

**Parochial Church Council of Deddington, Hempton & Clifton
Statement of Financial Activities**

For the year ended 31 December, 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2020 £	2019 £
Incoming Resources						
Incoming resources from Donors	2 (a)	54,200.06	4,358.31		58,558.37	83,927.62
Other voluntary Incoming Resources	2 (b)	2,000.00	6,030.00		8,030.00	9,162.15
Incoming resources from operating activities						
-to further the Council's objects	2(c)	6,641.35	0.00		6,641.35	6,477.70
-to generate funds	2(d)	960.01	0.00		960.01	11,003.62
Income from investment	2(e)	121.80	14.29	2,553.80	2,689.89	2,779.09
Other incoming resources	2(f)	9,913.74	2,713.77		12,627.51	8,746.18
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		73,836.96	13,116.37	2,553.80	89,507.13	122,096.36
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Grants	3(a)	3,100.85	0.00		3,100.85	3,697.35
Activities directly relating to the work of the church	3(b)	64,528.90	5,110.04	2,553.80	72,192.74	123,230.32
Church management and administration	3(c)	2,743.29	2,224.90		4,968.19	14,719.18
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		70,373.04	7,334.94	2,553.80	80,261.78	141,646.85
NET INCOMING/OUTGOING RESOURCES		3,463.92	5,781.43	0.00	9,245.35	-19,550.49
GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS				5,841.38	5,841.38	13,371.58
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		3,463.92	5,781.43	5,841.38	15,086.73	-6,178.91
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2020		25,509.15	3,135.32	84,872.45	113,516.92	119,695.83
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2020		28,973.07	8,916.75	90,713.83	128,603.65	113,516.92

**Parochial Church Council of Deddington, Hempton & Clifton
Balance Sheet at 31 December 2020**

	2020	2019
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible Fixed Assets	67,025.28	69,133.18
Investment assets	90,713.83	84,872.45
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors	0.00	109.55
Income Tax Recoverable	498.41	2,000.18
Cash at bank and in hand	53,088.87	41,679.06
Accrued Interest	12.74	204.71
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	-60.00	-1,447.00
TOTAL PARISH ASSETS	211,279.13	196,552.13
FUNDS		
Unrestricted	30,151.07	28,435.15
Restricted	90,414.23	83,244.53
Endowment	90,713.83	84,872.45
	211,279.13	196,552.13

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 26 May 2021 and signed on its behalf by;

 

1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP (FRSSE). The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The Financial statements include all financial 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, nor to those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

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

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

Unrestricted Funds are general funds which can be used for ordinary PCC purposes.

Incoming resources.

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended.

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The Diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets.

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.96 (2) (a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. The fixed assets presently on the books are a set of hand-bells, owned by the bell ringers, valued at just over £15,000. A Steinway grand piano valued at £35,000 was donated to the church in 2011. A micro-generation system comprising forty photovoltaic panels on the roof of the south aisle, an inverter in the bell ringing chamber and the necessary cabling was installed in February 2012, at a cost of £25,480. The system will be written off over twenty five years, which is its guaranteed life. In December 2012 a fixed projector and retractable screen were installed in the chancel at a cost of £10,887, which will be written off over ten years.

Other equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December 2020.

The PCC attempts to keep a General Reserve of £20,000, which is about two and a half months average expenses.

The Parish of Deddington - Notes to The Financial Statements
For the Year ended 31 December, 2020

