the kind assistance of Peter Allbrook, we have been gradually setting up a General Data Protection policy for St Denys in line with the new GDPR legislation enacted in May 2018. We aim to publish this policy in time for the AVM on April 21st.

I do hope that our church will gradually return to normal over the next few months and look forward to seeing you all again soon.

*Andrew J Keogh*  
*Electoral Roll Officer*

## CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

Our last AVM was held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019 during an interregnum. We had just interviewed our new vicar, and the appointment would be formally announced later that month. So much has changed since then, but it is not too late to formally extend our heartfelt thanks to the Reverend Canon Stewart Lisk for his kind and gracious oversight of the parish during the interregnum. We wish him well as he prepares to lead the Rectorial Benefice of Roath as a new Ministry Area.

Nor is it too late to thank God once again for bringing the Revd Jim Griffiths and his family to Lisvane to serve amongst us. Jim's induction service in July 2019 was a truly joyful occasion ... little did we know then that in March 2020, Revd Jim would be forced to close the church building and suspend all 'in person' meetings as the nation was 'locked down' to combat a new and alarming coronavirus known as COVID-19.

In May 2020, PCC were delighted to be able to offer Ali Jensen a full-time contract, backed by financial pledges from the congregation, to support our ministry in the community and amongst our young people. Her creativity, enthusiasm and passion for the Gospel are wonderful gifts that benefit us all.

Whilst we would not have chosen the challenges that COVID-19 has brought we can certainly affirm God's continued grace towards us as a church family. We have been greatly blessed by Revd Jim's and Ali Jensen's leadership, flexibility and resilience over the last 12 months. It is remarkable how quickly most of us have adapted to completely different ways of connecting as a church community. Technology has enabled almost all of us to continue to 'meet' on-line for services, prayer meetings, youth and children's groups, house groups and virtual coffee mornings. Phone apps have enabled a series of new contact groups (St Denys prayer, community and bible study) to thrive. Profound thanks are due to all those who have initiated and sustained these and to all who continue to embrace them as participants.

It does not diminish what has been achieved to assert (with the apostle Paul) that, nevertheless, we long to be with each other in person again soon ...

Technology has also enabled us to maintain links with our sister church in Mbale, Uganda. We are very mindful of the hardships and persecution being faced by our brothers and sisters across the globe. The pandemic tempts us to look inward and to focus on our own needs but now, perhaps more than ever, we should expand our horizons and seek to support suffering Christians beyond our immediate bubble.

As a local expression of The Church, we have been able to adapt and continue our Christian lives together during the pandemic. We have also been able to carry out certain important repairs to the church building in our care: new roofs to the tower and the lych gate. These were significant items of expenditure, but funds were available through careful stewarding in previous years and the PCC decided that further postponement of the works was not desirable. We hope not to have to worry about bats in the belfry for the foreseeable future.

Progress on the redevelopment plans for Church House was slowed first by the interregnum and then by the pandemic, but this is now 'properly' underway! PCC approved plans for a smaller, more affordable scheme in November 2019, planning consent was obtained in June 2020 and the old house has now been demolished. Building work is due to commence in mid-March. We would value your continued practical and prayerful support for this exciting venture; may it be a means for extending God's kingdom in our community.

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Also looking ahead, we were informed in October 2020 that the Diocese had decided to implement the long-mooted plan to group all parishes into Ministry Areas which will come into being in January 2022. We have expressed some reservations to you all about the timing of the implementation and possible outcomes of this strategy, but the process has now begun with the establishment of a Ministry Area Transition Team (MATT). The function of the MATT is to shape the practical details of the Ministry Area within the bounds set by the Bishop. Our MATT representatives will take direction from, and report back to, the PCC as they engage in negotiations on behalf of St Denys.

Just as the spring bulbs planted in October 2020 are bringing new life and beauty to the churchyard, we pray that the God will breathe new life into north Cardiff through the new Ministry Area structure and we will be able to look back on 2021 in delight at what he has done in building his Church.

This report would not be complete without thanking all those who have contributed to the life of our church in the last two years. We hesitate to name individuals, but it would be wrong not to publicly acknowledge the outstanding dedication and hard work of Denise Searle, Martin Plow and Linda Ashmore during this period.

All glory to God, who is able to keep us from falling away and will bring us with great joy into his presence!

*Duncan & Steve (Wardens)*

### TREASURER'S REPORT 2019

Another exciting year as St Denys's Treasurer and with COVID19 it looks like 2020 will be the same. May I take this opportunity to thank you for your kind, generous giving to ensure that St Denys Church continues to serve the community.

In early 2019 Rev Chris Burr left for a new challenge and this left St Denys Church without a vicar for some seven months. I was advised that this would have a direct impact on our income for the year but I am pleased to say that, thanks to your continued financial support, whilst affected, was only down by £7,564.

The breakdown was:

	2018	2019	Difference
Loose Collection	£11,228	£6,761	-£4,467
Weekly Envelopes	£22,788	£25,001	£2,213
Standing Orders	£48,436	£39,247	-£9,189
Direct Giving	£15,748	£19,627	£3,879
Total	£98,200	£90,636	-£7,564

The final 2019 accounts has shown a deficit of £3,670

That said, in addition, St Denys Church is also due an income of approx £6,000 for Q3 & Q4 2019 Gift Aid from HMRC. These are monies which we will be claiming once a new Gift Aid Secretary is in post.

In 2019 we also held back a sum of £4,855 from the standard 10% giving. This was due to lack of charity nominations from the congregation. The PCC have agreed to revisit this in 2020.

Our Bank balance at 31 December 2019 was £57,094.

The switch from Barclays to Co-op Bank went smoothly. We continue to enjoy free banking.

### Church House Funds

The generous donations for the Church House build are ring fenced in a separate bank account. The total currently stands at £100,111. To date, £95 from this restricted account has been released for Church House expenditure.

**2020**

As I sit and write this report, I can only give you facts that were made before the COVID19 outbreak, these may need to be looked at if our income continues to fall.

The 2020 budget forecasts an excess of expenditure over income of £29,817.

This deficit is due to delayed remedial work. In 2019 we had planned extensive work items, including the church tower roof and a wall, but this has now been deferred to 2020.

Once Church House is demolished further savings are expected to be achieved.

This I believe will be a very challenging year for our finances, to maintain the running of St Denys Church still costs considerable expense so we still need to focus on maximising our sources of income.

Please, can I encourage you to continue with your very generous regular payments and if anyone would like to start giving on regular basis via standing order, direct giving or weekly envelopes and if eligible, using gift aid, please speak to me.

As always, the PCC will be kept fully informed regarding progress of actual vs budget as well as bank balances at each PCC meeting.

Once again thank you for your generous giving and your continued support.

*Linda Ashmore*

**TREASURER'S REPORT 2020**

What a year 2020 has been for this little old (ish) church treasurer..

Thank you for your continued kind, generous giving especially during these hard times. This has meant St Denys Church has been able to continue serving the community and to reach out to those in need, whether spiritually or physically.

**Income**

With our church being closed for most of the year, our income has been impacted as the table below shows.

The breakdown was:

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>Loose Collection</b>	£6,761	£1,556	<b>-£5,205</b>
<b>Weekly Envelopes</b>	£25,001	£19,947	<b>-£5,054</b>
<b>Standing Orders</b>	£39,247	£35,362	<b>-£3,885</b>
<b>Direct Giving</b>	£19,627	£26,923	£7,296
<b>Total</b>	£90,636	£83,788	<b>-£6,848</b>

Whilst some people have changed how they give, we are still down for the second year running on 'loose collections'

Throughout 2020 various causes have come to light and you have all responded so positively to the appeals. Thank you again.

