

St Lawrence Church Bovingdon

## **Annual Meetings**

**to be held on Thursday 19th May 2022  
at 7.30pm in St Lawrence Hall**

Agendas and background papers



You are warmly invited to attend and take a full part in this important event in our Church life.

If you would like to stand for election as a Church warden or member of the PCC, please pick up a nomination form from the back of church. If you would like to know more about what any of these roles entails, speak to Charles, Dena or a member of the PCC.

## ANNUAL MEETINGS

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**7:30pm St Lawrence Hall**

1. Prayer
2. Apologies for absence

## ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

### **Agenda**

1. Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021
2. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021
3. Election of Churchwardens

## ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

### **Agenda**

1. Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021
2. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021
3. Annual reports:
  - Electoral Roll (verbal report to the meeting)
  - Accounts for the year ended December 31<sup>st</sup> 2021
  - Mission and Outreach – Charitable Giving
  - Fabric, Goods and Ornaments and Church Hall
  - Safeguarding
  - Children, Families & Youth Work
  - Little Fish
  - Parochial Church Council Report
  - Rickmansworth Deanery Synod
  - Churchyard
  - Activities & Events report
4. Appointment of Independent Accounts Examiner
5. Election of Electoral Roll Officer
6. Election of Parochial Church Council
7. Closing remarks
  - Churchwarden's remarks
  - Chairman's remarks

# **St Lawrence Church, Bovingdon**

## **Minutes of the**

## **Annual Meeting of Parishioners**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021, 7:30pm**

**(via Zoom virtual meeting platform due to Covid-19 government meeting restrictions)**

Revd Charles Burch (CEB) opened the meeting, mentioning that today we celebrate the life of Alcuin of York (735 – 804). An English scholar, poet, and teacher, he was a student of Archbishop Egbert of York and went on to be a leading scholar at the Carolingian Court in France. He became Abbott of Tours in 796, where he remained until his death.

This was followed by prayer for the meeting.

31 parishioners were present.

Apologies: Ian Wilford, Judith Wilford, Pauline Wright, Alison Woodhams, Matt Williams, Phillipa Burch.

### **1. Minutes of the AMP meeting Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020.**

There being no amendments, these were approved unanimously by the meeting.

### **2. Matters arising from the minutes of the AMP meeting held Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020.**

No matters arising.

### **3. Election of Churchwardens.**

One nomination for Churchwarden has been received, that of Dena Tyler. Duly re-elected.

CEB thanked Dena for her continued service and support of the Church. He reminded the meeting that a vacancy remains for another Churchwarden and encouraged anyone who felt drawn to serve in this role to speak to Dena or himself.

The meeting Annual Meeting of Parishioners closed at 7:44pm.

# **St Lawrence Church, Bovingdon**

## **Minutes of the**

## **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021, 7:30pm**

**(via Zoom virtual meeting platform due to Covid-19 government meeting restrictions)**

### **1. Minutes of the meeting held Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020.**

These were presented by Revd Burch (CEB) and unanimously accepted as a true record of the meeting.

### **2. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020.**

No matters arising

### **3. Annual Reports.**

#### I) Electoral Roll.

Carol West reported that there have been 0 additions and 2 deletions from the electoral roll, which now stands at 102.

**CEB** thanked Carol for her work in this role and also for help in completing the CCLI return for music used at Church.

#### II) Accounts for year ending 31st December 2020.

Gary Cartlidge (**GC**) presented the treasurers report. (It should be noted that the page numbers referenced are from the financial documents, not the APCM report pack)

The Financial Statements of the St Lawrence Church, Bovingdon PCC for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 are shown in the eleven pages beginning on page 12 of the APCM pack.

The accounts have been independently examined by Mr. David Barr FCBI, who has signed the required documentation as shown on Page 2.

The year 2020 has posed challenges unique in the experience of most of us. We entered the year in a position of strength following the Generous Giving Campaign towards the end of 2019, which had received fantastic support from the congregation. However, as we went into the first lockdown of the year it was apparent that sources of income dependent on having buildings open to the public (including Sunday service collections, baptisms, weddings, funerals and events such as the Summer and Christmas Fayres and special collection services) were not likely to happen. At that stage we anticipated a monthly shortfall (expenditure greater than income) of £1,000 per month. Again, we appealed to the congregation and again we had a fantastic response.

Page 3 - In summary in 2020, our income exceeded our expenditure by £15,027.97.

Income was just over £113k, an increase of about 2.5% over 2019. It should be noted that the income includes £4,000 given in memory of Jill Leon.

Expenditure was just over £98k, a decrease of nearly 18% on 2019, mainly accounted for by significantly reduced building costs; both repairs and maintenance and service costs (as our buildings were not used) but also reduced IT costs.

Page 4 shows further detail of sources of income and expenditure within the General Fund. The changes in income reflect the 2020 conditions (reduced collections, fees and lettings; and increases in Bank Giving, Website Receipts, Parish Giving Scheme). The Expenditure decreases related to buildings can also be seen - most notably heating and lighting cost reduction.

Pages 5 & 6 – at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 the total of church funds not invested through the diocese was £197,842.44 – held in accounts as shown on Page 5 and distributed to specified funds as shown on Page 6.

Pages 7 to 10 show the movements in each of the specified funds.

Transfers were made between funds as follows:

1. The transfer of £50.00 from the Kathleen Goff Fund to the Churchyard Fund – this is an annual transfer agreed as a contribution from that fund for the upkeep of graves.
2. The transfer of £9,609.71 from the General Fund to the Muriel Swan Fund as a reversal of the transfer in 2019 (to cover the deficit that year).
3. The transfer of £4,494.00 from the General Fund to the New Hall fund to meet Weal Architects' fees for work on that project in 2020.
4. The transfer of £240.80 from the General Fund to the Clock Fund to meet the balance of the clock repair costs and leaving the balance of this fund at £0.00 at year end.

