

AMP + APCM 2022

GREAT BURSTEAD with RAMSDEN CRAYS

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMP) held on Sunday 16 May 2021 at 11.30am by Zoom

Present: Fr Michael Hall (chair) and 22 other parishioners for both meetings.

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners

		Action
1	Welcome and opening prayer from Fr Michael Hall.	
2	Apologies for absence Graham and Daryl Bruce, Mark and Mary Lazarus, Sheena Cope and Andrew Lingard-Kaye	
3	Election of Churchwardens Mary Edwards has agreed to stand again, nominated by Pauline Bowyer, seconded by Sheena Cope. Thom Simons has agreed to stand again, nominated by Mary Edwards and seconded by Beverley Price. Mary and Thom are elected and were thanked for standing again.	

Meeting closed at 11.35am.

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1	Welcome by Fr Michael Hall	
2	Apologies for absence Graham and Daryl Bruce, Mark and Mary Lazarus, Sheena Cope and Andrew Lingard-Kaye.	
3	Notification of any items to be included under AOB – none	
4	Matters arising from the minutes of the previous APCM - none	
5	Appointment of Tellers – Mary Edwards and Tamsyn Taft have agreed to undertake this nominal role.	
6	Churchwarden's report – Thom Simons advised the meeting that he will step down as Churchwarden at the next APCM. Thom, Mary Edwards and	

	Derek Oakley were thanked for their work as Churchwardens over the last year since the last APCM in Oct 2020.	
7	Annual Report of the PCC – Thank you to everyone who submitted a report this year as it has given a reflection of the work that was still able to be carried out.	
8	Electoral Roll Officer's report – Peter Bowyer advised that following a revision of the Electoral Roll there now 72 names registered on the Electoral Roll of whom 35 (49%) are Resident within the Parish and 37 (51%) are Non-Resident.	
9	Election of parish representative to the Deanery Synod – 2 vacancies Peter Furness will continue in one role. Nigel Blore agreed to stand for the other vacant role, proposed by Mary Edwards and seconded by Peter Furness. All agreed (22 people)	
10	Election of Parochial Church Council (PCC) members. The following have agreed to stand on the PCC: John Simons – proposed by Tamsyn Taft, and seconded by Mary Edwards Kelly Shearer – proposed by Mary Edwards and seconded by Margaret Flack Tamsyn Taft – proposed by Carol Simons and seconded by Mary Edwards. All nominees were welcomed to the PCC and to serve for 3 years.	
11	Election of Churches Together in Billericay representatives Margaret Flack agreed to stand again and Mary Lazarus would like to stand, nominated by Fr Michael Hall and seconded by Mary Edwards, all agreed (22 people).	
12	Election of Billericay Schools Ministry Rep Margaret Flack as agreed to carry out this role again, nominated by Peter Bowyer and seconded by Peter Furness, all agreed (22 people).	
13	Treasurer's Report and Accounts Mary Edwards referred to her report. This has been a challenging time over the last year. Free will offering has begun to increase again as the church opened up for services. We have been able to pay our share to the diocese in full. Thanks were given to Mary for her work as Treasurer during this challenging time.	
14	Appointment of Independent Examiner Ian Rudkin has kindly agreed to continue in this role. Mary Edwards proposed and seconded by Nigel Blore, all agreed (22 people).	
15	Appointment of Safeguarding Officer The guidelines for appointing to this role have altered with a new process of recruitment required and this will be managed through the PCC.	

16	Basildon Deanery Synod Report This was included in the final report.	
17	Reports of church and community activities were included in the final report, no comments. Fr Michael thanked everyone for their work during the difficult times of the pandemic.	
18	AOB – no further items.	
19	Vicar's report – Fr Michael read out his report to the meeting. He thanked Alison Ingleby for her work as PCC secretary over the last 2 years.	
20	Closing prayers	

Meeting closed at 12 noon

Churchwardens Report for 2021 APCM

It has been a strange but busy year, with the Covid pandemic still around.

The church continued to record or zoom services until Easter when we opened the church for services. The other main event was the lightning strike in August which took out all the electrical appliances that were plugged in. Most of the items have now been replaced, repaired, or are in the process of being dealt with. We are still working on the organ and some of the outside lights. The insurance assessor has given his approval for our claim.

Faculties applied for during the year:

- To remove 4 trees in the churchyard to try and halt the damage to the NE corner of the church.
- To carry out repairs on the organ
- To remove and replace 3 benches in the churchyard. The delay in putting in the new ones has been due to waiting for the Council to remove the trees. This gave them room to work, and we didn't want them getting damaged.

We had our Quinquennial Inspection in September fortunately there is not a lot wrong. The main jobs are:

- NE Buttress – which is already in hand
- The Roof needs a general inspection
- The Tower – needs a good clean, then the bell rope can be replaced as it is fraying

Our grateful thanks to all those that contributed to keeping services going in whatever capacity. Particularly to Fr Michael, Fr Graham and Fr Peter for filming the

services until we could open the church and for Thom and Fola for uploading them to You Tube. To the members of the congregation who have learnt new skills to continue attending church in whatever form

Thanks to **all** the volunteers who have given generously of their time

- for doing the cleaning and keep the church sanitised especially to Jo Hall who did it on her own for several months before she could get a team together
- To John and Thom Simons who used their skills to repair much of the electrics.
- To Derek Oakley and Paul Butterworth for keeping our grounds so neat and tidy
- For Emma Griffin-Olukoya and the choir for enhancing our services with music
- For the sidespeople who meet and greet on a Sunday
- For the servers for their work in the sanctuary
- Jane Markscheffel for providing the refreshments every Sunday once we could meet for coffee and natter after services.
- The people that wrote the newsletters and emailed it every week, to keep the congregation informed. As well as the various rotas
- Updating the churchyard burial records. We now have a comprehensive database of those laid to rest
- The full review of GDPR so that we keep within the law when contacting the congregation
- For the gang that turned up at short notice to tie up the glebe field fence.

Sorry if I have forgotten anybody, it is not intentional

We can always do with more volunteers to even out the workload.

Sadly, Patrick Lockhart passed away in the autumn he will be sadly missed.

Just before Christmas Fr Graham and Susan withdrew their association with our church. We thank him for his ministry in our church and wish them well for the future.