### **Other Area's of Income**

We received a refund of £16,406 from Diocesan. This refund is from the Parish Share that we paid in 2020.

We also took advantage of the governments furlough scheme for 80% of Denise's salary and the PCC agreed we should pay Denise the other 20%

The PCC voted to use the £7,994 that was in the Chancel repair fund for the church tower.

All of the above have significantly helped our income.

### **Expenditure**

Despite the church and church house being closed the running costs still remained the same.

We still need to maintain 15 degrees in the church to ensure our insurance policy is valid and also that we are not creating any problems for the structure of our church.

Insurance, water rates, Wi-Fi and church yard up keep have also still needed to be paid.

On top of the above costs Jim has embraced the technology through the power of Zoom. This in itself meant a monthly subscription fee to Zoom, the church service phone line and various licences that are required, but all absolutely worth it.

### **Parish Share:**

Each year St Denys Church are required to pay a Parish Share of £57,501, this is a large portion of our income. As the same formula is used by the Diocese for all churches there are no appeals.

We have had significant repairs done to the Lych gate (£10,152) and the Church Tower (£20 681) Due to very careful diligence on spending we have managed to pay for the repairs and still have monies left in our account.

Our total bank balance at the end of 2020 was £170,175, this is made up as follows:

<b>Every Day Spends</b>	<b>£49,695</b>
New Bible Fund*	£1,250
Hardship Fund*	£1,325
PONT*	£2,269
2019 10% Direct Giving*	£4,615
Ministry Support Fund*	£9,099
Church House Pledges*	£101,922

## **2021**

What an exciting year are going to have, we are finally going to start to see the new church house take shape and to see your kind pledges/donations being used.

If anyone would like to add a donation to the Church House project, please do not hesitate to contact me.

One area that does concern the PCC is since 2018 our 'giving' income has fallen by £14,412. Please can I take this opportunity to remind you of ways that you can continue giving: Standing Order, Direct Giving and **Weekly envelopes** – These are still available for normal times. If anyone who uses weekly envelopes and wish to give whilst the church is closed, please contact me for the best way to do this.

2021 will continue to be a very challenging year for our finances, juggling to ensure that we continue maintaining our beautiful church, as well as reaching out to our community with the various zoom services etc.

Thank you again for your generous giving and your continued support and if you would like to discuss any of my report or the accounts, please do not hesitate to contact me.

One final note, as St Denys Church moves into a new Ministry Area, I feel the end of 2021 is a good time for me to retire from this role.

*Linda Ashmore*  
*Treasurer*

**GIFT AID SECRETARY'S REPORT 2019**

Gift Aid is the way that the Church can augment its income by 25% in respect of donations from any person that pays personal tax to H.M. Revenue & Customs (HMRC).

The Parish received £22,240 in 2019 from Gift Aid claims so this is a very important source of income. This is detailed further below:

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Total Gift Aid reclaimed</b>	<b><u>£22,240</u> (*)</b>	<b>£40,274 (*)</b>
<b>Made up of :</b>		
Reclaims on Envelopes & standing orders to St. Denys account	£16,772 (*)	£19,097 (*)
Reclaims from Church in Wales Give Direct Scheme	£3,923	£3,150
Reclaimed on Church House fund	£1,525	£18,027
Interest	£20	
<b>Total 2019 Gift Aid Reclaimed</b>	<b><u>£22,240</u></b>	<b><u>£40,274</u></b>

(\*) these amounts include the £2,000 Gift Aid that the Church is permitted to claim annually on unidentified collections.

If anyone would like to check that they have a St Denys Gift Aid form filed, or a query on an aspect of Gift Aid then please contact me. Also, to ensure that HMRC rules are complied with, please contact me if you change address or if personal circumstances change resulting in a gift aid donor no longer paying tax.

**Confidentiality is assured.**

Information sheets about Gift Aid and a supply of Gift Aid forms and one-off Gift Aid envelopes can be found at the entrance to church.

*Mererid Stone, Gift Aid Secretary*



**GIFT AID SECRETARY'S REPORT 2020**

The Parish received £19,724 in 2020 from Gift Aid claims so this is a very important source of income. This is detailed further below:

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Total Gift Aid reclaimed</b>	<b><u>£19,724</u> (*)</b>	<b><u>£22,240</u> (*)</b>
<b>Made up of :</b>		
Reclaims on Envelopes & standing orders to St. Denys account	<u>£11,361</u> (*)	£16,772 (*)
Reclaims from Church in Wales Give Direct scheme	£5273	£3,923
Reclaimed on Church House fund	£125	£1,525
Reclaimed on Ministry Worker salary pledges	£2425	
Reclaimed on Hardship Fund	£288	
Reclaimed on other donations	£250	
Interest	£2	£20
<b>Total 2020 Gift Aid Reclaimed</b>	<b><u>£19.724</u></b>	<b><u>£22.240</u></b>

(\*) these amounts include the up to £2,000 Gift Aid that the Church is permitted to claim annually on unidentified collections. However, in 2020, this was only £313 because the reduction in the number of services and smaller congregations meant there were fewer unidentified collections.

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## Other Reports

*(Please note that although the Vestry Report is dated 31st December 2019/2020 to coincide with the financial requirements, some of the group reports refer to activities up to March 2021)*



### YOUTH & CHILDREN'S WORK 2019

Wednesday Night Youth Cell in the last year had a little rebrand and became the all new McJ (chosen by the young people themselves).

We meet every week and this group is led by Lianne Gatheridge, Kim Greig and Ali Jensen.

Our year has seen us looking deeper into the Bible around things that influence us and what Jesus has to say about them, along with more recently Christian foundations and the basics of who God is, what Jesus came to do and much more.

Wednesday nights have a consistent group of 9-10 young people, all of whom devour any snacks we bring and play games that leave us in stitches.

As a group we joined Christ Church, St Marks and LBC at a weekend away in Rock UK last February, much fun was had by all and it was a significant building block in us coming closer together as a group. Indeed, our group had so much fun, the other churches kept wanting to join us. I think we are very good at being silly !

We also put together a small programme of songs, readings and drama and visited Ty Coch Nursing Home as part of our service to community this year. That was a lovely occasion and the elderly people valued it greatly.

This year we also saw the young people take a lead role in delivering the All Age service. They were formative in bringing drama, creative ways of teaching, reading and much more besides, not least many of them playing musical instruments in the worship team as they always do.

We are going to go away again at the end of February but this time as just St Denys young people, so that we can deepen friendships and relationships with one another. We believe we need to gel the young people together relationally, so that they have each other as they journey through challenging teen years, if they have friends at church they will come to church, this offers us greater chance to invest in their lives for longer and teach Jesus to them for longer.

### TGI 2019

TGI is our Sunday youth provision that occurs twice a month, most recently every second and fourth week of the month. This group is run by Kim Greig and Ali Jensen. We have recently gained two new leaders, who will aide us once a month – we are very thankful to Mark Aherne and Paul Owens for their willingness to help and serve and very excited to see what they bring. They start in March 2020.

We have seen a drop, in attendance in this and have seen young people not engage as thoroughly as they do on Wednesdays. As such we have a whole new remit set for this coming term.

One of our first endeavours is for the young people to put together and deliver a whole morning of activity for Little Angels and Disciples. The young people were amazing in their planning, offering ideas and, not only that, but keen to also prepare needed materials in their personal time. They approached the planning with vigour, fun and great considera-

The actual Little Angels/Disciples session was brilliant – the young people were formative in sitting with the children, helping them in their age specific activities and were very disappointed that the children and not they themselves had a chance to custard pie me in the face when I failed the 60 second story challenge. The young people prepared the crafts and code breakers, aided in setting up and down and coming alongside the children. It was a full, fun and Jesus centred morning, fuelled by the servant hearts of our youth.

