



# St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall

## **Annual Church Report 2021**



# RECTOR'S ADDRESS

May I present the Annual Report for St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall 2021 to the congregation. Please read it alongside the Annual Financial Report.

The last two years have been challenging, for each of us as individuals, for our families and friends and for our church. Unprecedented and unlike anything we have had to deal with



before, it has been a test of our faith and our trust in God. Holding strong when times are difficult is encouraged by the words found in Isaiah 41:10

*'do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.'*

In fact the phrase *'do not be afraid'* appears 365 times in the Bible, a daily reminder to us of words spoken by Jesus to his disciples as he faced arrest, trial and death. When we are troubled we recall that Jesus also said at the Last Supper, *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you."* (John 14:27).

The beginning of 2021 found us still in lockdown, with online services and Zoom meetings. It wasn't until Palm Sunday in March that we were able to resume in-person services, but still with restricted numbers. Managing a booking system for church services would have seemed a ludicrous proposal back in 2019 but our administrator, Gill White added it to her jobs list. I'd like to thank Gill for all she has done since she came into her post in March 2020. In addition the risk assessment team, Geraint Williams, Alison Collins, Linda Stockton, Julie Ryan and Gill White have been amazing in looking at and reassessing the Covid risk throughout 2021. I am so grateful to them for their level-headed approach and wise council.

The continuing need to keep people safe and the new skills we learnt quickly in getting the church online pushed forward a plan that the PCC had long been considering – the installation of screens in church. A gift from the Diocese to each parish church and a grant, ably applied for and gained by Jenny Pearce, enabled this to happen, along with an overhaul of the sound system. This meant that we were no longer reliant on paper booklets or hymn books for most of our services. We could add visual imagery to enhance worship and have more flexibility to use a wider variety of liturgy week by week. It enabled us to offer a more personalised service to wedding couples and families coming to us

for a funeral. In addition the installation of a pan, tilt and zoom camera and a clever device housed in the beautiful new console table, means that we can now Livestream services on Facebook every week with views of the church as well as the words for the hymns appearing on PCs and TVs up and down the country! We know of people who regularly join us from France and New Zealand as well as those closer to home who just can't get to church. Whoever said that it takes the church a long time to effect change had clearly never visited Grappenhall!

Through all this the work on the stunning new annexe was carrying on and Grosvenor Construction did a brilliant job of keeping work going despite lockdown and restrictions. Seeing the vision that we had back in 2015 coming to life before our eyes was so encouraging and hopeful and in August we were able to throw open the doors and welcome people in. It was such a happy day when we opened officially and saw so many people coming to view the building and meet together. It gave us a new sense of optimism and hope for the future. Grateful thanks to Charles Jesudason for leading the project and for ensuring that we didn't lose momentum.

Perhaps the most encouraging sign though has been the return to church of the majority of our congregation following the easing of restrictions and indeed seeing new faces joining us. The demand online is still there but the seats are filling up too, so like so many others we are continuing with a hybrid approach. That brings new challenges and more people are needed to help out on the technology. We have lost many of our volunteers who had done such a great job over many years, and to whom heartfelt thanks are due, but we hope that new people will step up to replace them in time.

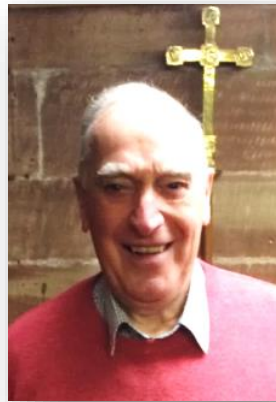
2022 will present us with more challenges as well as opportunities to share the love of Jesus with our communities. Everything we do we do for God and to his glory, knowing that ultimately he is the one for whom we live and who has our future in his hands. I leave you with these encouraging words:

*'The LORD is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall. Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.'* Psalm 27:1-3

Jane

Rev'd Jane Proudfoot, Rector





## CHURCHWARDENS

### Church Annexe

The new annexe at the rear of the church has been completed. It has been interesting being involved with the construction in all weathers. There have been teething problems with the external doors and the heating which are ongoing. We held an open day which was very successful with over 150 people attending. They helped with planting in various areas around the annexe. There have been fantastic manifestations put on the windows and glass doors of the annexe. We are very grateful to Aphra Proudfoot who designed them. This has been a very successful venture for our church which has been in the planning stages for 5 years. We are grateful to the many members of the congregation and friends of our church. Without their financial support this beautiful building would not exist. Grateful thanks also go to Jenny Pearce for her tireless work on gaining funding from grants. The annexe was blessed by Bishop Mark on 17th October.

Phase two of the project was also completed. This was the clearing of the track alongside and at the bottom of the graveyard and the creation of a new 18 space car park with disabled access. Both areas have been fully laid with tarmac as has the path running down the centre of the graveyard. Lighting for all areas was also installed.

### Statutory Regulations

The annual fire extinguishers checks have been made. The lightning conductor had its three year check. Both the boilers in the Parish Centre and Church have had their annual service.

## **Maintenance**

### **Church**

The Greenall memorial outside church has been moved into the graveyard with the permission of the family. This has created an outdoor seating area which has been regularly used when the weather permits. The Baptistry area in church has been cleared and tidied. New curtains have been added along with banners of one of our stained glass windows. The lighting has also been updated. The floor in church has been sanded and varnished. The north door has been replaced. An audio visual system has been completely installed in church including a sound system, screens and a camera for livestreaming. Benches in the graveyard which were in a poor state have been removed. Geoff Kelly has worked tirelessly to replace them in various locations around the graveyard. Our thanks go to him.

### **Parish Centre**

The floor in the large room has been sanded and varnished. The gutters have been cleared and repaired where needed. Our thanks go to Colin Paré for his work at the Parish Centre. New LED lighting has been installed in the large room. The Parish Centre is now being more widely used as Covid restrictions are being reduced.

### **Support**

During the past year it has been challenging with the Covid restrictions we have had to adhere to as we've continued to support Rev'd Jane with her ministry either on zoom or in church. We are grateful to the many volunteers who continue to support us. Gordon Berry with his wealth of knowledge. Les Gregory who has had many challenges with the annexe and other maintenance issues. Now our church is open again we have the support of the sidespeople, flower team and cleaners. All of the volunteers mentioned here give their time freely to support our mission and ministry in our community of Grappenhall.

## ***Julie Ryan and Linda Stockton***



# PAROCIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)



## Secretary's Report on the proceedings of the PCC Year ending December 2021

- The notice convening the Annual Parochial Church Meeting has been displayed in the Church for the relevant period.
- Since the last APCM in April 2021 there have been 5 meetings of the PCC and 4 meetings of the Standing Committee.
- At the first meeting of the year following the APCM, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 we welcomed our two Churchwardens, Julie Ryan and Linda Stockton. The following appointments were made:-

Vice Chairman	Gordon Berry
Secretary	Gill White
Treasurer	Charles Jesudason
Planned Giving Officer	Jonathan Dixon
Gift Aid Secretary	Tony Sudworth
Deputy Wardens	Gill White
Electoral Roll Officer	Alan Hunter
Safeguarding Officer	Georgina Reynolds
Data Protection Administrator	Gill White
New members	-
Re-elected members	Alison Collins, Marjorie Cassin
Trustee Warrington CofE Trust	John Bygate

Our APCM was held on Zoom on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021. The PCC continued to meet bi-monthly on the second Monday in the month and the Standing Committee met in the alternate months, as the Covid 19 restrictions eased the PCC began to meet in the Church Annexe. The meetings commenced with a short act of worship. This year our focus was:-

- Covid-19 Pandemic: We were led by Church of England Guidance in how we responded and at each meeting discussed how to adapt our worship to meet with restrictions as they changed, guided by infection rates.
- Risk Assessment Sub Committee: A small group met regularly as the restrictions changed to manage re-opening church after lockdowns and ensuring safety for all.
- Wellbeing – We began to consider the importance of wellbeing, both in looking after our clergy, PCC members and our wider church family.
- Annexe Building Project: We saw the work on the new Annexe completed, with regular updates on progress and snagging issues once the builders had finished.
- Fundraising : With no Walking Day or Christmas fair we worked together to look at ways we could continue to fundraise within the Pandemic restrictions.

**Gill White, PCC Secretary**

# ST WILFRID'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

We had hoped that 2021 would be a year that would see the world return to normal, a world without restrictions. Unfortunately the start of the year brought further lockdowns and more remote learning for the majority of our pupils. Despite the obvious challenges, staff once again delivered engaging lessons for all of the children whether they were teaching face to face or remotely.

As the year went on, we did see restrictions ease a little and we were delighted that we were able to invite parents into school for the Year 6 end of year celebrations. COVID, I think did teach us to appreciate the small things in life, things that we had always taken for granted and suddenly were no longer possible e.g. parents being able to come into school, being able to meet up with friends and family. One of our year's highlights was to see the children being able to finally play together again, the removal of class bubbles later in the year meant that St. Wilfrid's could reunite and become the school it was pre COVID.