Mary Edwards & Thom Simons

February 2022

Annual Report of the Great Burstead with Ramsden Crays PCC
for the year ending 31st December 2021

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent Priest-in-Charge, Fr. Michael Hall, in providing for this parish the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. In this respect we have very much valued the regular assistance of Fr. Graham Laut, a retired priest, who decided at the end of this year to step down after some 14 years of ministry with us. After such a long period, we shall all miss his

fellowship and influence as he leaves with our best wishes and grateful thanks. In addition, we have also valued the assistance of Fr. Peter Clark, a retired priest who also continues to lead a Church within our Deanery for people with hearing difficulties. This year has seen our Church member, Peter Knatt, being authorised to exercise a local preaching ministry in our parish for a period of 3 years and we look forward to seeing his ministry continue and develop during the term of his appointment.

The PCC also has maintenance responsibilities for the church and church hall at Great Burstead, as well as the burial ground at Ramsden Crays where interments continue. However, the churchyard at Great Burstead is operated on a 'closed' basis and its upkeep and maintenance is ultimately the responsibility of the local council.

From the start of this year, the public expression of our worship had either ceased or was substantially reduced due to severe Government restrictions in the attempt to minimise the spread of Covid19, the virus that had an initial nationwide impact back in March 2020. However, considerable resourcefulness amongst Church members, such as in the streaming of services, meetings arranged via zoom, contact by email and reaching out to those not able to receive emails, enabled the life of the Church to continue and the PCC is very grateful to all those who willingly gave extra time and effort to allow our Church to continue its work to its members and to the communities it serves.

At the beginning of the year we could only open up the church for limited public prayer, but by Easter Day (April 4th) the considerable easing of restrictions had enabled us to re-instate our 10.00am Sunday service for gathered worship, soon to be followed by the 8.00am service and the mid-week communion on Wednesdays. However, our desire to return to pre-pandemic routines as soon as possible has had to be tempered by the need to be respectful toward the continuing level of anxiety and to keep members and visitors as safe as possible. By the end of the year therefore, congregations have had to remain masked, to have mutual respect toward social distancing and communion continued to be received in only one kind.

In discharging its administrative responsibilities, the PCC has to be mindful of the Charity Commission's Public Benefit Guidance as well as compliance with relevant legislation including Health and Safety, Disability Discrimination and Safeguarding. The PCC receives regular updates on these matters and our Diocese provides training that has benefited many of our members. Meetings (initially by zoom but latterly in person) have all been chaired by Fr. Michael with the able support of our two Churchwardens, Mary Edwards and Thom Simons.

Despite being unable to hold any public fundraising events during the past two years, we have still managed to continue to pay our Parish Share in full, but not without the need to dip into our reserves. We are very grateful to our Treasurer, Mary Edwards, for her expertise, care and control over all aspects of our finances. Our thanks to all who have made donations and particularly to those who have continued to give regularly through our Planned Giving Schemes. Additionally, we are grateful to those members who have managed to make one-off extra donations to alleviate some of our financial hardship caused by the pandemic, but above all we thank Martyn and Kathy Heald for their 'garden stall'

(open all hours and all weathers!) and which provided over £3,500 for Church funds during this year! Our thanks also extend to the hard work of their small but dedicated team of willing helpers.

The PCC

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio, elected by the APCM, or co-opted, in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. The PCC usually meets 6 times a year and a list of its members for this year appears below:-

Ex-officio Members

Revd. Michael Hall	Priest in Charge and Chair of PCC.
Mary Edwards	Churchwarden, Vice-chair of PCC, Treasurer and member of Dioc. Synod.
Thom Simons	Churchwarden.
Nigel Blore	Member of Deanery Synod (from 16.05.21)
Peter Furness	Member of Deanery Synod.

Elected Members

Nigel Blore (up to 16.05.21)
Margaret Flack
Alison Ingleby (up to 16.05.21)
Derek Oakley
Fola Olukoya
Kelly Shearer (from 16.05.21)
Carol Simons
John Simons
Tamsyn Taft

Co-opted member

John Ward

Committees

The PCC is supported by a number of sub-committees, which meet as required between full meetings of the PCC.

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact business on behalf of the PCC and is subject to any specific directions given by the council. It is composed of the Incumbent, Churchwardens, Treasurer, Secretary and appointed members from the PCC, but with a maximum of 7 in all.

Church Hall Committee

Attends to all matters relating to the Hall including lettings, maintenance and repairs and financial records.

Communications Committee

Because of Covid19 difficulties, this committee did not meet in 2021.

Social Committee

Again, because of Covid19 difficulties, this committee did not meet in 2021.

Church Fete Committee

Plans and organises this traditional and annual extravaganza held in the grounds of the church and liaises with exhibitors, entertainers and stall holders. There has been no fete in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic and one person, or two people jointly, is/are required to lead this committee before a further fete can be organised.

Churchyard Maintenance Team

A small team working all year to maintain the beauty of our church grounds and Glebe Field. More regular volunteers would be welcome apart from the many extras required to clear leaves during late Autumn and early Winter.

Finance Group

Usually meets in November annually, chaired by the Treasurer and recommends the amounts of fees and honoraria to be paid by the PCC for the following year. Also recommends to the PCC donations to be made direct from Church funds to Missions and Charities for the current year. This group includes the Vicar, Churchwardens and appointed members from the PCC.

The work of this Church in making Christ known to all who visit and to all in the communities within our parish, is a huge but rewarding task. Besides the spiritual dimension, there is always much else that needs to be achieved, some of which can be gleaned from the above quoted responsibilities of the PCC and its supporting committees, but also from the reports of the organisations and various groups that support our worship and outreach. It is essentially a shared responsibility of everyone working together in partnership and new volunteers are always welcome, either through the sharing of new ideas and experiences on a committee, or by fulfilling a task – big or small – that will enable our work to continue. All offers of help will always be appreciated and gratefully received.

BASILDON DEANERY SYNOD REPORT for 2021

Deanery meetings are usually held four times a year and this frequency was able to be maintained in 2021 despite the continuing difficulties and challenges that the pandemic provided. Meetings are chaired by either the Area Dean - Revd. Jane Richards, or the Lay Chair - Christine Coe. Other officers of note are the Secretary - Marion Marshall; and the Treasurer – our own Mary Edwards. One of the Assistant Area Deans is our own Fr. Michael Hall. Elected representatives from our parish are Nigel Blore and me.

