

"THE FIVE PARISHES"

(part of the PILGRIM PARISHES)

The United Parish of Broxton with Chickney, Tilty, Great Easton and Little

Easton

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Registered Charity number 1131525

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE UNITED PARISH
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020**

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A MESSAGE FROM our future Priest-in-Charge Revd Sue Hurley

It has been a very strange and challenging year to take up the reins from Tim and to try, alongside our wardens, to steer our churches through totally uncharted territory. I took on the role of 'acting Curate in charge' during the first lockdown, trying hard to organise rotas, and to encourage the ministry team to begin live-streaming and pre-recording services, (who knew that we had that skill set!). Once it looked as though we could begin to think about re-opening, in order to make our churches Covid 19 Compliant, all the risk assessments had to be written and implemented. Preparations included: emptying the churches of many items, deep cleaning our buildings, putting up signage and purchasing masks and hand gel.

Thank you so much to our amazing wardens, who have supported me the whole way, and ensured that at least 2 of our churches could be opened, as soon as possible, initially for supervised individual prayer and later for weekly services. I cannot tell you how hard they have worked, taking on-board directive after directive from the government and the diocese. I am tremendously grateful for all their hard work and encouragement. Huge thanks also to our secretary and treasurer for all their hard work, to all on the PCC and other committees, to the team producing and distributing our excellent, now colourful, magazine. Thank you to those who have maintained the churchyards, arranged flowers, put together rotas, rung bells, played the organ, overseen refurbishments and to the army of unseen volunteers who have helped to keep our churches going. I would like to add my personal thanks to Janet, for all the hard work and dedication that she has put in this year.

Over the year The Ministry Team have offered a range of on-line services, including 6 months-worth of daily Evening Prayer, and our services have been viewed by thousands of people, some far beyond the boundaries of The Pilgrim Parishes; we have regularly had people from as far away as Scotland and even Arizona tuning in! People have shared links to services with their families and friends and I am sure that we will never truly know the impact that we may have had on people's lives. Thank you so much to everyone who has given up a huge amount of time to prepare, film and edit our on-line services, you have done a truly remarkable job! This said, this year has been so tough, so costly not being able to meet as we would want to, not being able to greet each other or even share fellowship over a cup of tea at the end of a service. Even when we have been able to meet there are some who have not been able to join with us in person, and I personally cannot begin to express how much I have missed being able to sing together!

As we begin to re-group and re-build, fellowship will be foundational to all we do, and we will also need to have some nurture groups for those for whom the pandemic has caused them to re-evaluate their priorities in life, those who are asking deep questions about the meaning of life. Throughout the year there have been many 'Nicodemus's', people watching us from afar, but as yet not quite ready to brave the light and be seen to enter our churches. Pray for all those who are seeking meaning. Pray for those whose faith has been shaken and who need loving and caring back to faith. Pray for those who have become complacent and let their fire dim or even go out. And finally pray for me as I begin the next phase of my ministry here as your priest in charge.

... and from our Associate Priest, Revd Janet

2020/21 continues to be a very challenging year for everyone. We have had two more lockdowns due to COVID 19 but now, in Holy Week, we are excitedly starting to look towards being able to reopen our church doors for our Acts of Worship. Many people have stepped up during the year to learn new skills and over the last three months we have been regularly live streaming services from within the church buildings.

As we move forward, we are all aware that much has changed. The practice of attending Church is now different with people choosing from a huge variety of different online services that are offered across the country. Some have joined us from far and wide and local people have joined Acts of Worship in other places. This all brings a wonderful diversity to our spiritual lives and offers an opportunity to learn about and to celebrate our differences. But this does mean that we will have to have generous and honest conversations about how to move forward, for our collective worship and in spreading the Gospel and joining with God in building his Kingdom in this place.

During the year we have lost quite a few friends. Funerals have been particularly difficult for families and friends alike, and it has been wonderful to see so many people across our United Parish caring for and supporting each other.

Two of our churches have taken the opportunity during lockdown to have necessary work and repairs done to church buildings, and I am sure everyone looks forward to seeing this in the near future. In Tilty the kitchen/vestry has been revamped and repairs to the roof undertaken. Great Easton has enjoyed having a new sound system, essential plastering work and decoration has been undertaken in the porch and two lovely new oak notice boards, donated by the Pickford family in memory of Jean and Bert. Thank you to everyone for all your hard work in looking after our beautiful churches and the churchyards on behalf of us all.