2021 was an incredibly special year in our school's history and marked our 175th birthday. Our Year 6 children took part in a living history project whereby they researched the life of Thomas Fairhurst, a local boy who attended our school, who lived and worked in the local area and went on to serve his country in the first World War. The historical project culminated in a very moving service of remembrance at the church for Thomas and was led by Year 6, it was made even more special as some of his family were able to attend the service.



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We celebrated in style in November, it's not every day you get to be 175! The whole school came dressed as Victorians and spent the day doing the type of lessons that would have been taught if they had attended St. Wilfrid's in 1846. Like all celebrations there were balloons, cake and treats galore. In the same week we had a historical exhibition which had photographs, log books and artefacts dating back to when the school opened. We invited the local community to write about their memories of our school and these also formed part of the exhibition. We are all part of the school's history and we hope that in years to come, some of the photographs of our celebrations in 2021 may form part of a historical exhibition in the future!

Despite the pandemic, St. Wilfrid's continued to thrive. It adapted to the enforced changes and celebrated the small things as well as the big. The school, church and local community all worked together and relationships are definitely stronger as a result of the lockdowns. We grew as a school and made sure that throughout the challenges we faced in 2021, we continued to let our light shine for others to see.



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*'Learning  
through fun,  
faith and  
friendship'*



**'Let your light shine for others  
to see' Matthew 5 14-15**



# RISK ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

This team comprises Rev Jane, Churchwardens Linda Stockton and Parish Administrator, Gill White, Geraint Williams and myself, Alison Collins.

Over the past year our focus has been on how to keep the church and parish centre as accessible as possible, within the restrictions imposed, as Covid peaked and dipped and vaccinations became available to more and more people. We also reviewed the fire protection and the security of the Parish Centre, which resulted in the purchase of a fire alarm system and CCTV.

In January 2021 we were still very much self-distancing, with the third lockdown commencing on the 6<sup>th</sup> January. We met to review the risks of continuing with services and we consulted the House of Bishops published advice in deciding how to proceed. We were still permitted to attend church, but seating was pre-booked and spaced further apart in small family groups using the plastic fold up chairs. A sharp rise in Covid levels in Warrington then led to the decision to suspend services until conditions improved.

When services resumed, it was initially felt impractical to provide communion, so we used the Service of the Word on Sunday mornings. No singing was permitted – we were all frustrated at that! We started to measure airflow in the church, using two Carbon Dioxide monitors, as it was recommended as a good way of seeing how well ventilated the church is at any given time and therefore how risky it would be to allow more people to attend. A forehead scanning thermometer was also purchased. Track and trace was an important task and attendants names were registered.

Services recommenced on Palm Sunday, but we were still governed by the House of Bishops on how to proceed with services, so there was still to be no singing.

The plastic chairs were no longer deemed necessary for hygiene and the comfy seats were returned, albeit spaced out. Communion eventually recommenced with carefully planned routes around the church for Rev Jane and Gordon to reach communicants using wafers intincted with wine.



**Face masks  
must be worn**

## RISK ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE cont.

Eventually, restrictions started to relax, with more people allowed to attend church services. Singing behind masks, whilst sitting down became the norm, now we mix and match, sometimes standing, but maintaining the wearing of masks. It is interesting to see CO2 levels climbing as we sing, then dropping afterwards, but at all times remaining at safe limits due to doors and windows being opened.

The bells were silent for a long time as no ringing was permitted until 23<sup>rd</sup> May and even then, the 'rule of six' applied. Bell ringing ventilation was also risk assessed, but with windows opening on two sides of the tower and the tower door being open, a howling gale gave assurance and ringing was permitted to recommence. Eventually the rule of six was deemed unnecessary, enabling all 10 bells to be rung. Bellringers even now still go through gallons of hand gel, but mostly don't need to wear masks unless the tower is crowded.

It is safe to say that at all significant twists and turns of the pandemic, the H&S team has strived to maintain safe worship methods and to enable the buildings to function, in whatever form has been deemed necessary at any given time. We are poised ready to review whenever there is a significant change in the House of Bishops advice.

**Alison Collins, PCC Risk Assessment Team Member**

## SAFEGUARDING

The PCC approved the Safeguarding Policy in early 2021. Rev'd Jane received an historic safeguarding disclosure in April 2021 which was referred myself and to the Diocesan Safeguarding lead. The investigation which followed resulted in no further action being taken. The PCC complied with their duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 to have regard to the House of Bishop's guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. The Safeguarding Policy and posters with who to contact in case of a safeguarding concern are displayed in church and the Parish Centre and there is a safeguarding statement on the church website.

**Georgina Reynolds, Safeguarding Officer**

# PASTORAL CARE

The visiting team started to meet again, where possible, once a month. Although the latter part of 2021 saw lockdown restrictions easing, we have been cautious in our approach to physical visits and where possible, contact has been by phone.

It has been positive that we have been able to utilise the Annex, which has led to some sessions of effective group discussion and training. The team took part in a listening refresher and received packs of useful prayer resources to take out with them when they engage with people. We will be addressing safeguarding training, in line with the Diocesan directive, and with the support of our Parish Safeguarding Officer.

I have attended Deanery meetings where appropriate and am beginning to establish more regular communication with the Pastoral Workers in our neighbouring churches, which will strengthen our ability to deliver different options in the future. We have been encouraged to share strategies and to join together with other churches to share skills and resources.

Revd Jane and I have been in discussion about bereavement support and how best to deliver this in view of the numbers of losses experienced by our Parish. There are plans to get this offering of support underway in 2022. Unfortunately, Covid is very much present in our community.

Bishops Mark and Julie have raised awareness that clergy, lay people and congregations in general, are very tired and refreshment is something we should be aware of. There are possibilities for development in this area going forward.

Margaret Kitchen

Pastoral Worker

## Do you need to talk?



# Music at St Wilfrid's

## Church Choir

The last 2 years have been a trying time for us all and of course the music was on hold for live services as we reverted to online worship together with recorded music by church musicians. With the return to live worship at church the choir has been able to contribute with gradually more input together with the congregation being able to sing again. Thank you to their patience and application together with enhanced music from Pip and her sister and also Helen and Phil there has been a broadening of music in worship which has blessed us all attending regular services. The choir has been busy learning new material to include in the liturgy and we are also grateful to other musicians contributing to our music in worship. There are reports from each of them also to reflect their experience during the last 2 years.

Guy Organist.

## Helen & Phil

Since the beginning of the pandemic, Phil and I have been doing what we can to ensure that music continues to be a part of worship at St Wilfrid's. We started off by recording some pieces for Rev'd Jane to use in her virtual services. Then, when Church was allowed to open again, we were able to provide some music and singing since congregational singing still wasn't permitted. Now that we can sing as a congregation again, we enjoy being a part of the music in Church every few weeks. We were and still are pleased that our contribution to the music at St Wilfrid's is appreciated and we feel grateful that we are able to play a part in the worship at Church.



## Pip & Nikki

"My sister Nikki and I are very fortunate to be a part of the music programme here at St Wilfrid's.

For us, music is such an important addition to each service, as it allows us to focus, and feel surrounded by God's presence.

Our music includes both sacred and secular violin and piano works that we play throughout the service. We have been able to play during Holy Communion; very often as part of a programme of music that includes the choir, and organist, which provides a lovely variety. Also, we have played during some individual special services.

"The longest night" service, and Remembrance Sunday were two beautiful services that I remember especially. We truly love being a part of the services we serve."

# Sustainability / Eco Church

1. [Eco church](#): we are registered for this awards scheme and are working towards bronze standard. There are five areas on which we are being measured:
  - worship and teaching
  - management of church buildings
  - management of church land
  - community and global engagement
  - lifestyle
2. Sustainable plan: a draft sustainability plan was presented to the PCC on the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021. It is ready for further consultation. Consideration is being given to creating a position statement that sets out our principles for sustainability (see draft in Appendix)
3. [Caring for God's acre](#): resource packs and webinars are available with ideas for encouraging biodiversity and wildlife in the churchyard, and for engaging with the local community.
4. A webinar was attended (Church of England Deanery Call) on the 19<sup>th</sup> January given by Bishop Graham Usher: The climate and biodiversity crises facing the planet.
5. Cheshire Wildlife Trust: we spoke to Kyle Mellish about possible additional habitat surveys and recommendations that could be commissioned. These would cost in the region of £120 to £500 pounds depending on the detail. Note a lot of information already exists as studies were completed for the annex building. These may be sufficient.
6. Walkover survey planned for early 2022.