Apart from the normal business at each meeting which regularly involves a financial commentary on Parish Share and the exchanging of news and experiences from all the parishes, each meeting usually has at least one main theme which is usually supported by an invited speaker.

The meeting on 11th February was the only one that had to be held digitally via zoom. The theme was the environmental impact of the Church and parishes in particular, following the tough challenge by General Synod to make the Church carbon neutral by 2030. The guest speaker was Revd. James Gilder – our Diocesan Environmental Officer.

On 20th May, the synod was able to meet in person at St. Andrew's Basildon. The meeting began with a service of communion led by the Area Dean before afterwards providing some shared experiences of the best ways to emerge from the recent lockdown.

Synod met on 14th September at St. Andrew's Wickford where the guest speaker was Jamie Sawtell, the CEO from Bar'n'Bus, a charity that started out in the early 1990s and provides a

mobile centre on tour to provide help and support to young people seeking involvement in business and sporting activities through training and apprenticeship schemes.

The final meeting of 2021 was held on 17th November at Emmanuel, Billericay, where Revd. Canon Mike Power, the recently appointed Acting Archdeacon of Southend was the speaker. He spoke mainly with reference to his other role as our Mission and Stewardship Advisor and was able to inform us of some of the current thinking coming out of Diocese. Of much relief was the shelving of the unpopular 'RAG Review' scheme that sought to reduce Stipendiary Posts as a means of saving Diocesan expenditure. The scrapping of this idea will not solve the financial crisis facing our Diocese, but there will now be a re-think under our newly appointed Diocesan Bishop.

Another long-standing issue that has not yet been fully resolved has been the setting up of Mission and Ministry Units (MMUs), although it has encouraged much closer collaboration between parishes in the sharing of resources.

Peter Furness – An elected Parish Representative

2021#= DIOCESAN SYNOD REPORT

We have 3 meetings each year held on a Saturday, normally in the cathedral. We always start with worship and a presidential address (+Peter/+Guli). We discuss a wide range of topics that affect the life of the church, deanery and diocese and always include a finance update and normally in June are presented with the following year's budget for approval, giving the Diocesan finance team time to calculate the parish share down to benefices. Full minutes and discussion papers of each meeting are available on the Diocesan website.

Due to Covid19 the March and June meetings were held on zoom and November's was in the cathedral.

The following Topics were either debated at or followed up at the meetings:-

In March:- Clergy Deployment Motion, Interim Ministry Report, Living in Love & Faith, Church Planting and Pioneer Ministry, Quinquennial Inspection scheme.

In June:- Appointment process for the Bishop of Barking, 2022 Budget proposals, Reflection on Triennium, The Diocesan Youth Synod report.

In November – As it was the start of a new Triennium we started with communion, then met in houses to elect our chairs, Racial Justice Task and Finish Group Report and the 2022 Budget to approve.

**Mary Edwards Diocesan Synod Rep for Basildon Deanery
January 2022**

READERS and INTERCESSORS – 2021

Peter Furness

The year started like 2020 had finished, with considerable ingenuity in ensuring effective communication and worship when personal contact was almost non-existent. I am very grateful to Peter Knatt for taking on the rostering of the brave who undertook the recording of readings and intercessions whilst worship was essentially an ever-flowing streaming service over the internet. Particular thanks are due to our clergy spouses – Jo, Susan and Alix – who provided the direct and often only support available to our clergy whilst they were confined to home broadcasts. Jo, in particular, did a grand job in also providing regular weekly in-church readings after the 10.00am service was reinstated as from the Easter Day celebration and during the time thereafter whilst it was preferable to restrict the use of unnecessary personnel for the sake of minimising the possible spread of the virus.

However, as from about August, it was great to see the usual team players emerge from a long hibernation and to hit the ground running, as if their absence was a mere 18 days instead of almost 18 months! Remarkably, we had lost none of our team during the hibernation, although it was sad to see Susan Laut leave us at the very end of the year. She occasionally read at our 10.00am services and often at the 8.00am in support of Graham when he was called upon to lead that service. The gradual return of having two readings at the 10.00am., the use of the lectern and printed scripts on the reverse of the pew-sheets did much to enhance the perception of our recovery to our pre-covid routines.

It is always a pleasure to welcome new members to the team and already in 2022 we have Jim Mills, Nigel and Caroline Blore joining us. We do have room for many more, particularly in the prayer department, so please approach either Fr. Michael or myself if you would like to support our worship in this way. There will always be plenty of help and encouragement for those who might welcome some initial assistance.

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Choir report

by Emma Griffin.

After what seemed like a long time worshipping online it was good to step back in to church, and following covid guidelines, reintroduce singing in the services. Over the following months we increased the music back up to pre-covid levels and I was delighted to welcome the choir back into the stalls.

It was then, with some dismay that we learnt one morning that the church had been struck by lightning. This, along with other electrical items in the church, caused great damage to the organ. Upon speaking to the organ builder it would seem that no circuit breaker could have prevented the voltage that had fried the inner workings of the organ. The wiring and manuals (keyboards) of the organ have been taken away to have new cabling fitted. This has been taking a while due to the shortage of parts that come from China but are due soon. Although this has been a disappointment to us all it has it's good side in that the organ will be brought up to date and with the few amendments to the playing aids (pistons and memory bank) will mean that when the work is complete the organ will be of a very good standard indeed.

Despite being restricted to the piano Christmas was still a joyous occasion where the choir and congregation enjoyed a very beautiful and moving Carol Service - my sincere thanks to everyone that participated and helped with the event. It was also a time for us to give thanks to Pauline and Peter for their time and dedication to the choir and wish them all the best in their new home as they moved to be closer to family.

I would like to end by thanking everyone for their continued support and express my thanks to the choir for their energy and commitment over the last year.

Messy Church Report for 2021

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The Messy Church Team have continued to work creatively online in 2021. We had to make the hard decision to postpone in-person sessions after looking through risk assessments and the fact that we didn't have enough volunteers as many were classed as vulnerable or were deployed to help with other Church matters.

