

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. MICHAEL'S, BETCHWORTH

England & Wales · Charity number 1132724

Details

Other names ST. MICHAEL'S PCC, BETCHWORTH

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2009-11-16

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church.

Activities: Religious activities

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Surrey

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£102,519	£85,809	-	-
2023-12-31	£112,356	£184,941	-	-
2022-12-31	£80,925	£69,594	-	-
2021-12-31	£79,221	£73,305	-	-
2020-12-31	£79,844	£55,904	-	-

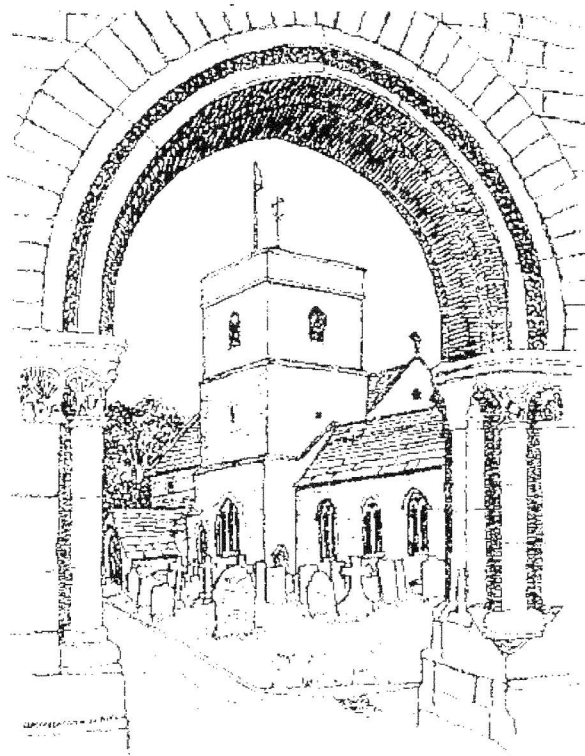
Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Priscilla Dulley	Chair	2023-10-24
Bernard Hawkins		2018-04-01
HILARY JEAN ELY		2013-03-20
LINDA MADELEINE SLATER		
Margaret Miller		2015-04-26
PAMELA JANET ARMITAGE		
Richard Perkins		2023-04-16
Rosemary Mote		2023-04-16
Stephen Hubert Armitage		2023-04-16
Susan Annabelle Douse		2024-05-19
Thomas Briscoombe		2014-02-07
Virginia Eaton		2015-04-26

Accounts

Registered Charity No. 1132724

The Parochial Church Council of the
Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Michael,
Betchworth
Annual Report and Financial Statements
31 December 2024



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Report and Financial Statements 2024

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Registered Charity

No. 1132724

Incumbent

Reverend Pru Dulley

Church Wardens

L Slater

Other members of the Parochial Church Council

P Armitage
S Armitage
T Briscoombe
S Douse
G Eaton
H Ely
B Hawkins
M Miller
R Mote
R Perkins

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Annual Report 31 December 2024

This Annual Report is prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and the Church Representation Rules and the Charities Act 2011 and is submitted to and received by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which is then free to discuss it. The Secretary and the Churchwardens will address the Meeting and they and other members of the PCC will be happy to respond to any points raised or questions asked. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 18th May 2025, after the morning service. All on the Electoral Roll of the parish are entitled to attend and will be most welcome.

Structure, Governance and Management

The role of the Parochial Church Council

The Parochial Church Council (the 'PCC') is a corporate body established by the Church of England. It operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and is registered with the Charity Commission. Its role is to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social, and ecumenical.

PCC membership

In accordance with the Church Representation Rules, members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church meeting. There is no specified term of office.

The members of the PCC who are also its trustees, are shown on page 1. A full list of church officials is as follows:

Incumbent	The Revd. Pru Dullely
Churchwarden	Mrs Linda Slater
Treasurer	Mr Charles Hardy
Fabric Officer	Mr Steven Armitage
Deanery Synod Representatives	Mrs. Ginny Eaton Mrs Margaret Miller Mr Tom Briscombe
Elected members	Mrs Pam Armitage Mrs Susan Douse Mrs Hilary Ely Mr Bernard Hawkins Mrs Rosemary Mote Mr. Richard Perkins
Organist & Choirmaster	Mr. Richard Calver
Safeguarding Officer:	Mrs Margaret Miller

Committees

Standing Committee: This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. It consists of the Rector, Churchwarden(s), Treasurer, Fabric Officer, and PCC Secretary.

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Upper Mole Group Council (which reports to the PCC): Membership consists of the Rectors, Clergy and Churchwardens of Betchworth, Buckland, Brockham, Leigh, Charlwood and Sidlow, and discusses joint events and the way ahead as a group.

Other sub-committees: These are formed on an ad hoc basis. The Education and Outreach and the Worship sub-committees continue to operate across the Benefice.

Education and Outreach, Joint Parish Sub-Committee

This is part of the development and growth of mission for both Parishes with a remit to

- Discuss and support the needs of young people, which includes services and activities for younger people, and links with schools and young people's groups
- To discuss prayer and action in the wider world for the desperately needy at home and abroad.
- To discuss how the local Church can reach out to the members of our community promoting and encouraging participation.
- To overview Christian study and education for adults and the younger generation in the parishes.
- Cover the planning of outside giving and develop a current giving plan for presentation to the PCC

The committee is a valuable medium to help plan and obtain support for outreach projects and our work with younger families in the villages.

Worship, Joint Parish Sub-Committee

The Rector, churchwardens, organist, musicians, service rota planners and choir director consider and guide all aspects of services and related activities for the United Benefice of St Michael's Betchworth and St Mary the Virgin Buckland.

The sub-committee is responsible to the PCC for reviewing and encouraging the worship life including:

- Being alert to trends and movements of worship.
- Assisting in providing a variety of experiences in worship reflecting the differing needs and tastes within the church community; and
- Participating in the planning of special occasions and assisting in the choice and provision of music in worship.

Specific Sub-Committees for St Michael's have met regularly throughout the year with reports elsewhere in this document. :-

Fabric

To support and guide the PCC on the repair, maintenance and management of the fabric and thereby serve the Church and Community in the implementation of the Mission Action Plan (MAP).

Stewardship

To explore a variety of ways in which we can increase regular giving to the church and try to meet our Parish Support Fund target.

Magazine

To manage on behalf of the St Michael's Betchworth PCC the monthly production and distribution to all households in the civil Parish of Betchworth of a Parish Magazine, with a view to furthering community cohesion and without placing any financial burden on the Church.

Events (formerly Concerts and Recitals)

To plan and produce on behalf of St Michael's Betchworth PCC a variety of fund-raising events throughout the year to supplement the church's income and to enable projects and financial targets to be achieved. This to include making all necessary arrangements for a number of Concerts and Organ

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Concerts on the Kenneth Tickell organ, each year with the aim of achieving at least a financial break even on these events and to contribute to church funds or other designated purposes.

Objectives and Activities

The objective of the PCC is to facilitate the smooth running of the church in the village, and as stated above, to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social, and ecumenical.

Review of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024

The PCC met 6 times during the year and dealt with the usual routine affairs of the parish. Accordingly, there was no requirement for the Standing Committee to meet in the intervening months. The Council received regular reports on the following topics: -

- Finance
- Fabric and churchyard
- Deanery Synod/ Diocesan Synod
- Upper Mole Group of Churches
- Education and Outreach
- Safe Church Policy/ Health and Safety

Rector's Report 2024

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11:

It's hard to believe a whole year has gone by since I last wrote this report. It's been a tough year in some ways, change is never easy and we are still learning to communicate, and work effectively together, encouraging each others gifts and supporting each other's vulnerabilities.

Thanks

The first thing I want to do is to say thank you. My biggest thanks go to Linda for her work this year as church warden, having stepped up at the last moment to rescue the church from being downgraded to a chapel of ease. She has done an incredible job managing this church and us on a day-to-day level in an amazing and dedicated manner. On a personal level she has offered much needed support and encouragement to me as a new incumbent still learning the ropes and I am deeply appreciative of it. I will miss her energy and practical down-to-earth approach but also wish her a happy retirement (if that's the right word) and a much needed rest from the many demands, duties and phone calls up ski slopes that she has fielded with much patience. Thank you Linda. I would also like to extend my thanks to Bernard who stepped back from church wardening at our last APCM due to health concerns but has remained there behind the scenes providing me with extra advice and insight into parish life. We are hugely fortunate that he has stayed on PCC so his huge expertise and knowledge bank is not lost. So thank you Bernard also.

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There are too many of you to thank individually for all that you do to make St Michael's...well so St Michael-ish but I'm hugely grateful to all of you; those of you who are sidespeople, who clean or flower arrange, the Bellringers, readers and, intercessors, the choir, sacristans, servers, the coffee servers, our safeguarding officer, our treasurer, and PCC secretary and all of you who work so hard on the PCC and other committees. To Richard our musical director who joined up this year. My thanks also goes to the Pillars who do so much to support the building financially and to our many individual donors and financial contributors. St Michael's relies on all of you and we are so grateful for your generousities.

Finally, I would like to thank the congregation for your loyalty and dedication in continuing to worship at St Michael's and keeping this church as it is meant to be, a worshipping community. More than anything in this time of uncertainty and change; our church needs prayer – for wisdom, for hope, for courage looking to the future, and in your attendance of services, you help provide just that.

2024-5

Last year the message I heard from you was that you needed time to sit, rest and recuperate after the interregnum. I still hear that need but coupled with an awareness of the need to change, plus a feeling of stuckness which can be a painful to sit with. Despite this, we have had some firsts or new olds this past year which is fantastic. We were fortunate enough to hold

- a number of beautiful concerts and organ recitals last year including the Nine Lessons and Carols Christmas Service sung by our own choir.
- Heritage weekend which was a great success with trips up the bell tower, handbell ringing, an art display, organ recitals and historical talks to mention a few
- The first hustings - with all candidates participating in the debate.
- The return of a pet service which was well received by pets and their owners alike! It is set to be a regular in our church diary.
- A new style thanksgiving harvest festival celebrating not just the physical harvest but also the many gifts of time, effort, skill and perseverance that volunteers give to make St Michael's what it is. This too will become a yearly event.