Page 8 shows the Other Creditors fund which generally accounts for money that has been received on another's behalf and so is owed. The balance of £1,214.00 at year end is made up of a £1,000.00 donation that was mistakenly made to the church and £214.00 that was unexpectedly received as fees. In 2021 it has been confirmed that the £1,000.00 can be retained by the church as a donation.

Page 11 details funds held by the Diocesan Board. The vergers plot is shown as £63,875.49, with a total of £108,553.84 held by the Board.

A total of £7,300.20 (6.45% of total receipts) was paid to external Mission and Charity organisations in 2020 as shown below. It should be noted that this shows £3,000.00 donated to Mercy Ships.

#### Mission and Charity giving

	Outreach Fund	General Fund	Pass Thru Fund	Total
1332 Church Societies				
Chesworth - George	540.00	0.00	0.00	540.00
SAMS - Gwen Carlisle	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	540.00	0.00	0.00	540.00

#### 1333 Charities

Christian Aid		20.00	20.00
Dacorum Community Trust	40.00	0.00	40.00
Tear Fund	40.00	0.00	40.00
DEC Cornoavirus Appeal	168.95	793.55	962.50
Bibles for Children	368.90		368.90
Simon Woodmore		650.00	650.00
Mercy Ships	3,000.00		3,000.00
Bishops Harvest Appeal	52.95	382.05	435.00
T4U Shoe Boxes	20.00	80.00	100.00
Royal British Legion	100.00		100.00
Crisis	63.31	605.58	668.89
	368.90	3,485.21	2,531.18
			6,385.29

#### 1321 Miscellaneous Expenses

Live Nativity Contribution (2019)	285.26		285.26
Christingle Contribution	89.65		89.65
	374.91	0.00	0.00
			374.91

<b>Total</b>	<b>1,283.81</b>	<b>3,485.21</b>	<b>2,531.18</b>	<b>7,300.20</b>
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Page 8 shows £1,283.81 from the Outreach fund and £2,531.18 from Other Creditors (Pass Thru)

Page 4 shows £3,485.21 from the General Fund

GC took this opportunity to thank everyone again for financially making the work of our church possible.

In particular:

- Charles and Helen for being the point of contact with all our suppliers, that is organising and doing the work, for which GC's role is often only arranging for the bill to be paid.
- Richard Owens for handling cash (remember that!) and other payments made in church and banking them.
- Mike Leon for recording Gift Aid and presenting the data to enable our claim from HMRC.
- Matt Williams for arranging our IT collection of donations.
- To David Barr for verifying the accounts.
- The PCC for putting up with GC's presentations throughout the year.

Sean Bolton (**SB**) asked how much we had received from special services, such as weddings and funerals this year. **GC** said that, up to the end of April 2021, we had received £1,404, plus a further £938 that was collected on behalf of the Diocese.

**SB** further asked if we should be planning for any unexpected expenses this year. **GC** said that known and anticipated expenditure is planned for, and that much of the upkeep of the Church building is provided by the Friends of St Lawrence. We retain a contingency fund of £10,000 to cover any unexpected expense.

**CEB** thanked **GC** for his time and effort as treasurer in compiling the annual report, and the monthly reports to PCC throughout the year.

Sean Bolton proposed, and Carolyn Taylor seconded that the report be formally accepted; this was unanimously agreed.

III) Mission & Outreach report (non-statutory)

The report was included within the financial report presented by **GC** (see above).

**CEB** mentioned that we have partnered with Mercy Ships for a minimum two-year period, replacing our support for Gwen Carlisle (South American Missionary Society).

Gill Fisher (**GF**) gave a brief update regarding our sponsored child, George. George is a young deaf man living in Kenya, whom we have supported for over 12 years, at the suggestion of two former missionaries, John & Phyl Chesworth. He lives in a village at quite a high altitude (over 2,500m), and they have had a very challenging time with unpredictable flooding and Covid19. George has now finished his education and, earlier this year, the charity asked if we would be willing to support him with a final gift of £200 to help him set up a chicken farm. This gift has been sent.

IV) Fabric, Goods & Ornaments report

**CEB** presented the report that had been compiled by Pauline Wright (**PW**)

There has been a large element of frustration that work has not been able to progress as quickly as hoped, due to various reasons, not least of which the impact of Covid 19. He mentioned that he has spoken with our Church architect, Francesca Weal, and she has stated that she will start to action some of the outstanding work in the coming weeks.

Chris West proposed, and Gill Fisher seconded that the report be formally accepted; this was unanimously agreed.

V) Safeguarding Report

**CEB** presented the report that had been prepared by Paul Campbell (**PC**).

**SB** has now taken over the role of Safeguarding Officer, supported by **PC**. **SB** mentioned that we seem to be managing all aspects well currently.

Hazel Jameson proposed, and Jane West seconded that the report be formally accepted; this was unanimously agreed.

**CEB** expressed his thanks to Paul for his continuing work in this valuable role, and for the help given by Carol West and Matt Williams. Also, to Sean Bolton for taking on the Safeguarding lead.

VI) Parochial Church Council Report

**CW** presented the report.

Gary Cartlidge proposed, and Sean Bolton seconded that the report be accepted; this was unanimously agreed.

**CEB** thanked Chris for his help as PCC secretary.



VII) Rickmansworth Deanery Synod Report

**GF** presented the report that had been prepared by Alison Woodhams (**AW**).

CEB mentioned that he had completed a 3-month period as acting Rural Dean, whilst Simon Cutmore was on study leave. He gave a brief outline of how the local Deanery fits into the Church of England tier of Synods, leading to the General Synod.

Flick Crockett proposed, and Sean Bolton seconded that the report be accepted; this was unanimously agreed.

VIII) Children & Families work. (non-statutory)

Flick Crockett (**FC**) presented the Little Fish Team report.

**CEB** thanked Flick and all those involved in supporting this vital work.

Alison Cartlidge (**AC**) presented the Children & Families report. She thanked all those who have helped to support the work by preparing materials and videos for the online sessions.

**CEB** thanked Alison and Gary for the tremendous work delivered during such a difficult time. Many other churches have struggled to deliver children's work during Covid; we have done incredibly well!