We have an array of different things planned, including a prayer walk around Cefn Onn Park, debate Sundays where we debate topical issues and leaders bring the Bible's truth on these issues. Fundraising ideas such as a bake sale and much more besides.

We hope and pray that this new approach to Sundays will encourage the young people to come regularly and consistently.



FINYC is our joint Friday night youth work with LBC in the Old School. It's led by Ali Jensen and Kim Greig from St Denys and Harri Phillips, Dai James and Jo Wells from LBC. This group, in my 3 years running it, has seen phenomenal growth, the turning point coming when we actively sought to deliver this youth group as churches together.

This group has moved from a group of 3-4 young people on a weekly basis to a group of 24-27 young people. This is made up of a mix of St Denys young people, LBC young people and community young people. I get more and more phone calls from community families asking about the group and their young people joining. Plus, many of our church young people invite their school friends.

Biblically we have looked at 'Faces of God', 'Encounters with Jesus', and in the past two terms making the Rick Warren Book 'Purpose Driven Life' youth friendly.

This group is full of energy and fun and we have enjoyed two weekends away together in the past year. The first in Rock UK and the second in World Horizons in Llanelli. The connection between the youth in St Denys and LBC has grown and grown, many friendships being formed and an enjoyment of being together.

As a group the young people have engaged in many community events together this past year:

Together they joined to deliver the community Easter Café Church – a popular and growing annual event that sees many community families attend

Easter Mission – the youth played a large part in serving our community this Easter, they helped flower Lisvane for Easter Sunday, they helped deliver some of the reflection spaces, they performed drama in the joint Easter Sunday service, they painted and helped hide the pebbles for the pebbles initiative in the community

Light Party – St Denys, LBC and Thornhill Church combined to deliver a light party as an alternative to Halloween. We saw over 100 people parade from the Memorial Hall to Thornhill Church, all lit with glow sticks, glow in the dark face paints, lanterns and much more besides. The youth engaged in handing out sweets to passers-by and aiding the activities for the younger children. Once we reached Thornhill the youth had their own space with their own goodies, where we explored how Jesus is light of the world. This was a lovely event where the youth served, had fun and learnt something of Jesus' light – it was a huge display of Jesus' love to our community.

We have a mentoring scheme in place for this youth group - Kim mentors 2 young people (1 St Denys), I mentor 6 young people (3 of which are St Denys) and meet 3 young people not part of any specific youth group in school holidays (all St Denys). Jo Wells mentors 1 young person (St Denys) and Harri Phillips mentors 2 young people (1 of which is St Denys). Mentoring is one-to-one time with young people. We seek to be trusted adults in the lives of these young people, who can bring added wisdom and Kingdom values into their lives. We meet them at least once a month, more frequently if possible. The young people who have opted in love mentoring and regularly ask us when we are meeting next.

### Prayer Cards

As St Denys youth workers, we are aiming to engage the young people more significantly into the life of the church. We decided a great way of doing this was to have all our young people represented in a prayer card, offering basic information such as name, birthday and interests and then adults from all 3 congregations being encouraged to take one young person and commit to praying for them for a year. We now have 21 young people being prayed for by adults in St Denys. 18 prayed for by members in the 11am service, 2 prayed for by members in the 9:30 and 1 from the 8am.

Kim Greig also actively seeks to engage our young people in service, especially helping her each time she is on welcoming duty.

### Weekend Away

In February we decided to break from tradition and take just the St Denys young people away for a weekend. Our main objective was to build relationships with our young people and encourage the development of relationship with each other. We have a strong held, tried and tested belief that if young people have friends in church they choose to come and stay for longer, allowing for greater spiritual investment over a longer period, during some challenging years for them.

Kim Greig, Beth Collins and Ali Jensen took 14 young people away to Rock UK Summit Centre, just outside Merthyr Tydfil and we had a fantastic time.

The young people engaged in a late night, very wet and rainy walk, where we discovered many frogs, climbing, caving, archery and photo orienteering. Many young people pushed themselves beyond their fears. Many of them have fears of heights and small spaces and yet all pushed through and climbed the wall and burrowed into the cave. Much challenge, sense of achievement and fun was had by all.

Perhaps significantly, we saw an incredible move of God. Some of our young people have faith but most grapple with it and struggle to understand the relevance of Jesus to their lives. We decided to use the Noah story as the basis for our teaching. We looked at how and why sin matters, how God always has a plan to save us, it's just for us now, to choose whether we trust and obey.

During the last meeting on the Sunday morning, we had placed some Bible verses in an envelope. We had prayed that each young person might choose the one that God meant to speak specifically into their lives. One young person who has been battling trusting God had **Proverbs 3:5-6** *"Trust in God with all your heart....He will make your paths straight."* Another has been having a difficult time in their home situation and received a verse about God overcoming the troubles in this world and still another received **John 3:16**, when they have been considering baptism but uncertain if and what they believe.

Even after the actual meeting, many families have fed back that the young people had shared with them their verses and many were exactly what was needed. Jesus really spoke to our young people and really challenged them.

This was a Spirit filled, fun fuelled, adventure-based weekend where many friendships were born, and journeys of faith went deeper.

### Easter Week

As mentioned in the FNYC report Easter Week 2019 was a most wonderful display of God's love for our community and was achieved as churches serving together. The youth were a driving force in making it all happen.

## Annual Report 2020/21

### Children's, Youth & Community

This past year the children's and youth work has been focused on building a solid foundation for the work, on which we can then grow and add. This has involved establishing strong teams for children's and youth work, working together to decide vision and ways forward for the work. All teams are working well together and being strengthened through team discussion and ownership - all teams meet together to pray and plan at the start of each team and as necessary gather to discuss issues as they arise. The teams are emerging as strong and committed groups. We have also worked on filling in gaps in provision and adapting provision to accommodate lockdown. We haven't stopped meeting since lockdown began. We moved everything to Zoom. We have also started the process of looking at and tidying up our child protection remit, ensuring all that is needed is in place. It has been an exciting, foundation-building year, where provision for children and youth has not stopped despite covid19 restrictions, and in God's goodness it has indeed flourished.

### Children's Work

#### Development

This year has seen us put together a core children's team including Linda Thomas, Charlotte Ollerton, Camilla Owen, Louise Nessbert and at the start, in more of an aiding-us capacity, based on where St Denys children's work has been, Jane Shadwell and Ros Brunker. Our aim was to develop a vision for the work together and establish some core principles for the work.

Although still evolving and not finalised, we have a basis in place for both a vision and a mission that we hope to communicate to all families involved with our children's provision. The following diagrams show where we are up to so far in our conversations and thinking.

### Vision

What we will do...



We hope that our vision will guide us in what we should do and what we shouldn't and provide a basis from which all groups as they happen, can spring from and work with.

### Mission

How we will do it...



### Weekly Children's Provision in Lockdown



**Club:** (A)mighty Boosh **Ages:** School Years 3-5 **Leaders:** Ali Jensen & Charlotte Ollerton

(A)mighty Boosh began in the first national lockdown as a key provision for Key stage 2 children. We meet weekly on Zoom and provide an hour of fun and Bible centred activity. This includes games with Jumping Joel (*a young leader from the youth*), fun Biblically based object lessons, Carlos the camel puppet who visited children's homes for a term and they had to spot whose home he had visited each week (see pics below), recall games such as Twirl of Love (*a clear spin off from the old tv show 'Blind Date'*), this is a means of recalling what was learnt the previous week in a fun way and much more besides. Each week there are competitions and the winner's names are kept and those who have the most points at the end of term get a doorstep prize.