2025-2026

During this coming year we need to really explore who we are as a worshipping community in the Church of England at this time. While recognising and marking what St Michael's has been in its heyday we need to look forward to what being St Michael's in the 21st century is like and where we feel God is calling us *now*. There is a future for St Michael's, we just have to discern what that is. One thing we can be sure of is, that God has a plan for us and does not abandon his people.

As last year, there is much to be done, and new ways to be learnt so that we can meet the future with confidence and a sense of God's purpose. Together we can do it.

Revd Pru Dulley
Rector

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Churchwarden's Report 2024

It was with great regret that, due to his ongoing health issues Bernard Hawkins had to step down as my co-churchwarden this year leaving me as sole warden. However Bernard has remained extremely active in many other aspects of church life and for that I am hugely grateful. We also managed to lose Martin Hall as our Director of Music but thankfully our assistant organist, Richard Calver seamlessly stepped into the role and produced a wonderful Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

Many other people remain in their roles and continue to work hard to support the ongoing work of the church and I am extremely grateful to Margaret Miller who coordinates the service rota as well as running the monthly drop-in teas. Hilary Ely is a very efficient choir secretary and has been a great help to Richard Calver as he learns the ropes in his first year as Director of Music.

Sunday services just wouldn't run without sidespeople, readers, intercessors and sacristans and to all these people I would like to express my sincere thanks as well as to all the members of the PCC who play an active role in the running of the church. Special thanks also go to Steve Armitage who has taken on the role of Fabric Officer with impressive knowledge and efficiency and a wonderful way of explaining complex fabric issues to lay people.

Church funds are always a concern but we are extremely grateful to have such active support in the form of The Pillars of St Michael's who do an incredible job in raising money for the fabric of the church in the form of extremely enjoyable events.

As sole warden I am concerned about the viability of St Michael's as a parish church and I think that we need to seriously consider this as a PCC, church and wider community. It has been part of my life for 25 years now and for many others for much longer but we need to be honest about the reality of running a village parish church in terms of not only money but people. I pray that we can continue but like raising a child ... it takes a village.

Linda Slater, Churchwarden

St Michael's Safeguarding APCM Report 2024

A Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) is there to be a contact for anyone who is, or thinks another is being controlled, suffering abuse or may be at risk of physical or mental harm. Details of organisations offering advice and support are on the notice-board in the Church porch, as are the details of the Parish and Southwark Diocese Safeguarding team.

Quite a lot has happened within the Church of England during 2024 regarding Safeguarding, which has brought about a number of changes to the Southwark Safeguarding Team. The Makin Report following the case of John Smyth and his abuse of young men as far back as the 1970s, has been a wake-up call for more vigilance and awareness of just how abuse and control can be exercised within what one considers a very safe and caring organisation. At the beginning of the year we again declared our intention to uphold the Safer Church Policy and make this Parish and St Michael's a welcoming place for all.

Most PCC members have undertaken various on-line training courses to enable them to understand Safeguarding, both for themselves while dealing with vulnerable adults and children, and also to be aware of Safeguarding for those around us. [Safeguarding training](https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/login/index.php) courses can be found at: <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/login/index.php> A copy of the Safeguarding manual 'A Safer Church' is held in the Church and can also be found on the Southwark Diocese website.

Some were able to attend an in-person course in Reigate during the year, where we were able to discuss various scenarios with those attending from other Churches, however this only followed the

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on-line script. DBS checks have been organised for those dealing with young children, and also vulnerable adults, this is on-going for 2025, and will include more volunteers and PCC members.

In November Churches were encouraged, and we held Safeguarding Sunday, a service with the emphasis on Caring and Keeping everyone Safe within the Church Community, this included a Q & A session with the congregation.

Contact details for the PSO in this Parish are in the Parish magazine, on the Noticeboard in the Church Porch and on the Parish website.

PSO for St Michael's Betchworth

St Michaels Fabric Report 2024

Maintenance issues outstanding

1. Altar spotlights
2. Fire Risk Assessment
3. PAT Testing

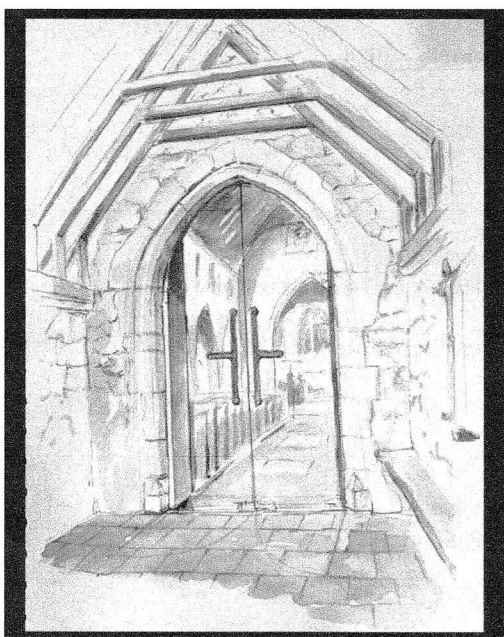
Major Works

1. Heating

Inspection arranged with 'The Energy Centre' on 13th March and verbal report to be given at the meeting

2. New Glass Doors

Quotation received from ION Glass (Brockham Church installer). See below



ION are instructed to prepare the detailed design and drawings at a cost of £812.50 (+VAT) which is required to obtain the Faculty. This fee is included in the overall price if we receive approval and go ahead. Tim Gough will be appointed to make the technical Faculty application.

Outer Doors

Estimates from two contractors for the outer door refurbishment to be confirmed at the meeting.

Potential for Derek Hughes doing the work to be also discussed at the meeting.

*Stephen Armitage
Fabric Committee*

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Electoral Roll and Church attendance

The Electoral Roll shows the following numbers:

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There were 3 weddings, 6 Baptisms and 3 funerals.

Upper Mole Group

(Comprising the Parishes of Betchworth, Buckland, Charlwood, Sidlow Bridge, Brockham and Leigh). The Group Council consists of Licensed Clergy and Churchwardens of the six Churches.

The Upper Mole Group has not met this year.

APCM - Reigate Deanery Synod Reports - 2024

The Synod scheduled the following meetings in 2024

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Meeting held by **Zoom**, Area Dean in the chair.

Guest Speaker – Anna Coe from Renewed Hope Trust (For the homeless)

AMPC Elections to enable members to express views to Archdeacon and subsequently

To Area Bishop via **DMPC** for overview of resources.

Diocesan Synod Election dates for nominees 5th June & Elections 26/6 close 10/7/24.

Deanery Lay Conference held 2nd March St Bede's.

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A two year programme starts Autumn 2024.

To meet with incumbent/clergy team/school or parish group.

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Pledges to be received by 15th September 2024.

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The link below joins the Eco Churches WhatsApp Group.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EMjUn0iwhoXBkS4W1xX74o>

Further links given to the upcoming Safeguarding course on Thursday 26 September at 7.30pm – St Mary's Church. Please note that this course is open to all parishioners in the Deanery and not just Synod members - Likely to be access training rather than completing courses.

<https://stmarysreigate.churchsuite.com/events/y7dpww9j>

- **Deanery Synod held 10th Oct, 2024**

Deanery Synod held at All Saints Church Merstham
Quiet Day Wychoft – 12 th April 2025 and 28th March 2026

The following can be elected to the Vacancy in See Committee by the Diocesan Synod: Eight LAY PERSONS whose name appears on the electoral roll, across the Diocese and who are 16 and over, proposed and seconded by a member of Diocesan Synod, elected by the Diocesan Synod. Plus 2 Clergy. Nominations must be returned by 12 noon on Friday 29 November 2024. Education (Online Nominations) see circulation from Sarah.

Nominations are open to clergy, and laity who are on the electoral role, from across the Diocese. Nominations must be returned by 12 noon 31 October 2024 to Trinity House.

The Diocese is running a Children and Young People Basics Training in Horley for Youth, Children and Family ministry. The course is for ministry leaders and anyone else interested. All day event taking place at St. Bartholomews Church, Horley, RH6 8AB, on Saturday 16th November 2024, from 9-4pm.

The Anti-Slavery event on 19th October in the Methodist Church in Reigate was highly successful..

Richard Robinson (Head of Housing RBBC) and Jenny Hawes (Housing Projects Manager YMCA East Surrey highlighted the work being undertaken for the homeless and the assistance given to the vulnerable in society and particularly single mothers, among others.

Churches across the UK and in our Deanery are being encouraged to take their Carol Services and Nativities out of churches to encourage greater numbers of the public to attend, this in response to the decline in church attendance. A 'Shine Your Light' initiative - Piloted last year, involving 700 churches of 68 denominations.

Tom Briscombe

Deanery Synod Rep - Betchworth & Buckland

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Finance

This year has been another challenging year for the church financially. Whilst we have once again paid in full our parish pledge of £34,200 (2023: £34,034), the General Fund saw an excess of expenses over income of £7,532 (2023: excess of expenses of £3,482). Our expenses continue to rise as inflation continues to bite, and our income struggles to keep up, meaning the general fund at 31 December 2024 showed a depleted balance of £61,065 (2023: £68,597).

The final bills for the roof repair work came through this year. We were able to reclaim the VAT incurred on this, and, in addition, were very grateful to receive a grant of £15,000 from The Pillars of Betchworth Church, meaning that, at the year-end, the fund showed a small surplus, of £2,682 (2023: deficit of £21,560).

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the PCC to seek to maintain adequate, but not excessive, reserves, to be used for the specific purposes for which they are identified. Cash representing reserves not immediately required is, if appropriate, invested with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.