IX) Events & Activities report. (non-statutory)

Nicki O'Hara (**NO**) presented the report.

**SB** asked if there are plans for the work previously done by Revd Simon Woodmore to be continued (prayer meetings). **NO** said that it would be, but there are no specific events currently planned.

**CEB** reminded the meeting of the forthcoming Summer fete (12<sup>th</sup> June), and that any help or donations would be gratefully received. He thanked Nicki and all those who helped to deliver some extremely successful events during a very challenging period.

**4. Appointment of Independent Accounts Examiner.**

**GC** mentioned that David Barr is happy to continue in the role of Independent Examiner.

Gary Cartlidge proposed, and Barbara Clarke seconded the appointment; this was unanimously agreed.

CEB asked GC to convey our thanks to David for his continuing help and support.

**5. Appointment of Electoral Roll Officer.**

Carol West said that she was willing to continue.

Flick Crockett proposed and Jane West seconded the appointment; this was unanimously agreed.

**6. Election of Parochial Church Council.**

**CW** informed the meeting that one member of the PCC is due for re-election, Chris O'Hara. He has agreed to stand again and been formally nominated.

Proposed: Chris West

Seconded: Carol West Duly re-elected to serve for a further 3 years

This still leaves 1 vacancy for Church Warden and 1 vacancy for PCC elected members.

**CW** noted that, for various reasons, we have fallen out of the pattern of electing 1/3 of the PCC each year. This will be addressed at a meeting of the PCC.

#### **8. Any other Business**

In reference to an enquiry from **SB**, **CEB** informed the meeting that Lewis Ewington had very kindly offered to take on the very important role of Health & Safety Officer.

Carolyn Taylor mentioned that the first aid box at Church will need checking to ensure that items have not gone out of date. **DT** said that she and Penny Havercroft have checked these recently, and some items are being replaced accordingly.

#### **9. Closing Remarks**

Church Warden's remarks: **DT** stated that this had been a very challenging year in so many ways. She expressed her huge gratitude to Revd Burch for leading the Church so successfully through this very difficult time. She mentioned that last Sunday had seen over 80 people attend the two services, either in person or via video link. This is testimony to how well we have continued to do during the pandemic.

Chairman's Remarks: **CEB** stated that this had been a remarkable year, yet in the face of such adversity, we have found a way to keep going and embrace new approaches to our worship and work. Church life has changed, some for of it for the better. As restrictions ease, we will be looking at how we can further develop our services.

We've all learned new skills and ways of working. We are using modern technology to communicate more – as evidenced by the extremely successful 'Cuppa and Chat' video meeting.

The Pastoral Care Team has been very successful at keeping in touch with a wide range of people – thank you to all involved in this invaluable service!

Thanks to Gill Barrett for her continuing support, for leading worship, and of course the music.

We still don't know how this next year will develop with regards to Covid 19, but CB said " have great confidence that under God's guidance we will continue to be a praying, worshipping, serving congregation. Thanks to everyone for their help, support and commitment – it's a privilege to serve as your vicar."

Thanks also to Helen Campbell (Church Administrator) for all her help and support, it is very much appreciated!

Close The formal meeting closed at 8:56pm

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Chairman

The meeting was followed by a presentation from Rob Sheppard regarding the ECO Church project.

### **ECO Church Presentation (Rob Sheppard)**

This is an award scheme showing what Churches do to reduce their impact on the environment. Safeguarding the integrity of creation is one of the 5 Marks of Mission.

Our Eco group members:

- Wiebke Carr
- Gill Fisher
- Pauline Brown
- Mary Beard
- Revd Charles Burch
- Rob Sheppard

We have signed up to the free version of the programme with A Rocha, who oversee the scheme.

We have completed our first ECO survey, looking at 5 specific areas of Church life.

- Worship & Teaching
- Buildings
- Land
- Community & Global Engagement
- Lifestyle

The results have been varied, we scored very well in item 1, pretty well in item 2, but not so well in the other areas.

We have also calculated our carbon footprint, showing an estimated use of just over 23 tonnes on Co2 per annum. We have now switched to more Eco-friendly energy suppliers; hopefully this will have a positive effect.

#### **Going Forward.**

- Present ECO Church at a special service on 4<sup>th</sup> July, Climate Sunday.
- Specifically address the areas we scored lowest on, Community & Global Engagement, and Lifestyle.
- Take steps to reduce our carbon footprint.
- Consider the environmental impact of all we do.

**NO** and **SB** offered to join the ECO working group – both offers gratefully received!

**CEB** added that this is not just a challenge for the Church, but for each one of us individually, to be better stewards of God's creation. He expressed his thanks to Rob and all the ECO group for their work.

The meeting closed with prayer at 9:11pm.

St. Lawrence Church, Bovington

**Financial Statements**  
**of the**  
**Parochial Church Council**

for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021



**Incumbent :**

Rev. Charles Burch  
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**Treasurer:**

Mr. Gary Cartlidge  
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**Independent Examiner:**

Mr. David Barr FCBI  
Finchley House  
Bovington Green  
Bovington  
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Independent Examiner's report to the Parochial Church Council of St. Lawrence,  
Bovingdon

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021, which are set out on pages 3 to 10 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations ('the Regulations') and s.145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act')

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and s.144(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charities Commission under s.145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of those accounts with those records, it also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

Signed  .....