Sally Sudworth





# ANNEXE BUILDING PROJECT

In October 2021 St Wilfrid's congregation celebrated a Service of Dedication and Blessing led by Mark, Bishop of Chester following the completed construction of our long-awaited annexe. We now have the modern facilities we need to welcome people properly, including the café area and the outdoor courtyard. The annexe provides refreshments, seating and toilets. The new air sourced heat pump gives a cosy, carbon- efficient "blanket" during winter months. The light airy space provides a lovely meeting place in spring and summertime. Our faithful volunteers, such as providers of refreshments, choir, flower arrangers and church cleaners have the equipment and storage space they need. Access to the church and churchyard is very much improved with the 18 vehicle carpark and gentle step-free paths which are particularly useful for older and more frail members of our community. The new outdoor benches which have been donated in the churchyard have been enjoyed by many people. The opportunity to rest and reflect in the green spaces of the churchyard has brought comfort to many. Our Church building now has modern audio-visual facilities in place, so friends and families across the world can link and worship together at regular services and at special family events such as weddings and funerals. We can all sing together the words of hymns and reflect on Revd Jane's choices of inspiring images displayed on the carefully sited screens. The experience of lockdown and separation has guided us to develop these tools to strengthen our ways of working together and reaching out to people beyond the stone walls of our lovely building.



Across the cobbles, the Parish Centre reopened for celebrations, fitness classes, meetings and the Wasps Breakfast and After School Club. Renovations have been completed of flooring, lighting, safety and access control. A request for planning permission has been lodged for extending and improving the Parish Centre carpark and improving the Wasp's children's outdoor play area. Utilisation of the Parish Centre building has markedly increased, and hire charges are, at last, beginning to cover operational costs, ensuring our valued community facility has a sustainable future.





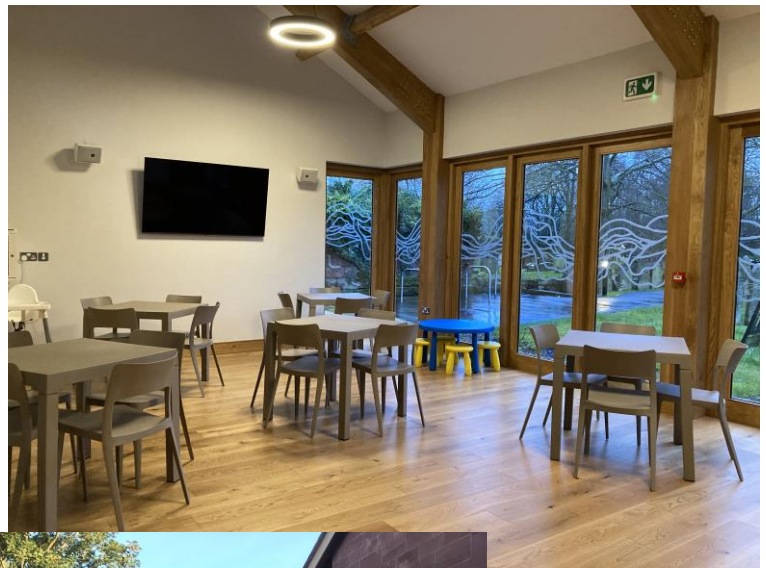
We particularly want to thank all of the people who have given their time and skills to make these buildings work for us all. A great deal of thought and discussion went into defining exactly what we needed and what could be afforded. Adjustments were made as problems and opportunities were discovered. Some rapid learning was required to work out how to take full advantage of the new



audio-visual equipment and the potential for streaming activities across the world. Who would have expected to see online live feedback from Australia, as well as from people keeping safe in their homes in Cheshire? The Risk Management team helped us carefully open up facilities, so this Christmas we enjoyed a wonderful concert as well as a wide range of different services and events. The Finance team worked out how to use technology for many different ways of taking payments and donations. Income accounting was overhauled to give a clearer picture of the income streams. The Flower, Gardening and Church Cleaning teams made St Wilfrid's a beautiful place to be, despite all the construction work. Church Office kept everyone informed though all the changes.



Thank you to the many people and organisations who have helped fund and put in place these improvements. It seemed like a brave decision when we started building work in August 2020. The church was closed, major covid restrictions were in place but the builders were ready to start working. Government funding from DCMS administered by the Heritage Lottery Fund became available to support communities recovering from Covid, so despite church income being much reduced from previous years, we decided to go ahead. Since last year's annual report we have also received funding from Cheshire Community Foundation, Warrington Borough Council (Covid Recovery), Robert Clutterbuck Charitable Trust and Grappenhall and Thelwall Parish Council. Many Companies and individuals have made substantial contributions. We thank them all.





# Women's Group

St Wilfrid's Women's Group, like many similar organisations, has found the last two years quite challenging with Covid, but we feel as we start up once again that it has made us re-evaluate. This break has led to several major changes, the main one being the change of timing to afternoon meetings. In addition, we now meet in the Church Annexe and only have one meeting a month on the first Tuesday. Fortunately, these changes appear to have worked out in our favour as we have attracted new members - currently our membership stands at 42. On the other hand, our lack of income has meant that we are no longer able to sponsor our Peruvian child after 19 years.

Our meetings reconvened with Holy Communion led by Revd Jane and our AGM in September 2021. Since then, we have entertained a newsreader and a staff member from Styal Prison. We still strive to offer something for everyone at our meetings and only time will tell how well we succeed as the cost of speakers rise. Our final meeting of 2021 was our Christmas get together- mulled wine, mince pies, snacks, chocolates and poems/quizzes. It was lovely to be back together chatting and enjoying the fellowship we have missed so much over the last two years.





# Parish Centre

After over 12 months of being closed due to the pandemic, in spring 2021 our Parish Centre was hired by Warrington Borough Council as a Covid-19 Testing Centre for the local community. The autumn saw a return of our regular hirers and enquiries for children's parties.

We lost a couple of our pre-covid regular hirers, one Brownie group moved to a different venue and sadly due to insufficient volunteers the Rainbows group no longer meet. Happily, there has been an influx of new hirers, which now meet regularly each week.

We were fortunate to secure a regular contract from Wasps Breakfast and After School Club. They provide wrap-around childcare for the school during term time. We have given over to the Wasps a section of the grassed area at the back of the car park for the children to play in during the summer months which they have landscaped and fenced off for the children's safety.

A new invoicing system was introduced in November 2021 which allows us to keep all invoicing on a regular calendar month basis. Towards the end of 2021 the Parish Centre was bringing in an average monthly income of £1.400.

At the end of the year a new CCTV system was installed, giving us better security around the Parish Centre Car Park.



# Pre-School Praise

Pre –school Praise began again in September after a long period of closure due to the pandemic. After over 30 years of faithful service Reader Chris Hunter decided it was time for her to step down from leading the group, huge thanks to her for all she has done over the years to share our love of God with the little children of the parish.

We resumed meeting in Church on the first and third Wednesdays of the month moving into the annexe for craft activities and refreshments after the short service. Rev. Jane plans the fun-giving service and Gill and I assist.

During the Autumn term we thanked God for holidays, the Harvest, Our Pets, Autumn, Fireworks, Advent and Christmas. We enjoyed our Christmas party together where the Mums and their children took 30 cyclamen plants to distribute to members of our congregation who were elderly, recently bereaved or housebound. Many of the children dressed up as Elves and took gifts that they had made themselves as well. We have since heard how much it brightened people's days! Our numbers are steadily growing, and we appreciate the help that the parents and carers give us. All are welcome to what is an enjoyable afternoon!  
Anne Young and Gill White



## BIBLE STUDY GROUP

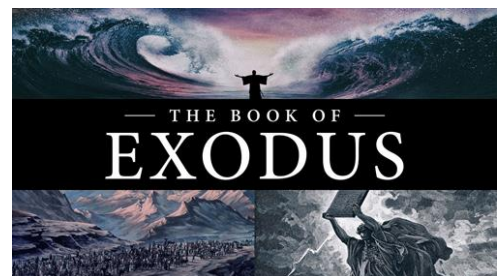
Some of you may think it is stuffy and dry, you'd be wrong! We started this year with Genesis, it's a long book but we examined each chapter and revealed lots of things that we hadn't envisaged. We had lots of varied discussions and lots of laughs as we continued our journey.

Next, we continued with Exodus – so much information and interesting situations.

We then went on and started to look at Mark's gospel, with a break for to spend time working through the Living in Love and Faith Course. This gave us a lot of different and more difficult questions to face. I think it made all of us more aware and accepting of different aspects of life. It was hard to listen to some of the life situations but also quite an eye opener, very interesting.

I hope that this little synopsis has made you curious enough to join us in the Bible study group for lots of fun, laughter and very thought provoking discussions.

Margaret Hale



# BELLRINGERS

2021 was another year affected by COVID restrictions. At the start of the year, there was no ringing for 20 Sundays. As rules were relaxed slightly, hand bells were rung on 6 Sundays outside by the South Porch as the congregation arrived for church. From 23 March, a further relaxation of the rules saw 6 ringers being allowed in the tower for no more than 45 minutes. This occurred for 10 Sundays after which the rules were further relaxed and we were allowed to ring more or less normally from 1 August (13 Sundays). Hand sanitization was required, face covering to be worn and the ringing room windows had to open. The later was reasonable earlier on but became more problematic (colder) as winter approached and we finished the year. Most ringers returned to ringing with these new rules, for some it took a little longer to be confident with returning.