Other Information

There have been no transactions between the PCC and related parties (as defined by the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities SORP) nor has the PCC identified any major risks (other than the availability of continued funding, a topic of continued consideration by the PCC) which impact the work of the Church in the parish.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council
And signed on its behalf by



P Dulley
Rector

17th April 2025

St. Michael's Church, Betchworth Parochial Church Council

Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council ('PCC') of St Michael's Church, Betchworth

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on the following pages is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and S.145 of the Charities Act 2011.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As Charity Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, and you 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 examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act.
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charities Commission (under section 145(5)) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the 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 which 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 matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which give me 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 the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mrs Chris Braidwood F.C.A.
Chartered Accountant
Lowood
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Surrey RH3 7DJ

17 March 2025


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Statement of financial activities For the year ended 31 December 2024

	General fund- unrestricted £	Fabric fund- restricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Incoming resources (Note 2)				
Incoming resources from donors	48,554	40,141	88,695	97,126
Income from ancillary transactions	13,563	-	13,563	14,625
Other ordinary income	249	-	249	601
Income from investments	12	-	12	4
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Total incoming resources	62,378	40,141	102,519	112,356
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Resources used (Note 3)				
Grants & donations	4,350	-	4,350	4,103
Activities directly relating to the church	65,438	-	65,438	61,677
Church management and administration	122	-	122	138
Church repairs	-	15,899	15,899	119,023
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Total resources used	69,910	15,899	85,809	184,941
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Net movement in cash funds	(7,532)	24,242	16,710	(72,585)
Net Current Assets brought forward from 31 December 2023	68,597	(21,560)	47,037	119,622
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Net Current Assets carried forward at 31 December 2024	61,065	2,682	63,747	47,037
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Organ brought forward			265,179	271,808
Depreciation of organ			(6,630)	(6,629)
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Organ carried forward			258,549	265,179
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Total Net Assets at 31 December 2023			322,296	312,216
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Balance Sheet 31 December 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets (Note 6)		
Organ	258,549	265,179
Current Assets		
Cash at bank	68,208	49,455
Debtors	1,395	1,731
	69,603	51,186
Current Liabilities		
Sundry Creditors	(5,856)	(4,149)
	(5,856)	(4,149)
Net current assets	63,747	47,037
Total Assets	322,296	312,216
Funds		
General fund	61,065	68,597
Fabric fund	2,682	(21,560)
Organ fund	258,549	265,179
Total Funds	322,296	312,216

These accounts were presented to the Parochial Church Council and approved by them on 17th April 2025

Signed by:



P Dulley
Rector

St. Michael's Church, Betchworth Parochial Church Council

Notes to the Accounts 31 December 2024

1. Accounting policies

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions, together with FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP(FRS102)).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

General Fund

General funds represent the funds of the Parochial Church Council (the 'PCC') that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the PCC.

Income Resources

Voluntary income and capital resources

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

Planned giving received from pledges is recognised only when received.

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

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

Funds raised from events are accounted for gross.

Sales of books, leaflets and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable.

Resources Used

General expenses

General expenses are accounted for on an accrual's basis.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The parish pledge is accounted for as it is paid. Any pledge amount unpaid at 31 December is not provided for in the accounts as it is an optional (and not a legal) liability. For 2024, the full pledge of £34,200 (2023: £34,034) has been paid.

Organ

Direct building costs of the organ have been capitalised. Depreciation is charged at 2% p.a. to write off the total cost over 50 years.

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Notes to the Accounts 31 December 2024

	General fund- unrestricted £	Fabric fund- restricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
2. Incoming resources				
2a. Income resources from donors				
Covenants	34,699	2,470	37,169	38,229
Collections at services	8,601	-	8,601	7,774
Sundry donations	4,604	3,570	8,174	15,123
Grants	650	34,101	34,751	36,000
Legacies	-	-	-	-
	<u>48,554</u>	<u>40,141</u>	<u>88,695</u>	<u>97,126</u>
2b. Income from ancillary transactions				
Magazine	7,038	-	7,038	7,908
Fees re: weddings, burials etc	5,223	-	5,223	6,063
Events	1,247	-	1,247	558
Flowers	55	-	55	96
Brockham Bonfire	-	-	-	-
Confetti sales	-	-	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-
	<u>13,563</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,563</u>	<u>14,625</u>
2c. Other ordinary income				
Sundry sales	529	-	529	388
Contribution (to)/from Buckland re: benefice costs.	(280)	-	(280)	213
	<u>249</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>249</u>	<u>601</u>
2d. Income from investments				
Interest	12	-	12	4
	<u>12</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>4</u>
Total incoming resources	<u><u>62,378</u></u>	<u><u>40,141</u></u>	<u><u>102,519</u></u>	<u><u>112,356</u></u>

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Notes to the Accounts 31 December 2024

	General fund- unrestricted £	Fabric fund- restricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
3. Resources used				
3a. Grants & donations				
Charitable giving (see Note 4)	4,350	-	4,350	4103
3b. Activities directly relating to the work of the church				
Diocesan quota and fees	37,213	-	37,213	35,678
Lighting, heating, and water	3,688	-	3,688	1,953
Church maintenance	1,690	-	1,690	994
Magazine costs	2,894	-	2,894	4,084
Upkeep of churchyard	6,840	-	6,840	6,480
Organist	3,731	-	3,731	4,394
Music costs	-	-	-	133
Organ and piano servicing, etc.	1,804	-	1,804	1,454
Event costs	832	-	832	-
Website costs	560	-	560	-
Insurance	4,646	-	4,646	4,508
Church activities	1,540	-	1,540	1,999
	65,438	-	65,438	61,677
3c. Church management and admin				
Paper and printing	63	-	63	138
Bank charges	59	-	59	-
	122	-	122	138
3d. Church repairs				
Architect's fees	-	12,960	12,960	3,780
Roof repairs	-	2,939	2,939	115,243
	-	15,899	15,899	119,023
Total resources used	69,910	15,899	85,809	184,941

General Donations

Welcare	-	200
Bishop of Southwark Lent Fund	943	617
Church Urban Fund	-	150
Farming Communities Network	400	150
Renewed Hope/Robes	800	300
The Bible Society	-	75
Royal British Legion	177	200
Lungi Sierra Leone	800	750
Medecins sans Frontieres	400	-
Jerusalem & Middle East Church Ass'n	-	288
Practical Action	-	750

3520 3,480

Donations from crib service

The Children's Society	330	600
Tracks Through Pastures	400	-

730 600

Other

Fairtrade	-	23
North Downs School	100	-

100 23

4,350 4,103

NB: Welcare & The Children's Society benefitted from collections at the church amounting to £389 (2023: £) and £190 (2023: £356), which were paid to them directly.

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5. Magazine (2b and 3b)

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income comprises:		
Donations	2,417	3,131
Advertising	4,621	4,777
	<hr/> 7,038	<hr/> 7,908
Expenditure comprises:		
Printing costs	(2,894)	(4,084)
	<hr/> 4,144	<hr/> 3,824
Balance	<hr/> <hr/> 4,144	<hr/> <hr/> 3,824

6. Organ

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fixed Assets comprise:		
Cost	331,473	331,473
Depreciation	(72,924)	(66,294)
	<hr/> 258,549	<hr/> 265,179
Net book value	<hr/> <hr/> 258,549	<hr/> <hr/> 265,179

Accounts

Registered Charity No. 1132724

**The Parochial Church Council of the
Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Michael,
Betchworth
Annual Report and Financial Statements
31 December 2023**



St. Michael's Church, Betchworth Parochial Church Council

Report and Financial Statements 2023

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St. Michael's Church, Betchworth Parochial Church Council

Registered Charity

No. 1132724

Incumbent

Reverend Pru Dulley

Church Wardens

L Slater

B Hawkins

Other members of the Parochial Church Council

P Armitage

S Armitage

T Briscoombe

S Cronk (Until 1/10/23)

G Eaton

H Ely

R Leach

M Miller

R Mote

R Perkins

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St. Michael's Church, Betchworth Parochial Church Council

Annual Report 31 December 2023

This Annual Report is prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and the Church Representation Rules and the Charities Act 2011 and is submitted to and received by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which is then free to discuss it. The Secretary and the Churchwardens will address the Meeting and they and other members of the PCC will be happy to respond to any points raised or questions asked. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 21st April 2024, after the morning service. All on the Electoral Roll of the parish are entitled to attend and will be most welcome.

Structure, Governance and Management

The role of the Parochial Church Council

The Parochial Church Council (the 'PCC') is a corporate body established by the Church of England. It operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and is registered with the Charity Commission. Its role is to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social, and ecumenical. During much of 2023 the parish was in interregnum and was indebted to local clergy for their assistance in maintaining the services. Particular thanks are due to Canon David Eaton (retired priest) and the Reverend Neil Vigers who were supported by the churchwardens, Linda Slater and Bernard Hawkins, and a host of local clergy. This situation changed on 24th October 2023 with the Institution and Induction of the Revd. Pru Dulley as Rector of the United Benefice of St. Michael's Betchworth and St. Mary's Buckland. The PCC has continued throughout to meet regularly and has ensured that the Village Church remained open during the major part of each day for visitors to enjoy, and for prayer and quiet contemplation.

PCC membership

In accordance with the Church Representation Rules, members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church meeting. There is no specified term of office.

The members of the PCC who are also its trustees, are shown on page 1. A full list of church officials is as follows:

Incumbent	The Revd. Pru Dulley
Priest in Retirement	The Revd. Canon David Eaton
Churchwardens	Mr Bernard Hawkins Mrs Linda Slater
Treasurer	Mr Charles Hardy
Fabric Officer	Mr Steven Armitage
Deanery Synod Representatives	Mrs. Ginny Eaton Mrs Margaret Miller Mr Tom Briscoombe
Elected members	Mrs Pam Armitage Mrs Sally Cronk (until 1/10/23) Mrs Hilary Ely Mrs Rosemary Leach Mrs Rosemary Mote Mr. Richard Perkins

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Organist & Choirmaster Mr. Martin Hall

Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Margaret Miller

Committees

Standing Committee: This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. It consists of the Rector, Churchwarden(s), Treasurer, Fabric Officer, and PCC Secretary.