David Barr, Chartered Banker FCBI - Independent Examiner

Date 5<sup>th</sup> March 2022

# Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December

## Summary – Combined Funds

	2021 £.pp	2020 £.pp
<b>Receipts</b>		
Incoming Resources from Donors	93,752.67	105,919.22
Income from Investments	4,053.90	4,606.26
Activities for Generating Funds	7,056.35	1,377.25
Other Incoming Resources	3,854.16	1,228.16
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>108,717.08</b>	<b>113,130.89</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Grants	7,073.51	6,925.29
Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church	91,436.96	75,314.30
Church Management & Administration	14,202.64	12,866.76
Other Parish Expenses	4,410.05	2,996.57
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>117,123.16</b>	<b>98,102.92</b>
<b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(8,406.08)</b>	<b>15,027.97</b>
<b>Funded by Increase / (Decrease) in</b>		
General Fund	(723.72)	(20.46)
Church Repairs & Maintenance Fund	0.00	432.00
Outreach & Mission Fund	(557.05)	(1,283.84)
Owed to Diocese and Other Creditors	(1,214.00)	1,214.00
Children's & Youth Workers Fund	2,486.46	2,386.00
Muriel Swan Legacy	(7,522.75)	11,221.54
Churchyard Fund	(875.02)	2,258.70
Building Projects Fund	50.00	200.00
Kathleen Goff Legacy	(50.00)	(50.00)
Clock Repair Fund	0.00	(1,330.00)
<b>TOTAL MOVEMENT</b>	<b>(8,406.08)</b>	<b>15,027.97</b>

**Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December**  
**General Fund Receipts and Payments Account**

	2021		2020	
	£.pp	£.pp	£.pp	£.pp
<b>Receipts</b>				
<b>Incoming Resources from Donors</b>				
Bank Giving & Envelopes	17,348.96		25,453.46	
Collections	770.35		925.86	
Gift Aid / CAF Donations	1,062.90		4,770.99	
Card Reader & Website Receipts	2,904.92		3,548.97	
Parish Giving Scheme	28,932.20		29,119.06	
Sundry Donations	7,556.25		6,979.84	
Restricted Donations	0.00		0.00	
Income Tax Recovered	13,376.95		16,427.91	
		71,952.53		87,226.09
<b>Income from Investments</b>				
Verger Plot Income	1,856.58		1,792.87	
		1,856.58		1,792.87
<b>Income from Charitable and Ancillary Trading</b>				
Fees	9,751.00		4,990.00	
Cost Recharges associated with Fees	2,575.00		1,143.00	
St Lawrence Hall Lettings	838.50		1,001.25	
Events Income	6,217.85		376.00	
Miscellaneous Income	885.16		85.16	
		20,267.51		7,595.41
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>94,076.62</b>		<b>96,617.37</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
<b>Grants</b>				
Outreach, Missionary and Charitable Giving	5,277.12		3,485.21	
		5,277.12		3,485.21
<b>Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church</b>				
Diocesan Common Fund	47,702.00		49,473.00	
Ministry – Expenses	225.45		86.40	
Church – Heat, Light, Water & Cleaning	7,020.14		2,531.46	
Church – Insurance	4,227.64		3,996.16	
Church – General Repairs & Maintenance	3,798.88		1,251.00	
Services – Books, Preachers, Sunday School	3,181.47		2,172.11	
Cost Recharges associated with Fees	2,575.00		1,143.00	
		68,730.58		60,653.13
<b>Church Management &amp; Administration</b>				
Administrators Costs	11,379.30		11,090.30	
Postage, Telephone, Printing & Stationery	2,823.34		1,776.46	
		14,202.64		12,866.76
<b>Other Parish Expenses</b>				
Sundry Expenses	3,393.95		2,288.65	
St Lawrence Hall Costs	4,410.05		2,996.57	
		7,804.00		5,285.22
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>96,014.34</b>		<b>82,290.32</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>		<b>(1,937.72)</b>		<b>14,324.05</b>
Funded by General Fund		(723.72)		(20.46)
Transfer to/(from) Other Funds		(1,214.00)		14,344.51

**Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

	2021		2020	
	£.pp	£.pp	£.pp	£.pp
<b>Fixed Assets</b>				
Computers				
Opening Value	0.00		0.00	
Additions	2,084.81		0.00	
Depreciation (33.3% of Original Cost pa)	(617.36)		0.00	
	<u>1,467.45</u>		<u>0.00</u>	
<b>Current Assets</b>				
CAF Cash Current Account	5,993.70		5,051.55	
CAF Cash Gold Deposit Account	10,733.40		22,505.24	
Virgin Deposit Account	86,217.12		86,102.79	
Cambridge & Counties Building Society	85,024.69		84,182.86	
	<u>187,968.91</u>		<u>197,842.44</u>	
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>189,436.36</b>		<b>197,842.44</b>

**Represented By**

General Fund		
At 1 <sup>st</sup> January	2,327.85	2,348.31
Surplus / (Deficit) in Year	(1,937.72)	14,324.05
Transfer to Muriel Swan Legacy Fund	0.00	(9609.71)
Transfer to Clock Fund	0.00	(240.80)
Transfer to New Hall Fund	0.00	(4,494.00)
Transfer from Other Creditors	1,214.00	0.00
At 31 <sup>st</sup> December	<u>1,604.13</u>	<u>2,327.85</u>
Specific Funds	187,832.23	195,514.59
	<u>189,436.36</u>	<u>197,842.44</u>



St Lawrence Church, Bovingdon  
Statement of Funds as at 31st December

		2021	2020
		£.pp	£.pp
General Fund	Designated	1,604.13	2,327.85
Church Repairs & Maintenance	Designated	10,000.00	10,000.00
Outreach	Designated	1,246.32	1,803.37
Other Creditors	Restricted	0.00	1,214.00
Children's & Youth Worker	Restricted	27,435.48	24,949.02
Muriel Swan Legacy	Restricted	141,488.76	149,011.51
Churchyard	Restricted	2,861.67	3,736.69
Building Project Fund	Designated	250.00	200.00
Kathleen Goff Legacy Fund	Restricted	4,550.00	4,600.00
		<u>189,436.36</u>	<u>197,842.44</u>
	Designated	13,100.45	14,331.22
	Restricted	<u>176,335.91</u>	<u>183,511.22</u>
	TOTAL	<u>189,436.36</u>	<u>197,842.44</u>

St Lawrence Church, Bovingdon  
Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December