During the year I was licensed as an Associate Priest and the Revd Sue Hurley has been acting Curate in Charge of the Pilgrim Parishes. Working with Caroline, our Administrator, and all those others who quietly do so much, Sue has been dealing with all the essential administrative work as well as continuing to build strong bonds with the ever-increasing Staff Team. We now have six Priests and five Licensed Lay Ministers working across the Five Parishes, within the Pilgrim Parishes, with their eight church buildings. Most importantly Sue has been a real spiritual leader in God's Church and we are delighted that she has now been appointed to become our new Priest-in-Charge.

Finally, a big thank you to all of you who do, just get on and quietly do so much, some routine, some unexpected, without you there would be no progress and little would happen.

May God Bless you all, Janet. March 2021

PCC REVIEW OF THE YEAR AND LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

As our APCM covering 2019 was postponed from April to October 2020, due to the COVID 19 lockdown, and pending authorisation to hold the meeting online, there is relatively little to add since my report last October.

The interregnum continued during this period but will happily end on the 21st April when the Reverend Sue Hurley will be licensed as the Priest-in-Charge of the 8 churches of the Pilgrim Parishes. We welcome her appointment.

Although appointed as the Curate for Stebbing, Sue Hurley has kindly taken charge of the Ministry ream, and ensured that services continued during this interregnum, albeit only online via The Contingency Church, since the new lockdown was imposed in January 2021 in accordance with government guidelines. The good news is that our churches will open again in time for Easter services. We so look forward to getting together again in church. Please keep an eye out for details as usual in the Pilgrim Post.

We are grateful to the Reverend Janet Parker as our Curate living in Great Easton who has been taking nearly all our services within The Five Parishes during this period and to Caroline Wildgoose, the Administrator for the Pilgrim Parishes as well as the army of volunteers across the Five Parishes.

Finances are very stretched in the Chelmsford Diocese with a number of churches unable or unwilling to pay their parish share prompting a RAG (Red, Amber, Green) review of all churches as to their viability. Sadly, a number which will be rated Red are likely to close. Happily, the Five Parishes has been able to pay our Parish Share, albeit by eating into our Reserves. Relatively few in our villages donate regularly through Planned Giving which therefore only covers approximately £13,000 of our annual funding requirements.

In common with many other charities our usual fundraising has not been possible in 2020 due to COVID 19, but I am optimistic that all normal activities will take place after the 21st June when this long lockdown is finally brought to an end. We are certainly going ahead with the planning for another Countess of Warwick Country Show over the Bank Holiday weekend, albeit alert to the need for added safety protection and indeed the possibility of cancellation should the science and the date require another lockdown.

Warwick Newbury, Lay Vice-Chair 19th April 2021

REVIEW OF THE CHURCHES' YEAR

BROXTED:

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE 2020

Church Services and Attendance

During 2020 St Mary's Broxted held just 8 services before Covid lockdown started. Within these 8 services 2 were funerals.

No services were held for the rest of the year. The annual Good Friday service at Chickney was also cancelled. However, access to church services were made available via Zoom.

Rev'd Tim Goodbody also left our ministry in April. The ongoing support from the ministry team has been excellent.

The Broxted Committee's Review of the Year

The annual Festival of Angels did not take place this year nor were there any other events held due to the Covid lockdown. This was coupled with decisions over welfare and safety not to reopen during times when rules were relaxed,

We could not function without the hard work and dedication from everyone involved in the running of the diocese and our churches. Our thanks to all those involved.

Financial Review

The larger part of Broxted's monetary assets are held in the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund. This policy is in accordance with our PCC's guidelines and represents the 'reserve' funds we require to meet quinquennial and unexpected expenditure.

Due to regular giving we have been able to maintain a positive approach for Broxted. The regular committed monthly income support from a number of people is very gratefully received.

The annual grant from Broxted Parish Council was received and was even more important during this period of closure.

Church Committee

I thank all my committee members for their unfailing support. In this strange world over the last year, even without face-to-face meetings, it is comforting to know they are there when need arises.