At Christmas time we had fun at our end of term Zoom Christmas party and every child received a doorstep goody bag with some Christmas treats from the church.

At the start of the Spring term, we put together Boosh Bags that included all the items they would need for the term, items that would help them have interactive fun despite Zoom, as they dip into what it means to seek God with all our hearts and find Him (Jeremiah 29:13). We have also completed the Bible Course together as a group and looked at how marvellous we are in God's sight. This group has a strong sense of identity and 10 children regularly join each week, children also have a chance to participate with slots such as 'Ollertons Interesting Facts' and 'Jensen Jokes' and 'Fred's Animal Kingdom'. Drawing on our missional values (above), Boosh has succeeded in creating a sense of community that points to Jesus at all points, each child is included and there is a huge dollop of fun in everything we do. This group will easily translate to a face-to-face group once restrictions ease and become our main weekday children's provision, where, once school begins again, we are able to invite children from Llysfaen Primary and grow the group outside our own church context.



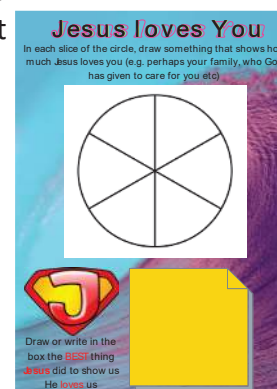
**Club: MnMs**

**Ages:** School Years 1-2 **Leaders:** Ali Jensen & Linda Thomas

This group is to be launched in the Spring term, after the half term break. This is to further add to the foundations needed in the children's provision, to accommodate the Year 1&2 age group. This group will be a shorter time and be fast paced, including puppets (Wonky Donkey) and games with Silly Sausage, we have our own club song made by Linda Thomas and a host of fun and engaging ways of learning about Jesus. The basis for our group is Psalm 139 and being Marvellously Made by God, which is what inspired our group name and logo. Similar to Boosh, boxes that include all children will need for the term will be delivered. The boxes can convert into TVs so that children can share their news in 'MnMs News' each week. We hope that this group will also translate into a face-to-face group easily when the time comes.

**Sunday Mornings**

When the 10:30 am service moved to Zoom we decided that we would introduce a weekly children's slot as part of the 10:30am Sunday Zoom, this has served as an important means of ensuring the children feel a part of the church family. Many children engage and gather around their devices when the 5 second count down begins. We have also included a child reading the key Bible verse for the week ahead of the slot as an additional means of including the children but also grounding the children's slot in the Bible. We also send out worksheets for both Foundation Phase and KS2 each week, in line with the sermon theme to all the families in St Denys, that they can print off and use at their discretion, but we hope are completed as part of the Sunday service whilst parents listen to the service. The children have been engaged in many ways in Sunday morning zooms, from devising Easter Art, to putting together a covid safe nativity. We also devised a video mapping St Denys in lockdown that included as many families and St Denys church people as possible.



### Family Bible Time

During the first lockdown we sent out 3 times a week some 'family time' devotions – short and interactive spiritual reflections that can engage the whole family, perhaps during an evening meal. When Andy and Charlotte Ollerton devised the amazing Bible resource 'The Greatest Story Ever told' for children, we directed our families towards this as a resource to use as a family for spiritual reflection. We later decided to replace these family reflections with the weekly worksheets (*see above*).

### Additional Children's Happenings

#### Wet & Muddy Scavenger Hunt

When the first National lockdown restrictions eased, this group, along with others, met in Coed Y Felin Woods for a Wet & Muddy hunt that involved finding QR codes that unpacked the Biblical meaning of HOPE and allowed the children to build 'tabernacles' from sticks in the woods and find gems in the stream to decorate them with. The children were given sweets and a little Christian book on the hope Jesus brings. This was a lot of fun, a key event for building community in the children's work and provided some much needed outside, face to face time for all.



#### Light Party

At Halloween we combined forces with Thornhill Church and devised a Halloween alternative – a Facebook Light Party.

This comprised of 'light' crafts, 'light' songs with actions, 'light' jokes, 'Jesus is the light' object lessons, Morse code, code breakers and a goodie bag dropped to every child ahead of the party to provide all that they needed to engage in the fun.

This was a very popular event with much hilarity had by children and adults alike. Jesus being the light of the world was the truth that underpinned all that we did. This was a very successful event.



**Child Protection**

As lockdown unfolded, we found ourselves needing to add more and more options to the general consent form. This was due to the complexity of utilising forums such as WhatsApp and meeting platforms such as Zoom on a regular basis, especially with the youth. As such we recognised the need for 3 things:

A policy outlining our safe practice for online children's and youth work

A specific consent form to cover all necessary requirements for children and youth to meet safely on Zoom.

An updated general consent form

All 3 have now been devised and signed off by the PCC and diocese and forms sent to families and data being collated accordingly. In parallel Helen Warner and Ali Jensen have been liaising about the need for Child Protection training for volunteers alongside the need for some DBS checks to be done for the first time or renewed. All of which are now also in process. As we wait for the official Child Protection training from the diocese, we are staging an unofficial refresher course for basic processes of dealing with suspicion or allegations of abuse in coming weeks.

**Llysfaen Primary School**

In the autumn term we approached the school to see how we might help, and the school readily accepted the offer of recorded assemblies that they could play in classrooms on the white boards. We provided recorded assemblies every 2 weeks and encouragingly, they were used, as many Boosh children would say that Ali had been on their school screens that day. At the end of term, we dropped off a gift for the staff with a card on behalf of the church. Once schools return, we will offer the same recorded assembly provision with view to returning in person once the restrictions lift. The school was also pivotal in us advertising the Christmas family events such as 'The Christingle Hunt' and the 'Nativity Window Trail'.

**Youth Work  
Development**

The youth team has already been working together for a number of years and already has firm relationship inherent to it and also a unified understanding of the core principles for the work. However, we have started the same process as the children's team, to devise a vision and mission statement for the youthwork.



**Club: McJ & FNYC** **Ages:** School Years 6-9 **Leaders:** Ali Jensen, Kim Greig & Lianne Gatheridge (*when not on Zoom include LBC youth workers*) Harri Phillips & Jo Wells

Historically we ran two youth groups a week, the first was McJ on a Wednesday evening in St Denys for St Denys young people and also FNYC which was every Friday evening in the Old School and was a community youth group for anyone in the village and from any church.

During lockdown we have seen both groups combine, and we run a weekly group on Zoom every Wednesday for both groups together. This group averages at 17 young people a week but can have 24 young people when all are present.

This group has a wonderful sense of community and atmosphere despite being on Zoom. We set fun challenges each week that the young people must complete and show proof of (*e.g. how many times can you run up and down your stairs in 60 seconds, draw your best and worst teacher etc*), have games and creative prayer and together have delved deeper into the Bible Course, how to seek God and find Him, seeking inspiration from people who have sought God in the past and found him in incredible ways – people such as George Muller and Eric Liddell.

This group is actively engaged in a youth chat on WhatsApp that many utilise throughout the week and not only is a great way of communicating things needed for sessions but a place of community and fun.

We have seen some of the young people offer their own ideas by leading us in creative prayers and games. The young people are also encouraged to engage in spiritual challenges each week, which they feed back to us on the following week, one of the most significant was the week we encouraged them to think about what it means to truly love 'ALL people' as Jesus teaches in the second greatest commandment. They were encouraged to do something for someone outside of their household, preferably for someone they don't know well. Many made cakes and delivered to neighbours or people they knew were poorly, others wrote a letter to neighbours they find difficult. This was a beautiful moment of practically loving others and them finding Jesus in that action.

All youth engaged in a Nativity Escape Room as their Christmas special, seeing each younger youth receive a goody bag of treats from the church.