<b>Church Repairs &amp; Maintenance – Designated</b>	<b>2021 £.pp</b>	<b>2020 £.pp</b>
<b>Bank Current &amp; Deposit Accounts at 1<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>9,568.00</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
From Friends of St. Lawrence Trust	4,330.80	2,922.00
<b>Payments</b>		
Maintenance	4,330.80	2,490.00
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>432.00</b>
<b>Bank Current &amp; Deposit Accounts at 31<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>

<b>Muriel Swan Legacy – Restricted Fund</b>	<b>2021 £.pp</b>	<b>2020 £.pp</b>
<b>Bank Current &amp; Deposit Accounts at 1<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>149,011.51</b>	<b>137,789.97</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
Interest	959.25	1,611.83
Transfer from General Fund		9,609.71
	959.25	11,221.54
<b>Payments</b>		
Transfer to General Fund		
Transfer to Building Projects Fund	8,482.00	
Transfer to Church Repairs and Maintenance Fund		
	8,482.00	
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>	<b>(7,522.75)</b>	<b>11,221.54</b>
<b>Bank Current &amp; Deposit Accounts at 31<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>141,488.76</b>	<b>149,011.51</b>

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<b>Other Creditors Incl. Diocese – Restricted Fund</b>	<b>2021 £.pp</b>	<b>2020 £.pp</b>
<b>Bank Current &amp; Deposit Accounts at 1<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>1,214.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
Fees – Diocese	4,026.00	2,456.00
Gift Aid / CAF / Donation / Collections	1,306.34	3,745.18
	<u>5,332.34</u>	<u>6,201.18</u>
<b>Payments</b>		
Sundry Payments	4,026.00	2,456.00
Transfer to General Fund	1,214.00	0.00
Charities	1,306.34	2,531.18
	<u>6,546.34</u>	<u>4,987.18</u>
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>	<b>(1,214.00)</b>	<b>1,214.00</b>
<b>Bank Current &amp; Deposit Accounts at 31<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,214.00</b>

<b>Outreach – Designated Fund</b>	<b>2021 £.pp</b>	<b>2020 £.pp</b>
<b>Bank Current &amp; Deposit Accounts at 1<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>1,803.37</b>	<b>3,087.18</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
Transfer from General Fund	0.00	0.00
<b>Payments</b>		
Missionary & Charity Societies	490.05	1,283.81
Parish Christmas Cards	67.00	
	<u>557.05</u>	<u>1,283.81</u>
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>	<b>(557.05)</b>	<b>(1,283.81)</b>
<b>Bank Current &amp; Deposit Accounts at 31<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>1,246.32</b>	<b>1,803.37</b>

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<b>Churchyard – Restricted Fund</b>	<b>2021 £.pp</b>	<b>2020 £.pp</b>
<b>Bank Current &amp; Deposit Accounts at 1<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>3,736.69</b>	<b>1,477.99</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
Friends of St. Lawrence and Parish Council		1,620.00
Endowment Interest	1,238.07	1,201.56
Restricted Donations		269.95
Transfer from General Fund		
Transfer from Kathleen Goff Legacy Fund	50.00	50.00
	<b>1,288.07</b>	<b>3,141.51</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Maintenance		882.81
	<b>2,163.09</b>	
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>	<b>(875.02)</b>	<b>2,258.70</b>
<b>Bank Current &amp; Deposit Accounts at 31<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>2,861.67</b>	<b>3,736.69</b>

<b>Children's &amp; Youth Worker</b>	<b>2021 £.pp</b>	<b>2020 £.pp</b>
<b>Bank Current &amp; Deposit Accounts at 1<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>24,949.02</b>	<b>22,563.02</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
Donations and Collections	2,730.00	2,490.00
<b>Payments</b>		
Sundry Payments	243.54	104.00
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>	<b>2,486.46</b>	<b>2,386.00</b>
<b>Bank Current &amp; Deposit Accounts at 31<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>27,435.48</b>	<b>24,949.02</b>

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<b>Building Projects Fund</b>	<b>2021 £.pp</b>	<b>2020 £.pp</b>
<b>Bank Current &amp; Deposit Accounts at 1<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
Donations	50.00	200.00
Transfer from General Fund	8,482.00	4,494.00
Transfer from Muriel Swan Fund		
<b>Payments</b>		
Sundry Payments	8,482.00	4,494.00
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>
<b>Bank Current &amp; Deposit Accounts at 31<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>250.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>

<b>Kathleen Goff Legacy Fund</b>	<b>2021 £.pp</b>	<b>2020 £.pp</b>
<b>Bank Current &amp; Deposit Accounts at 1<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>4,600.00</b>	<b>4,650.00</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
Transfer from Other Creditors	0	0.00
<b>Payments</b>		
Transfer to Churchyard Fund	50.00	50.00
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>	<b>(50.00)</b>	<b>(50.00)</b>
<b>Bank Current &amp; Deposit Accounts at 31<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>4,550.00</b>	<b>4,600.00</b>

<b>Clock Repair Fund</b>	<b>2021 £.pp</b>	<b>2020 £.pp</b>
<b>Bank Current &amp; Deposit Accounts at 1<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,330.00</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
Donations		
Transfer from General Fund		240.80
<b>Payments</b>		
Clock Repair		1,570.80
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>		<b>(1,330.00)</b>
<b>Bank Current &amp; Deposit Accounts at 31<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

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Funds held by St Albans Diocesan Board of Finance for Graveyard and Graves

	Shares	Value £.pp		
<b>Investment Fund</b>				
Cowley	306	7,156.33	Grave	Restricted
Dance	73	1,707.23	Churchyard	Restricted
Elwes	236	5,519.26	Church & Churchyard	Restricted
Loydall	154	3,601.55	Church & Churchyard	Restricted
Hill	54	1,262.88	Church & Churchyard	Restricted
Reeks	106	2,478.99	Church & Churchyard	Restricted
Menheneott	146	3,414.46	Church & Churchyard	Restricted
Stewart Evans	339	7,928.09	Church & Churchyard	Restricted
Travers	187	4,373.31	Grave	Restricted
Groves	107	2,502.38	Church & Churchyard	Restricted
Reeve	250	5,846.68	Church & Churchyard	Restricted
Nash	55	1,286.27	Churchyard	Restricted
Riches	68	1,590.30	Churchyard	Restricted
<b>Total Investment Fund</b>		<b>48,667.73</b>		