Upper Mole Group Council (which reports to the PCC): Membership consists of the Rectors, Clergy and Churchwardens of Betchworth, Buckland, Brockham, Leigh, Charlwood and Sidlow, and discusses joint events and the way ahead as a group.

Other sub-committees: These are formed on an ad hoc basis. The Education and Outreach and the Worship sub-committees continue to operate across the Benefice.

Education and Outreach, Joint Parish Sub-Committee

This is part of the development and growth of mission for both Parishes with a remit to

- Discuss and support the needs of young people, which includes services and activities for younger people, and links with schools and young people's groups
- To discuss prayer and action in the wider world for the desperately needy at home and abroad.
- To discuss how the local Church can reach out to the members of our community promoting and encouraging participation.
- To overview Christian study and education for adults and the younger generation in the parishes.
- Cover the planning of outside giving and develop a current giving plan for presentation to the PCC

The committee is a valuable medium to help plan and obtain support for outreach projects and our work with younger families in the villages. (See later detailed report Part 2)

Worship, Joint Parish Sub-Committee

The Rector, churchwardens, organist, musicians, service rota planners and choir director consider and guide all aspects of services and related activities for the United Benefice of St Michael's Betchworth and St Mary the Virgin Buckland.

The sub-committee is responsible to the PCC for reviewing and encouraging the worship life including:

- Being alert to trends and movements of worship.
- Assisting in providing a variety of experiences in worship reflecting the differing needs and tastes within the church community; and
- Participating in the planning of special occasions and assisting in the choice and provision of music in worship.

Specific Sub-Committees for St Michael's have met regularly throughout the year with reports elsewhere in this document. :-

Fabric

To support and guide the PCC on the repair, maintenance and management of the fabric and thereby serve the Church and Community in the implementation of the Mission Action Plan (MAP).

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Stewardship

To explore a variety of ways in which we can increase regular giving to the church and try to meet our Parish Support Fund target.

Magazine

To manage on behalf of the St Michael's Betchworth PCC the monthly production and distribution to all households in the civil Parish of Betchworth of a Parish Magazine, with a view to furthering community cohesion and without placing any financial burden on the Church.

Events (formerly Concerts and Recitals)

To plan and produce on behalf of St Michael's Betchworth PCC a variety of fund-raising events throughout the year to supplement the church's income and to enable projects and financial targets to be achieved. This to include making all necessary arrangements for a number of Concerts and Organ Concerts on the Kenneth Tickell organ, each year with the aim of achieving at least a financial break even on these events and to contribute to church funds or other designated purposes.

Objectives and Activities

The objective of the PCC is to facilitate the smooth running of the church in the village, and as stated above, to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social, and ecumenical.

Review of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023

The PCC met 6 times during the year and dealt with the usual routine affairs of the parish. Accordingly, there was no requirement for the Standing Committee to meet in the intervening months. The Council received regular reports on the following topics: -

Finance

Fabric and churchyard

Deanery Synod/ Diocesan Synod

Upper Mole Group of Churches

Education and Outreach

Safe Church Policy/ Health and Safety

Churchwardens' Report 2023

Achievements and Performance

Another unpredictable and challenging year as we worked towards the arrival of our new Rector. At the beginning of the year, we completely rewrote the parish profile and submitted this to the Diocese in time to meet the deadline for publication in the Church Times etc. Meanwhile the routine of the church services was maintained with the help of a variety of local clergy. This wasn't always easy and there was one week when no-one could be found, and a shortened service was led by churchwardens with Liz Vahey taking the service and Linda Slater reading a sermon prepared by the Area Dean. We remain indebted to all those who helped take our services and particularly David Eaton and Neil Vigers, who undertook such a large number of our services.

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Two applications were received in March, and strictly timetabled visits to both parishes arranged for April 12th. A successful "Meet the Author session" was held in the Church with Tammy Huf on April 15th and the interviews themselves took place on April 20th. Happily, a unanimous decision was reached by the four wardens and the two patrons. We were sworn to secrecy and went into limbo waiting anxiously for the announcement of the appointment. By sheer good fortune the Bishop of Croydon was taking the morning service at Buckland on May 7th, the Coronation weekend, and she was thrilled to announce the appointment of the Reverend Pru Dulley as our new Rector.

A date was set for Pru's Induction and Institution at the beginning of October, and plans finalised by the end of May for the Diocese to adapt the Rectory to suit Pru's disabled needs. Some adaptation of the churches was also necessary as Pru wouldn't be able to mount the steps to reach the high altar. Accordingly, a new mobile nave altar was purchased, and this was accommodated in the nave along with the gift of a Steinway grand piano which Martin Hall had acquired from a defunct Walton church.

By now we were also worrying about the impact the Rainwater project would have on our activities, particularly three weddings due during this time. The west door was blocked by scaffolding and equipment. All the Brides were advised of the restrictions and efforts made to obscure the scaffolding, which finally arrived at the end of July.

As we entered the holiday period checks on progress at the Rectory showed that nothing had been started and urgent requests for action were made to the Diocese who saw no real problem. However, as we were ready to start issuing invitations to the Induction, we established that the new stair lift wasn't going to be installed in time for Pru's arrival in mid-September, making it impossible for her to take up residence as planned. Panic calls to the Diocese revealed that the Bishop and Arch Deacon were both on leave and a delay to the Induction had to be negotiated with a very unhappy Bishop's Chaplain. At this stage spirits were raised by a Pillars Event in the village hall where "Stars in their Eyes" was produced with amazing performances by our village folk raising yet more funds for the Fabric of St Michael's.

Just in time the Rainwater project was completed, although the unshrouding of the organ was delayed, and the major spring cleaning organised by Pam had to be put back. Nevertheless, by October 24th all was finally set for Pru's Induction by the Bishop of Southwark. A full church welcomed her, and we started to admire her determination as she completed all the rituals from her wheelchair. Time to give thanks for the sloped walkway constructed behind the organ when this was installed!

So, the last two months of the year became a period of learning with Pru getting to grips with our local customs and the parishes adjusting to a priest on wheels. This process continues and we are now used to moving the nave altar to make room for Pru and her wheelchair. In time we plan to make this easier by removing some pews, but this will take time.

Once again, our knitters excelled themselves and produced a Christmas Tree filled with snakes and mice puppets. Christmas this year saw a higher attendance than recently, and the Crib Service saw a record attendance. We hope this is a welcome trend which augers well for the future. Needless to say, we are still in need of extra volunteers to augment the many folk who do so much for St Michael's throughout the year. Our sincere thanks to you all as without you the church would not be able to function. This year you will need to find at least one new warden as both Linda and I will be successively standing down having dealt with two interregnums and the Covid period, it is now time to start passing on these responsibilities to fresh hands. Linda and I thank you for all your tremendous support and wish you well as the Revd Pru develops her ministry here. God Bless you all.

Bernard Hawkins and Linda Slater, Churchwardens

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St Michael's Safeguarding APCM Report 2023

A Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) is there to be a contact for anyone who is, or thinks another is being controlled, suffering abuse or may be at risk of physical or mental harm. Details of organisations offering advice and support are on the noticeboard in the Church porch, as are all the details of the Parish and Southwark Diocese Safeguarding team.

During 2023 changes have taken place in the Parish, however now we have welcomed Rev Pru Dulley, the Safeguarding notices in the porch have been updated with contact details for anyone with a Safeguarding concern.

Southwark Diocese requires all PCC members and those having any contact with vulnerable adults or children to take the on-line Safeguarding Training courses, in order to make themselves aware of the various situations where one's own safety could be controlled or challenged. Safeguarding training courses can be found at: <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/login/index.php>

As with all Church of England Parishes, we have declared our intention to be a **Safer Church**, according to the House of Bishops' declaration. This was reviewed by the PCC each March; a copy of this policy is on the Porch notice board and the St Michael's Church website.

A copy of the Safeguarding manual 'A Safer Church' is held in the Church and can also be found on the Southwark Diocese website.

Contact details for the PSO in this Parish are in the Parish magazine, on the Noticeboard in the Church Porch and on the Parish website.

Margaret Miller

(PSO for St Michael's Betchworth)

Annual Fabric Report 2024

The Protection and Maintenance of the Fabric

1. Roof Repairs 2023

- Tim Gough penultimate invoice issued in accordance with budget, final account will be in May 2024, this will take us over budget but should only be one day work, around £1500 ex VAT
- 2.5% of contractors account retained until May 2024 when the balance will be paid providing the works remain satisfactory (known as the Defects Liability Period)

2. Future Maintenance Works

2.1 Annual Roof Health Check

- Annual gutter clean
- Overall roof inspection off ladders

Action - Scott Fordham instructed to undertake in December 2024

2.2 Rising Damp

- We need to monitor the vestry damp to see if the rainwater pipe repair has helped this
- We need to investigate the damp around the font and around the west door

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Action - Review both areas in the summer 2024 to consider actions at that time

2.3 Patch Decoration

- To be held off pending monitoring of the rising damp and the font report and consider again in summer

3.0 Future Capital Works

3.1 Moving pews

It seems removing the front two pews is feasible, there is no apparent service routes so the main work would be making good to the tiled floor. We debated leaving the back of one pew as a bookshelf and kneeler rack, but this is tricky to get stability and would mean a new matching timber installation of carving up one if the redundant pews. My view is it is better to leave the pew open as the current arrangement.

I question if removing two pews really addresses the issue of creating an open multi functional space for music/meetings/arts etc. There is a risk the area becomes just wider circulation.