	2020			2019
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	£
Incoming Resources				
2A Incoming resources from donors				
Planned Giving by Gift Aid	35,462.25		35,462.25	33,771.75
Other Gift Aid	2,553.95	2,671.06	5,225.01	7,883.36
Other Planned Giving	975.00	0.00	975.00	12,050.10
Loose Plates	3,149.82	0.00	3,149.82	9,390.96
Donations	3,601.36	0.00	3,601.36	9,072.71
Income Tax Recovered	8,457.68	1,687.25	10,144.93	11,758.74
	<u>54,200.06</u>	<u>4,358.31</u>	<u>58,558.37</u>	<u>83,927.62</u>
2B Other voluntary incoming resources				
Donations, bells		30.00	30.00	142.15
Grants/Legacies	2,000.00	6,000.00	8,000.00	9,020.00
	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>6,030.00</u>	<u>8,030.00</u>	<u>9,162.15</u>
2C Income from operating activities to further the work of the church.				
Fees, Church + Bells	2,174.00	0.00	2,174.00	2,166.00
Feed In Tariff	4,467.35		4,467.35	4,291.70
Flower Fund		0.00	0.00	35.00
Fund Raising Bells		0.00	0.00	0.00
	<u>6,641.35</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6,641.35</u>	<u>6,492.70</u>
2D Income from operating activities to generate funds				
Kitchen fund raising	224.01		224.01	1,273.34
Friends of Deddington church	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,300.00
Bazaar	0.00		0.00	1,461.50
Oxford Historic Churches Ride/Stride	0.00		0.00	469.50
Sunday Teas	0.00		0.00	285.40
Diaries, CDs, Books	0.00		0.00	455.40
BBs Bookstall	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wendy's Cards	6.00		6.00	42.91
Rents for use of church/equipment	460.00		460.00	3,290.00
Concerts	0.00		0.00	0.00
Harvest Supper	0.00		0.00	497.00
PRS for Music	0.00		0.00	546.57
Heating Charges	<u>270.00</u>		<u>270.00</u>	<u>382.00</u>
	<u>960.01</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>960.01</u>	<u>11,003.62</u>
2E Income from Investments				
Bank interest	121.80	1.63	123.43	276.87
Bells Bank Interest		12.66	12.66	23.68
Trust Funds- Deddington Trusts			685.94	663.92
Hempton Heating Trust			45.39	43.40
Hempton Church Site Trust			1,112.53	1,080.11
Music and Choir Trusts			709.94	938.43
	<u>121.80</u>	<u>14.29</u>	<u>2,553.80</u>	<u>3,026.41</u>
2F Other Income				
Re-imbursements, Barford/Bank/PC	1,009.98	1,300.00	2,309.98	2,223.69
Boys Brigade Fund			0.00	0.00
Parish Lunch			0.00	0.00
Bells subscriptions		283.77	283.77	150.00
From Parish Council for floodlighting	0.00		0.00	94.96
Share Rebate/Bank Refund	0.00		0.00	0.00
Transport	50.00		50.00	10.00
Friends of Hempton	2,466.89		2,466.89	0.00
Youth Worker Fund		0.00	0.00	0.00
VAT Refunds	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,130.00</u>	<u>1,130.00</u>	<u>4,067.78</u>
Other Refunds	<u>6,386.87</u>		<u>6,386.87</u>	<u>2,199.75</u>
	<u>9,913.74</u>	<u>2,713.77</u>	<u>12,627.51</u>	<u>8,746.18</u>
Totals	73,836.96	13,116.37	2,553.80	122,358.68
Total Incoming Resources			89,507.13	122,358.68