**Deposit Fund**

Druce	306.00	Churchyard	Restricted
Stewart Evans	823.19	Church & Churchyard	Restricted
Reeve	1,000.00	Churchyard	Restricted

**Total Deposit Fund** 2,129.19

Other Funds held by St Albans Diocesan Board

Investment Fund 3124 @2,338.67p 73,060.05 Vergers Plot Designated

**GRAND TOTAL at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021** 123,856.97

**Value at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020** 108,553.84

**Mission and Charity giving**

	Outreach Fund	General Fund	Pass Thru Fund	Total
1332 Church Societies				
Chesworth - George	180.00	0.00	0.00	180.00
SAMS - Gwen Carlisle	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<u>180.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>180.00</u>
1333 Charities				
Christian Aid		53.00	459.50	512.50
Herts Welcomes Refugees		67.00	375.00	442.00
DEC Cornoavirus India		500.00		500.00
Bibles for Children	310.05			310.05
Mercy Ships		3,000.00		3,000.00
Bishops Harvest Appeal		53.46	213.84	267.30
DENS			30.00	30.00
T4U Shoe Boxes		100.00		100.00
Royal British Legion		230.00		230.00
Help for Heroes		230.00		230.00
Bovingdon Scouts		743.97		743.97
Childrens Society			228.00	228.00
Crisis		299.69		299.69
	<u>310.05</u>	<u>5,277.12</u>	<u>1,306.34</u>	<u>6,893.51</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>490.05</b>	<b>5,277.12</b>	<b>1,306.34</b>	<b>7,073.51</b>

## Fabric Report 2021

### South East Corner

The two new soakaways were installed in September at a cost of £3,144.00 by Chay Hedger a local Builder and the Friends of St Lawrence Trust have paid the invoice. The Roof has now had a further two inspections by our Architect Francesca Weal and work is about to commence by the builder Chay Hedger.

### South Porch

The south porch was finally decorated in February with Classidur paint and a small repair to the left hand (Facing) spalling to the gate hinge and right hand (facing) reveal. The cost of the decoration was £820.00 and the repair £648.00 The Friends have paid the invoice. The 6 oak framed notice boards have been made and installed by Daniel Lambert @ £400 each. The cost of these has been covered by sponsorship/ legacies.

### Interior Church Decoration

We are awaiting final revised quotes for the redecoration of the church including stripping the stone arches. The cost will be a little over £50,000 and the Friends have agreed in principle to fund this.

### Kitchen floor

This has still not been inspected by the engineer yet.

I would like to thank Jane Caley for her help and support.

Pauline Wright

April 2022



## **Safeguarding Report for APCM 2022**

Since 2011 the PCC has approved a safeguarding policy and policy statement based upon those published by the CCPAS. It has an extremely detailed set of guidelines. In 2019 the policy and policy statement were updated in line with the guidance published and updated by the House of Bishops. The PCC has retained the guidelines provided by CCPAS (Now called Thirty:one eight) because they are so comprehensive covering many events that the church is involved in or could adopt.

Roles within the Safeguarding Team have changed, as follows, during 2020:

Safeguarding Officer - Sean Bolton

Lead Recruiter (DBS Checks) - Paul Campbell

Assistants for both roles above - Carol West and Matt Williams

Separating the roles of safeguarding officer and leader recruiter is seen as a step forward for safeguarding at St Lawrence. The safeguarding officer can focus on policy and procedure including compliance. Church leaders remain responsible for safe recruitment. The 'lead recruiter' completes DBS checks as the final stage of the recruitment process.

The church continues to undertake DBS checks in line with policy for all activities within the church for children's and youth work and activities involving regulated activity involving vulnerable adults. Over 25 people now have current DBS checks. A database is used to ensure checks are kept up to date and should an individual role change new checks in the form of a fresh DBS application and/or an update check is completed.

Training remains a focus for the church to ensure all involved in events involving children's and youth work, and vulnerable adults, including the PCC, are aware of the issues involved.

During the period of 2020 to 2021 I have carried out a review of risk assessments for church projects and activities and I can confirm that they include appropriate measures as far as safeguarding is concerned. I will work with the health and safety officer and other officers to ensure all records are updated throughout the year. Both with regard to training and with regard to DBS checks. In the coming year we will continue to review our records on DBS checks and training records to ensure they are up to date.

I can confirm that I have not been made aware of any major safeguarding concerns. And I am happy with the running of St Lawrence church and the running of the events and activities the church runs with regard to the area of Safeguarding and how we address concerns.

Through the actions described in this report the PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults)

Safeguarding Lead

Sean Bolton

14<sup>th</sup> March 2022

## **Report from The Children and Families Worker**

### **Explorers at Church**

Attendance at explorers is higher than before the pandemic. We continue to meet once a month during term time (usually 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday). We are continuing with the Old Testament stories started last academic year. We have several helpers including one from the Youth Group.

### **Explorers at School**

School explorers started again this term. Numbers are lower than before the pandemic. We have 8 leaders taking sessions on Fridays after school.

### **Outdoor Church**

There are plans to hold an outdoor church service this year. Last year we cancelled due to wet weather on the day.

### **Messy Church**

Messy Church has continued each month and has made the transition from zoom back to St Lawrence Hall (usually 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month). It has remained viable, although numbers have been lower than before the pandemic. Families continue to provide fabulous videos on the Bible stories covered. A big thank you to all those who have supported these services. We are always looking for volunteers to make videos, read, operate the puppets, write and deliver a short prayer and man activities. Please let us know if you would like to give any of these tasks a try. We have had Messy Church Sessions on;

June 21– Baby Moses

September 21– Moses and the Burning Bush

October 21 – Moses and the Plagues

January 22 – Family Film Night

February 22 – The Passover

March 22 – God Leads the Way

April 22 – Easter Crafts

May 22– Wall of Waves

Coming soon.....