I suggest we think wider and consider another two pews (4 in total), I accept this could create a disconnect between the choir/vicar and the congregation, so I propose we investigate the ability to temporarily remove pews 3 & 4 for events. They would be re-fixed in situ for the majority of the time.

Action – I have obtained digital floor plans so we can review options and invite quotations for selected options. Then we need to make faculty application, to include.

1. The benefits we perceive.
2. A short congregation consultation to add weight to the case for the faculty

3.2 Permanent Disabled access

Whether this is to the south or west this is a big project likely to require re-grading the external ground levels, making good and external structural work around the door and the threshold. It will require a Faculty (Planning Permission) and in my view this is going to be high risk. The works will change the look and proportions of one of the main entrances of a Grade 1 listed building.

In the view of Tim Gough his desk top estimate is £100k ex VAT.

Action – PCC to consider abandoning permanent disabled access in lieu of a better temporary access to be worked up in conjunction with new entrance screens/doors

3.3 New Glazed Doors/Entrance

Refurbish outer west doors and replace inner door with a new glazed inner screen/doors, the purpose being for outer doors to be open during the day allowing visibility through into the church. Simultaneously to upgrade temporary disabled access.

Action – to agree if this becomes a project and identify specialist glazing contractors – the new vestry people?

Stephen Armitage 10th March 2024

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Electoral Roll and Church attendance

The Electoral Roll shows the following numbers:

	31 December 2021	31 December 2022	31 December 2023
Within the parish	46	37	36
Outside the parish	76	81	69
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	122	118	105
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Linda Slater our Electoral Roll Officer has advised that at 31st December 2023 we had 105 names on the roll, 36 within the parish and 69 outwith the parish.

Average weekly attendance in 2023 was 34 adults. Attendance at major festivals totalled 104 on Easter Day and 118 on Christmas Day.

There were 7 weddings 1 marriage blessing, 2 Baptisms and 9 funerals.

Upper Mole Group

(Comprising the Parishes of Betchworth, Buckland, Charlwood, Sidlow Bridge, Brockham and Leigh). The Group Council consists of Licensed Clergy and Churchwardens of the six Churches.

The Upper Mole Group has not met this year as there was only and with only one cleric remaining in post for most of the year and virtually all shared events have ceased. It is hoped that Clergy members will continue to meet regularly now that new incumbents have been appointed.

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Reigate Deanery Synod Report 2023

The Synod scheduled the following meetings in 2023:

14/03/23 March - Leslie Jackson in the Chair. (Lay)

Rev Martin Colton – Reigate Area Dean.

Mothers Union address by **Hilary Richardson** - Packs available for all Parishes.

Group Discussions on **Diocese Vision Statement** - 'Walking with Jesus', 'Welcoming All', 'Growing in numbers'. **Welcare** (Family) Charity – Discussion on funding this charity by **Chris Elliott**. **RASJY (Chris Elliott)** Speaker. Awareness talk on Modern Slavery.

<https://reigatedeanery.org.uk/rasif>

Invite by **Rev Martin** to join the Deanery Leadership Team. **Childrens Champion** – Jo, St John's reminded that regular meets with 'champions' from other parishes essential and beneficial.

Safeguarding Training - PCC Members Require: Basic Awareness (CO) & Foundation (CI)

Courses. **Diocesan Synod Meeting** held 11th March at St Peter's Battersea. **Carbon Footprint Energy Tool** online.

21/06/23 JUNE Meeting, Christ the King, Salfords - Area Dean in the Chair. MC.

Vote taken: Lay Chair – Leslie Jackson. **Treasurer** – Fiona Hawker. **Secretary** – Alexia Hartman. **Deanery Mission Action Plan** circulated. Attendees asked what the priorities are in next three years. **Reigate Deanery asks Diocesan Synod to debate a motion** calling for Gen Synod to review how CofE weddings have changed since pandemic and asking Government to change the law allowing CofE Ministers to conduct weddings outside of CofE registered settings. Following a Vote: In favour: 26, Against 8, Abstain 11. **ECO Church** – CofE calls for all parts of the church to be 'net zero carbon' by 2030. **Surrey C.C.** are currently running a solar panel scheme.

Quiet Day Wychcroft scheduled for **23rd March 2024**. Booking in advance essential.

12/10/23 OCT Meeting, St John's, Redhill - Area Dean in the Chair.MC.

Group discussions on **Shared Values** from Diocesan Vision Draft. Topics included: JOY, JUSTICE/HOPE, LOVE, COMMUNITY, HUMILITY, HOSPITALITY & GROWTH.

Deanery Priorities for the future: **1.** Maintaining high levels of Stipendiary clergy and growing lay ministries. **2.** Growing existing churches & establishing new worshipping communities. **3.** Becoming younger and more diverse. **4.** Deepening our Discipleship. **5.** Seeking the healing of our communities and our World.

Further clarification requested re weddings review. One main concern being a reduction in church weddings. Hilary Richardson thanked the parishes for their Food Bank support. Demand has increased with a need for more donations.

Tom Briscoombe Deanery Synod Rep - Betchworth & Buckland

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Finance

This year has been another challenging year for the church financially. Whilst we have once again paid in full our parish pledge of £34,034 (2022: £33,704), the General Fund saw an excess of expenses over income of £3,482 (2022: surplus income of £5,500). Last year, we benefitted from a legacy of £5,000, whereas there were none such this year, and our expenses continue to rise as inflation continues to bite. In addition, we transferred £10,000 to the Fabric Fund to help pay for the substantial roof repair project we have undertaken, meaning the general fund at 31 December 2023 showed a depleted balance of £68,597.

The roof repair work used all the resources in our Fabric Fund and more. We hope to receive a further grant of some £19,000, which will mean that the fund will be close to break-even: currently, the deficit stands at £21,560.

As a consequence of all the above, our finances remain precarious.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the PCC to seek to maintain adequate, but not excessive, reserves, to be used for the specific purposes for which they are identified. Cash representing reserves not immediately required is, if appropriate, invested with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.

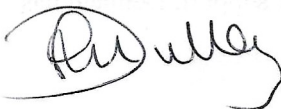
Other Information

There have been no transactions between the PCC and related parties (as defined by the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities SORP) nor has the PCC identified any major risks (other than the availability of continued funding, a topic of continued consideration by the PCC) which impact the work of the Church in the parish.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council

And signed on its behalf by

P Dulley
Rector



18 March 2024

St. Michael's Church, Betchworth Parochial Church Council

Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council ('PCC') of St Michael's Church, Betchworth

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on the following pages is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and S.145 of the Charities Act 2011.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As Charity Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, and you 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 examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act.
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charities Commission (under section 145(5)) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

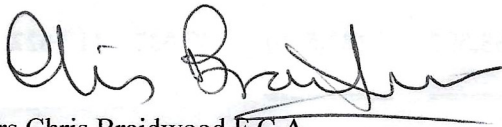
Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the 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 which 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 matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which give me 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 the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mrs Chris Braidwood F.C.A.
Chartered Accountant
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Surrey RH3 7DJ

18 March 2024

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Statement of financial activities For the year ended 31 December 2023

	General fund- unrestricted £	Fabric fund- restricted £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Incoming resources (Note 2)				
Incoming resources from donors	47,206	49,920	97,126	62,512
Income from ancillary transactions	14,625	-	14,625	17,987
Other ordinary income	601	-	601	426
Income from investments	4	-	4	-
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Total incoming resources	62,436	49,920	112,356	80,925
Resources used (Note 3)				
Grants & donations	4,103	-	4,103	3,900
Activities directly relating to the church	61,677	-	61,677	59,823
Church management and administration	138	-	138	231
Church repairs	-	119,023	119,023	5,640
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Total resources used	65,918	119,023	184,941	69,594
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Net movement in cash funds	(3,482)	(69,103)	(72,585)	11,331
Transfer to Fabric Fund	(10,000)	10,000	-	-
Net Current Assets brought forward from 31 December 2022	82,079	37,543	119,622	108,291
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Net Current Assets carried forward at 31 December 2023	68,597	(21,560)	47,037	119,622
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Organ brought forward			271,808	278,438
Depreciation of organ			(6,629)	(6,630)
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Organ carried forward			265,179	271,808
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Total Net Assets at 31 December 2023			312,216	391,430
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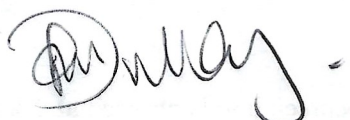
Balance Sheet 31 December 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets (Note 6)		
Organ	265,179	271,808
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Current Assets		
Cash at bank	49,455	122,957
Debtors	1,731	1,618
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	51,186	124,575
Current Liabilities		
Wedding fees received in advance	-	(400)
Other creditors	(4,149)	(4,553)
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	(4,149)	(4,953)
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Net current assets	47,037	119,622
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Total Assets	312,216	391,430
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Funds		
General fund	68,597	82,079
Fabric fund	(21,560)	37,543
Organ fund	265,179	271,808
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Total Funds	312,216	391,430
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These accounts were presented to the Parochial Church Council and approved by them on 18 March 2024

Signed by:

P Dulley
Rector



**Notes to the accounts
31 December 2023**

1. Accounting policies

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions, together with FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP(FRS102)).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

General Fund

General funds represent the funds of the Parochial Church Council (the 'PCC') that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the PCC.

Income Resources

Voluntary income and capital resources

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

Planned giving received from pledges is recognised only when received.

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

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

Funds raised from events are accounted for gross.

Sales of books, leaflets and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable.

Resources Used

General expenses

General expenses are accounted for on an accrual's basis.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The parish pledge is accounted for as it is paid. Any pledge amount unpaid at 31 December is not provided for in the accounts as it is an optional (and not a legal) liability. For 2023, the full pledge of £34,034 (2021: £33,704) has been paid.

Organ

Direct building costs of the organ have been capitalised. Depreciation is charged at 2% p.a. to write off the total cost over 50 years.