Messy Church has kept in contact with families all year by using materials produced by ourselves or using resources created by BFR Messy Church to be uploaded onto our Facebook Page and Church website. When children were working on home learning we did find our resources were used more to supplement their learning. Many different themes were explored:

Pancake Day, Easter, Pentecost, Adam and Eve and Remembrance.

We have combined some of the Messy Church sessions with the worship material for children, posted each Sunday e.g., Epiphany, Harvest etc.

Our core team have continued to have meetings via Zoom, like many other groups and we continued planning by email, phone, and texting.

Tamsyn Taft.

Communications Committee

Due to the pandemic, the communications committee did not officially meet last year. However, I think it would be remiss not to thank all those who helped communicate news around our parish. Thank you, Thom and Fola, for all you did last year. Thank you to the Morley Sisters and Tamsyn for maintaining our website and ensuring our presence on Social Media. Thank you, Mary, who helped create various flyers to alert people about events. Also, I want to thank everyone who kept in touch with

people around this parish last year. Some of our members did not have access to the internet, and the odd phone call and newsletter dropped around. I'm sure it made a massive difference to them.

Fr Michael

Church Hall

We started the year with a shock to find a pipe in the vestibule ceiling had burst which caused a lot of damage. Fortunately, due to the pandemic John and Thom Simons had time to do some of the work to repair it. The insurance company also paid for some of the repairs. While the decorators were in, we paid separately for them to decorate the main hall. We also took the opportunity to re-fit the washrooms and change the lighting to LEDs. To finish it off we had the main hall's floor stripped and varnished.

We replaced the cooker and fridge/freezer in August ready for the new tenants.

Dizzy Ducks decided to give up our premises in July, but fortunately, Thom found another Group called, "The Young Ones", who were looking for premises for the same hours. This has kept our income flowing, which has been hit hard over the last two years due to the pandemic.

Our thanks to John and Thom for keeping this important asset so well maintained,

Mary Edwards - Chair

February 2022

Church Cleaning Report - 2021

We started 2021 with worship in the church building suspended due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Therefore at the start of the year the church cleaning was scheduled for before and after funeral services and then more cleaning added when worship services restarted. If the church building could not be left unused for at least 48 hours enhanced cleaning was undertaken. To help reduce the additional cleaning required, different areas of the church were allocated for different services.

A spring clean of the church took place on Saturday 24th July and during the second half of 2021 more helpers have joined the cleaning rota. We have now resumed the pattern of weekly Saturday cleaning. I would like to thank everyone on the cleaning team as many hands make a much lighter load!

Jo Hall

Church Cleaning Coordinator

Prayer Circle

The prayer circle was functional last year, and we had a few prayers circulated through it. This next year I think as a church, more effort has to be made to alert people to this ministry in our church.

Fr Michael

Grounds Maintenance Team 2021

During 2021, the Grounds Maintenance Team tried to ensure the maintenance of our beautiful Church Grounds in a very difficult time for us all. Paul Butterworth and Derek Oakley worked hard to help keep the Churchyard, Church Hall grounds and Glebe Field tidy and to cope with the challenges of cutting the grass, particularly on the Glebe Field. The latter was especially difficult as the grass didn't stop growing during the Winter and our Church machinery was not designed to cut a field of very long grass nor to deal with the ever growing hedgerows of bramble. The PCC therefore resolved to ask a friendly local farmer (Bert French) to help so that the position would be easier for us to deal with in 2022. Our grateful thanks to him and to all the members of the congregation who responded to our requests for help, particularly in clearing up twigs, branches and leaves. This was much appreciated. The long awaited Faculty for the removal of 4 trees from the Churchyard (one of which was dead and dangerous whilst the others were causing subsidence to the NE Buttress of the Church) finally came through so that work could be planned for early 2022. We are also hoping that we can soon have two Mayflower Memorial trees planted in the southern section of the Churchyard. We are very much hoping to do more in 2022 and we could always do with more help!

Derek Oakley Chairman Grounds Maintenance Team

Church Fund Raising by the Garden Stall

In February 2021 when it became clear that there would be no church fete (due to Covid), we took the plunge again and set up the Garden Stall on the council grass in front of our house. Initially it was marmalades (courtesy of Mary and Mark, Brenda and Wendy), seeds and a few plants, but as the weather improved it began to take off and takings increased. Our plants became very popular and passers-by began to donate more plants and garden tools, equipment and garden furniture, terracotta and ceramic patio pots etc and then it became donations of excess garden produce – vegetables and fruit. An unexpected source of income was the sale of golf balls collected from the rough by a neighbour on his daily walks across Burstead golf course (he scrubbed and bleached them all for us). Word got around and the golf balls were much sought after (one golfer was highly amused and commented that he was probably buying back his own balls that he had hit into the rough!). Eventually the stall (comprising marmalades and house plants) was transferred to the church with donations amounting to about £150 in the wall safe. Over the year donations amounted to £3,300+ for which many thanks to all.

Martyn and Kathy Heald

Great Burstead Mothers' Union (MU)

Report 2021

We normally meet on the first Thursday of the month in church and have a group lunch out on the third Thursday to which we invite husbands and friends of the MU. The MU is open to all who have been baptised and support the advancement of Christianity in the sphere of marriage and family life and help to people in need.

We were able to resume meeting in church in June when we had a Wave of Prayer Service for our linked Dioceses in South Sudan, Kenya, Nigeria and Jamaica & the Cayman Islands. We welcomed several members of the Wickford MU. We had linked with them during our zoom meetings so it was good to meet in person. In July we had a social afternoon in the church grounds in lovely weather. In August we had a tea party outside the church hall with Billericay MU and raised £400 for the Summer of Hope appeal for overseas work. Our Annual Service was taken by Father Michael in September and three members were enrolled, so we now have 18 members. We also collected Harvest Gifts for Anvil Trust and Billericay Food Bank. In October, Mary Nightingale entertained us and spoke of her experience of training and racing greyhounds. Peter Knatt spoke in November about St. John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital which serves Israel and Gaza. In December we had our Carols and Readings in church and sent £170 to the Children's Society.

Margaret Flack

Churches Together in Billericay (CTB)

Report 2021

No CTB Services were held in 2021. CTB was active at the Summerfest at Sun Corner in August. At the AGM encouraging reports were received on the Schools' Ministry, the Food Bank, Street Pastors and Forging Men. Rev, David Bagwell will be retiring as Co-ordinator in May 2022.