Once we were allowed back to more normal ringing, we managed to ring all 10 bells for service on all but 2 occasions. 12 Quarter Peals have been rung, 7 on just 6 bells when we were restricted by COVID rules. Quarters on 10 have been rung by the local band as we become more used to ringing on 10 and the change in speed and bell spacing becomes more natural. 1 Peal was rung during the year by a band from Lancashire. Most visiting ringers had to cancel their arrangements to ring at Grappenhall due to the prevailing COVID rules or uncertainty of what would happen in the future. It is quite unusual to have a new ring of bells and have no visitors coming to try them.

Hand bell ringing has continued by a few ringers throughout the year, initially in Victoria Park and then in more 'comfortable' surroundings. Our ringing room is now more homely as we have had our carpet fitted.

Ringing in an online environment has now ceased as we are now allowed back ringing on real bells.

The clock has worked perfectly for the majority of the year but did stop once. If you listen carefully when near the church, you can hear it strike the hours on one of the old 1700 bells retained and put to this use. Some updating of the drive train gearing (to allow a smoother movement of the fingers) has still to be done by the clock man and the protective case for the clock has still to be built by the bell founders.

Quite a few of our ringers still help out at Stockton Heath on a weekly basis and some help is also given to Stretton.

We are now looking forward to 2022 when we hope we can continue ringing normally with the windows shut, at least until warmer times. If anyone would like to come and see us ringing and see the new bells, please get in touch with me. Any new ringers would be most welcome to come and help us keep St Wilfrid's loudest voice heard across the parish. No experience necessary as training will be given.



***Mike Thomson, Tower Captain***

## ADMIN TEAM

The year began with limited congregation numbers in Church. This meant that people wanting to attend church Services needed to book, 2021 was a busy year for phone calls to the Church Office!

As Covid-19 infection rates began to ease through the late spring and Summer, we found families were eager to get back in touch to re-plan postponed Christening services.

The Parish Centre was back in full use, our regular bookings came back and enquiries for Children's parties returned.

The autumn brought a welcome return of our regular volunteers to the office, it was a blessing to welcome Margaret, Ken and Eileen back to share in the joy of serving our church community.

Gill White, Church Administrator

*along with our regular volunteers* Margaret Hale, Eileen Waddell, and Ken Southward.



## PRAYER FRIENDS

"Pray for one another, so that you may be healed". James 5:16

"Pray without ceasing". 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Prayer Friends are members of St Wilfrid's congregation who pray regularly and faithfully for those who have asked for our prayers for any reason whatsoever. All information given is strictly confidential.

Our prayers are always greatly appreciated and valued by those concerned and throughout 2021 we have continued to receive many requests, either personally or through St Wilfrid's Church website, from people troubled or anxious for themselves or a loved one.

People have also valued the re-opening of the church in 2021 on a daily basis which has meant that once more they have been able to come in and light a candle, sit silently and pray.

Please don't hesitate to ask someone if they would like Prayer Friends to support them and then contact Revd Jane, Gill at the Parish Office or me. And if you feel called to share in this particular prayer ministry then please do get in touch.

Chris Hunter





## CRAFT GROUP

We were able to sell lots of the creations made during lockdown, hosting a stall at our new Annexe Open Day. We made special butterflies to give away helping to further inspire the theme of 'give yourself time' as we all emerge out of our 2021 lockdown 'cocoons' to a new life as a 'butterfly'.

**Gill White**



## GRAPPENHALL COMMUNITY CHOIR

In 2021 we continued to meet on Zoom to enjoy, friendship and a love of singing. We came together every Thursday evening to sing different varieties of songs, mainly from the popular genre, and from musicals. These have included, " A nightingale sang in Berkeley square", " Cabaret" and "This is me!". Pip did an amazing job leading us from her piano at home. We stopped meeting on Zoom just before Christmas and we very much look forward to the day when we can all meet in person, and raise the roof with song.

**Gill White,**  
**member of Grappenhall Community Choir**





Over the past few years, St Wilfrid's has been a drop off point for donations to Care UK Charity. Those donations are collected on Sunday mornings by me and taken to the Home Store, located in Prince Henry Square (next to the Cockhedge Centre). Word has got around that it is really convenient to drop off directly at the store, as supermarket trolleys make it easy to offload from car boots and they can be wheeled straight into the store. Donations are carefully sorted to filter out the very best items for one of several purposes: items can be allocated to the Homes Team to help kit out empty homes/flats, given to refugees staying in local hotels, or it can be sold in the shops to raise money to buy whatever the refugees need. On the walls of the sorting area are signs saying 'It'll do, Won't Do' and that succinctly captures the ethos of the charity. We don't hand out what we wouldn't expect members of our own family to wear. Off-casts don't go to waste though – we sell what we can't use to a recycling partner.

There was a huge public response to the Afghan crisis and Care UK Charity responded by appealing for hygiene products, new underwear and other useful stuff for the families who were lodging in local hotels. The Homes team volunteers have been kept busy helping to make rented properties comfortable, clean, furnished and redecorated for these families. Their work continues and there is a constant flow of items being handed out. A recent report of the activities from the Warrington team in November reported:

**Afghan families/Asylum seekers** Main focus has been setting up the 3 houses for Cheshire East.

- Provided aid for refugees in hotels: 164 people.

### **Homes Team Warrington – Janet Stott and team**

- 48 referrals- involving 58 adults & 60 children
- 9 with nothing, 11 needed quite a lot of items, rest (28) just a few items
- Supplied beds to 23 people, bedding for 20 & quilts for 28
- Delivered 7 sofas, 2 two ring burners and 13 microwaves
- Took out 21 wardrobes or hanging rails and rugs to 7 families

**Alison Collins, Care UK Trustee and Health & Safety Manager,**  
tel 07905 126117, email [alison@careukcharity.org.uk](mailto:alison@careukcharity.org.uk)



Over 2021 the magazine was printed every 2-3 months, due to disruptions because of coronavirus and we did not collect subscriptions as a result of both 2020 and 2021 being fragmented years. As 2022 starts the magazine will return to a monthly format with subscriptions again being payable.

Our struggle to engage with school and parents was further exacerbated by no parents allowed in school or to the school office. We are looking at strategies to engage the parents of younger children so that we have subscribers already when the children start school.

Magazine advertising revenue continues to fluctuate, again we did not collect advertising revenue during 2021 with the magazine not being printed monthly. Some advertisers who had been long standing for many years have now retired. WASPs, the after school club, has taken out a full page colour advert which has increased the revenue. If you have any ideas for new advertisers please get in touch.

We have regular articles from across the community with the Cricket club now being on board, a welcome return from Bradshaw Lane school, Scouts, Brownies, St Wilfrid's School and Grappenhall Pre-School who contribute alongside Women's Group and WI. We would welcome regular content from anyone in the community whether it is a poem, or short story, diary or a recent adventure. We rarely, if ever get additional content sent in and we would love this!

On the social media front, we continue to make great strides with 838 likes and 967 follows (compared to 747 likes and 839 in 2020).

Frequent posting and online services continue to drive our presence, along with the ability to share on local groups. Our reach often gets 2000+ on soft posts (more generic content), but with our services getting consistent engagements (@85). We need to drive the overall engagements, which can be linked to content, to increase our following rather than purely our reach. An engagement is when someone comments, likes or shares our posts. We ask all our followers to engage with us please!

As social media moves on, we ideally need to have a presence on Instagram, in order to attract different people in the community. This is now linked to Facebook so we could post the same content at the same times.

The Twitter account is currently inactive due to time pressures and posting ability and ideally, we need someone else to take up this mantle as there is still a strong following and Twitter continues to be a mainstream of social media.

We welcome all feedback, and suggestions for features, and ask that our readers continue to send in their articles, photos and anything of interest to [stwilfridsmag@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stwilfridsmag@yahoo.co.uk) or leave at the back of church for my attention.

Julie Ryan

# FLOWER TEAM

The year began with another National Lockdown. Church was closed but as Rev. Jane continued to record live streamed Sunday Services from the inside of church we continued to do a pedestal arrangement so that it was seen on screen to brighten up everyone's days.

On Mothering Sunday primrose plants were distributed to all the ladies in our congregation. At Easter time church was open once more for services so the flower team came together to decorate it, mostly doing arrangements at home and bringing them to place in the church.

At Harvest time we all joined together again to decorate the church and to begin our weekly rota of volunteers. We are now a team of 8 and also have Sue, Sylvia and Hazel who support us from time to time.

October saw the opening of our amazing new Church annexe and we all enjoyed using our new flower room and decorating the church in gold and white to welcome Mark the new Bishop of Chester.

For Remembrance Day in November members of our team decorated the Church and a large cross was placed outside to be decorated with poppies.

At Christmas time the usual 60 wreaths were decorated and sold to raise funds for the new car park. The Christmas tree was lit up and we were all happy to produce some colourful arrangements.

We are all looking forward to a happier future together as Covid restrictions are lifted and would welcome any new recruits to join us –we are a group of enthusiastic amateurs who delight in decorating our wonderful church. No experience necessary!