**YouTube Alpha**

In the first lockdown we produced a series of short videos that progressively took the young people through Youth Alpha each week. We sent them the videos via their WhatsApp chat so they could watch at their leisure. This lasted 10 weeks.

**Discipleship Course**

During the Bible Course, an opportunity for some of our young people to become a Christian or indeed recommit was offered. 4 young people did this, we then followed up with a 4-week discipleship course on Zoom. We covered 'Gospel Revisited', Parable of 4 Soils', 'Pick up your Cross' and 'Share Jesus'. Each child was provided with a Bible and daily reading notes.

**Mentoring**

We continue to provide a mentoring provision for some of our young people. We mentor 7 young people in all. This is a really effective way of going deeper with our young people and being an additional trusted adult that offers wisdom and guidance in their lives.

Lockdown has seen us utilise WhatsApp chats that include the mentee, mentor and either a parent/guardian or a DBS checked youth worker or both. These haven't been as successful as they offer no privacy for the mentee but have been useful to check in on the young people when covid restrictions have been in level 4.

When lockdown has eased and walks with one other are permitted these have been invaluable in touching base with mentored young people. They have also proven invaluable for young people who have opted out of weekly zooms and are not receiving any spiritual input from the youth work, or alternately those seeking additional discipleship.

Mentoring has been difficult for the team during lockdown, and many have asked for some training in this area. We will be providing training for the interested and already-mentoring youth workers at the end of February.

**Virtual Sleepover**

We staged a virtual sleepover for our younger youth, where we engaged in craziness and fun for 3 hours straight on Zoom. This involved challenges such as singing a nursery rhyme at the top of their voices outside their door, quizzes, games and even sculpting Jim's face in potatoes, that Kim and I then collected at the end of the night and left at Jim's door for the following morning (he didn't know)! We also dropped off doorstep prizes at the same time! This event was a huge success and a lot of fun, further adding to our sense of community and belonging especially in a time where connection was needed.

**Ablaze**

**Club: Ablaze** **Ages:** School Years 10-13 **Leaders:** Ali Jensen, Kim Greig & Beth Collins

Our older youth provision moved from being a monthly provision to a weekly one during lockdown. We see 6 young people join us most weeks. We started with taking the older young people through 'Purpose Driven Life', and then took a break from that to complete 'The Bible Course' together. The group are quiet and also with increasing demands on their schoolwork as older young people, we decided to reconfigure our provision. We chatted with the older young people and also asked them to complete a questionnaire to identify what they liked and didn't like about Ablaze and what we might do to engage them. As a result, we now have a 3-weekly cycle.

Week 1 in the cycle is always the week that we do *Youth Christianity Explored* together, all are encouraged to engage in week 1. All the older youth were encouraged to purchase their own copy of the CY handbook.

Weeks 2&3 in the cycle are stand-alone sessions. The young people can opt in as they feel necessary. These weeks go deeper into the Bible and focus on issues that are directly relevant to them (*e.g. Self-value, managing stress and worry, where we get our moral code etc*). The young people know that in weeks 2&3 that there will be greater interaction and an expectation to discuss.

We also include in this group a game and creative prayer and are hoping to inspire the older young people to choose a charity to support and raise money for it. We also aim to engage the older youth in helping us facilitate the ideas we have for community Easter Events.

## **Community Events**

### **Lockdown Help**

As soon as the first lockdown was announced Jim produced the cards to deliver to homes in the village offering practical support. My job was to man the email account for this and take calls from community people and then link them to people who signed up to help with things such as collecting prescriptions etc. In this time the community council in Lisvane were doing a similar thing and we liaised with them to dovetail our efforts with theirs. This was such a Christ like way to serve Lisvane and so quickly. I received many emails of thanks for our support in that time.

### The Christingle Hunt

This event was a fun and covid safe way for families to get out and have some fun whilst learning about the symbolism of the Christingle. We collaborated with LBC for this event.

We put together a clue sheet that led to 4 boxes hidden around Lisvane – in each box was a different element needed to build a Christingle. In the final box was a QR code that opened a video that showed you how to build your Christingle and what it all symbolised.

We had 100 of everything in the boxes and 76 sets went – this was a huge success, and many did send pictures as requested for us to post on our St Denys Facebook page, I also received many emails from community families who enjoyed the event and the making. It was again a needed event in a difficult time. Families needed something new to do together and this also expressly shared with them the love of Jesus.



### Nativity Window Trail

Kate Griffiths, Charlotte Ollerton, Camilla Owen and I helped to facilitate the Nativity Window Trail for the week before Christmas. 10 windows around Lisvane were decorated to show an element of the Christmas Story, clue sheets were given to find the right houses, leading back to St Denys and a QR code that unpacked how 'Emmanuel God With Us' is the best gift the world has been given.

Each house that participated did an amazing job, even seeing one family who doesn't attend church, but whose daughter attends the youth work helping us with a window.

The weather in Christmas week was very wet and so take up for this trail was slow to begin, but on Christmas Eve many families were out seeking out the windows and once again many emails were sent to thank us for this lovely event.

Those who engaged the trail encountered the true story and meaning of Christmas and in a wonderful, creative way. Express thanks must go to Kate who devised the best ways to do the windows, ensured guidance and resources were provided for those doing their own, and herself sorting 4 windows.



**Christmas Boxes**

Jan Marsden, Susie Marsden, Kim Greig, Ann Martin and I together worked together to wrap shoe boxes and fill them with some Christmas treats for some of the more elderly and vulnerable people in our church family – 24 in total. We delivered these boxes during Christmas week.

We asked all the children and youth to engage in an act of kindness and draw a picture if a child or write a personal letter if a youth for each of these 24 individuals. The youth were also encouraged to pray for the people they wrote too for a week.

The pictures and cards were some of the most popular elements of the box, seeing many of the more elderly and vulnerable expressly thanking and sending cards back to the relevant children.

As a children's and youth work, we intend to continue this connection as we will send some cards and pictures again at Easter and further have Jan Marsden come to (A)mighty Boosh and talk to the children about her pastoral role.

**Harvest All Age Service**

We staged a Harvest All Age service in zoom that sought to truly embrace all ages, we had reflections on the significance of Harvest from Ruth Toye and Anita Griffiths, images of the St Denys Harvest Cake from past years, a prayer reflection from the youth and much more.

This was a well-attended service where all ages participated in the programme but also zoomed in to watch. The (A)mighty Boosh children engaged in a harvest hunt and had to create a picture from their found items, these were compiled into a short video where the children led us in prayer – thanking God for all we have. The youth led us in a Harvest Reflection, where they reminded us of all that God has given us, most significantly in His Son Jesus.

**Conclusion**

This has been a busy, challenging and different year and yet we have seen such growth and consistent investment in children, young people and community without ceasing. Jesus has been made known and we have started to build the firm foundations needed for a robust, Christ centred work that we pray continues to grow and can be built upon and in His goodness and mercy sees many people choose Jesus.

*Ali Jensen*

*Ministry Support Worker*

### **THE WEDNESDAY MORNING EUCHARIST 2019**

In January we said farewell to Chris Burr and so began the Interregnum. The Reverend Canon Stewart Lisk (Area Dean) organised several 'retired' clergy to take our Service and often conducted it himself. We were very well served by the clergy of St Marks Gabalfa, especially Rosemary. We also welcomed Father Roy Doxey, complete with his little dogs, on several occasions.

Our regular and committed congregation is usually 16-20 but often swells to about 28-29.

In July we received the welcome news that the Reverend Jim Griffiths had been appointed as our new Vicar. We were delighted to welcome him, with Kate and Eve, into our church family. We continue to enjoy a service that is reflective and often challenging and thought provoking, in the middle of a busy week.