Margaret Flack

Vicar's Report 2021

I want to begin my report for 2021 by thanking various people. I want to thank my churchwardens, Mary and Thom, for their support and all that they did. I want to thank our organist and choir for their valued ministry in our church. I want to thank my clergy colleagues for all they did to support the church and me. I want to thank all members of the PCC for attending meetings and helping in the running of our church. I want to thank the servers, readers and intercessors for their ministry, patience and understanding over this last year. I also want to thank every member of this church for all the prayers and the support they gave us – without this, I believe 2021 would have been a very different year.

At the start of 2021, we were limping on as a church due to the coronavirus. It was not easy for any of us having to access worship for some of that year online, and due

to the pandemic, we were not able to do all that we would typically do as a church, including holding a fete. Added to this, we suffered lightning damage, the withdrawal of ministry from Father Graham, the deaths of loyal members of our church, including Patrick Lockhart, various issues regarding the trees around the churchyard and with so much uncertainty over things, it was a constant challenge to plan activities and services. Still, there were some good memories from last year, including getting back to worshipping in the church building once again, welcoming new people into our church family and being there at the start of Peter Knatt's new ministry as an authorised preacher in our church. Yes, various occasions last year were challenging, but there were enough positive times to make 2021 worthwhile. As such, I can't entirely agree with a statement that I heard at the end of the year that we ought to forget 2021 – I think as a church that year, we learnt new skills and pulled together in such a way which I'm sure will help us all in the future.

As your Priest, the number of pastoral services I did last year was down, especially weddings and baptisms. But they did still happen, and I feel privileged that I could help marry, baptise and officiate at the funerals that I did for the couples and the families who requested them. I hope that the numbers will return in the future, but even if they do not, I think that people's knowledge in this parish that we are there for them is enough and important.

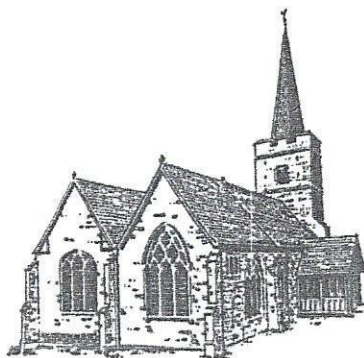
At the beginning of the pandemic, I promised that I would seek to do my best to make sure that I would be there to support this parish and make sure that everyone's safety was my prime concern. I believe I have done my best to do this.

I hope that 2022 will be a much better year than 2021, and I'm confident that providing we as a church have the same support and prayers that we did this last year, it will be. We may never become the church we once were. But I hope that we become the church that God wants us to evolve into and that we do so through our prayers and love for one another.

Thank you for all your prayers and your support

Fr Michael

**The Parish Church
of
St. Mary Magdalene
Great Burstead with Ramsden Crays**



Registered Charity :- 1132012

Reports for 2021

Incumbent: Father Michael Hall

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St MARY MAGDALENE Gt BURSTEAD with Ramsden Crays P.C.C. ACCOUNTS

For the year ending 31 December 2021

Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St Mary Magdalene Gt Burstead with Ramsden Crays P.C.C

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 1 to 5.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is need.

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act;
Follow procedures laid down in general directions given by the Charity Commissioners in Section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
State whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiners' report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 of explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit and, consequently, I do not express an opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

To keep accounting records in accordance with S130 of the 2011 Act; or

To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records have not been met; or

2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Ian Rudkins FCA
14 Upland Road
Billericay
Essex

Date 11 May 2022

St MARY MAGDALENE Gt BURSTEAD P.C.C.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ending 31 December 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Endowment Fund £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
INCOMING RESOURCES							
Incoming resources from donors	2a	46,709	3,300	1,975	-	51,984	49,095
Other voluntary incoming resources	2b	-	-	350	-	350	8,600
Incoming resources from operating activities:							
- to further the Council's objects	2c	6,474	12,276	-	-	18,750	20,139
- to generate funds	2d	54	17,231	-	-	17,285	2,265
Income from investment	2e	18	38	18,444	645	19,145	18,899
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		53,255	32,845	20,769	645	107,514	98,998
RESOURCES EXPENDED							
Costs of generating funds	3c	-	-	-	-	-	582
Grants	3a	960	-	-	-	960	1,670
Activities directly relating to the work of the church	3b	77,510	33,313	39	-	110,862	83,467
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		78,470	33,313	39	-	111,822	85,719
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		(25,215)	(468)	20,730	645	(4,308)	13,279
Gains and losses on investments	5	-	-	64,527	3,177	67,704	(29,056)
Transfers between Funds		21,931	(7,300)	(14,269)	(362)	-	-
Net Movement in funds		(3,284)	(7,768)	70,988	3,460	63,396	(15,777)
Balances brought forward At 1 January 2021		18,021	99,852	535,124	22,090	675,087	690,864
Balances carried forward At 31 December 2021		14,737	92,084	606,112	25,550	738,483	675,087

The notes on the following pages form part of these accounts

St MARY MAGDALENE Gt BURSTEAD P.C.C.

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2021

	Notes	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Fixed assets	4	2,363		3,450	
Investments	5	554,435		482,657	
			556,798		486,107
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors - income tax recoverable		8,000		8,000	
Debtors - insurance claim		11,748		-	
Deposit accounts		145,197		154,352	
Current accounts		17,966		26,628	
Cash in hand		-		-	
			182,911		188,980
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors - accruals			(1,226)		-
NET CURRENT ASSETS			181,685		188,980
NET ASSETS			738,483		675,087
RESERVES					
General Fund - unrestricted			14,737		18,021
Insurance Claim - designated		(250)		0	
Hall Fund - designated		86,949		94,149	
Hall Equipment - designated		0		318	
Children's Fund - designated		1,206		1,206	
Festival at Burstead - designated		-		-	
Flower Fund - designated		2,575		2,575	
Mission Activities - Messy Church - designated		1,604		1,604	
			92,084		99,852
Benches Fund - restricted		1,975		0	
Church Furnishings Fund - restricted		24,168		24,168	
Capital Fund - restricted		434,572		381,347	
James Heman Legacy		94,313		79,220	
Churchyard Fund - restricted		740		403	
Church Music Fund - restricted		565		229	
Organ Fund - restricted		4,682		4,682	
New Church Hall Fund - restricted		108		108	
Church Building Trust Fund - restricted		44,989		44,967	
			606,112		535,124
Tithe Chancel - endowment		11,288		9,613	
Henry Ward - endowment		14,262		12,477	
			25,550		22,090
TOTAL RESERVES			738,483		675,087

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 11 May 2021 and signed on its behalf by
The Revd. Father Michael Hall (chairman)

M. A. Hall

The notes on the following pages form part of these accounts

St MARY MAGDALENE Gt BURSTEAD P.C.C.
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ending 31 December 2021

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations as amended by the Church Accounting (Amendment) Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting for charities.

b) Funds

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

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body of those that are informal gatherings of church

c) Incoming resources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC

Planned giving receivable under gift aid is recognised only when received

Income tax recoverable on gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised

d) Fixed assets

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

For other fixed assets acquired prior to 1st January 1990 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts.