Anne Young -flower team co-ordinator



# GOD'S GARDENERS

Bees, butterflies and pollinators. This is the theme for our lovely churchyard. We are becoming an eco church and last year we began to think about biodiversity and ecology in the church grounds. We saw the completion of our annexe in 2021 and part of our celebrations was to create a new garden area where pollinating flowers were planted by the children of our community.

Following this we asked people to think about getting involved in helping with the gardening/tidying of the churchyard. We had an encouraging response and now have a group of folk including young families taking responsibility for areas of the church grounds. We still need people to join our team. We are there on a Thursday morning but some people come at other times to suit their work/family life. Thanks to everyone for their support.

Ongoing to support the biodiversity and ecology of our church grounds we are endeavouring to use rainwater and organic compost etc.

The churchyard looks great now with the new benches (thanks to Geoff Kelly who has worked hard installing them) and the pathway leading up to the church.

People often comment to us about this and how much more accessible the graves of their loved ones are.

It is the responsibility of us all to look after God's Beautiful Grounds.

God's Gardeners



## FOODBANK

As you will see from the picture, the demands on the supply from Foodbank have never been greater than during the past year. The picture is of the warehouse where food is stored after being so generously given. During this past year it has literally been a case of demand being greater than supply. We have had our usual Foodbank services which were, as ever, so generously supported by not only the congregation in church but also children and their parents at the school. With church now being open again between 9am and 4pm it is much easier for donations to be left at church.

My thanks go out to all those who have helped me with taking donations to the Foodbank especially Emma. Foodbank has been always been there for those in need. As you consider if you would like to donate please remember that one day it could be you in need of their support.



**Linda Stockton**



Our Parish, along with surrounding parishes, is part of the Great Budworth Deanery. This is one of the 18 deaneries within the Chester Diocese. Deaneries have a long history and can provide a useful sub-Diocesan structure for peer support and sharing experiences. Since November 2021, Revd. Jane has been the Rural Dean on top of her parish duties.

The Deanery Synod is part of the system for church representation, along with Diocesan Synods and the General Synod. Lay members attend the Deanery Synod as well as clergy, lay readers and parish workers who are ex-officio members. We have four lay members as parish representatives, and we confirm these at our Annual Church Meeting.

Deanery Synod business in 2021 was carried out using a mixture of on-line and in-person meetings:

- The March meeting was carried remotely via Zoom. The Lay Chair facilitated a discussion about the Covenant for Clergy Care and Well-being and Thrive report, which has also been a focus point of the PCC business at St Wilfrid's. meeting attendees were put in "break-out rooms" to encourage sharing of experiences and fed back after their discussions.
- The September meeting was at St Wilfrid's. We had a talk from Revd. Nikki Eastwood, who is the Chair of the Diocesan Advisory Group for "Living in Love and Faith". Some churches, such as ours, had used the material as the basis of a course and there was feedback and Q&As following her talk.
- The meeting planned for November was during the "Bishop's Visitation" to the Deanery. Instead of a normal meeting, the opportunity was taken to turn it into a public meeting for congregations to meet the Bishops at St. Thomas's in Stockton Heath. In the end, only Bishop Sam was available for the evening and several St Wilfrid's parishioners attended his talk, which was entertaining.
- A theme throughout the year has been clergy well-being, and meetings have also included feedback on how churches have been dealing with the pandemic, and the effects on finance and outreach. There has also been some feedback from Diocesan and General Synod.

**Geraint Williams, Deanery Synod Parish Representative**





**Jesus said, “Come to me. I will refresh your life, You will find refreshment and rest in me.” Matt 11:28-30 Passion Bible**

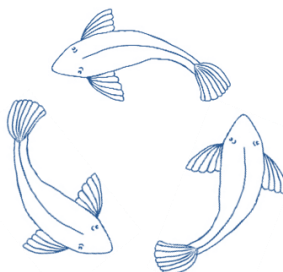
For almost 900 years St Wilfrid’s church has stood at the centre of Grappenhall as a place of prayer, hope and spiritual renewal.

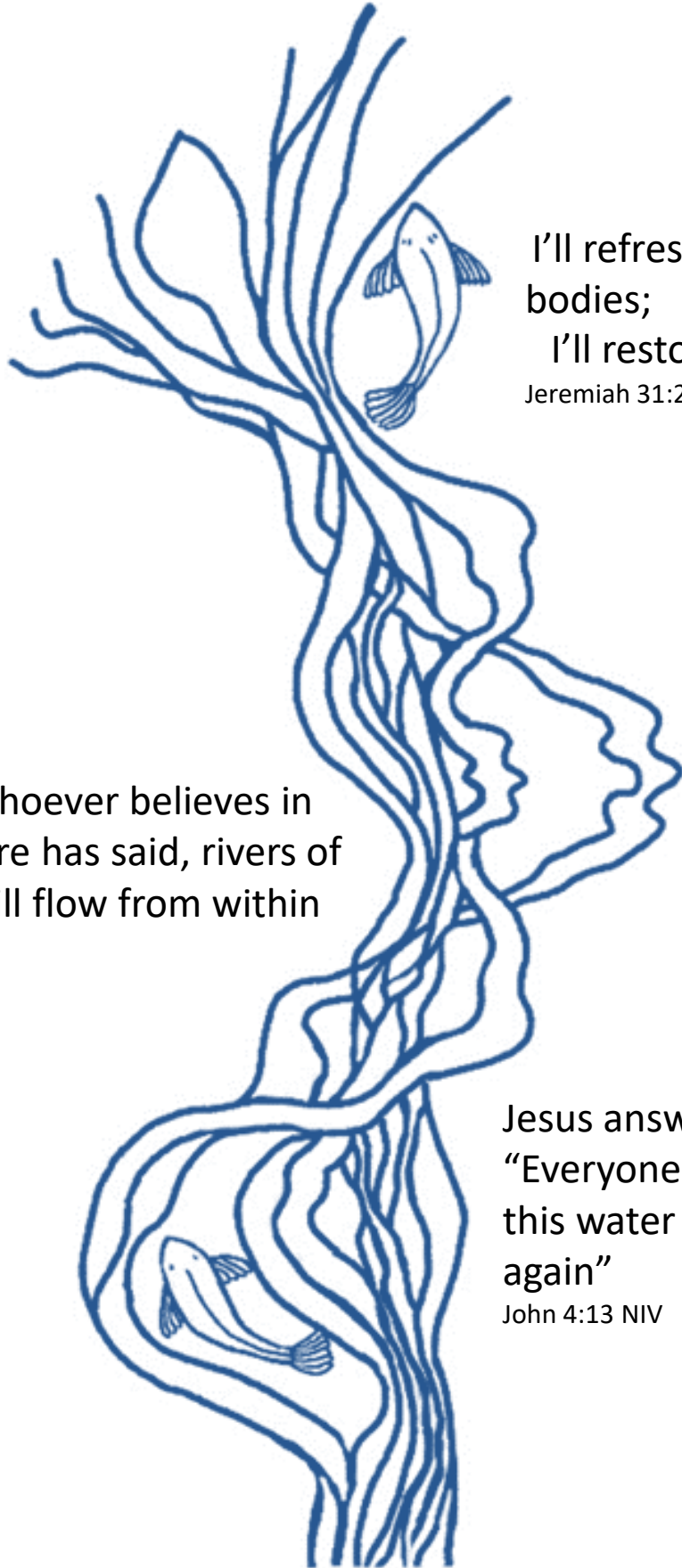
This iconic and beautiful building has now been extended with a stunning new annexe, tucked gently along the north side, overlooking the peaceful churchyard.

The café and meeting space are surrounded by oak-framed, full-length windows, depicting the River of Life, designed exclusively for St Wilfrid’s by artist Aphra Proudfoot. She titled the piece ‘Ouroboros’ meaning eternity; the circle of birth, death and eternal life, essential to the Christian message.

The water points us to the flowing stream of life, the life-giving waters of baptism, and to the spiritual water, springing up for eternal life, offered to us by Jesus.

The fish is an ancient Christian symbol, first found in the catacombs in Rome, used as a secret sign by Christians in hiding. The Greek word for fish, Ichthus (ΙΧΘΥΣ), is an acronym, and stands for "Jesus Christ God's Son Saviour," in ancient Greek. It is also a reminder of the time when Jesus provided miraculous refreshment for 5000 people, by sharing the five loaves and two fish offered to him by a little child.





I'll refresh tired  
bodies;  
I'll restore tired souls.

Jeremiah 31:25, The Message

Jesus said, "Whoever believes in  
me, as Scripture has said, rivers of  
living water will flow from within  
them."

John 7:38 NIV

Jesus answered,  
"Everyone who drinks  
this water will be thirsty  
again"

John 4:13 NIV



Sharing the love of Jesus

[stwilfridschurch.org.uk](http://stwilfridschurch.org.uk)

**TREASURER'S REPORT – Final Annual Accounts for PCC only – 27 January 2021**

These are the Annual Accounts signed off by Mervyn, which is the summarised Income & Expenditure Statement, Balance Sheet and Funds Statement, along with the Independent Examiner's report, to comply with The Charity Commission and for the APCM in May 2022.