Terry Reed, Churchwarden, March 2021

TILTY

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE 2020

Review of the Year

I was wondering if there had ever been a time when a full year had passed without a service being held in the Church. Perhaps the Dissolution of the Monasteries in the 1530s?

The important thing is to find something positive to say after a year when COVID 19 forced the closure of our church.

Many thanks are due to:-

Andrew Down for maintaining the churchyard to the usual high standard.

Brian and Audrey Miller for the work they undertook to empty the vestry and then put most of it back again after the refurbishment so very generously supported by **Jeremy Taylor**.

Maggie Stevens for organising the Wednesday morning Silent Prayer sessions in December and early January.

At the moment we are thinking about the **Flower Festival** for the first weekend of October with a music performance on the Saturday evening. We had hoped to have a recital from The Cambridge Vocal Consort last year, but of course that was not possible so hopefully we will be able to book them for July/August this year.

We look forward to our new ministry with Revd Sue and Revd Janet, with some input from the lay ministry team from time to time.

Paul Rutterford, Churchwarden, March 2021

GREAT EASTON:

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE 2020

Church Services and Attendance

Before lockdown we held 2 services in the Church and on reopening in August, we held 8 which have included All Souls, Christingle and a spectacular Crib service complete with a donkey (albeit a horse in disguise) and some amazing children (many thanks to Ali). Sadly, a promising Epiphany service had to be cancelled due to a possible contact with COVID By Revd Janet. Great Easton church was also the site for filming the "Coming of the Light" service led by Paul and Kate.

Review of the Year

The team gained PCC and Diocesan approval for the installation of a new PA system which went live in August and has transformed our services. Two new memorial boards were erected in the porch to remember the Pickford family. In September by a majority decision the team approved Revd Janet's request to have a broadband line installed in the church so that we could stream future services. To date this is a work in progress.

In conclusion, I have completed a difficult first year as Churchwarden and have tried at all times to ensure the concept of team decision making continues. I wish to thank everyone for their support.

Great Easton Committee members during 2019:

Elected Members: Geraldine Conner, Ron Gilder, Sarah Jeffrey, Julie Neale, Alison Rumbold, Claire Squibb, Sheena Ward, Peter Ward

Ron Gilder, Churchwarden,

LITTLE EASTON:

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE 2020

A unique year in the history of Little Easton Church. I have no record as to what happened during the Black Death, but COVID 19 has certainly made a significant impact on the life of our historic church during 2020.

Before the first lockdown in March we enjoyed 4 Sunday services and 2 Memorial services, for Geoff Parker and Jon Greaves, the latter with a plate collection of £1,860. The Contingency Church started on the 19th March with 70 services streamed for the Pilgrim Parishes before the lockdown was lifted in August. A further 9 services were held in the church before the end of 2020. Since March all services have been restricted, with social distancing, masks wearing and no singing and nor were we able to enjoy our after services coffee and the important opportunity to socialise.

On a more practical note, the lack of our usual plate collection impacted our much needed revenues and once again emphasizes the importance of regular planned giving. We do of course have to continue to contribute to the costs of Ministry, pay our insurance and utility bills even if the church is closed so it would be very welcome if more of us would sign up for the Planned Giving scheme. Despite not undertaking any major building works in 2020 but to contribute to our share of the Parish Share, we had to eat into our reserves in 2020.

Warwick Newbury, Churchwarden, March 2021

PCC TREASURER'S REPORT

It is my pleasure as your Treasurer to present the Treasurer's Report on the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020.

Summary

The Five Parishes results for 2020 was an overall deficit of -£52,751.

Bank and deposit accounts were £223,747 and total Parish funds decreased to £343,682. (Last year £388,492). In summary total income decreased by £39,518 to £72,959 and overall expenditure increased by £5,850 to £125,710.

As we had to cancel the Countess of Warwick Country Show due to COVID 19 we had no income from this important fundraising event or any other fundraising event.

Due to COVID 19 we have been through an extreme year, with our churches closed for the past year and therefore almost no wall safe or plate collections has come in. Donations and standing orders through the bank have been very kind and generous to us, as most of them have continued throughout the year. But – we have all had to dig into reserves to manage payment of Parish Share etc.

Detailed below is a summary of results for the PCC and the four churches.