I would like to thank especially Sheila and Brendan, all our readers and the ladies who regularly wash up.

Do come and join us one Wednesday morning at 10.15 am. You can be sure of a warm welcome, a chocolate biscuit and often cake! There is usually a birthday to celebrate!

*Angela Goddard*



## CHOIR 2019

Another year having continued to maintain our singing at the 9.30am Eucharist each week, and Evensong services on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month, the latter being Choral Evensong as sung in cathedrals throughout the country with special settings of the Responses and Canticles. We also sing during Holy Week at Easter, the occasional mid-week services, and of course, at Weddings.

In May we had our annual "Choirmen's Walk" which was organised by John Richards. This year we travelled to Chester for two nights, walking around the Racecourse, and around the rivers and the City, and attending the Cathedral for Evensong on the Tuesday..

We are looking forward to our next walk in May 2020 to Winchester. Our local walk was in Swansea from the bus station to Mumbles for lunch and return. The Ladies were able to join us for this, which was very enjoyable, as the weather was kind to us.

For the Choir Outing, we travelled to Cheltenham to catch the steam train at the racecourse, and then to Broadway to visit Snowhill Manor and Gardens. We then finished the day back at Cheltenham for a Fish & Chip meal. Another very enjoyable day with good sunshine throughout.

On Advent Sunday the Advent Carol Service was again well attended, as was the Annual Nine Lessons & Carols at Christmas. This included well known favourites and some new carols..

Thanks again to Branwen for her care in looking after the choir robes; to Tony Edwards, for his assistance in playing, and to Roy for his continued invaluable help, particularly when we sing away.

We have been very pleased to welcome two new sopranos. Anna Daniel and Caroline Willis have added to the top line, and if we could now attract another one or two altos that would be good to assist and support our very faithful Jacki, and to balance our strong male sections. My sincere thanks again to all those in, or associated with the Choir for their continued hard work, loyal support, fun and fellowship together in all that we strive to achieve in our worship together.

## CHOIR 2020

What a different year we've had in 2020. There has been no singing since the middle of March,, and no Choir Practices for the rest of the year.

With regrettably no church services allowed and singing banned - we have had a year never before experienced in our lifetime. Nevertheless, the Choir has kept together by Zoom meetings each Thursday lunchtime throughout, and, together with the Sunday zoom services has been in touch with each other on a regular basis.

We all hope and pray for an improvement in the coming months so that services can recommence and we can once again return to some normality. Meanwhile we remain strong and know that we will hopefully get there soon.

*Martyn Ridge*



## ALL-AGE WORSHIP 2019

All-Age Worship takes place on the first Sunday of the month at 11.00. A team comprising Ros Brunker, Julia Plaut and Camilla Owens plan and deliver this service. The aim is to create a multi-sensory interactive act of worship which suits all learning styles. A clear theme and learning objective are explored which can be understood on a simple level by the youngest but developed to challenge the adults.

As well as celebrating Harvest, Christmas and Easter, we looked at lessons from the lives of bible characters. Memorably, the stoning of Stephen turned out to be a surprisingly good choice. Not only did we have an actual Stephen (Steve Brunker) who was game on for a dramatic reading of Acts Chapter 7, but also many children willing to participate by throwing balls of newspaper at him with great gusto. The message of forgiveness was tested when a cake with the memory verse iced on it was stolen. Were the congregation willing to forgive the thief in the same way Stephen had forgiven? Opinion was divided.

One encouraging area of growth has been in our intercessions. We have been focusing on praying in pairs and small groups by having a couple of questions to ask one another and then a simple form of prayer to pray for each other.

Of the many joys of the All-Age Service, the increasingly capable All-Age Band is perhaps the highlight. This ensemble is formed of young musicians including 2 flutes, clarinet, 2 violins, cello, percussionist and 2 singers. Their faithful commitment and skilful offering of their gifts never fails to encourage the congregation to join in heartily with the sung worship. A new development this year has been launch of a self-led Teenage Band. These musicians have gained skills and confidence in the All-Age Band and are now stepping out to lead by themselves.

*Julia Plaut*

## ALL-AGE WORSHIP 2020

All-Age worship has not been able to take place in its usual guise since February 2020. Some of the children were able to make a musical contribution to the Christmas Service that went out on the Lisvane Community Facebook page. This project pooled resources with the Lisvane Baptist worship team. Parents filmed their children singing lines from Away in a Manger to a backing track created by Jon Davies (LBC). The films were combined to create a very touching collage of St Denys children.

The 10.30 Zoom services have included an All-Age moment each week which have continued to allow the children to encourage the whole church family with their bright faces, observations and sense of fun.

*Julia Plaut*

## THE PARADISE RUN 2019

The plight of the homeless and rough sleepers is still a very real concern. Individuals continue to live in tents in the centre of Cardiff and the City Council is liaising with Homeless charities and partners to discuss the situation and seek to provide safe accommodation for this vulnerable group.

The Paradise Run is part of the Rainbow of Hope charity established by Elizabeth Perret Atkins in 1995 and each night of the week a church-based group serves food and takes supplies to the homeless, vulnerable and those in need. The registered office is in Broadway, Roath, but food is served in the open air in Charles Street.

St Denys has been involved for more than 10 years. Our slot is a Sunday evening which works well. People from all three services prepare sandwiches, crisps, chocolate and fruit and these are collected after the 11 am service. Others prepare and cook a hot meal and make up urns of hot drinks. We also take donations of toiletries, clothes and shoes as well as duvets, sleeping bags and blankets. Hot food and drinks are served first and then we distribute the sandwiches, clothes and toiletries.

This year we experienced a dramatic reduction of numbers for a few months. It was explained that another group had started to serve hot food at the same time in another location in Cardiff. We brought this to Liz's attention and she was going to try and liaise with this other group. However in the last few months we are back to regular numbers. We generally offer people a choice of 10 different hot meals so there is plenty to suit all tastes and religious dietary requirements. People have stressed how much they appreciate the sandwich packs that people make for us to give out. They explained that it means they take it away with them and know they have food for the following day and this gives peace of mind.

We see regular faces each time we do the Run and over the years, firm friendships have been made. People are open and keen to chat and share information about themselves: how they came to be in Cardiff, their family situation and housing needs. Some sleep rough. Some are housed in hostels. Others are in basic accommodation with minimal cooking facilities or money to buy food. Many are lonely and we may be the only people they speak to that day. Many have mental health issues and physical disabilities. They know we are a Christian group and sometimes people ask us to pray with them.

Several people have joined the Team from St Denys this year which has been a real encouragement and we are grateful for their support.

It is a real privilege to serve God in this way and as a group we would like to thank everyone at St Denys who faithfully make sandwiches and answer requests for specific items.

We have a Facebook group so that we can 'check in' each month and establish who is going to be around and if someone is unable to go along we can cover the role they undertake. If you would like to find out more about The Paradise Run please contact Chris Mawer or Melanie Falley.

*Melanie Falley*

## THE PARADISE RUN 2020

The Paradise Run is organised via the Rainbow of Hope charity. [www.rainbowofhope.co.uk](http://www.rainbowofhope.co.uk). It is a Cardiff based charity reaching out to the homeless and disadvantaged people including asylum seekers and refugees.

Members of St Denys have faithfully supported this organisation for over 10 years by providing hot food, hot drinks and sandwich packs for our monthly Sunday evening slot. During Covid the Paradise Run has not been allowed to take place on the streets of Cardiff, because of group numbers and the safety of volunteers. Activities are now based around the premises in Roath at 23-25 Broadway, CF24 1QE.

Elizabeth and her small team of volunteers are organising food parcels to those who are struggling at the moment from their base in Broadway. Food donations can be dropped off on Monday, Wednesday or Fridays from 10.30am to 1pm. Telephone 02920 494317.