Other fixed assets acquired after 1 January 1990 have been capitalised and depreciated in the accounts on a straight line basis over their currently anticipated economic life of between five and ten years.

e) Investments

Investments are carried at their market value at 31 December.

St MARY MAGDALENE Gt BURSTEAD P.C.C.
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
For the year ending 31 December 2021

2 INCOME RESOURCES	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
2a Incoming resources from donors						
Planned Giving	35,441	-	-	-	35,441	31,583
Income tax recoverable	8,339	-	-	-	8,339	14,138
Other Gifts & Donations	2,929	3,300	1,975	-	8,204	3,374
	<u>46,709</u>	<u>3,300</u>	<u>1,975</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,984</u>	<u>49,095</u>
2b Other voluntary incoming resources						
Contribution towards Mission	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legacies	-	-	350	-	350	8,600
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>8,600</u>
2c Income from operating activities to further PCC objectives						
Hall Rents Received	-	12,276	-	-	12,276	16,414
Parochial Fees	6,474	-	-	-	6,474	3,725
	<u>6,474</u>	<u>12,276</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,750</u>	<u>20,139</u>
2d Income from operating activities to generate funds						
Fund Raising	54	-	-	-	54	2,113
Other Receipts	-	17,231	-	-	17,231	152
	<u>54</u>	<u>17,231</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,285</u>	<u>2,265</u>
2e Income from investment						
Dividends & interest	18	38	18,444	645	19,145	18,899
	<u>18</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>18,444</u>	<u>645</u>	<u>19,145</u>	<u>18,899</u>
Total Incoming Resources	<u>53,255</u>	<u>32,845</u>	<u>20,769</u>	<u>645</u>	<u>107,514</u>	<u>98,998</u>
3 RESOURCES EXPENDED						
3a Grants						
Parish Giving	960	-	-	-	960	1,670
	<u>960</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>960</u>	<u>1,670</u>
3b Activities directly relating to the work of the church						
Diocesan Family Purse	62,902	-	-	-	62,902	62,464
Ministry Expenses	1,237	-	-	-	1,237	1,236
Vicarage Decoration	-	-	-	-	-	2,648
Church Expenses	13,371	11,998	39	-	25,408	10,301
Church Hall Costs	-	21,315	-	-	21,315	6,818
Outreach and Mission	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deanery Synod	-	-	-	-	-	-
Churches together in Billericay	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>77,510</u>	<u>33,313</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>110,862</u>	<u>83,467</u>
3c Costs of generating funds						
Fundraising costs	-	-	-	-	-	582
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>582</u>
Total Resources expended	<u>78,470</u>	<u>33,313</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>111,822</u>	<u>85,719</u>

St MARY MAGDALENE Gt BURSTEAD P.C.C.
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
For the year ending 31 December 2021

4 FIXED ASSETS

	Church Equipment £	Hall Equipment £	Total £
COST			
At 1 January 2021	35,850	5,280	41,130
Additions	372	518	890
Disposals	-	(280)	(280)
At 31 December 2021	36,222	5,518	41,740
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 January 2021	32,544	5,136	37,680
Charge for year	1,733	244	1,977
Disposals	-	(280)	(280)
At 31 December 2021	34,277	5,100	39,377
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2021	1,945	418	2,363
At 31 December 2020	3,306	144	3,450

5 INVESTMENTS

	Total £
VALUATION	
At 1 January 2021	482,657
Purchases at cost	4,074
Disposals	-
Annual revaluation	67,704
At 31 December 2021	554,435
Investments comprise -	
CBF Investment Fund - Tithe Chancel Fund	11,288
CBF Investment Fund - Henry War Fund	14,262
M&G investments	162,450
M&G investments - James Henman Legacy	94,313
CCLA investments	272,122
	554,435

6 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	Total 2021	Total 2020
Fixed Assets	1,945	418	-	-	2,363	3,450
Investments	-	-	528,885	25,550	554,435	482,657
Debtors	8,000	1,248	10,500	-	19,748	8,000
Bank: Deposit Account	387	78,947	65,863	-	145,197	154,352
Bank: Current Account	5,631	11,471	864	-	17,966	26,628
Cash in hand	-	-	-	-	-	-
Creditors	-	1,226	-	-	1,226	-
Total	14,737	92,084	606,112	25,550	738,483	675,087

St Mary Magdalene Gt Burstead PCC
For the year ending 31 December 2021

	General Fund	Insurance Claim	Hall Fund	Hall Equipment	Children's & Sunday School Fund	Fete at Burstead	Flower Fund	Mission Activities	Benches Fund	Legacies Church	Capital Fund 1	M&G Fund 2	James Heman Legacy	Churchyard Fund	Church Music Fund
INCOME	Unrestricted	Designated	Designated	Designated	Designated	Designated	Designated	Designated	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted

Planned Giving	35,441														
Tax Recoverable	8,339														
Other Gifts & Donations	2,929					3,300			1,975						
Contribution towards Mission															
Legacies															350
Grants															

Fund Raising	54														
Hall Rents Received			12,276												
Parochial Fees	6,474														
Dividends & interest	18		38												
Insurance claims		11,748	5,483												
Other Receipts															
Total Income	53,255	11,748	17,797	0	0	3,300	0	0	1,975	0	6,906	7,725	3,791	0	350