PCC

The PCC income was £21,276 and expenditure was £31,317 resulting in an overall deficit of -£10,041.

The Countess of Warwick Show (CoWS)

Although the CoWS was cancelled in 2020, we still received a few donations of £4,198, thanks to Georgina Wood and Warwick Newbury.

Broxted

Income was £8,696 and expenditure £10,169 producing an overall decrease in funds of £1,473.

Tilty

Income was £11,100 and expenditure £22,001 producing an overall decrease in funds of £10,901. During the year £15,887 was spent on major repair work on the roof and inside walls. Some funds were recovered as 50% of roof work was received back from The Friends of the Five Parishes (£6,620).

Great Easton

Income was £19,886 and expenditure of £47,049 resulting in an overall decrease in funds of £27,163. Major repair work was carried out for £24,788 and £7,700 was donated from The Friends of the Five Parishes.

Little Easton

Income was £12,001 and expenditure £15,174 resulting in an overall decrease in funds of £3,173.

Other Matters

As the Five Parishes Magazine converted to online only for some months due to COVID 19, money was saved and the magazine still made an overall income due to the reduced costs.

Investment income

This continues to be modest and returns are 1.75% per annum on all funds invested, which is in line with market rates and the prudent investment policy maintained. The Barclays Bank arrangements remain in place.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your help and assistance over the past year.

Bridget Nielsen, 17th April 2021

... and finally, those statutory statements we are required to make year by year...

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Aim of The Five Parishes and its churches is:

- To promote within the United Parish the whole mission of the Church by helping make known the loving activity of God in our villages by means of open, good, inclusive worship, through cultivating friendship with the wider community
- and through maintaining our ancient buildings as signs of God's continuing presence in our midst.
- The four churches, with their unlocked doors, are places of prayer for all who wish to use them.
- They are places for the parishioners to come for family celebrations and at special times of the year.
- They are buildings where all are welcome and are part of the identity of each village community.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The Parishes of Broxton with Chickney, Tilty, Great Easton and Little Easton in the Dunmow and Stansted Deanery of the Diocese of Chelmsford were united to create a new parish under a scheme that came into operation on 1 August 1987 having been confirmed by Her Majesty the Queen in Council. The four churches of the parish are St Mary the Virgin at Broxton, St Mary the Virgin at Tilty, St John & St Giles at Great Easton and Little Easton Parish Church. The church of St Mary at Chickney is a "redundant" church, being in the care of the Churches Conservation Trust since 1974. The parish is colloquially known as 'The Five Parishes', reflecting its coverage of the five secular parishes involved. **Since sharing a priest-in-charge with Stebbing, Lindsell, Great and Little Salting our group is known as The Pilgrim Parishes.**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The requirements of this section are covered by the Standard Procedural document adopted at the 2011 APCM.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

A full review of the Electoral Roll took place in 2019. The next takes place in 2025 (every six years) and the number of names for The Five Parishes as reported at the 2021 APCM was 104 of which 30 non-resident and 3 new members. Under normal circumstances Sunday Services are shared between the four churches by a monthly rota. 2020 was not a normal year so the usual statistics are not available.

PCC RESERVES POLICY

The considerations of The Five Parishes in relation to its cash funds, are:-

Apart from the holding at Great Easton in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund that originated from a bequest, monies are held mainly in the CCLA Investment Management Ltd's CBF Church of England/COIF Charities Deposit Funds. This is to avoid risks resulting from stock market availability of funds.

The PCC considers the balance in hand at the year-end to be an appropriate amount to support the aims of The Five Parishes as previously stated in general and for the upkeep and maintenance of the four church buildings in particular. This statement reflects its intention to at least match the churches' resources to current Quinquennial expenditure and to retain a buffer against other significant and unbudgeted expenditure. The level of resources is reviewed following successive Quinquennials.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council at its annual meeting on 19th April 2021 and signed on its behalf by The Five Parishes (Lay Vice Chair)



Warwick Newbury
Lay Vice Chair

CHURCH CONDITION REPORTS 2019

(CHURCH FABRIC AND CHURCHYARD)

The following are extracts from the Annual Reports

BROXTED

Fabric Report

The last Quinquennial inspection of the church building and churchyard set out various items requiring attention. None are of a serious nature but never the less need to be actioned. At some time it is still planned to have a toilet and kitchen area within the existing building sited at the rear of the Lady Chapel.