For the PCC members, the detail by month is in the format of our Income & Expenditure Statements, Cashflow, Investment Account and the Church Extension Project Account. The annual financial reports (excluding both Projects) have been deducted at the bottom and these totals are shown in red, to assist comparison with normal activity at SWC.

**1. The Summary by Month – Cashflow Statement**

- a. The Cash movements and balances by month, for the year are highlighted
- b. The Natwest current account balance, as at 31 December 2021 is £18,135

**2. The Income Report – The months January to December 2021**

- a. The total Income is £428,144 including both Projects, therefore,
  - i. If we deduct the Project related Income of £285,932
  - ii. The normal annual Income is £142,213 vs £111,355 in 2020
  - iii. An annual increase of **£30,858**

**3. The Expenditure Report – The months January to December 2021**

- a. The total Expenditure is £671,010, including both Projects, therefore,
  - i. If we deduct the Project related Expenditure £525,032
  - ii. The actual annual Expenditure is £145,979 vs £130,624 in 2020
  - iii. Included £31,460 on Fixed Assets – A/V System, Fire Alarm, CCTV
  - iv. An annual increase of only **£15,355**

**4. The Overview of Income & Expenditure for 2021 Year to Date**

- a. Income of £142,213 less Expenditure £145,979 a deficit of **£3,766**

**5. The Church Extension Annexe – Activity over 7 years (2015-2021)**

- a. Designated Account Income & Expenditure (Blue & Green spreadsheet)
- b. Main Income - Start of Project to date is £778,763, including the following.....
  - i. Personal Annexe Donations - £253,526; Company Donations £83,150
  - ii. Grant Funds received - £190,710; Gift Aid £56,184; Events £35,693
  - iii. Members Loans currently outstanding - **£59,500, due in 2025**
- c. Main Expenditure from start of Project to date is £762,749
  - i. Annexe Fees & Reports costs to date is £129,865
  - ii. Annexe Contractor Build costs is £608,751
  - iii. We have in Reserve for Builder's Retention of £15,750, due in July 2022
- d. Funds held in our Bank Reserve Accounts as at 31 December 2021
  - i. CCLA Deposit account Reserves are currently £38,766
  - ii. CCLA Building Project account balance is £16,202
  - iii. CCLA Investment cost of £7,919 is currently valued at £11,693

***Should there be any questions, please raise them now or via email or a telephone call***

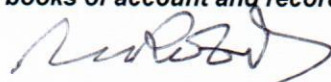


**St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall**  
**Receipts - Financial Statement for Year Ended 31 December 2021**

Income Incoming Resources	Income Account Description	2020	2021
1	Tax Efficient Planned Giving (Gift Aid)	£55,829	£52,268
	Bank - (Gift Aid)	£49,340	£48,919
	Envelopes - (Gift Aid)	£6,489	£1,682
	Planned Giving (Gift Aid)		£1,668
2	Other Planned Giving (Non Gift Aid)	£2,637	£4,026
	Planned Giving (Non Gift Aid)	£1,680	£4,026
	Bank - (Non Gift Aid)	£957	
3	Collections at Services	£4,233	£7,402
	Loose Plate Collections <sup>2</sup>	£1,823	£4,932
	Friends of St Wilfrid's <sup>2</sup>	£70	£70
	Special Collections <sup>2</sup>	£2,340	£2,400
	Major Repairs Fund <sup>2</sup>		
4	All Other Giving (recurring and one off)	£2,368	£20,046
	Donations & Appeals <sup>2</sup>	£1,487	£16,448
	Flower Fund <sup>2</sup>	£440	£375
	Church Boxes <sup>2</sup>	£251	
	Church Yard Donations	£190	£3,223
6	Gift Aid Recovered	£34,924	£35,007
	Gift Aid Tax Received - Bell Ringers		
	Gift Aid Tax Received - Annexe Project	£20,433	£19,501
	Gift Aid Tax Received - General	£14,491	£15,505
7	Legacies Received	£2,143	
	Cash Received from Legacies <sup>2</sup>	£2,143	
8	Grants Received	£64,100	£145,092
	Grants Received - Annexe	£64,100	£90,350
	Grants Received - Government / WBC		£54,742
9	Fund Raising	£11,307	£4,443
	Events - General		£240
	Events - Special	£2,728	£1,312
	Events - Annexe	£8,579	£2,892
	Events - Creamfields		
10	Income From Investments	£2,860	£38,031
	Interest (Bank/Building Society) <sup>2</sup>	£1,305	£140
	Dividends	£1,556	£1,273
	Sale of Shares		£36,618
11	Receipts from Church Activities (PCC Fees)	£20,288	£30,800
	Baptisms <sup>2</sup>	£505	£1,861
	Weddings <sup>2</sup>	£2,043	£7,264
	Fees Received <sup>2</sup>	£2,000	
	Funerals <sup>2</sup>	£15,740	£21,675
12	Receipts from Church Activities (Trading)	£5,260	£16,310
	Book Stall Sales <sup>2</sup>	£222	£47
	Magazine Sales	£2,519	£38
	Magazine Advertising	£30	
	Hire/Lettings - Hall	£2,489	£16,194
	Hire/Lettings - Annexe		£30
13	Other Incoming Resources	£218,542	£74,720
	Project - Bell Ringers	£35,247	
	Project - Church Extension Donations Personal	£104,646	£75,720
	Project - Church Extension Donations Companies	£14,150	£4,000
	Project - Church Extension Annexe Loan	£64,500	-£5,000
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>£424,491</b>	<b>£428,144</b>

*I have examined the accounting records of St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall for the year ended 31 December 2021 and confirm that they are in accordance with books of account and records provided*

Examiner: Mervyn K Roberts (ACA)



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# St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall

## Payments - Financial Statement for Year Ended 31 December 2021

Payments				
Resour	Resources	Expenditure Account Description	2020	2021
17		Fund Raising Activities (Costs and Payments)	9,697	7,378
		DBF Fees paid to Chester	7,868	6,998
		Events - Special	950	380
		Bookstall Fund	879	
18		Mission Giving & Donations	1,000	2,879
		Giving to Home Missions	395	1,779
		Flower Fund Payments	605	1,100
19		Diocesan Parish Share Contribution	74,065	74,620
		Parish Share	74,065	74,620
21		Clergy and Staff Expenses	3,714	3,531
		Rectory - Council Tax	2,241	2,350
		Clergy - Working Expenses	1,180	102
		Rectory - House Expenses	164	465
		Clergy - Telephone	129	96
		Rectory - Water Rates		517
23		Church Running Expenses	33,718	34,365
		Church Running Costs - Other	4,103	4,872
		Church Yard Maintenance	4,837	8,665
		Church Running Costs - Insurance	6,175	4,610
		Church Running Costs - Upkeep of Services	2,374	3,902
		Church Running Costs - Maintenance	5,883	1,681
		Printing, Posting & Stationery	3,335	2,518
		Church Organ - Fees	851	1,811
		Church Running Costs - Electricity, Gas & Water		94
		Church Running Costs - Electricity & Gas	2,123	4,015
		Church - Magazine Expenses	846	
		Church Running Costs - Office Telephone	2,056	1,774
		Church Organ/Piano - Tuning	1,136	274
		Church Running Costs - Cleaning		150
25		Cost of Trading	9,843	11,243
		Parish Centre - Electricity & Gas	3,897	3,059
		Parish Centre - Maintenance	1,950	4,176
		Parish Centre - Insurance	2,093	2,264
		Parish Centre - Water	1,309	837
		Parish Centre - Cleaning	213	150
		Parish Centre - Trading	381	160
		Parish Centre - Other		363
		Parish Centre - Minor Repairs		235
26		Governance Costs	1,077	649
		Visiting Speakers/Locums	621	629
		Training - Costs of Trustee/PCC	456	-140
		Training & Mission Costs		160
27		Major Repairs to the Church Building		1,975
		Church - Major Repairs		
29		New Building Work - Church, Church Hall, Clergy Housing	188,971	525,032
		Project - Church Extension Annexe Contractor (Build)	153,500	455,251
		Project - Bell Ringers	16,449	1,310
		Project - Church Extension Annexe Fees	5,820	16,889
		Purchase of Fixed Assets for Church purposes	-300	31,460
		Project - Church Extension Annexe Equipment	1,143	13,520
		Project - Church Extension Annexe Reports	12,359	6,602
20		Salaries, Wages & Honoraria	3,575	9,337
		Salaries, Wages & Honoraria	3,575	9,337
Grand Total			325,661	671,010

I have examined the accounting records of St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall for the year ended 31 December 2021 and confirm that they are in accordance with the books of account and records provided

Examiner: Mervyn K Roberts (ACA)

*M Roberts*

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# St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

### INVESTMENTS

Valuation of Investment at Original Cost

<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
7,916	23,843	23,843

Market Value:

CBF Investment Fund - 500 Units: £2,338.67 (£11,693)

### Central Board of Finance Deposits

Deposit Fund  
Friends of St Wilfrid's  
Church Annexe Project Fund  
Bells Project Fund (Restricted Funds)

38,766	40,966	9,774
0	9,523	9,483
16,202	226,219	158,007
0	0	0
<b>54,968</b>	<b>276,708</b>	<b>177,264</b>

### Cash At Bank

Natwest - Balance as at 31 December

18,135	23,334	23,417
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### TOTAL ASSETS

<b>81,019</b>	<b>323,885</b>	<b>224,524</b>
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### REPRESENTED BY

Income & Expenditure Balance b/fwd  
Excess Income over Expenditure in year-Deficit

323,885	224,524	234,959
-242,866	99,361	-10,435
<b>81,019</b>	<b>323,885</b>	<b>224,524</b>

I have examined the accounting records of St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall for the year ended 31st December 2021 and confirm that they are in accordance with the books of account and records provided.