EXPENDITURE															
Running Costs															
Ministry Expenses	1,237														
Vicarage Decoration															
Church Expenses	13,371	11,998												25	14
Church Hall Costs			21,315												
Fundraising costs															
Outreach and Mission															

Outside of Parish															
Diocesan Family Purse	62,902														
Deanery Synod															
Churches together in Billerica															
Parish Giving	960														
Total Expenditure	78,470	11,998	21,315	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	14

Surplus/(Deficit) for year	(25,215)	(250)	(3,518)	0	0	3,300	0	0	1,975	0	6,906	7,725	3,791	(25)	336
Revaluation Investments	21,931		(3,682)	(318)		(3,300)					34,056	19,169	11,302	352	
Transfers between Funds	(3,284)	(250)	(7,200)	(318)	0	0	0	0	1,975	0	34,056	19,169	15,093	337	336
Net Movement in year	18,021	0	94,149	318	1,206	0	2,575	1,604	0	24,168	238,066	143,281	79,220	403	229
Balances 1st January	14,737	(250)	86,949	0	1,206	0	2,575	1,604	1,975	24,168	272,122	162,450	94,313	740	565
Balances 31st December															

Fixed assets	1,945		418												
Investments															
Debtors	8,000	1,248													
Bank: Deposit	387		73,562		1,206		2,575	1,604	1,975	24,168				740	565
Bank: Current	5,631	(1,498)	12,969												
Cash in hand															
Creditors	(1,226)														

14,737	(250)	86,949	0	1,206	0	2,575	1,604	1,975	24,168	272,122	162,450	94,313	740	565
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St Mary Magdalene Gt Bursstead PCC
For the year ending 31 December 2021

	New Church		Building		Tithe Church		Henry Ward		Total	Total
	Organ Fund	Hall Fund	Trust Fund	Endowment	Tithe Church Fund	Henry Ward Fund	Endowment	Endowment	2021	2020
INCOME	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted							

Planned Giving									35,441	31,583
Tax Recoverable									8,339	14,136
Other Gifts & Donations									8,204	3,374
Contribution towards Mission									0	0
Legacies									350	8,600
Grants									0	0
Fund Raising									54	2,113
Hall Rents Received									12,276	16,414
Parochial Fees									6,474	3,725
Dividends & Interest			22		283		362		19,145	18,899
Insurance claims									17,231	0
Other Receipts									0	152
Total Income	0	0	22	283	362	107,514	98,998			

EXPENDITURE										
Running Costs										
Ministry Expenses									1,237	1,236
Vicarage Decoration									0	2,648
Church Expenses									25,408	10,301
Church Hall Costs									21,315	6,818
Fundraising costs									0	582
Outreach and Mission									0	0

Outside of Parish										
Diocesan Family Purse									62,902	62,464
Deanery Synod									0	0
Churches together in Billerica									0	0
Parish Giving									960	1,670
Total Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	0	111,822	85,719		

Surplus/(Deficit) for year	0	0	22	283	362	(4,308)	13,279			
Revaluation Investments					1,392	1,785	67,704	(29,056)		
Transfers between Funds						(362)	0	0		
Net Movement in year	0	0	22	1,675	1,785	63,396	(15,777)			
Balances 1st January	4,682	108	44,967	9,613	12,477	675,087	690,864			
Balances 31st December	4,682	108	44,989	11,288	14,262	738,483	675,087			

Fixed assets									2,363	3,450
Investments									564,435	482,557
Debtors									19,748	8,000
Bank: Deposit	4,682	108	33,625						145,197	154,352
Bank: Current			864						17,966	26,528
Cash in hand									0	0
Creditors									(1,226)	0
	4,682	108	44,989	11,288	14,262	738,483	675,087			

GREAT BURSTEAD with RAMSDEN CRAYS PCC

REPORT ON 2021 ACCOUNTS

- **Accounting Policy**

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2011 together with applicable standards of the Charities Act. They include the Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheets and a statement of Assets & Liabilities. We are a registered charity and our registration number is 1132012. When the Parishes of Gt Burstead and Ramsden Crays were merged on the 1 November 2011, we then took responsibility for their finances. The building (the worship centre) and land were sold on 19 December 2013 and the proceeds have been placed in 2 long term investments. (see note 3.11 below)

- **Funds**

- General Funds - Unrestricted fund - This represents the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use. This fund is used to handle all the day to day transactions of the PCC.
- A designated Fund is one where the PCC has put money aside for a particular purpose, but can at a future date re-earmark the funds.
- A restricted fund is one where the PCC has received money or assigned the funds for a specific purpose. They then cannot be used for anything else or re-assigned.
- Endowment Funds – These are permanent endowments this allows the income to be spent with restrictions while the capital is preserved.

- **Various funds held by the PCC**

- **General Fund** - This is the only unrestricted account held.
- **Insurance claims** – This designated fund was set up in 2021 to keep control of what was spent ready for the insurance claim.
- **Organ Fund** - This restricted fund was created in the late 1990s to rebuild and maintain the organ.
- **Flower Fund** - This designated fund is intended to provide money to assist in the purchase of flowers etc for the church throughout the year. As most wedding couples do not want to pay for flowers and we have a lack of volunteers to do the flower displays, and keep them watered, we have changed to using good quality silk flowers for most of the year. This in the long term saves both time and money.
- **Youth and children's work** - This designated fund is intended to cover the work for the youth of the parish. It was set up from the Catterway fund for youth.
- **Churchyard Fund** - This restricted fund was created to receive the dividends from the Henry Ward Trust. The Henry Ward Trust is held by the Diocesan Board of Finance; the fund is to be used for the maintenance of the family graves and also provides funds for the cutting of the grass areas around the church. Although the local council are responsible for maintaining the closed churchyard including the trees, paths etc. We cut the grass ourselves to keep it neat and tidy, as the council will only cut it twice a year. We also have to maintain the churchyard at St Mary's Ramsden Crays. Where there is a very large 400

year old oak tree which is allegedly causing subsidence damage to the old church building now a residence.