Churchyard

Maintenance of the churchyard has continued wherever possible during the year with particular thanks to Broxted Parish Council for their generous support towards churchyard maintenance costs.

TILTY

Fabric and Contents

The refurbishment of the vestry took place with generous support from Jeremy Taylor. The south side of the nave was retiled during October/November and some internal decoration in January. The north side of the nave is scheduled to be retiled in April 2021 and limewash paint applied to half of the outside walls at the same time.

Churchyard

Andrew Down continues to maintain the churchyard to a very high standard.

GREAT EASTON

Fabric and Contents

During the year we completed all the necessary Quinquennial repairs arising from the 2016 report. These included extensive repairs of the perimeter wall and major re-plastering of the nave and porch plus redecoration of both, and fixing the step from the south porch into the church.

Churchyard

The churchyard continues to be maintained to an extremely high standard with regular grass cutting.

LITTLE EASTON

Fabric and Contents

We felt unable to commit to any of our outstanding projects in 2020 but we did plan as to how to raise the necessary funds to allow us to implement some important works in 2021 which are now in progress and already reported to the PCC. Minor repairs were undertaken as necessary by Roy Blackwell Builders.

Churchyard

Alison Armitage, our Tree Officer, has been joined by Carl Mitchell and Dennis Litjens to keep our grass cut and hedges trimmed. Many thanks to our churchyard team.

REPORTS FROM OTHER SPHERES IN THE LIFE OF THE FIVE PARISHES

THE COUNTESS OF WARWICK SHOW 2020

As you are all aware due to COVID 19 we were obliged to cancel the Show due to take place in 2020. The Show Committee has already held 2 meetings this year and subject to a number of anticipated

conditions we are planning a new Show for 2021. It is not yet clear as to whether there will be some restrictions imposed but hopefully none that will cause us to cancel our current plans. We did open a JustGiving account and thanks largely to P & A Wood raised a modest £6,098 mostly from the regular classic car exhibitors including a generous donation from P & A Wood.

Please save the 29th and 30th August dates in your diary for the 2021 Show and follow us via our website <https://countessofwarwickshow.org>

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THE FRIENDS OF THE FIVE PARISHES 2020

(The Friends is a registered charity No 1059862)

During 2020 members of the Executive Committee were pleased to respond to applications from Great Easton and Tilty churches with grants totalling £14,320. This is usually based on 50% of the total costs of repairs and brings the total of grants given since the trust was formed in 1996 to over £120,000.

Brian Miller kindly continued to operate the 50% Club which keeps our profile alive, despite the absence of any new major events. This raised £1,517 and paid out £808 in total to the lucky winners. Due to the COVID lockdown, there was no Countess of Warwick Country Show or indeed any other fund-raising events for the Friends to support with their usual stall. Membership income held up well totalling £1,231, including gift aid.

As always, my thanks go to the members of the Executive Committee for all their help and support, but we are still hoping for volunteers to join the Committee, not only to bring new vitality to it but also to bring enthusiasm and energy to help organise at least one new major event a year.

Warwick Newbury, Chairman, Friends of the Five Parishes. (If you would like to become a Friend please contact the Secretary, Angela Harbottle, on 01371 876707)

GREAT EASTON C OF E VA PRIMARY SCHOOL 2020-21

Our School Vision: We are God's children and global citizens. We will be bold enough to use our voices, brave enough to evoke change in the world and strong enough to stand up for what is right. We are valued and are part of a Christian family that grows together in faith, love and kindness. 'Let all that you do be done in love'. (1 Corinthians 16:14). Love of learning, life and living. Associated values: Courage, Compassion, Forgiveness and Joy.

It has been an incredibly busy year at school over the past year. Life at school looks very different since the pandemic began. The classes are separated as 'bubbles' and staff and children don't mix between bubbles. This has put a lot more strain on staff as they are covering duties throughout the day, playtimes, lunchtimes in classes before and after school drop offs. This is all being done on a voluntary basis and I am incredibly thankful.

Throughout both lockdowns we have remained open for critical worker families and vulnerable children – around 50 pupils. Staff have been in school with these children as well as providing online

lessons for children at home. They have provided one to one support and chats for children who have struggled emotionally because they haven't been at school. It has been really tough for everyone. Staff have been very scared and we have had several cases of covid in school with both staff and children being infected.