Examiner: Mervyn K Roberts (ACA)

Date:

27.1.22

# St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall

## Funds - Natwest Bank, Stockton Heath and CCLA, London

Item Description	2020	2021
Closing Balance as at 31 December 2021	Closing Balance	Closing Balance
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>		
Natwest Bank - Stockton Heath	23,333.80	18,134.56
CCLA - London		
Deposit Fund	40,965.83	38,765.82
Friends of St Wilfrid's Church	9,522.86	0.00
Church Building Project Fund	226,219.43	16,202.36
<b>Sub-Total CCLA Funds</b>	<b>276,708.12</b>	<b>54,968.18</b>
<b>Total - Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>300,041.92</b>	<b>73,102.74</b>
<b>Investments Shares - as at 31 December 2021</b>		
CBF Investment Fund - Prior Year £2044.67; Current Year £2,338.67 (500 shares)	22,843.00	7,916.25
CBF Fixed Interest Fund - Prior Year £169.15; Current Year £0 (0 shares)	1,000.00	0.00
<b>Total Value of Investment</b>	<b>23,843.00</b>	<b>7,916.25</b>
<b>Total Funds Held</b>	<b>323,884.92</b>	<b>81,018.99</b>

I have examined the accounting records of St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall for the year ended 31st December 2021 and confirm that they are in accordance with the books of account and records provided.

Examiner: Mervyn K Roberts (ACA)



Date: 27.1.22





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF GRAPPENHALL

On accounts for the year  
ended

ST. WILFRID'S  
Y/E 31.12.2021

Charity no  
(if any)

1131723.

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

27.1.2022

Name:

MELVYN KEITH ROBERTS.

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

A.C.A.

(if any):

Address:

## Section B

### Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NONE.



## Return of Parish Finance

January to December 2021

Return of Parish Finance				Parish code (6 digits):	590069	If the form is NOT completed on behalf of the entire parish, please list below the churches included:		Deanery:	Great Budworth	
January to December 2021				Parish name:	St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall	Grappenhall; St Wilfrid's 609069		Diocese:	Chester	
INCOMING RESOURCES				UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Voluntary income/ receipts						UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)				RESTRICTED (nearest £)
1	Tax efficient planned giving		£52,268			17				Costs of generating income
2	Other planned giving		£4,026			17				Fund-raising activities (costs and payments)
3	Collections at services		£7,402			18				Church activities
4	(recurring and one-off)		£20,046			18				Mission giving and donations
6	Gift Aid recovered		£35,007			19				Diocesan parish share contribution
7	Legacies received (capital value)					20				Salaries, wages and honoraria
8	Grants (include recurring and one-off)		£145,092			21				Clergy and staff expenses
Activities for generating funds			TOTAL Voluntary income:	£263,841		21				Church expenses
9	Gross income from fundraising activities		£4,443			22				Church expenses: Mission and evangelism costs
Income from investments						23				Church running expenses
10	Dividends, interest, income from property etc.		£38,031			24				Church utility bills
Church activities						25				Cost of trading
11	Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals etc)		£30,800			27				Major repairs to the church building
12	Gross income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall),		£16,309			28				redcoration
Other incoming resources						29				New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or
13	Any other income/ receipts not already listed		£74,720			SUB-TOTAL of all expenditure items above:				£670,361
						26				Governance costs
										£649

Please refer to the notes on the following pages to help clarify what is included in each section. The item numbers refer to RPF notes, consistent with the guidance provided in PCC Accountability, 2013.

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Looking back across 2021, were there any exceptional circumstances or significant changes that may have led to unusual figures? Please provide details in the box below.  
1) The values are high due to The Church Extension Project, which is now complete and was blessed on the 18 October 2021

I have examined the accounting records of St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall for the year ended 31 December 2021 and confirm that they are in accordance with the books of account and records provided.

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Date:

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# St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall

## Cashflow Statement

Year	Month	Month Name	Sum of Receipts Value	Sum of Payments Value	Sum of Transfers Value	Monthly movements and Account Balance	Bank Balance
2020 Total	2021	12 December	£14,534.39	£47,774.45	£29,445.45	-£3,794.61	£23,333.80
			<b>£424,490.81</b>	<b>£325,660.53</b>	<b>-£99,444.02</b>	<b>-£613.74</b>	
		1 January	£8,706.30	£13,855.62	£46,650.00	£41,500.68	£64,834.48
		2 February	£17,238.47	£57,495.57	£35,350.00	-£4,907.10	£59,927.38
		3 March	£83,046.26	£84,505.28	-£40,241.93	-£41,700.95	£18,226.43
		4 April	£27,655.58	£73,307.85	£30,991.66	-£14,660.61	£3,565.82
		5 May	£127,407.46	£13,957.58	-£104,130.00	£9,319.88	£12,885.70
		6 June	£10,601.04	£59,576.72	£44,020.00	-£4,955.68	£7,930.02
		7 July	£27,408.42	£160,251.75	£151,640.00	£18,796.67	£26,726.69
		8 August	£22,209.20	£55,241.21	£100,645.00	£67,612.99	£94,339.68
		9 September	£15,169.22	£21,599.91		-£6,430.69	£87,909.00
		10 October	£14,614.40	£92,456.72	£12,000.00	-£65,842.32	£22,066.68
		11 November	£23,928.95	£10,275.80	-£10,000.00	£3,653.15	£25,719.83
		12 December	£50,018.75	£28,486.40	-£29,117.62	-£7,585.27	£18,134.56
2021 Total			<b>£428,004.05</b>	<b>£671,010.41</b>	<b>£237,807.11</b>	<b>-£5,199.25</b>	
			£1,845,567.97	£1,939,206.06	£111,772.65	£18,134.56	
			<b>£1,845,567.97</b>	<b>£1,939,206.06</b>	<b>£111,772.65</b>	<b>£18,134.56</b>	<b>£43,854.38</b>

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## Sum of Receipts Value

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# St Wilfrid's Church Expenditure Monthly Summary