- **Church Furnishings** - This holds all the legacies received, unless they are for a specific purpose- This restricted fund was set up from donations from members of the congregation in remembrance of their loved ones. It is to be used for any project/furnishings in the church but not for everyday maintenance of the church.
- **Mission Activities/Messy Church** – This designated fund was set up in 2014 with a donation for the purpose of running Messy Church and/or Mission Activities.
- **Benches** – This restricted fund was set up in 2021 to collect donations to replace the 3 benches in the churchyard
- **Building Trust Fund** - This restricted fund was created to build the extension on to the church, also to cover capital expenditure and non-routine maintenance of the building.
- **Music Fund** – This restricted fund was set up with the money left in Joyce Norris bequest especially for Choir music. It has been added to this year with Patrick Lockhart's legacy
- **New Church Hall** – This restricted account was set up for the building and maintenance of a new church hall, started by the profit from the Festival at Burstead 2005. This project has been put aside at the moment.
- **Capital Fund** –Restricted fund – This fund was set up in early 2014 with the sale of the All Saints site Ramsden Crays. The money has been invested with 2 different companies and the interest is transferred to the General fund and can be spent, while the capital is preserved as there are restrictions on what this can be spent on. It must be a capital building project with the approval of the Diocese.
- **James Hemens Legacy** - We received the first half of his legacy in August 2015 we received the second half in June 2016. We invested the money in an accumulating investment fund. To be used for large projects, when required.
- **Tithe Chancel Trust** is held by Diocesan Board of Finance, under the Tithe Act 1936, together with the interest. It can only be released to the parish to finance work on the chancel or to cover insurance costs, particularly fire insurance, when the insurance covers possible damage to the church building, which would endanger the chancel.
- **Church Hall** – This designated fund now has to form part of the accounts. This is a self-supporting fund; the users rent pays for the maintenance. The hall is a wooden structure erected in the 1970's
- **Kitchen Equipment** – This designated fund was opened in 2018 with a donation to re-equip the newly fitted kitchen. This fund was closed this year as the last of the money was spent on a new cooker.

4. General Account

i) Unrestricted Fund

Day-to-day cash receipts & expenditure detailed in the General Fund A/c. shows we have a balance of £1,4737, once I have claimed the gift aid for this year, estimated as £8,000 and paid our creditors of £1,226. This sum also includes £1,945 of fixed assets which currently leaves £6,018 in the bank. If we had not used the interest from the Capital Investment for the last 6 years we would be in real difficulties. The net movement in year was excess

expenditure over income which amounts to £3,284. The insurance claim is self-funding except for the £250 excess payment.

ii) Restricted/Designated Funds

The other funds listed on the balance sheet total £37,643 which must be retained for them, plus the £528,885 in investments. All the funds are self-funding. s

5.Trust Funds held by DBoF on our behalf

The Stock Market has had a turbulent year, which has meant that the trusts have gone up and down in value.. The capital value of these and our investment funds have therefore varied.

a) We have two Trust Funds held by DBoF on our behalf,

- The Henry Ward Trust is now valued at £14,262 The dividends, a total of £362 in 2021, from this trust are paid into our deposit account and assigned to the churchyard fund as it has to be used to maintain the churchyard.
- The Tithe Chancel Trust is now valued at £11,288. The dividends from this trust are retained in the account, a total of £283 in 2021

• Building Trust Fund

This restricted fund is not part of the PCC General Account. Details of income and expenditure show a final credit balance of £44,989. We are having to use this money to pay the organ builders but will be paid back from the insurance claim

• Church Hall Fund

• This designated fund is not part of the PCC General Account. Details of income and expenditure show a final credit balance of £86,949 including £418 in fixed assets. Receipts are mainly from regular users although it does have occasional lets. This year we had a pipe burst in the vestibule which caused considerable damage claimed on insurance while the decorators were in we paid to have the main hall and toilets decorated. The PCC has borrowed £4000 due to cashflow problems Income reduced due to pandemic. Let's hope it picks up next year.

• Current financial position and forecast of the General Fund

2021 was a very different and difficult year trying to cope with the church being open with restricted numbers or shut completely. Yet the bills still had to be paid especially the Parish Share, which pays for our priest and support from the diocesan office. Apart from the pandemic we also had a lightning strike in the autumn which took out all our electrics including the organ causing at least £45,000 worth of damage.

I am very grateful to the parishioners that swapped their parish giving from weekly/monthly envelopes to standing orders, or put their envelopes through the vicarage door, this was a great help in keeping us afloat. I am also grateful to the parishioners who generously gave extra donations to make up some of the shortfall in the loose plate collections and loss of occasional offices (eg Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals). We are also fortunate that we can use the interest from some of our investments to help pay our general bills.

I pray that during 2022 we will have more occasional services and will be able to fund raise to make up the shortfall. As we no longer have the 100 club or the C4C (change for cash). This will then enable us to move forward with some mission projects as unfortunately we have had to close the Messy church club as there was a lack of leaders and children.

In the autumn 2021 we had our quinquennial inspection. I am glad to say that the report did not throw up many expensive repairs. The NE Buttress is being monitored/ investigated as is the chancel floor, the damage could be due to tree roots. We now have for the faculty giving permission to remove the offending trees and repair the buttress. We are just waiting for the council to remove the trees which they did in February 2022. Since the inspection it has come to light that all the cedar shingles on the spire are either missing or in bad condition. The estimate is due in any day. We will then have to start serious fundraising and applying for grants and faculties so that it can be done while the scaffolding is up to replace the Cockrel.

Mary Edwards Hon Treasurer May 2022

Quinquennial Inspection

Works of repair recommended to be carried out as soon as practical

- (i) Complete works to north east corner of the chancel to include removal of a tree and remedial work to buttress to north east corner of chancel. (A Faculty has been granted for this work)
- (ii) Arrange for an inspection of the lightning conductor
- (iii) Complete remedial to electrical circuits damaged by lightning strike
- (iv) Clear gutters of leaves and in particular brambles growing out of hopper to west end of valley gutter. Ensure swan neck is clear at junction with gutter to downpipe to Lady chapel.
- (v) Replace missing roof tiles and check on security of decorative ridge tile at east end of nave roof.
- (vi) Remove ferns growing in wall close to downpipe from valley at east end of chancel.
- (vii) Lag overflow pipe to header tank in silence chamber and where pipes enter church from the boiler house.
- (viii) Clear treads to stair to tower.
- (ix) Clear floor of silence chamber of debris
- . (x) Replace frayed bell rope to bell being chimed
- . (xi) Check on security of monument to south wall of chancel.