June 22 – Nothing to Drink

### **Craft in Church**

Craft activities have continued in church when appropriate.

**Training** - I am up to date with safeguarding training.

### Little Fish Report May 2021 – April 22, 2022

It was wonderful this year to be able to get back to the 'new normal' and welcome families back into the church for the Family Praise services. We have also welcomed a number of new families which has been lovely. We have endeavored to keep in touch with those families that for various reasons have been unable to come back to church regularly so that they can still feel part of the Little Fish family.

Many of our summer planned events were unable to take place due to restrictions but we are looking forward to being able to reinstate these this year particularly our Family Praise social for parents.

We did hold our 'Back to school party' in September which proved popular again with a large number of families attending - thank you to all those that helped with the BBQ and games.

Thanks must go to Alison Cartlidge for all the work she does with young people. She reinstated Messy Church back in church once a month in September giving families an opportunity to develop their faith together in a creative way. This had been most successful online in lockdown. Stir Up Sunday service also gave people of all ages an opportunity to get together and stir up their puddings for Christmas. The light party was on 31<sup>st</sup> October showing the importance of God's light shining in the darkness. It was organized by Nicki and Chris O'Hara and brought many people from our community into the beautiful church. Thanks also go to Angela Hodgkinson who arranged a Prayer morning for families and children in September. We had a lot of positive feedback about this event.

The Christmas children's Nativity and Crib services were able to go ahead this year although the Nativity service was held outside. This was a really joyous occasion with a lot of our families being involved and also where a number of new families were welcomed.

We held our Fathers and Children's events to make posies for Mothering Sunday. Great fun was had by all; some very good flower arrangements were made, and everyone enjoyed the hot dogs!!

On Easter Sunday Alison organized a craft activity in church and Wiebke organized two fabulous Easter egg hunts around the church yard - one easy and one more advanced. The weather was perfect for this and there were a number of families at the service.

Very sadly Karen Wright has needed to step down from organizing the Little Fish Pathways. Karen has worked tirelessly on her own doing this mammoth job for over 10 years and is the font of all knowledge for the information on the data base. She shows such care and dedication to the Family Praise families, and we cannot begin to thank her for all that she has done. We are delighted that Amanda Lawes has offered to take on this role and very grateful that Karen is staying on the committee to help us through the transition period and will be carrying on with her role with Baptisms. We are also pleased to have Amanda Deacon joining the Little Fish Team too.

When we feel discouraged by the unpredictable attendance to Family Praise and Family Communion, we remember Hilary saying she has seen many churches over the past few years but none of them have the number of children or youth going through the doors, and there is certainly no service like Family Praise. Be encouraged! We have many families on our books, but parents lead busy lives and have to juggle so many things. We are delighted when we see our church families walk through the doors!

Philippa and Flick

## **Report on the work of the PCC: 2021-22**

A total of eight PCC meetings were held over this period, plus a planning morning in October. Most of the meetings were held via Zoom video platform, but we were able to hold some later ones in the 'real' world.

This report outlines the decisions and appointments made at each meeting.

### **10.06.21 (Video)**

#### **The following appointments were made:**

Vice Chair	Alison Woodhams
Treasurer	Gary Cartlidge
Secretary	Chris West
Churchyard Officer	Gary Cullum (not an elected member of PCC)
Safeguarding Officer	Sean Bolton
Health & Safety	Lewis Ewington (not an elected member of PCC)
Fabric Officer	Pauline Wright

#### **Other elected PCC members:**

Chris O'Hara; Matt Williams; Rob Sheppard; Ian Wilford; Flick Crockett; Pauline Brown

#### **The following are ex-officio or co-opted members of PCC**

Chair	Revd Charles Burch	
Curate	Revd Hilary Kemp (September 2021)	
Church Wardens	Dena Tyler	
Deanery Synod Reps	Gill Fisher	Kully Dhadda
	Alison Woodhams	
Readers	Gill Barrett	
Friends of St Lawrence rep	Pauline Wright	
Standing Committee	Charles Burch (Chair)	Alison Woodhams (vice-chair)
	Dena Tyler (Warden)	Flick Crockett
	Gary Cartlidge (Treasurer)	Chris West (Secretary)

- Unanimous approval given to proceed with the faculty application to permanently adopt the new altar vestments. This have been in use on a temporary licence since February 2019.

#### 27.07.21 (Video)

- Proposal for new heaters to be installed in St Lawrence Hall at a cost of £295+VAT unanimously agreed
- Revd Burch requested that our live stream licences be renewed, at a cost of £600. This was unanimously approved.
- Revd Burch reported that Lewis Ewington had requested to step down from the role of Health & Safety Officer due to work commitments.
- Revd Burch reported that Revd Hilary Kemp would be licenced as associate minister on 19<sup>th</sup> September. He requested that PCC support her by meeting all her expenses, covering half of the cost of her annual retreat, and purchasing her a Church laptop (£500). This was unanimously agreed.
- Revd Burch outlined some new measures following removal of some Govt Covid 19 restrictions. One of these will be the introduction of Holy Communion in one form only at this stage.

#### 09.09.2021

- Revd Burch informed the meeting that the Diocesan Advisory Committee has formally approved our proposed new building project plan.
- Alison Cartlidge was unanimously co-opted on to the PCC as Children & Families representative.
- Approval unanimously given to spend £1,650+VAT to redecorate the South Porch. This expense was met by the Friends of St Lawrence.

#### PCC Planning Day 02.10.21

- Following a review of our Mission Action Plan, the following actions points were identified.
  - Check-in with the 'missing from Church' group.
  - Establish monthly open church mornings
  - Develop a welcome pack for new residents to the village
  - Establish a DENS satellite food bank
  - Reconstitute the Children & Young People's planning group
  - Complete the new website
  - Conduct an audit of time and talents amongst Church members

- The Church to become a collection point for soft plastics

#### 26.10.21 (Video)

- Revd Kemp outlined plans for developing our vision to become a more prayerful Church.
- Revd Burch reported that the formal planning application had been submitted to Dacorum Borough Council regarding our Church development plan.
- Gary Cartlidge reported that the annual accounts had been submitted to the Charities Commission.