**The Parish of Deddington - Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended December 31st, 2020**

Resources Expended	£	£	£	2020	2019
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds		
3A Grants to further work of church					
Church Overseas	0.00			0.00	0.00
Relief and Development Agencies	0.00	0.00		0.00	985.00
Home missions and church organisation	15.00			15.00	0.00
Secular charities	3,085.85	0.00		3,085.85	2,712.35
	3,100.85	0.00	0.00	3,100.85	0.00
3B Church activities					
Diocesan parish share	34,502.94			34,502.94	48,943.62
Deanery Share	340.00			340.00	380.00
Church running expenses	12,595.95		45.39	12,641.34	11,621.49
General Maintenance	1,544.80	280.20	96.92	1,921.92	3,096.48
Clergy expenses, Vicar	1,689.48			1,689.48	2,926.66
Vicarage	0.00			0.00	0.00
Curate/LLM	5,423.40			5,423.40	7,247.16
Youth Worker	0.00			0.00	0.00
Cost of services	362.41			362.41	1,207.87
Service books/Hymn books	238.70		814.59	1,053.29	1,285.63
Children's work	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
Outreach	0.00	25.68	832.23	857.91	1,115.12
Boys' Brigade		0.00		0.00	0.00
Repairs & Replacements	5,369.75	2,554.16	469.45	8,393.36	15,660.19
Spiritual Development	0.00			0.00	707.68
New Equipment	457.20	0.00		457.20	18,248.15
Maintenance of churchyard	2.12	0.00	119.37	121.49	2,479.00
Payments - organists and verger	2,002.15		175.85	2,178.00	4,586.27
PCC Secretary	0.00			0.00	0.00
Other Musicians				0.00	100.00
Ringers Fees		0.00		0.00	160.00
Curate		2,250.00	0.00	2,250.00	3,565.00
Flower Fund		0.00		0.00	0.00
	64,528.90	5,110.04	2,553.80	72,192.74	123,330.32
3C Church management and administration					
Fund Raising Costs	0.00			0.00	55.20
PRS	54.72			54.72	676.37
Child Protection	0.00			0.00	19.16
Bells Administration		117.00		117.00	119.00
Postage, Stationery, Photocopying	988.86			988.86	1,012.38
Audit	0.00			0.00	0.00
Internet Expenses	630.00	0.00		630.00	739.04
Transport & Meal Re-imbursements	50.00			50.00	437.00
Lottery Licences,	20.00			20.00	20.00
Premises Licence	70.00			70.00	70.00
RSCM	107.00			107.00	105.00
CCLI	669.51			669.51	576.43
Parish Administrator	43.20			43.20	8,492.40
Bank Charges	110.00			110.00	320.38
Depreciation of Fixed Assets		2,107.90		2,107.90	2,076.82
	2,743.29	2,224.90	0.00	4,968.19	14,719.18
Total Resources Expended	70,373.04	7,334.94	2,553.80	80,261.78	141,746.85
4A Staff Costs	2020		2019		
Wages & Salaries	2,168.00		13,976.37		

The Organist & Choir Director was paid £1998 . He is self-employed and invoices the PCC monthly.

A second organist was paid £180 for playing in St John's Hempton. She is self-employed and invoices the PCC quarterly

Cleaning of the church was carried out by volunteers.

4B Payments to PCC Members

A small immaterial portion of the expenses paid to the incumbent may be related to her services as chair of the PCC

No other payments or expenses were paid to any other PCC member, persons closely connected to them or related parties.

Parochial Church Council of Deddington, Hempton & Clifton
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For the year ended '31 December 2020

5. Analysis of Transfer Between Funds

2020	2019
0.00	0.00

There were no transfers between funds. Income and expenditure was always into or out of the appropriate fund.

6A FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

Items of furnishing and equipment purchased during the year costing individually less than £1,500 are written off when purchased.

Tangible fixed assets are the sound system, staging equipment, and a Steinway piano (40,000)

The Sound System installed in December 2008, and the staging are written off.

A fixed projector and retractable screen were installed in the chancel in December 2012, costing £10,887, to be written off over 10 years.

Photovoltaic panels were installed on the roof of the south aisle in February 2012, at a cost of £25,480 which will be written off over 25 years.

ACTUAL/DEEMED COST	At 1 January 2020	102,504.35
	At 31 December 2020	102,504.35
NET BOOK VALUE	At 1 January 2020	69,133.18
	At 31 December 2020	67,025.28

6B. Investments

The PCC holds 8 Endowment Trusts (Capital Perpetual) vested in the CBF, as follows:-

- 1 Ward Bequest, for the choir but may be otherwise allocated if the PCC so wills.(300 shares)
- 2 Frost Bequest, for the choirs and music of the parish. (931 shares)
- 3 Deddington Stilgoe Bequest, for the maintenance and upkeep of church and churchyard.(818 shares)
- 4 Wheeler Trust, for the maintenance and upkeep of the church, churchyard and the Wheeler graves.(98 shares)
- 5 Vane Jones Bequest, for the maintenance of the Lady Chapel and general expenses. (65 shares)
- 6 Deddington Churchyard Trust, for the upkeep of Deddington Churchyard (208 shares)
- 7 Hempton Heating Trust, for St. John's heating bills. (78.71 shares)
- 8 Dedd-Hempton Church Site, for furthering religious and charitable work in the parish. (1929 shares)

The Trust numbers entered in the payments report alongside certain entries indicate that the trust income has been used to defray expenses in that category.