They update their specific requirements on their Facebook page '**Rainbow of Hope**' but they generally need cereal, sugar, long life milk, tea bags, cooking oil, tinned tomatoes, lentils, chickpeas, kidney beans, tinned tuna and other fish, tinned meat, rice, pasta sauce and baked beans.

Non-food items include deodorant, shower gel, toothbrushes and toothpaste but NO clothes or blankets please at the moment.

They always require carrier bags to pack up the food parcels.

*Melanie Falley*

## THE HUGGARD COMMITTEE 2019 & 2020

The aim of our committee is to raise funds for, and to support the Huggard Centre. The Centre is open 24/7, and for the past 30 years has been providing support, help and accommodation for the homeless. Several of our members attended an event at the Centre to mark this achievement.

During 2019 we raised over £3000, some of which went towards the refurbishment of the kitchens and at the afternoon Tea Party that we held in March, the sum of £1771 was raised.

Thanks to the support of Church members we have been able to take supplies of bedding, clothes, towels and toiletries to the Centre. We usually collect Easter eggs for the Centre but because of the current situation, this won't be happening this year.

During 2020 we were not able to hold any fundraising activities from March onwards but in November we donated the sum of £620 which was raised by members. Hopefully as things return to normal in 2021 we will be able to hold a fundraising event in October.

*Jen Green*

**PARISH OF ST. DENYS CHURCH, LISVANE  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**TO THE MEMBERS OF**  
**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF LISVANE**

I report on the Financial Statements of the Parish for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 2 to 7.

**Respective responsibilities of Parochial Church Council and Examiner**

As the Parochial Church Council, you are responsible for preparing the Financial Statements: you consider that the audit requirement of section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.


**Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Parochial Church Council and a comparison of the Financial Statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the Financial Statements, and seeking explanations from you as the Parochial Church Council concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an opinion as to whether the Financial Statements present a "true and fair view" and my report is limited to those matters set out in the following statement.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material aspect, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act, and to prepare Financial Statements which accord with those accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act, have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn, to enable a proper understanding of the Financial Statements to be reached.

Signature:   
Name: Huw DAVIES  
Address: 78 CLOS LLYSFAGL  
LISVANE  
CF14 0UP

Dated: 27.01.2021

## Parish Of St Denys Church

## Income received

For The Year Ending 31 December 2020

	2020		2019	
INCOME	£	£	£	£
A: Direct Giving				
Planned				
Regular Contributions	78,692		60,179	
Weekly Envelopes	19,947		25,001	
		98,639		85,180
Collections	1,556		6,761	
		100,195		91,941
B: Tax Refunds	15,925		13,572	
		116,120		105,513
F: Other Income				
Fees	4,259		5,981	
Donations	6,500		7,155	
For Outreach			1,250	
Recharge From Christchurch	2,186		3,995	
Vicarage Fuel Repayments	1,532		709	
Misc Income	6,903		1,334	
Restricted Accounts	17,141		26,806	
Church House Rebuild (Restricted)	26,291			152,742
		64,811		
		<u>180,931</u>		<u>152,742</u>

## Parish Of St Denys Church

## Resources Expended

For The Year Ending 31 December 2020

	2020		2019	
PAYMENTS	£	£	£	£
<b>A: Mission and Charities</b>				
<b>Parish:-</b>				
Children and Youth Work	2,919		560	
Other	1,000		2,300	
Outreach Work	-		618	
		3,919		3,478
<b>Local:</b>				
Vicar's Discretionary	-		130	
Welsh Woman Cardiff (Toy appeal)	235			
City Hospice	101		580	
Huggard Centre	-		500	
Paradise Run	-		115	
St Denys Choir & Organ Fund	-		100	
The Diocesan's Ordinand Fund	-		500	
Llandaff DBF	-		500	
		336		2,424
<b>National:</b>				
Street Child	-		500	
Changing Lives for Good	-		373	
The Christian Institute	-		500	
Compassion UK	327		640	
Urban Saints	249		240	
		576		2,253
<b>World</b>				
PONT	1,200		1,200	
Just Earth	-		117	
Leprosy Mission	-		500	
		1,200		1,817
Carried Forward		6,031		9,972



Parish Of St Denys Church  
Resources Expended  
For The Year Ending 31 December 2020

	2020	2019
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
Payments brought forward	6,031	9,972
<b>B: Maintenance of Ministry</b>		
Parish Share	57,501	55,000
Visiting Clergy and Preachers	60	633
	57,561	55,633
<b>C: Maintenance of Buildings</b>		
Light and Heat	4,510	4,390
Insurance	570	568
General repairs	32,152	1,830
Water rates	235	226
Church WIFI	724	900
	38,191	7,914
<b>D: Maintenance of Services</b>		
Consumables	1,659	1,908
Organ and choir	131	778
Wedding & Funeral Fees (non Clergy)	120	520
	1,910	3,206
<b>E: Parochial Expenses of Vicar</b>		
Light and Heat	1,781	2,135
Car Mileage and Travel	46	45
Telephone	759	1,147
Water rates	946	928
Fees	309	463
Training and Hospitality	20	524
Vicar's Sundries	46	
	3,907	5,242
<b>F: General Parish Expenses</b>		
Ministry support worker salary	11,102	9,964
Stationery and Postage	1,692	4,171
7 Church Road Running Costs	4,736	5,616
Secretarial salary	8,520	8,845
Sundry expenses	921	522
Church Cleaning	516	756
Depreciation of fixtures	-	-
Christchurch Recharge	2,186	4,073
Old School Sunday usage	297	1,170
<b>G: Cost of raising Money</b>		
Envelopes	129	129
		171
<b>H: Gardening</b>	3,385	3,365
<b>Church House Rebuild (Restricted)</b>	47,350	35,792
<b>Other Restricted</b>	13,197	
	60,547	
	<u>201,631</u>	<u>156,412</u>
<b>INCOME</b>	<u>180,931</u>	<u>152,742</u>
<b>(DEFICIT)/Surplus for Year</b>		
Unrestricted	- 3,584	5,316
Restricted	- 17,115	- 8,986
	- 20,699	- 3,670

## Parish Of St Denys Church

## Balance Sheet

For The Year Ending 31 December 2020

	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>				
7, Church Road, Lisvane	137,443		137,443	
Office and Other Equipment	0		0	
Diocesan Investment Funds	<u>327,023</u>		349,944	
		464,466		<u>487,387</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Stocks	500		500	
Bank Balances	170,177		162,478	
Debtors	13,094		<u>18,051</u>	
	<u>183,771</u>		<u>181,029</u>	
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				
Creditors	<u>1,180</u>		<u>660</u>	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>182,591</u>		<u>180,369</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>647,057</u>		<u>667,756</u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>				
Unrestricted Reserves	199,551		205,312	
Restricted Reserves	<u>447,506</u>		<u>462,444</u>	
		<u>647,057</u>	<u>667,756</u>	-20,699

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on ..... and signed on its

behalf by ..... (Chairman).



**PARISH OF ST. DENYS CHURCH, LISVANE****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020****1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable UK Accounting Standards, the "Statement of Recommended Practice" (SORP (FRS 102)) issued by the Charity Commissioners and the Church in Wales Accounting Regulations. The historical cost convention is used, except for the valuation of freehold property and contents used for Church purposes. No transitional adjustments are necessary as a result of the new SORP, and advantage has been taken of the exemption not to prepare a cash flow forecast.