Payments		2020 Total												2021 Total	
General Resour Expenditure Account Description		2021													
		January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December		
17	Fund Raising Activities (Costs and Payments)	£3,697		£1,556	£873	£657		£2,153		£1,360	£779			£7,378	
	Bookstall Fund	£879													
	DBF Fees paid to Chester	£7,868								£1,295	£779			£6,998	
	Events - Special	£950		£315						£65				£380	
18	Mission Giving & Donations	£1,000	£220		£20			£220	£20	£220	£20	£320	£45	£2,879	
	Flower Fund Payments	£605	£200		£200			£200	£200	£200	£20	£300	£45	£1,100	
	Giving to Home Missions	£395	£20	£20	£20	£1,020	£534	£200	£20	£20	£20	£20	£45	£1,779	
19	Diocesan Parish Share Contribution	£74,065	£6,172	£6,172	£6,172	£6,234	£6,234	£6,234	£6,234	£6,234	£6,234	£6,234	£6,234	£74,620	
	Parish Share	£74,065	£6,172	£6,172	£6,172	£6,234	£6,234	£6,234	£6,234	£6,234	£6,234	£6,234	£6,234	£74,620	
20	Salaries, Wages & Honoraria	£3,575	£378	£378	£378	£2,449	£767	£767	£775	£767	£767	£767	£767	£9,337	
	Salaries, Wages & Honoraria	£3,575	£378	£378	£378	£2,449	£767	£767	£775	£767	£767	£767	£767	£9,337	
21	Clergy and Staff Expenses	£3,714	£225	£198	£237	£486	£767	£767	£775	£767	£767	£710	£236	£3,531	
	Clergy - Telephone	£129		£96									£96		
	Clergy - Working Expenses	£1,180		£102									£102		
	Rectory - Council Tax	£2,241	£225		£237	£236	£236	£236	£236	£236	£236	£236	£236	£2,350	
	Rectory - House Expenses	£164				£250	£250				£215			£465	
	Rectory - Water Rates							£259			£259				
23	Church Running Expenses	£33,718	£1,955	£2,933	£2,815	£2,698	£2,163	£2,496	£3,176	£2,255	£4,372	£2,586	£3,418	£3,498	£34,365
	Church - Magazine Expenses	£846												£517	
	Church Organ - Fees	£851			£120		£176			£288	£238		£464	£460	£1,811
	Church Organ/Plano - Tuning	£1,136		£65							£228	£46		£274	
	Church Running Costs - Cleaning													£150	
	Church Running Costs - Insurance	£6,175	£397	£165	£386	£481	£386	£165	£386	£165	£386	£386	£386	£6,607	
	Church Running Costs - Upkeep of Services	£2,374	£140	£245	£102	£151	£60	£516	£884	£54	£24	£54	£1,167	£504	
	Church Running Costs - Electricity & Gas	£2,123	£147	£965	£632	£464	£165	£223	£185	£244	£260	£397	£94	£334	
	Church Running Costs - Electricity, Gas & Water	£5,883		£310		£200	£86	£107	£675	£230	£73		£94	£94	
	Church Running Costs - Office Telephone	£2,056	£220	£149	£148	£163	£159	£165	£143	£141	£140	£145	£59	£1,774	
	Church Running Costs - Other	£4,103	£161	£594	£835	£519	£577	£240	£653	£632	£302	£116	£144	£99	
	Church Yard Maintenance	£4,837	£470	£398	£398	£398	£598	£398	£398	£2,343	£1,030	£648	£1,188	£8,665	
	Printing, Posting & Stationery	£3,335	£420	£351	£4	£423	£319	£420	£224	£3	£3	£345	£3	£2,518	
25	Cost of Trading	£9,843	£672	£1,080	£444	£1,471	£924	£364	£2,683	£221	£1,083	£506	£957	£11,243	
	Parish Centre - Cleaning	£213												£150	
	Parish Centre - Electricity & Gas	£3,897	£244	£493	£279	£770	£373	£471	£198	£30	£31	£57	£113	£3,059	
	Parish Centre - Insurance	£2,093	£170	£386	£165	£165	£165	£165	£165	£386	£165	£165	£165	£2,264	
	Parish Centre - Maintenance	£1,950		£132		£282	£240	£288		£2,167		£247	£330	£4,176	
	Parish Centre - Minor Repairs											£235		£235	
	Parish Centre - Other												£363	£363	
	Parish Centre - Trading	£381								£24	£136			£160	
	Parish Centre - Water	£1,309	£258	£69		£254	£60	£160		£102		£93		£837	
26	Governance Costs	£1,077								£96				£649	
	Training - Costs of Trustee/POC	£456			£20					£114	£387			£140	
	Training & Mission Costs									£46	£387			£629	
	Visiting Speakers/Locums	£621			£100					£1,975				£1,975	
27	Major Repairs to the Church Building														
	Church - Minor Repairs (Decoration)														
29	New Building Work - Church, Church Hall, Clergy Housing	£188,971	£4,234	£46,913	£72,922	£61,076	£360	£47,976	£146,843	£42,942	£6,330	£79,892	£1,205	£16,750	£525,032
	Project - Bell Ringers	£16,449		£216		£300						£554	£240		£1,310
	Project - Church Extension Annex Contractor (Build)	£153,500		£33,233	£68,609	£50,499		£44,018	£137,642	£35,871		£74,771	£10,607	£455,251	
	Project - Church Extension Annex Equipment	£1,143		£1,059				£2,201	£4,085	£2,075		£600	£1,260	£13,520	
	Project - Church Extension Annex Fees	£5,820	£4,234	£5,902	£2,902	£844			£2,572	£2,204	£3,404		£499	£6,602	
	Project - Church Extension Annex Reports	£12,359		£336	£2,992			£2,120	£804	£350					
	Purchase of Fixed Assets for Church purposes	£-300		£6,503	£1,075	£6,442	£2,328	£1,757	£445	£1,536	£563		£6,641	£31,460	
Grand Total		£325,661	£13,856	£57,496	£84,505	£73,308	£13,958	£59,577	£160,252	£55,241	£21,600	£92,457	£10,276	£28,486	£671,010
LESS	Project related Expenditure - Subtotal	£188,971	£4,234	£46,913	£72,922	£61,076	£360	£47,976	£146,843	£42,942	£6,330	£79,892	£1,205	£16,750	£525,032
	SWC Normal Activity - Total	£136,690	£9,622	£10,583	£11,584	£12,232	£13,597	£11,601	£13,409	£12,299	£15,270	£12,565	£11,881	£11,737	£145,979



# St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall - CCLA Investment Funds

			Cost Price		Sell Price	
Date	Details	Shares	Per Share	Value	Per Share	Value
	Investment - Historic at Cost					7,843
<b>Purchased</b>						
Prior 31/12/2014	Deposit - Fixed (Interest)	1,000	1.000	1,000.00		
Prior 31/12/2014	Deposit - Variable (Dividends)	1,700	4.025	6,843.00		
03/04/2018	Deposit - Variable (Dividends)	1,010.58	15.832	16,000.00		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,710.58</b>		<b>23,843.00</b>		
<b>Sold</b>						
07/09/2021	Deposit - Fixed (Interest)	1,000			163.54	1,635.40
07/09/2021	Deposit - Variable (Dividends)	2,210.58			2,302.98	50,909.22
	<b>Sale proceeds</b>	<b>3,210.58</b>				<b>52,544.62</b>
	<b>Cost of Sale Proceeds - (£23,843-7,916)</b>					<b>15,927.00</b>
	<b>Gain on Sale</b>					<b>36,617.62</b>
<b>Retained</b>						
31/12/2021	<b>Balance-Deposit - Variable (Dividends)</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>15.832</b>	<b>7,916.00</b>	<b>2,338.67</b>	<b>11,693.35</b>

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Examiner: Mervyn K Roberts (ACA)



Date:

27.1.22

**ST WILFRID'S CHURCH EXTENSION ANNEXE  
DRAFT DESIGNATED ACCOUNT**

Sum of Receipts Value		YEAR								Grand Total	Group Totals
Income Account Description	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021				
SWC Legacy - Prior 2015	100,000								100,000		
SWC Annexe Personal Donations - Personal									253,526		
SWC Events - Annexe		5,000							35,693		
SWC Annexe Personal Loans - (to be Repaid)									59,500		
St Wilfrid's Church Funding											
SWC Annexe - Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed - HMRC									56,184	448,719	
SWC Annexe Donations - Companies			9,000						83,150		
Non St Wilfrid's Church Funding											
Grant - Cheshire Community Foundation										139,334	
Grant - Ecclesiastical Insurance						10,000			10,000		
Grant - Dowager Eleanor Peel Trust						260			260		
Grant - All Churches Trust						5,000			5,000		
Grant - Garfield Weston						17,900			17,900		
Grant - Beatrice Laing						25,000			25,000		
Grant - Lottery Funding						6,500			6,500		
Grant - Joseph Rank Trust						9,700			9,700		
Grant - Grappenhall & Thelwall Parish Council							30,000		30,000		
Reserves - Grant from DCMS to replenish our Reserves							5,000		5,000		
Reserves - CCLA Church Project Fund - Reserve							42,000		42,000		
Grant - Cheshire Community Foundation							16,000		16,000		
Grant - Cheshire Churches Preservation Trust							10,000		10,000		
Grant - Robert Clutterbuck							1,850		1,850		
Grant - Bernard Sunley Foundation Phase 2							1,500		1,500		
St Wilfrid's Annexe Grant Funding							10,000		10,000	190,710	
TOTAL RECEIVED		100,000	5,000	9,060	23,888	150,945	276,407	213,463	778,763	778,763	
CUMALATIVE BY YEAR		100,000	105,000	114,060	137,948	288,893	565,300	778,763			
Sum of Payments Value		YEAR									
Expenditure Account Description	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Grand Total			
SWC Events - Annexe					3,775	0	0	3,775			
SWC Annexe -Report Fees - Churchyard, Archaeology, Bats etc		150	5,906	2,753	812	12,359	6,602	28,581			
SWC Annexe - Architect's Fees			9,834	29,249	5,130	16,339	16,915	77,467			
SWC Annexe - Surveyor, Structural, Mechanical etc - Fees				4,200	23,174	1,200	9,300	37,874			
SWC Annexe Fees - LPW Scheme - VAT Reclaimed						-9,703	-8,129	-17,832			
SWC Annexe Equipment - Purchases Completed					9,470	1,143	13,520	24,134			
SWC Annexe Contractor (Build) - Grosvenor (Retention £12,500)						153,500	334,001	487,501			
SWC Annexe Contractor (Build) - Downhigh (Retention £3,250)							121,250	121,250			
TOTAL PAYMENTS		0	150	15,740	36,201	42,361	174,838	493,458	762,749		
CUMALATIVE BY YEAR			150	15,890	52,091	94,452	269,291	762,749			





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF GRAPPENHALL

On accounts for the year  
ended

ST. WILFRID'S

Y/E 31. 12. 2021

Charity no  
(if any)

1131723

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

27. 1. 2022

Name:

MELVYN KEITH ROBERTS

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

A.C.A.



(if any):

Address:

## Section B

### Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NONE.