The children continue to be incredible and we are working hard to ensure their emotional well-being is paramount. We are in the process of hatching chicks to re-stock our school chickens. The school dogs make a huge difference for many of the children (and staff). We are just beginning to plan some fun activities and trips for the children, hopefully year 6 will enjoy a residential trip to Norfolk for a week this year. We have a drum workshop, a BMX champion, a rap workshop and birds of prey display all planned for the coming months.

Claire Jackman, Headmistress, April 2021

DUNMOW & STANSTED DEANERY

Ron Gilder and Warwick Newbury currently represent The Five Parishes on the Deanery Synod led by our Area Dean, Helen Pelly. One of us has reported back to the PCC following each Deanery meeting which has been noted in the PCC Minutes.

At a recent meeting, Revd Roger Matthews spoke about the RAG rating exercise that the Diocese has rolled out. Put simply it could no longer afford the same number of stipendiary posts and urgent action was needed to lower this. All churches will be subject to colour classification, i.e. the post will not be filled or sustained if marked red. If amber, it will be revisited from time to time, and if green no change in stipendiary incumbent position. This was a painful business for everyone. Parishes would be informed of their rating in 2021. All vacancies have now been filled.

With regard to climate change, all oil-fired boilers will need to have been replaced as soon as possible and certainly by 2030. Discussion followed on renewal energy and noted that at present solar panels were not permitted. All 4 churches in the Five Parishes use renewable energy suppliers.

MAGAZINE

Taking advantage of available time during the first COVID 19 lockdown, the magazine team planned and launched a full colour version commencing with the September 2020 issue. This has been well received, by readers and advertisers alike, over half our existing advertisers switching to colour in spite of the increased charges involved in printing in colour. The full version, including advertisements, now appears monthly on the Five Parishes website and on the four Facebook village groups covered by our churches. With thanks to our large group of determined distributors, door-to-door delivery was maintained during the second 2020 lockdown period. With the editor's grateful thanks to the magazine team and all concerned.

Angela Harbottle, Editor

WEBSITES

The Five Parishes website continues to be maintained in conjunction with Lisa Smith of ActivWebDesign of Little Easton. It offers information on the individual churches, editorial from the latest issue of *The Five Parishes Magazine* and other parish news. Visit us on www.thefiveparishes.org.uk. As always, The Countess of Warwick Show website <https://countessofwarwickshow.org/> has a wonderful selection of photographs and information on the Show itself.

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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
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**Financial Accounts
Year ended 31 December 2020**

**TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE UNITED PARISH OF
BROXTED WITH CHICKNEY, TILTY, GREAT EASTON AND LITTLE EASTON
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2020 which are set out on pages 2 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145 (5) (b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

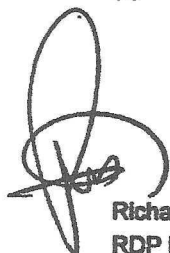
Basis of Independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Richard Davies FCMA
RDP Partnership, Accountants
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15.4.2021.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE UNITED PARISH
OF BROXTED WITH CHICKNEY, TILTY, GREAT EASTON AND LITTLE EASTON

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 £	2019 £
Receipts					
Receipts from donors	7(a)	27,510	-	27,510	30,179
Other voluntary incoming resources	7(b)	23,310	-	23,310	17,158
Activities in furtherance of the Council's objectives	7(c)	2,280	-	2,280	6,915
Activities in generating funds	7(d)	12,006	-	12,006	72,795
Income from Investments	7(e)	6,840	1,061	7,901	8,999
Total Receipts		71,945	1,061	73,006	136,046
Payments					
Costs of generating funds	8(a)	285	-	285	23,977
Grants	8(b)	2,522	-	2,522	550
Activities relating to the work of the Church	8(c)	121,390	-	121,390	118,166
Support costs	8(d)	-	-	-	-
Governance Costs	8(e)	1,560	-	1,560	734
Total Payments		125,757	-	125,757	143,428
 Net receipts/(payments)		(53,812)	1,061	(52,751)	(7,382)
Transfers between funds	3	1,061	(1,061)	-	-
 Net surplus / (deficit) for the year		(52,751)	-	(52,751)	(7,382)