Holdings at 31 December 2020 are shown below

7a. Current Assets - investments

Market value 1 January 2020	84,872.45
Net loss/gain on annual revaluation	5,841.38
Market value on 31 December 2020	90,713.83

7b. Debtors and Liabilities

	2020	2019
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued interest	12.74	204.71
Other Debtors	498.41	2,094.24
	511.15	2,298.95

LIABILITIES; AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020	2019
	£	£
Loans	0.00	0.00
Creditors for goods and services	60.00	1,447.00
	60.00	1,447.00

9. Funds

The restricted funds comprise the Fabric Fund and the Youth Worker Fund. Each held in separate CCLA deposit accounts.

There are additions to each of these funds held in the CCLA General Reserve Deposit account plus an Organ Fund,

and so the figures below are the totals of each fund plus the relevant amounts in the General Deposit account.

	Fabric Fund	Youth Worker Fund	Organ Fund
Balance at 1 Jan 2020	954.83	273.89	7,988.33
Incoming Resources	8,666.99	300.00	0.00
Resources Expended	-321.60	0.00	-336.00
Investment Gains	32.06	1.79	32.78
Transfers	0.00	0.00	0.00
Balance at 31 Dec 2020	9,332.28	575.68	7,685.11

10 Analysis of Current Assets

	Restricted Funds	Endowment funds	2020 Total	2019
	£	£	£	
Fixed assets for church use	67,025.28		67,025.28	69,133.18
Investment fixed assets		90,713.83	90,713.83	84,872.45
Current assets Dep 001D	9,239.88	8,709.50	17,949.38	28,682.44
Fabric & YW funds	9,907.96		9,907.96	384.88
Current account	20,409.96		20,409.96	9,063.52
Kitchen/BB/Bells	50.08	4,771.49	4,821.57	3,548.22
Current liabilities	-60.00		-60.00	-1,447.00
Accruals	12.74		12.74	204.71
Debtors	498.41		498.41	2,109.73
Loans	0.00		0.00	0.00
Fund balance	30,151.07	90,414.23	211,279.13	196,552.13

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For the year ended 31 December 2020

Charitable donations made in 2019

Collections	
Katharine House Hospice	165.00
Mutiple Birth Foundation	60.00
Lawrence Home Nursing	25.00
	250.00

PCC Donations	
Friends of Christchurch	15.00
Thrive North Oxfordshire	1,000.00
Oxford Winter Night Shelter	1,000.00
Embrace the Middle East	1,000.00
	3,015.00

Total **3,265.00** (4.5% of Unrestricted Income)

Deddington Parochial Church Council
Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2020

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) presents its Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Reference and administration information

The PCC is a registered charity, no. 1132087.

The trustees, members of the PCC, at the time of this report, were as follows:

The Rev A L Goldthorp,	Vicar	Ex officio
Meriel Flux,	Churchwarden	Ex officio
Iain Gillespie,	Churchwarden & Treasurer	Ex officio
Caroline Condon	Deanery Synod	Elected
Stephanie Dakin		Elected
Angela Everett		Elected
Stan Nelson		Elected
Sue McCouaig	PCC Secretary	Appointed

Independent Examiner: Mr D Anderson, Wicklewood, Chapmans Lane, Deddington, BANBURY, OX15 0SU.

Structure, governance and management

The PCC is a corporate body. Its governing documents are the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956 as amended, and the Church Representation Rules.

PCC members are recruited in a number of ways. The clergy, churchwardens and their deputies are members by virtue of their office. The Deanery Synod representatives are elected by the annual parochial church meeting (APCM) and hold office for three years. Other members are elected for a three year term, or co-opted, so arranged that about one third of the council will retire each year.

The PCC makes all decisions corporately except that the Standing Committee has delegated powers to make decisions between PCC meetings, subject to keeping the PCC informed as fully as necessary.

The PCC is responsible for all the parish finance, its management and control, including the appointment of a treasurer. Members of the PCC are responsible for keeping accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the PCC and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993 and the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting by Charities" (FRSSE). The PCC is also responsible for safeguarding the charity's assets and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The PCC is also required to ensure that the financial statements are examined by an independent examiner or auditor prior to presentation to the APCM. In preparing the financial statements, the PCC is required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent

- Follow applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice, subject, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will remain in operation.