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Notes to the accounts 31 December 2023

	General fund- unrestricted £	Fabric fund- restricted £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
2. Incoming resources				
2a. Income resources from donors				
Covenants	34,809	3,420	38,229	41,943
Collections at services	7,774	-	7,774	7,301
Sundry donations	4,623	10,500	15,123	5,768
Grants	-	36,000	36,000	1,500
Legacies	-	-	-	6,000
	<u>47,206</u>	<u>49,920</u>	<u>97,126</u>	<u>62,512</u>
2b. Income from ancillary transactions				
Magazine	7,908	-	7,908	8,302
Fees re: weddings, burials etc	6,063	-	6,063	4,979
Events	558	-	558	-
Flowers	96	-	96	149
Brockham Bonfire	-	-	-	-
Confetti sales	-	-	-	40
Insurance claim	-	-	-	4,517
	<u>14,625</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,625</u>	<u>17,987</u>
2c. Other ordinary income				
Sundry sales	388	-	388	165
Contribution from Buckland to Benefice costs.	213	-	213	261
	<u>601</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>601</u>	<u>426</u>
2d. Income from investments				
Interest	4	-	4	-
	<u>4</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>-</u>
Total incoming resources	<u><u>62,436</u></u>	<u><u>49,920</u></u>	<u><u>112,356</u></u>	<u><u>80,925</u></u>

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Notes to the accounts 31 December 2023

	General fund- unrestricted £	Fabric fund- restricted £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
3. Resources used				
3a. Grants & donations				
Charitable giving (see Note 4)	4,103	-	4,103	3,900
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3b. Activities directly relating to the work of the church				
Diocesan quota and fees	35,678	-	35,678	34,766
Clergy expenses	-	-	-	581
Lighting, heating, and water	1,953	-	1,953	2,755
Church maintenance	994	-	994	2,475
Magazine costs	4,084	-	4,084	3,724
Upkeep of churchyard	6,480	-	6,480	4,275
Organist	4,394	-	4,394	3,383
Music costs	133	-	133	34
Organ and piano servicing, etc.	1,454	-	1,454	1,844
Organ concert costs	-	-	-	-
Harvest supper/lunch costs	-	-	-	-
Insurance	4,508	-	4,508	5,257
Church activities	1,999	-	1,999	729
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	61,677	-	61,677	59,823
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3c. Church management and admin				
Paper and printing	138	-	138	231
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3d. Church repairs				
Architect's fees	-	3,780	3,780	1,350
Roof repairs	-	115,243	115,243	-
Gable Cross repairs	-	-	-	4,290
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	-	119,023	119,023	5,640
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Total resources used	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	65,918	119,023	184,941	69,594
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4. Donations

	2023 £	2022 £
General Donations		
Welcare	200	200
Bishop of Southwark Lent Fund	617	400
Church Urban Fund	150	300
Farming Communities Network	150	160
The Bible Society	75	80
Royal British Legion	200	400
Lungi Sierra Leone	750	800
Jerusalem & Middle East Church Ass'n	288	-
Practical Action	750	800
Robes Project	300	360
	<u>3,480</u>	<u>3,500</u>
Donations from crib service		
The Children's Society	600	150
Disaster Emergency Committee - Ukraine	-	150
	<u>600</u>	<u>300</u>
Other		
Fairtrade	23	-
St. Bede's	-	100
	<u>23</u>	<u>100</u>
	<u><u>4,103</u></u>	<u><u>3,900</u></u>

NB: The Children's Society benefitted from collections at the church amounting to £356 (2022: £399), which were paid to them directly.

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5. Magazine (2b and 3b)

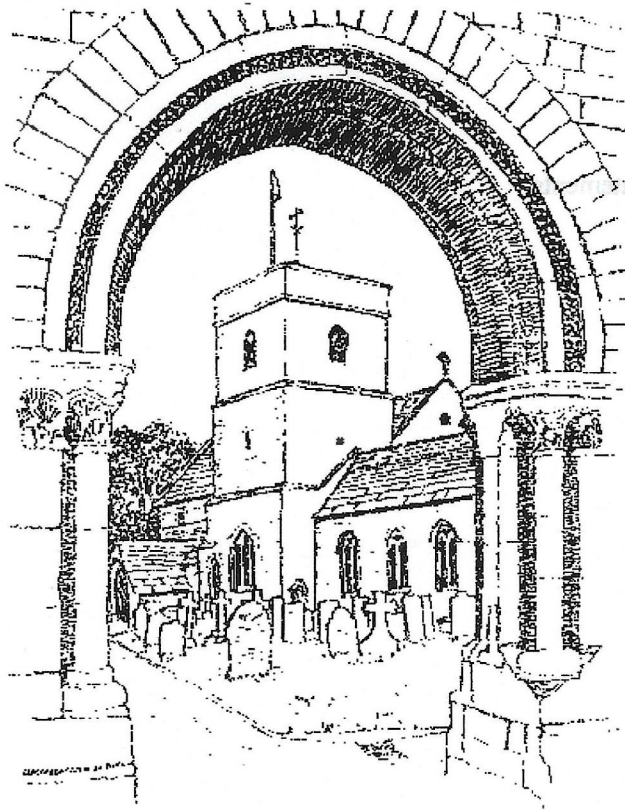
	2023	2022
	£	£
Income comprises:		
Donations	3,131	3,328
Advertising	4,777	4,974
	<u>7,908</u>	<u>8,302</u>
Expenditure comprises:		
Printing costs	(4,084)	(3,724)
	<u>3,824</u>	<u>4,578</u>
Balance	<u><u>3,824</u></u>	<u><u>4,578</u></u>

6. Organ

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fixed Assets comprise:		
Cost	331,473	331,473
Depreciation	(66,294)	(59,665)
	<u>265,179</u>	<u>271,808</u>
Net book value	<u><u>265,179</u></u>	<u><u>271,808</u></u>

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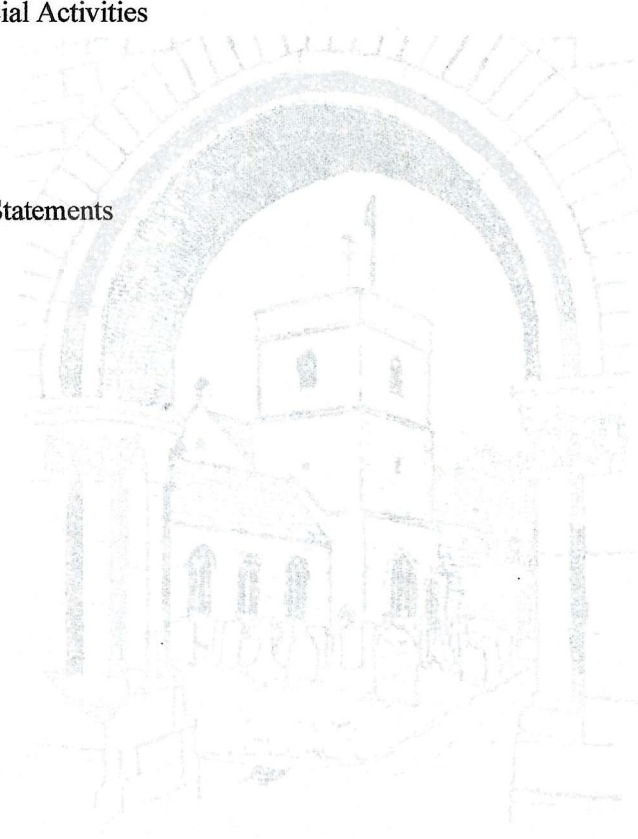
**The Parochial Church Council of the
Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Michael,
Betchworth
Annual Report and Financial Statements
31 December 2022**



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Report and Financial Statements 2022

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Registered Charity

No. 1132724

Incumbent

Inter-regnum

Church Wardens

L Slater

B Hawkins

Other members of the Parochial Church Council

P Armitage

T Briscombe

G Eaton

H Ely

M Hughes (until October)

R Leach

M Miller

B Ridley

P Tanner

Honorary Treasurer

S C Hardy F.C.A.

Ravenleigh

Station Road

Betchworth

RH3 7DF

Secretary

M Hughes (until October)

Mrs. S Chalker & Mrs. J Bird (from November)

Bankers

National Westminster Bank

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Redhill

RH1 1QN

Independent Examiner

Mrs C Braidwood F.C.A.

Lowood

The Street

Betchworth RH3 7DJ

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Annual Report 31 December 2022

This Annual Report is prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and the Church Representation Rules and the Charities Act 2011 and is submitted to and received by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which is then free to discuss it. The Secretary and the Churchwardens will address the Meeting and they and other members of the PCC will be happy to respond to any points raised or questions asked. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 16 April 2023, after the morning service. All on the Electoral Roll of the parish are entitled to attend and will be most welcome.

Structure, Governance and Management

The role of the Parochial Church Council

The Parochial Church Council (the 'PCC') is a corporate body established by the Church of England. It operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and is registered with the Charity Commission. Its role is to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social, and ecumenical. When Lockdown rules have permitted, the PCC has continued to support and insist that the Village Church is open during day for visitors to enjoy, for prayer and quiet contemplation.

PCC membership

In accordance with the Church Representation Rules, members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church meeting. There is no specified term of office.

The members of the PCC who are also its trustees, are shown on page 1. A full list of church officials is as follows:

Incumbent	Inter-regnum
Priest in Retirement	The Revd. Canon David Eaton
Churchwardens	Mr Bernard Hawkins Mrs Linda Slater
Treasurer	Mr Charles Hardy
Fabric Officer	Vacant
Diocesan Synod Representative	Mrs. Ginny Eaton
Deanery Synod representatives	Mrs. Linda Slater Mrs Margaret Miller Mr Tom Briscoombe
Elected members	Mrs Pam Armitage Mrs Hilary Ely Mr Melvin Hughes (until Oct) Mrs Rosemary Leach Mrs Bridget Ridley
Organist & Choirmaster	Mr. Martin Hall
Safeguarding Officer:	Mrs Margaret Miller

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Committees

Standing Committee: This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. It consists of the Rector, Churchwarden(s), Treasurer, Fabric Officer, and PCC Secretary.