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE UNITED PARISH
OF BROXTED WITH CHICKNEY, TILTY, GREAT EASTON AND LITTLE EASTON

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	2020	2019
	£	£
Cash funds		
Bank community accounts	70,459	102,797
CBF/COIF deposit accounts	152,986	172,616
	<u>223,445</u>	<u>275,413</u>
Investment assets		
CBF Investment Fund (Note 2)	123,418	115,477
Assets		
Accrued Income - CWS	302	-
Liabilities		
Accruals (Accountant's Fee)	(498)	(498)
Advance Income - CWS	(2,985)	(1,290)
Creditors	-	(610)
	<u>343,682</u>	<u>388,492</u>
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Parish Funds		
Unrestricted Funds		
Opening Balance 1 January 2019	363,608	351,418
Receipts and payments surplus	(52,751)	(7,382)
Increase / (decrease) in value of investments	7,941	19,572
	<u>318,798</u>	<u>363,608</u>
Restricted funds	24,884	24,884
	<u>343,682</u>	<u>388,492</u>
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Approved by the Parochial Church Council on

and signed on its behalf by:

Bridget Nielsen
PCC Treasurer

Bridget Nielsen

[Signature]

Rev'd Tim Goodbody
Priest-in-Charge
WARWICK NEWBURY
LAY VICE CHAIR

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE UNITED PARISH
OF BROXTED WITH CHICKNEY, TILTY, GREAT EASTON AND LITTLE EASTON

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. GENERAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, Charities Act 2011 and SORP 2005.

b) Funds

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

Restricted Funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided by the terms of the trust or bequest, and b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted Funds represent general funds of the PCC/church committees that are not subject to any restriction on their use and are available for the ordinary purposes of the PCC/church committees. Funds designated by them for a particular purpose are also unrestricted.

2. INVESTMENT ASSETS

	No. of Shares	2020	2019
Value at 1 January 2020		£	£
Shares sold during year	6,024	115,477	105,905
increase / (decrease) in value during the year		7,941	(10,000)
Value at 31st December 2020	6,024	123,418	19,572
			115,477

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3. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Lt Easton Churchyard	Lt Easton Flower	Lt Easton Lord Maynard	Tilty Lord Maynard	Gt Easton	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance at 1 Jan 2020	21,766	740	583	0	1,795	24,884
Incoming resources	-	-	531	530	-	1,061
Resources expended	-	-	(531)	(530)	-	(1,061)
Transfer(to)/from General Fund	-	-	-	-	-	0
Balance at 31 Dec 2020	21,766	740	583	-	1,795	24,884

Little Easton Churchyard

This fund was set up to cover the costs of maintaining the churchyard at Little Easton. Incoming resources relates to interest received only.

Little Easton Flower Fund

This fund was set up to cover the cost of the flower arrangers for Little Easton. It will continue to be used for this purpose until the fund is used up. Incoming resources relates to interest received only.

Lord Maynard Trust Funds

There are three Lord Maynard Trust Funds (Perpetual), in Tilty, Little Easton and Great Easton, which are registered charities, the capital of which are administered by the Diocese of Chelmsford as Custodial Trustees. The interest only is received by the churches and used for their own purposes as follows:

Little Easton – the interest is restricted in use towards the Rector's expenses

Tilty – the interest is restricted in use towards their Parish Share. Where the income does not cover the outgoings in their entirety, funds are transferred from the general fund to ensure that the funds are not in deficit. (Funds transferred from Tilty Church Fund to Tilty Maynard Fund as appropriate).

Great Easton – the interest goes towards general expenses and is therefore not restricted.

4. TRANSACTIONS WITH MEMBERS OF THE PCC AND RELATED PARTIES

No active members of the PCC were directly or indirectly involved with contracts or similar arrangements with a close family or business connection. Apart from routine expenditure connected with church services/ refreshments etc., no member of the PCC received any out-of-pocket expenses. Out-of-pocket expenses of the Rector and treasurer are shown in the PCC payments account.

5. EMPLOYEE EMOLUMENTS

The charity has no employees. It uses the services of contractors to help with the maintenance of the churchyards of Broxted, Great and Little Easton and Tilty and the parish administration.