There are the following committees and sub-committees, which meet as and when required to reduce the amount of detail that the PCC needs to discuss, thereby giving more time for spiritual matters.

Standing Committee: to take care of council business between PCC meetings and to make decisions referred to it by the PCC

Hempton: to oversee church life at St John's the Evangelist at Hempton.

Charitable Giving: to review our system of charitable giving and propose changes if necessary. To select the recipients of our charitable giving.

Fabric: to oversee major repairs in the church and churchyard. To liaise with the architect, and to receive reports from the Health & Safety officer.

Kitchen: to arrange catering after services and for special events.

Safeguarding: to ensure that the church acts in accordance with the safeguarding policies recommended by the diocese to protect children and vulnerable adults.

Social Committee: to oversee arrangements for social functions.

The parish is part of the Deddington Deanery in the Diocese of Oxford.

During the year the PCC has reviewed all the risks faced by the charity and has put in place measures aimed at managing those risks. The risk assessment was compiled using a pro-forma provided by the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office.

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the PCC are defined by the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956 as "to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical".

The main activities of the PCC are:

- The provision of regular public worship that is open to all.
- The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation.
- The provision of pastoral work, including visiting of the sick, the elderly and the bereaved.
- The teaching of the Christian faith through sermons, home groups, children's meetings and links with the local schools.
- The promotion of the Christian faith through various events for the elderly, for parents and toddlers and other special needs groups organised by the PCC.
- The support of other charities involved in Christian outreach and development.

As a church family and as individuals, Deddington Parish church aims to offer worship of the living God. Through worship, prayer and bible study we seek to know God better and to be conformed to His purposes for our lives. In partnership with other Christians we wish to make His love known within the local community.

We have continued to raise funds for the care of the fabric of the church building. Many of the contributions have come from villagers who are not churchgoers, but recognise that the building is a community asset and wish to support it financially.

The Friends of Deddington Church continue their support, but have not been very active this year.

The PCC has traditionally aimed to give 10%, of unrestricted income each year to organisations involved in mission in the UK and overseas or involved in humanitarian relief and development work, but has failed to do so. This continued to be a problem in 2020. This is partly because of the need to support the curate. Initially the Youth Worker fund was used but that is now exhausted, and so the General Fund has been used. Grants have been sought for this expense, but without success so far.

Achievements and Performance

As a result of the second away day at Glympton, we had been looking at ways of using what we had learned to grow and move forward in 2020. Then of course, the Covid-19 pandemic happened, and everything appeared to grind to a halt! Despite the difficulties that the pandemic brought with it, and even given that the national Church of England told us to close our churches during the first lockdown, Deddington Church has still managed to be quite pro-active.

We had many baptisms and weddings booked in for 2020, most of which were cancelled, or at least postponed. We did however baptize Timothy Kennard in a private service in October, which although very small because of the number of people allowed to be in church, was nonetheless, a very lovely service to welcome Timothy into our church family.

There were three weddings, all of which were affected by Covid-19 regulations. Georgia Tagg and Shaun Jefferies were married in March, just a couple of days before the complete lockdown was announced and who were only allowed their witnesses as guests. Then, between lockdowns in August, I married Angela Everett and Tony Faint, and a little later still, in October, I married Joy Jack and David Rollason.

There were many more funerals this year as you might expect, although none directly Covid-19 related. It has been incredibly difficult for those who have lost loved ones to not be able to be surrounded by the people who would most want to support them. Some funerals would have seen the church full to the rafters with people wanting to pay their respects, but were instead only attended by a handful of close family or friends. It has been heartbreaking to watch, and my thoughts and prayers are with each of them.

In January, Paula and I ran a course called 'Resolve' from the vicarage. Based on New Year Resolutions, it was designed to help delegates make a positive change in their lives. Although we were only a small group, there was some lively discussion and certainly some of us 'resolved' to do things differently.