Upper Mole Group Council (which reports to the PCC): Membership consists of the Rectors, Clergy and Churchwardens of Betchworth, Buckland, Brockham, Leigh, Charlwood and Sidlow, and discusses joint events and the way ahead as a group.

Other sub-committees: These are formed on an ad hoc basis. The Education and Outreach and the Worship sub-committees continue to operate across the Benefice.

Education and Outreach, Joint Parish Sub-Committee

This is part of the development and growth of mission for both Parishes with a remit to

- Discuss and support the needs of young people, which includes services and activities for younger people, and links with schools and young people's groups
- To discuss prayer and action in the wider world for the desperately needy at home and abroad.
- To discuss how the local Church can reach out to the members of our community promoting and encouraging participation.
- To overview Christian study and education for adults and the younger generation in the parishes.
- Cover the planning of outside giving and develop a current giving plan for presentation to the PCC

The committee is a valuable medium to help plan and obtain support for outreach projects and our work with younger families in the villages. (See later detailed report Part 2)

Worship, Joint Parish Sub-Committee

The Rector, churchwardens, organist, musicians, service rota planners and choir director consider and guide all aspects of services and related activities for the United Benefice of St Michael's Betchworth and St Mary the Virgin Buckland.

The sub-committee is responsible to the PCC for reviewing and encouraging the worship life including:

- Being alert to trends and movements of worship.
- Assisting in providing a variety of experiences in worship reflecting the differing needs and tastes within the church community; and
- Participating in the planning of special occasions and assisting in the choice and provision of music in worship.

Specific Sub-Committees for St Michael's have met regularly throughout the year with reports elsewhere in this document. :-

Fabric

To support and guide the PCC on the repair, maintenance and management of the fabric and thereby serve the Church and Community in the implementation of the Mission Action Plan (MAP).

Stewardship

To explore a variety of ways in which we can increase regular giving to the church and try to meet our Parish Support Fund target.

Concerts and Recitals

To plan and make all necessary arrangements for a number of Concerts and Organ Concerts on the Kenneth Tickell organ, each year with the aim of achieving at least a financial break even on these events in order to cover costs and contribute to church funds or other designated purposes.

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Magazine

To manage on behalf of the St Michael's Betchworth PCC the monthly production and distribution to all households in the civil Parish of Betchworth of a Parish Magazine, with a view to furthering community cohesion and without placing any financial burden on the Church.

Events

To plan and produce on behalf of St Michael's Betchworth PCC a variety of fund-raising events throughout the year to supplement the church's income and to enable projects and financial targets to be achieved.

Objectives and Activities

The objective of the PCC is to facilitate the smooth running of the church in the village, and, as stated above, to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical.

Review of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022

The PCC met 6 times during the year (*4 actual meetings and 2 meetings using Zoom Video Conferencing*) and dealt with the usual routine affairs of the parish. Accordingly, there was no requirement for the Standing Committee to meet in the intervening months. The Council received regular reports on the following topics: -

Finance

Fabric and churchyard

Deanery Synod/ Diocesan Synod

Upper Mole Group of Churches

Education and Outreach

Safe Church Policy/ Health and Safety

Churchwardens' Report 2022

Achievements and Performance

Another year has passed, and it has proved to be a bit of a roller coaster year. Happily, we have largely shaken off the impact of the Covid pandemic and once again we can gather post communion for coffee and chat. It is difficult to recall the situation at the beginning of 2022 but Anna was on light duties, we were still wearing masks in church, and were heavily dependent upon just a few busy personnel to keep St Michael's running. However, our spirits were lifted when we heard of the award of three grants towards repairs to the rainwater system and various other fabric works. The National Churches Trust offered us £3000 with a further £3000 from the Wolfson Trust, whilst the Marshalls Trust promised us £5000. Great progress but still a shortfall of £30,000 meaning it was not possible to start the works in the Spring as planned.

A Lent course of tutored meditations was undertaken by Anna on Zoom, and Lent lunches were organised by Anne Forrest as held in former years to support the Bishop's Appeal. Children's activities were enjoyed in the churchyard at Buckland and finally for Easter we were able to sing without masks for the Service of Passiontide Music on Good Friday and to celebrate Easter in full voice.

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Around this time, we were distressed to find that both Alistair and Anna's fathers were seriously ill and in due course passed away, piling yet more pressure onto the Rector. Life however does not stop and marking the Queen's Platinum Jubilee was soon upon us. A special service was held with a church quiz and the village gathered to light the beacon on Tree Tops and to enjoy games on Goulburn Green. We settled back and looked forward to a more relaxed and normal period, but it was not to be. Both Anna and Melvin had spotted vacancies at St Matthews in Redhill, and we faced the prospect of no Rector, no organist, and no PCC Secretary. We were taken aback by these two unexpected resignations causing our second interregnum in four years. However, we were pleased for Anna as this was an excellent career move for her with her strong links to Redhill through her work with the foodbank.

Reluctantly the Churchwardens met to plan for the interregnum and quickly realised that a new musical director was a critical factor, as only the incumbent could contract a new organist. So, our efforts were directed initially to finding a new musical director before Anna officially left us in November.

Meanwhile meetings were held with the Arch Deacon to discuss the level of clerical support available in future, bearing in mind that one energetic and enthusiastic part-time priest had been unable to satisfy the needs of both parishes. A full-time priest would cost £85,000 per annum and this was impractical for two small parishes to fund and the Diocese considered that this would be a disproportionate use of clergy resources. So, we settled for another part-time priest 3 days a week (£55,000) and a fourth day as a consequence of providing a rectory, and started the preparation of the Parish Profile which describes the Parish and its needs for prospective incumbents.

National events now intervened. We won't mention the fevered state of the political world at that time, just record that Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II died and we were into 10 days of national mourning with strange etiquette required for flag flying and bellringing. The ringers even had a brief appearance on the TV news as they rang fully muffled for the death of the monarch. The Pillars Auction of Promises was deferred to the end of the month, but with spectacular results. They raised an astonishing £16,000 in one night towards the fabric repairs. Well done the Pillars!

October saw a Parish Meeting in the church where the Wardens expressed concern that St Michael's was suffering from dwindling funds and human resources. The church needed several posts filled to keep it running efficiently to avoid overburdening key personnel. There was a good turn out with some lively discussion and one or two volunteers were found, although there are still vacancies for a sacristan, a verger, PCC members et al.

We bid Anna and Melvin farewell at the end of October and settled down to arranging for a succession of visiting clergy. Not an easy task with several local parishes also in interregnum and competing for clerical support. Just in time we were able to negotiate an arrangement for Martin Hall to become our Musical Director with Richard Calver covering the times he was committed elsewhere. Hilary Ely took over from Jane Forrester as choir secretary and rehearsals for the Service of Nine Lessons were rapidly underway. A late request meant that this was recorded and broadcast on SUSY Radio on Christmas Day.

Our December PCC meeting considered a draft of the Parish Profile but further refinement was needed. We welcomed our new joint PCC Secretaries (Sarah Chalker and Joan Bird) to this meeting and rejoiced that we had received an anonymous donation of £10,000 which with the Pillars £16,000, meant that we had adequate funds at long last with which to

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initiate the Rainwater Project. Christmas came in a rush with a Horsham slab falling off the north nave roof and Steve Armitage taking on the role of Fabric Officer.

Once again, a Christmas tree was provided by our local knitters. This time consisting of a multitude of teddy bears destined for traumatised children. The tree and the crib were much admired by the 2 year olds from the Buckland and Betchworth Nursery who walked to church in the snow for an end of term service. The live crib service on Christmas Eve returned this year with some 400 people attending and there was a full attendance on Christmas Morning. However the ups and downs of the year were still with us as we found that David Eaton, who along with Neil Vigers were taking so many of our services in the interregnum, was in hospital with heart related problems and Ginny was suffering knee problems. We are delighted to see them recovering and appearing back in church recently.

Here endeth the year, although not without expressing our grateful thanks to all those people who have quietly kept St Michaels running this year despite the many trials and tribulations. The world is a pretty dismal place at the moment, but we have the feeling that St Michael's has now weathered the storm and is headed for better times as we prepare to welcome a new Rector to our parish.

Bernard Hawkins and Linda Slater, Churchwardens

Safeguarding

A Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) is there to be a contact for anyone who is, or thinks another is, being controlled, suffering abuse or may be at risk of physical or mental harm. Details of organisations offering advice and support are on the noticeboard in the Church porch, as are all the details of the Parish and Southwark Diocese Safeguarding team.

During 2022 changes have taken place at the Diocesan Office, and the lead has been taken by Pamela Chisholm, who encourages safeguarding training for all who are working, or helping in any Church activity with children, young people, or vulnerable adults.

Safeguarding training courses can be found at:

<https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/login/index.php>

Southwark Diocese requires all PCC members and those having any contact with vulnerable adults or children to take these courses, in order to make themselves aware of the various situations where one's own safety could be controlled or challenged.

As with all Church of England Parishes, we have declared our intention to be a **Safer Church**, according to the House of Bishops' declaration. This was last reviewed by the PCC in March a copy of this policy is on the Porch notice board and the St Michael's website.

A copy of the Safeguarding manual 'A Safer Church' is held in the Church and can also be found on the Southwark Diocese website.

Contact details for the PSO in this Parish are in the Parish magazine, on the Noticeboard in the Church Porch and on the Parish website.