**A - Freehold Property**

The Church and Churchyard are vested in the Representative Body of the Church in Wales and form no part of the assets of the Parish, any expenditure incurred by the Parish being written off in the year. The property at 7, Church Road, Lisvane was bequeathed to the Parish in December 1999 and is stated at probate valuation plus subsequent improvement costs. No provision is made for depreciation of freehold property since the value is considered to be not less than the accounts value.

**B – Contents used for Church purposes**

Church contents require a faculty for disposal and hence are considered to be inalienable property. They are represented by a large number of fittings, utensils and ornaments, many being historic in nature. Costs are not available for many of the items, and it does not appear practical or economic to obtain valuations, also to list or describe individual items might increase the risk of theft or vandalism. Therefore, expenditure on such items is written off in the year it is incurred.

**C – Office and other equipment**

These items are stated at cost less depreciation, which is calculated at 25% per annum on cost.

**D – Incoming Resources**

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognized when received, tax refunds being recognized when the incoming resource to which they relate is received.

**2. PCC REMUNERATION**

No member of the Parochial Church Council received any remuneration or expenses in the year or previous year.

**3. EMPLOYEES**

The Parochial Church Council employed 3 people in the year (2020) at a total cost of £20,138

## Parish Of St Denis Church

Notes to Financial Statements  
For The Year Ending 31 December 2020

	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
<b>4 RESTRICTED RESERVES</b>				
<b>a) PONT CHARITY</b>				
Opening Balance	2,269		2,269	
Received in the Year	-		-	
Paid out in the Year	-		-	
Closing Balance	<u>2,269</u>		<u>2,269</u>	
<b>b) CHANCEL REPAIR FUND</b>				
Opening Balance	7,944		7,944	
Paid out in the Year	7,944		-	
Closing Balance	<u>-</u>		<u>7,944</u>	
<b>c) CHURCH HOUSE DEVELOPMENT</b>				
Opening Balance	371,883		371,883	
Transfer in of Vicarage at Current Value	-		-	
Adjustment payments from previous year	21,129		-	
Paid out in the Year	23,366		-	
Interest Credit/Debit	446		-	
Closing Balance	<u>349,086</u>		<u>371,883</u>	
<b>d) Outreach</b>				
Opening Balance	534		409	
Received in the Year	-		1,250	
Paid out in the Year	534		1,125	
Closing Balance	<u>-</u>		<u>534</u>	
<b>e) Church and Organ Fund</b>				
Opening Balance	-		125	
Received in the Year	-		100	
Paid out in the Year	-		225	
Closing Balance	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
<b>f) Church House Fund</b>				
Opening Balance	100,528		99,305	
Received in the Year	2,189		16,806	
Paid out in the Year	1,590		25,645	
Closing Balance	<u>101,127</u>		<u>100,526</u>	
<b>g) Bibles Fund</b>				
Opening Balance	-		-	
Received in the Year	1,250		-	
Paid out in the Year	-		-	
Closing Balance	<u>1,250</u>		<u>-</u>	
<b>h) Handicap Fund</b>				
Opening Balance	-		-	
Received in the Year	1,413		-	
Paid out in the Year	100		-	
Closing Balance	<u>1,313</u>		<u>-</u>	
<b>i) Ministry Support Worker Salary</b>				
Opening Balance	-		-	
Received in the Year	12,479		-	
Paid out in the Year	3,580		-	
Closing Balance	<u>8,899</u>		<u>-</u>	
<b>k) 2019 10% Charity Giving</b>				
Opening Balance	4,735		-	
Received in the Year	-		-	
Paid out in the Year	120		-	
Closing Balance	<u>4,615</u>		<u>-</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<u>467,596</u>		<u>463,456</u>
<b>5 UNRESTRICTED RESERVES</b>				
Opening Balance	194,746		189,430	
Adjustment from 2019 figures	4,389		-	
(Deficit)/Surplus for the Year	<u>- 3,584</u>		<u>5,316</u>	
Closing Balance	<u>195,551</u>		<u>194,746</u>	

## Parish Of St Denys Church

Resources Expended  
For The Year Ending 31 December 2020

	2020 (Budget)		2020 (Actual)		2021 (Budget)	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>PART 1: PAYMENTS</b>						
<b>A. Mission and Charities</b>						
10% Charity Giving					12315	
National	3,822		576		0	
Youth & Ministry Projects	1,000		2,919		3,000	
Local	7,000		1,336		0	
World	3,000		1,200		0	
		14,822		6,031		15,315
<b>B. Maintenance of Ministry</b>						
Parish Share	57,501		57,501		57,501	
Visiting Clergy and Preachers	400		60		200	
		57,901		57,561		57,701
<b>C. Maintenance of Buildings</b>						
Light, Heat	4,500		4,510		4,000	
Insurance	590		570		650	
General Repairs and Maintenance	19,500		32,152		10,000	
Water Rates	270		235		280	
WIFI	900		724		612	
		25,760		38,191		15,542
<b>D. Maintenance of Services</b>						
Consumables	2,200		1,659		1,900	
Organ and Choir	800		131		800	
Choir & Organist Fees	520		120		520	
		3,520		1,910		3,220
<b>E. Parochial Expenses of Vicar</b>						
Car Mileage and Travel	1,500		46		200	
Telephone	1,180		759		538	
Light and Heat	750		1,781		1,656	
Training and Hospitality	300		20		300	
Fees	400		309		400	
Vicars Sundries	400		46		100	
Water Rates	1,000		946		990	
		5,530		3,907		4,184
<b>F. General Parish Expenses</b>						
Stationery and Postage	4,500		1,692		3,000	
7 Church Road Running Costs	4,800		4,736		2,000	
Ministry Support Worker	11,024		11,102		12,062	
Secretarial Salary	9,250		8,520		10,000	
Secretarial Salary (Christ Church)	4,200		2,186		5,000	
Church Cleaning	800		516		720	
Sundry Expenses	1,000		921		1,000	
Old school Sunday usage	1,500		297		1,000	
Depreciation of Fixtures	0					
		37,074		29,970		34,782
<b>G. Cost of Raising Money</b>						
Envelopes		130		129		120
<b>H. Gardening</b>		4000		3,385		3,700
				3,514		3,700
Church House rebuild		0	47,350	47,350		0
Other Restricted			13197	13,197		0
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>148,737</b>		<b>201,631</b>		<b>134,564</b>



## Parish Of St Denys Church

## Income received

For The Year Ending 31 December 2020

	2020 (Budget)		2020 (Actual)		2021 (Budget)	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>PART 2: RECEIPTS</b>						
<b>A. Direct Giving</b>						
Regular Contributions	57,624		62,285		62,500	
Gift Aid (Weekly) Envelopes	25,001		19,947		19,000	
		<u>82,625</u>		<u>82,232</u>		81,500
Loose Collections	6,761		1,556		1,700	
		<u>89,386</u>		<u>83,788</u>		<u>83,200</u>
<b>B. Tax Refunds</b>	18,274		15,925		10,502	
		18,274		15,925		10,502
		<u>107,660</u>		<u>99,713</u>		<u>93,702</u>
<b>F. Other Income</b>						
Fees	1,200		4,259		3,000	
Parish Share	2,750		16,407		2,750	
Book Sales	160		0		0	
Vicarage Fuel Recharge	700		1,532		1,242	
Bank Compensation	0		0		0	
Secretarial Salary (Christ Church).	4,250		2,186		5,000	
Sundries	1,300		6,903		100	
Restricted	0		43,431		0	
Donations	0		<u>6,500</u>		0	
		<u>10,360</u>		<u>81,218</u>		<u>12,092</u>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<u>118,020</u>		<u>180,931</u>		<u>105,794</u>
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<u>148,737</u>		<u>201,631</u>		<u>134,564</u>
<b>(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>		<u>-30,717</u>		<u>-20,700</u>		<u>-28,770</u>