Also in January, I attended a course with Sally Barber from the Primary School, about chaplaincy and the relationship between school and church. We both found it extremely helpful and came away with plenty of thoughts and ideas of how we could move forward to make the relationship between school and church even more special. Sadly, again because of the pandemic, we were not able to put any of those actions into practice but will come back to them when restrictions are lifted, and I am able to go back into school.

On 1 February, Paula led a morning workshop on prayer. There was some discussion about what prayer is, and how we do it and Paula provided excellent examples of different ways to engage in prayer which she encouraged us to explore. The workshop was very well attended from across the benefice, and I think we all found something new to take away from it.

Paula of course came to the end of her curacy here and we said our fond farewells to her at the end of September. Restrictions were lifted just enough for me to be at her installation at Shelston on 13 October.

As soon as it looked inevitable that we would be going into a national lockdown, one of our congregation, Bea Maloney was keen to make sure that we cared for this community. I joined her, along with David Rogers (Chair, Parish Council) and shortly afterwards, Al Kitchen. Between us we managed to recruit 100 or so volunteers to offer help where it was needed. Bea had the great idea of breaking the villages up into 'zones' with each one having its own 'zone captain'. Being a zone-captain myself meant that I could still get out and check on members of the congregation as well as the wider community. The system worked really well, and I would personally like to thank Bea especially, for all the hard work she put into getting it all up and running. I would also like to thank the zone captains for everything *they* did, including the time they gave for the many 'virtual' meetings we had and the information gathering for the newsletters we delivered. My thanks also go to the large army of volunteers who helped with everything from shopping for people, to collecting and delivering medication. So many people have said how profoundly grateful they have been for the service that the Covid Response Team provided through that very difficult period.

As we approached Holy Week and Easter, I wanted to give the community some sort of message of hope. Bea Maloney had sent me the beautiful image of Jesus holding a child, wrapped in flags from around the world, and so I had this made into an Easter card. With help from Clive and Jenny Snashall (zone captains), Bea and I delivered cards to the whole village. The response was extraordinary – so many people thanked us, and I know that many of the cards were kept long after Easter was over.

The lockdown of course meant that there could be no church services during Holy Week, something that I know many of you found particularly difficult. I personally never want to lead an Easter Day service from my dining room ever again! We have to count ourselves fortunate though, that because we have had 'Church TV' and the ability to stream services from Deddington Church for so long, it was easy to adapt that technology for Paula and I to use on our laptops from home. The streaming of our services all through the lockdown periods have been very much appreciated by a large number of people – some as far away as North Wales and Cornwall, whilst others have joined us from Stratford upon Avon. I would like to thank David Rogers for all the help and encouragement he gave during that time, and for making it possible for us to continue to broadcast our services right through the lockdown. I am very grateful for all that he did and continues to do in that regard.

We were allowed to open our churches again from 4 July, and so we opened St Peter & St Paul tentatively that week for private prayer and Morning Prayer with the first public worship held on Sunday 12 July. It felt great to be back in church with a real congregation! It wasn't too long though before numbers of Covid sufferers rose again, and from early August, although we could still be open for worship, congregations had to wear masks, something which I imagine we will have to get used to for a long time. I would like to thank Iain Gillespie for everything he did during that time to enable us to worship safely at our church.

We were not able to hold a public service for All Souls this year, but we did stream the service and it was no less beautiful. People from around the benefice still sent in the names of loved ones who had died, and these were all read out. My thanks to Rev Christine Turner who helped me and James Kennard and the choir who made the evening so special.

We were also not able to remember those lost in times of war as we usually would. There were a handful of people at the War Memorial including Rob Forsyth, David Hood and David Rogers, and inside the church Rev Christopher Hall joined me in reading the names from the memorial. Strangely, in the circumstances, it felt more poignant than ever.

It was sad that we couldn't all be at the War Memorial though because during the year, a beautiful new path had been laid – with Remembrance Day in mind. We are grateful to the Deddington Branch of the Royal British Legion and to the Parish Council for contributing significantly to the cost of the path. The path from Castle Street to the churchyard was also in quite a poor state – incredibly muddy and very slippery! My thanks to local builder Richard Spencer for resurfacing it, again, in time for Remembrance Sunday.