6. THE FRIENDS OF THE FIVE PARISHES

The Friends of the Five Parishes raises funds that are donated from time to time to the churches of the Five Parishes either in the form of money or as gifts. The Friends is registered separately with the Charity Commission (registered number 1059862) to whom it makes separate accounts. Where gifts were received, notes are attached to the individual church's Statement of Assets as to their material worth.

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Receipts	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	2019 £
7(a) Receipts from donors				
Gift Aid - Bank	17,296	-	17,296	16,402
Gift Aid – Envelopes & Loose plate collections	2,857	-	2,857	9,346
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	6,696	-	6,696	3,780
Other planned giving	-	-	-	0
Magazine donations	660	-	660	651
Tax recovered on magazine donations	-	-	-	0
	<u>27,510</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,510</u>	<u>30,179</u>
7(b) Other voluntary incoming resources				
One off grants	14,320	-	14,320	14,669
Donations appeals etc	8,662	-	8,662	2,043
Wall safes, Guides etc	17	-	17	134
Other income	311	-	311	312
	<u>23,310</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>23,310</u>	<u>17,158</u>
7(c) Activities in furtherance of the council's objects				
Fees for weddings & funerals	<u>2,280</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,280</u>	<u>6,915</u>
7(d) Activities for generating funds				
CWCS income	4,245	-	4,245	50,957
Fund raising events	0	-	0	10,594
Magazine income – advertising	7,761	-	7,761	11,245
	<u>12,006</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,006</u>	<u>72,795</u>
7(e) Income from investments				
Dividends	4,624	531	5,155	5,590
Banks & building society interest	536	530	1,066	1,271
Other income	1,680	-	1,680	2,138
	<u>6,840</u>	<u>1,061</u>	<u>7,901</u>	<u>8,999</u>
Total receipts	<u>71,945</u>	<u>1,061</u>	<u>73,006</u>	<u>136,046</u>

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Payments		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	
		£	£	2020 £	2019 £
8(a)	Cost of generating funds				
	CWCS expenses	47	-	47	23,568
	Tifty Spring Lunch & Flower Festival	-	-	-	-
	Other	238	-	238	409
		285	-	285	23,977
8(b)	Grants and donations				
	Rebecca Meade - grant to school	2,000	-	2,000	-
	Poppy Appeal	62	-	62	-
	Action Aid (Child sponsorship)	234	-	234	234
	The Children's Society	-	-	-	-
	Bibles for Children (In schools)	180	-	180	-
	Bishop's Lent Appeal	-	-	-	156
	Bishops appeal	-	-	-	-
	Salvation Army	-	-	-	-
	Little Easton Manor Charity	-	-	-	150
	Just Giving	36	-	36	-
	Compassion UK (Adult sponsorship)	10	-	10	10
		2,522	-	2,522	550
8(c)	Activities relating to the work of the church				
	Ministry parish share etc	45,527	-	45,527	45,621
	Working and office expenses of Priest - in -charge	1,123	-	1,123	2,652
	Assistant staff costs	5,197	-	5,197	5,557
	Church running expenses – Utilities	4,103	-	4,103	8,640
	Church running expenses – Insurance	7,115	-	7,115	7,197
	Church maintenance	8,928	-	8,928	18,265
	Upkeep of services	-	-	-	-
	Upkeep of churchyards	862	-	862	5,391
	Magazine expenses	6,397	-	6,397	8,540
	Major repairs	40,675	-	40,675	14,874
	Gifts to priest, organist, cleaner, etc	-	-	-	-
	Miscellaneous repairs and expenses	1,462	-	1,462	1,430
		121,390	-	121,390	118,166
8(d)	Support costs				
	Treasurers expenses	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
8(e)	Governance costs				
	Accountants' Fees	1,560	-	1,560	734
		1,560	-	1,560	734
	Total payments	125,757	-	125,757	143,428

**TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE UNITED PARISH OF
BROXTED WITH CHICKNEY, TILTY, GREAT EASTON AND LITTLE EASTON
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2020 which are set out on pages 2 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145 (5) (b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

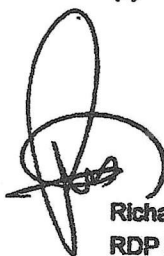
Basis of Independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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