#### 09.12.21 (Video)

- Revd Burch reported that the new soakaway has been installed in the SE corner of the Church.
- Chris West reported that our updated MAP has been submitted to the Diocese.

#### 25.01.22 (Video)

- The following actions from the planning day in October were marked off as completed.
  - Check-in with the missing from Church group
  - Reconstitute the C&YP planning Group

#### 10.03.22

- Parish Share agreed for 2022 (£48,699)
- The following actions from the planning day in October were marked off as completed.
  - The Church to become a collection point for soft plastics
- Gill Fisher reported that the Church had been awarded the EcoChurch UK Bronze Award.
- Revd Burch **CEB** reported that Dacorum Council Planning Committee had just confirmed the acceptance of the extension proposal.
- Sean Bolton informed the meeting that 31 Church members had been requested to complete the mandatory Safeguarding refresher training.
- Revd Burch stated that we are now permitted to use the common cup for administration of Communion. This will be reintroduced after Easter.

## **Deanery Synod 2021 Report**

St Lawrence Church is part of the Rickmansworth Deanery. The other member churches are St Paul's - Chipperfield, Holy Cross - Sarratt, Christ Church - Chorleywood, St Andrew's - Chorleywood, All Saint's - Croxley Green, St Oswald's - Croxley Green, St John's - Heronsgate, St Peter's - Mill End, St Mary's - Rickmansworth, St Thomas's - West Hyde.

The new rural Dean is Simon Cutmore, who is Vicar of Mill End with Heronsgate and West Hyde.

There were 3 meetings in 2021

In March the guest speaker was Revd. Canon Dr Tim Bull, Director of Vocations who spoke about Promoting Vocations.' Attendees were divided into groups to discuss 'Why promote vocations?' The overall conclusion was to ensure replacement Clergy, and other leaders in church life, so that the work of the Church and spreading God's love continues. Tim outlined the 12 ways in which parishes can be involved and the process towards ordination for successful candidates. This Diocese has c50 ordinands in training, with c18 new priests ordained each year.

At the July meeting Rachael Brockie from the Children's Society (CS) talking about children and mental health. Rachael provided some concerning statistics on children in SW Herts' mental health, including: 5 in each class of 30 have mental health issues, 19% of children in SW Herts live in poverty. Small groups discussed 'What can we do to support children?' Ideas ranged from Prayer ministry for children, listening, mentoring, and encouraging children into church in a fun way. The CS has published useful guides on their website on subjects including Friendship, Stressful situations and 7 sessions on Exploring Mental Health. Parishes were encouraged to include an approach to children's mental health in their MAP, and the CS can offer support on this.

At the final meeting of the year in November Revd. Daniel Drew talked about Reaching New People. Daniel advocated practical evangelism: doing the stuff and creating a culture of sharing faith based on a definition of evangelism 'God chooses to live among us'

Group discussion highlighted possible actions

- using public spaces and hold 'events' such as a death café
- have regular touch points such as Christmas and Easter and establish a culture of evangelism.
- Pray intentionally. We all need to meet other people outside church and allow opportunities to spread the word. Study the early church in Acts. This appeals to people and draws them in.
- Community is everyone, not just those in the church community, this way we draw in others. God is a missionary. The more you do it, the easier and more natural it becomes.

Deanery Synod Representatives - Alison Woodhams, Gill Fisher & Kully Dhadda

**St Lawrence Churchyard**  
**Annual report for 2021**

The Churchyard team met regularly throughout the year from March, Covid 19 guidelines permitting.

A dozen or so volunteers, from church and community, were the mainstay of the overall group that comprises 20 plus people. We were saddened by the recent news of the death of Deryck Flashman, one of our regulars.

The churchyard was cleared of Christmas 2020 wreaths and ornaments by mid-February and all winter debris was cleared in spring 2022.

Paul Campbell did a sterling job mowing the lawns and several smaller mowers continued to be used between the graves.

The annual growth of brambles, ever-creeping and climbing ivy, and self-seeded unwanted holly, ash and elder was kept in check.

Yews on the south boundary were topped out and side-pruned but 6-7 were still keeping the Budge Row Cottages in darkness at year's end.

There were no flint wall repairs during 2021 and we ended the year requiring some repairs during the warmer months in 2022.

Several new members were welcomed to the churchyard team – and former churchyard officer Patrick Gulley made a guest appearance in the autumn to help prune the prolific growing laurels west of the memorial circle opposite the west tower door.

Sue Miller continued to manage the three wildflower areas on the north and eastern sides of the churchyard – where the grass wasn't cut until the wildflowers had resown their seeds. The annual wildflower results were monitored as was the wildlife and birdlife.

Gary Cullum  
Churchyard Officer  
April 2022



## Events Review:

### **April 2021 - April 2022**

#### Summer Fete on the Lawn

12th June 2021

The summer fete was given an overhaul and took place outside. There were record high attendance (over 1000 people) and takings - and it even made the front page of the villager!

#### Light Party

31st October 2021

We had over 200 children come to the church to enjoy games, music and the light display. Refreshments and a goodie bag were also provided. 50 children took part in the online pumpkin carving competition.

#### Christmas Market

20th November 2021

The Christmas Market was also overhauled and took place outside in a 'street market' style. There was record high attendance.

#### Christmas Tree Festival

4-6th December 2021

The first Christmas Tree Festival raised over £1000 for the church and the Scout Hut rebuild fund.

#### 2022-2023 projection:

The Bovingdon Easter Egg Hunt 2022 will hide 200 hand painted Easter eggs around the village. This will take place again in 2023.

The Summer Fete on the Lawn will return for 2023

The SLCB Light Party will return for 2022

The Christmas Market & Christmas Tree Festival will be combined for 2022. This will take place 2-5th December.

Nicki O'Hara  
(April 2022)