Christmas was a challenging time as we had to think carefully about what services we could put on and how we could ensure everybody's safety. We managed to hold the Advent Lighting event again, although without the festive food treats, but it was just as beautiful. In fact it seemed to me that people spent more time just sitting and enjoying 'being' in the space this year, which is probably just what was needed. Many thanks once again to Neil Skinner and Joe for the lights, and Justin Rhodes for the fantastic projection. Thank you as well to my son Jeremy, for his poetry reading.

The Christmas Carol service was much smaller in church than usual, with only the readers being there. However, it was streamed and was a truly lovely evening. We also managed to have a small, but very moving Christmas service at Hempton – the first service there since the lockdown! Both the Midnight Mass and Christmas morning services were ticketed, which proved to be a good decision as we had a full church, but safely spaced. At all of these services, the musical contribution made by James and the choir was wonderful, and I can't thank them enough.

We also couldn't hold a crib service with Christingles, so instead I made a little video explaining what Christingle is and showing how to make them. My thanks to Heather Nason, Caroline Condon, Olivia Fenion and Fiona Gillespie for spending several hours in church assembling Christingles so we could give one to each child in the Primary School. Special thanks go to Olivia Fenion for filming the video and for getting it out on social media for folk to watch.

Something else that was successful at Christmas was the brainchild of Caroline Condon – the Wall of Thanks. This was something that Caroline had a particular passion for, and between us, we made it happen. Caroline's daughter designed the card, an old colleague of mine printed them and between us we managed to get them delivered to every house in Deddington, Clifton, Hempton and the Barfords. The idea was that people could use the cut out shapes of a star and angel, write the names of someone they would like to thank, and pin them on the board in the porch. The Primary School were invited to get involved, and we ended up with stars and angels not just in the porch, but on the kitchen screen and surrounding walls – it was fabulous!

I must mention that Olivia has also been instrumental in getting everything that we have been doing out on Facebook and I am very grateful to her as I know it has made a big difference. One of the events she advertised for us was the 'door step sing along' on Christmas Eve. Without being able to come to church and sing carols, we encouraged people to stand outside and sing with their neighbours, accompanied by the brass band who were playing inside the church. I'm not sure how many people in the village joined in because it was a bitterly cold night, but I do know there were people watching and joining in from neighboring villages and around the country!

The final Christmas success story is how the church and the Covid Response Team joined forces to give people Christmas lunch. Many families had been affected by new lockdown restrictions and the plans they had made for family get togethers, could no longer happen. Maddie Bonvin and I hatched a plan to do a 'take away' lunch, instead of the usual sit down meal we have provided in the past for people on their own. Many thanks to Alex Moss for cooking the turkey, to Al Kitchen (who spent his Christmas morning in the church kitchen!), along with other people who helped and supplied vegetables. The list of people to thank for all of that is very long and I would hate to miss anyone out – so if you took part, in any way, please know that what you did was greatly appreciated and 25 people had a much happier Christmas because of your efforts!!

So, I now need to say thank you to members of our church family. Even after a lockdown, our church always looks clean and well cared for, so many thanks to Christine Gillespie for organising cleaning days to keep it looking so lovely. It was a delight to welcome some new helpers to the group this year – your help is very much appreciated and I look forward to a time when we can enjoy tea and biscuits along with the dusting and polishing!

Thanks also go to Jean Dipper and the team of flower arrangers who, especially at Christmas and Easter, make our church look so beautiful.

The churchyard has looked especially lovely this year – I know there were many conversations around whether mowing the grass could be considered as exercise! Spring as always, had a fantastic display of early snowdrops, followed by beautiful primroses popping up in March – a most welcome sight through those early dark days of Covid-19. Thank you to Andrew Green, John Nason and the rest of the churchyard team.

We have of course missed hearing our bells ringing out on a Sunday morning, but thank you to David and Jen Field and other bell ringers who have turned out on the occasions when we have needed you!

Despite being in a lockdown, Jenny and Judy have continued to do a fabulous job doing as much as they have felt able to do. The church linens used at Communion services have still been beautifully laundered and between them, Jenny and Judy make sure we have enough of everything we need. I have really missed having them around so much to help me before and after services. I very much look forward to the day when they can both come back to church!

I also want to thank our PCC for their time and their encouragement. We have only been able to meet via 'zoom' but our meetings have been productive and have felt supportive. Thanks to Sue McCouaig our PCC secretary for all that she does in the background (such as making sure all the reports are written!)

I also need to say a big thank you to Iain Gillespie and Meriel Flux, our churchwardens. Their role has, I'm sure, felt very different this year, but I am extremely grateful for all the help and support they have given me. Iain has continued in the role of Treasurer. His diligence and attention to detail makes him an absolute delight to work with!

I am deeply grateful to James Kennard, our Director of Music, for this support and musical input for the services we have been able to have during this difficult year. I think I can safely say that we have all greatly missed the choir at our worship and I very much look forward to a time when we cannot only hear their singing, but to be able to sing during worship ourselves.

Thanks also go to my retired clergy colleagues – Rev Christine Turner, Rev Christopher Hall and most recently, Rev Allan Doig. Since Paula has moved on, these three wonderful people have joined me in leading services, and I am delighted to work with them.

Wendy Burrows does a fabulous job keeping the rotas for readers and intercessors going – if you feel you would like to be on one of these, please speak to Wendy. Thanks also to the kitchen team and to the social committee – enjoy the rest, I hope you will be able to resume your responsibilities very soon.

One other person I would like to thank is Fiona Gillespie. Fiona has been an incredible support to me, and to members of our congregation throughout this lockdown period. She has prepared, printed and delivered the news sheets every week and I know that whilst delivering, she was also keeping an eye open for anyone who might need some help. Fiona has also become something of an expert on 'zoom' which has helped enormously in keeping some of us in touch.

I have tried to cover every eventuality in the rest of my report, and if I have failed to mention anyone by name, then I apologise – but please consider yourselves thanked and blessed for what you do!

To close then, despite being in lockdown for much of 2020, Deddington church has actually achieved quite a lot. At the end of the year though, we are once again in a lockdown situation and I imagine there are many struggles yet to come. However, as a church we still need to be focusing on how we can be the body of Christ in this community and as we move into 2021, albeit tentatively, I think there is much to be excited about.

Financial Review

This was not a good year financially. It became apparent that our income from the loose plate collections, fund raising events and the use of the church for concerts was

going to be drastically reduced, and so in April our monthly Parish Share was reduced by half, from £4,200.98 to £2,100. The idea was that we should not use any of our reserves until the situation could be assessed as the pandemic progressed. The loss of income was predominantly in fund raising and church hire from which our income in 2020 was £906 as opposed to £11,004 in 2019. Loose plates and other donations were down by £5,500, but stewardship and gift aid donations were very slightly up probably because most of regular donors are pensioners, and the inflationary increase on some of our Parish Giving Scheme donors has also kicked in this year. On the upside the PV panels have made a good contribution, and fees from funerals increased. The gas and electricity bills were slightly lower because the building was closed for much of the year.

By the autumn our general fund was very healthy and the monthly Parish Share payment was increased to £3,100. This meant that by the end of the year we had underpaid our share by £15,000, but the General Fund stood at £28,500. Of course, there was still no real indication of when things might improve. The share payment with the Deanery treasurer was discussed who suggested that rather than use up the General Fund we would pay our full share starting in January 2021. He agreed with this and we have now started paying in full. This means that we will use up our General Fund, £28,500 on 31 December 2020, at a rate of about £2,000 a month and will have to reassess the situation in the summer of 2021. We did not spend much on the fabric; only what was required to maintain it.

The bottom line is that income exceeded expenditure by about £10,000, but only because I withheld £15,000 from the diocese. When things get really better, we should consider trying to make up some of that deficit.

The Rev A L Goldthorp Vicar
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This is my report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Deddington, Hempton & Clifton on the annual report for the year ended 31st December 2020.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The PCC members are responsible for the preparation of the annual reports. The members consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("The Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

1. examine the accounts under s145 of the Charities Act,
2. follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under s145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
3. state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the members concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present "a true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with s130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

Examiner's signature *D. Anderson*

Examiner's name: D. Anderson

Date 7th May 2021