Margaret Miller

(PSO for St Michael's Betchworth)

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Annual Fabric Report 2022

The Protection and Maintenance of the Fabric

The Fabric Officers post has remained vacant throughout the year although Steve Armitage has recently volunteered to take on this responsibility. Thankfully, Paul Tanner (the previous Fabric Officer) is still able to provide guidance and is introducing Steve to the current situation.

The plans to implement the rainwater project in the Spring were thwarted by lack of funds. However, in March St Michael's was awarded charitable grants of £3,000 from The National Churches Trust, with a further £3,000 from the Wolfson Trust. Our old friends the Marshalls Trust also promised us £5,000. This was extremely welcome but a shortfall of £30,000 remained and it was not possible to initiate the works. A first payment of £8,640 was made to the Diocesan Architect for the preparation of the specification etc.

The 2021 Quinquennial Report was received in March and a Review of Fabric Matters circulated to the PCC in May. The 2021 QI Report was largely the same as the previous 2016 version. The summary to the Report included 4 matters labelled 'A' as requiring urgent attention this year. These were: -

- I. Defective walling to west gable of nave (item 3.1.2) (*Due for investigation*)
- II. Roofing issues (items 3.2.1-3.2.3) i.e. The west end gable cross (*in hand*)
- III. Valley gutter between the two chancels (item 3.3.1) (*in rainwater project*)
- IV. Valley gutter blocked (item 3.3.2) (*now cleared*)

There were eleven items labelled B in need of attention within the next two years.

The replacement of the Western Gable Cross was put in hand with Christian Marshall in June and drawings produced and the cross manufactured. This has been paid for and put temporarily in store pending installation, utilising the scaffold from the rainwater project to minimise costs.

The start of the winter season saw the failure of the heating pump and a couple of cold Sundays ensued whilst a replacement was obtained from the continent. This cost £1,740.00

The Pillars of St Michael held a highly successful auction of promises in September and raised an astonishing sum of £16,000 towards Fabric Repairs in just one enjoyable night. This combined with an anonymous donation of £10,000 has at last produced adequate funds to allow the revalidation of the previous tenders. It is now expected that the rainwater project can commence in the Spring of 2023. It is hoped that this work will also include the replacement of a splintering coping stone on the east gable and the replacement of a Horsham slab which broke loose in December from the north nave roof.

Future Improvements

Outline plans to develop the West porch as the principal entrance and to provide level access through the West porch have not been progressed this year as funding for the replacement of the rainwater project has remained the priority. Recent discussions in the PCC have indicated that the sound and lighting systems are in need of improvement along with the heating system.

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Electoral Roll and Church attendance

The Electoral Roll shows the following numbers:

	31 December 2020	31 December 2021	31 December 2022
Within the parish	46	37	34
Outside the parish	76	81	74
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	122	118	108
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Physical services took place throughout 2022 but with Covid restrictions in place for the first quarter of the year. Online local services were also available, but support dwindled, and these were discontinued after October. The overall average attendance for the year decreased and was recorded as 33 adults and 1 under 16. However, the attendance for the Christmas Morning Service was noticeably higher this year with 117 total attendees including some 12 under 16's.

Online services from Diocesan sources remain available for those unable to attend church in person and for others.

There were the usual number of other services with 5 Baptisms, 3 Weddings, 11 Funerals including Crematorium Services during the year

Upper Mole Group

(Comprising the Parishes of Betchworth, Buckland, Charlwood, Sidlow Bridge, Brockham and Leigh). The Group Council consists of Licensed Clergy and Churchwardens of the six Churches.

The Upper Mole Group has not met and with only one cleric remaining in post at the year-end virtually all shared events have ceased. It is hoped that Clergy members will continue to meet regularly as soon as new incumbents are appointed.

Reigate Deanery Synod Report 2022

The Synod scheduled the following meetings in 2022 - 22nd Feb, 28th June & 20th Oct, 2022.

22/02/22 FEB Zoom Meeting - Leslie Jackson in the Chair. LJ.

Commissioning of Rev Martin Colton as Area Dean of Reigate - commissioned by Bishop Jonathan Clerk (Online.)

LJ spoke of Silver status ECO award for St Mary's Reigate. Also, their Green Lent Pledges. St Marks (Reigate) St Matthews (Reigate) St Katherine's Merstham all had ECO initiatives and Surrey CC support with Solar Panels.

Chris Elliott - An update on Reigate Archdeaconry Social Justice forum.

Deanery Leadership Team had vacancies. Matt Parker on General Synod update.

Deanery thanks to departing Father Andrew Cunnington for all he had achieved.

Anna More to replace Andrew at St Matthews Redhill.

Chris Elliott seeks to set up a multi-faith initiative.

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29/06/22 JUNE Meeting, St Bart's Horley - Area Dean in the Chair. MC.

Chris Elliott & Jennifer Hyde (Tandridge) gave a presentation on modern slavery.

Updates from: Welcare (Family Charity). Redhill Foodbank Anna More.

Deanery Leadership Team - Martin Cole update. Deanery Admin Role - Judith retiring. 5 churches in the Deanery have Clergy vacancies.

Deanery and PCC's Safeguarding training levels discussed.

Quiet Day announced by Les Wells, 09th April 2022.

20/10/22 OCT Meeting, St Mark's Ch Hall - Area Dean in the Chair. MC.

Harriet Pearce gave a Sparkfish presentation that inspires young people in schools - Learn, Hope, Think. Chris Elliott spoke on Welcare's need to source donations. Also, a thank you to those churches signing the Anti- Slavery pledge.

Request to churches in the Deanery asking who their Young People's Rep is?

As more churches get Bronze & Silver Eco award the Deanery moves up a level.

6 churches in the Deanery have Clergy vacancies.

Hilary Richardson - Mother's Union Rep gave update on project AFIA (Away from it All) Hols & Breaks for impoverished families.

Tom Briscoombe

Deanery Synod Rep Betchworth & Buckland



H. Hawkins
Churchwarden



H. Richardson
Churchwarden

20 March 2022

St. Michael's Church, Betchworth Parochial Church Council

Finance

This year has been another challenging year for the church financially. However, we have once again paid our parish pledge of £33,704 (2021: £33,200) in full, and the immense generosity of a small number of donors has meant that we have been able to show an, albeit much reduced, surplus on the general account (of £5,500 (2021: £9,250)). Overall, whilst we have an accumulated surplus on the general account of £84,079, our finances remain precarious, in that we have once again increased our pledge for 2023, and the work required by the last quinquennial report will require substantially more than the £37,543 in the fabric fund.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the PCC to seek to maintain adequate, but not excessive, reserves, to be used for the specific purposes for which they are identified. Cash representing reserves not immediately required is, if appropriate, invested with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.

Other Information

There have been no transactions between the PCC and related parties (as defined by the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities SORP) nor has the PCC identified any major risks (other than the availability of continued funding, a topic of continued consideration by the PCC) which impact the work of the Church in the parish.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council
And signed on its behalf by

L Slater
Churchwarden



B Hawkins
Churchwarden



20 March 2023

St. Michael's Church, Betchworth Parochial Church Council

Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council ('PCC') of St Michael's Church, Betchworth

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on the following pages is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and S.145 of the Charities Act 2011.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As Charity Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, and you 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 examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act.
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charities Commission (under section 145(5)) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the 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 which 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 matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which give me 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 the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mrs Chris Braidwood F.C.A.
Chartered Accountant
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Surrey RH3 7DJ

21st March 2023

St. Michael's Church, Betchworth Parochial Church Council

Statement of financial activities For the year ended 31 December 2022

	General fund- unrestricted £	Fabric fund- restricted £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Incoming resources (Note 2)				
Incoming resources from donors	55,598	6,914	62,512	61,425
Income from ancillary transactions	13,430	4,557	17,987	16,733
Other ordinary income	426	-	426	1,063
Income from investments	-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources	69,454	11,471	80,925	79,221
Resources used (Note 3)				
Grants & donations	3,900	-	3,900	3,500
Activities directly relating to the church	59,823	-	59,823	58,998
Church management and administration	231	-	231	427
Church repairs	-	5,640	5,640	10,380
Total resources used	63,954	5,640	69,594	73,305
Net movement in cash funds	5,500	5,831	11,331	5,916
Net Current Assets brought forward from 31 December 2021	76,579	31,712	108,291	102,375
Net Current Assets carried forward at 31 December 2022	84,079	37,543	119,622	108,291
Organ brought forward			278,438	285,067
Depreciation of organ			(6,630)	(6,629)
Organ carried forward			271,808	278,438
Total Net Assets at 31 December 2022			391,430	386,729

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**Balance Sheet
31 December 2022**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Fixed Assets (Note 6)		
Organ	271,808	278,438
Current Assets		
Cash at bank	122,957	113,604
Debtors	1,618	1,743
	<u>124,575</u>	<u>115,347</u>
Current Liabilities		
Wedding fees received in advance	(400)	(400)
Other creditors	(4,553)	(6,656)
	<u>(4,953)</u>	<u>(7,056)</u>
Net current assets	<u>119,622</u>	<u>108,291</u>
Total Assets	<u>391,430</u>	<u>386,729</u>
Funds		
General fund	84,079	76,579
Fabric fund	37,543	31,712
Organ fund	271,808	278,438
Total Funds	<u>391,430</u>	<u>386,729</u>

These accounts were presented to the Parochial Church Council and approved by them on ¹⁹ March 2023.

Signed by:

L Slater 
Churchwarden

B Hawkins 
Churchwarden

St. Michael's Church, Betchworth Parochial Church Council

Notes to the accounts 31 December 2022

1. Accounting policies

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions, together with FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP(FRS102)).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

General Fund

General funds represent the funds of the Parochial Church Council (the 'PCC') that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the PCC.

Income Resources

Voluntary income and capital resources

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

Planned giving received from pledges is recognised only when received.

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

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

Funds raised from events are accounted for gross.

Sales of books, leaflets and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable.

Resources Used

General expenses

General expenses are accounted for on an accrual's basis.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The parish pledge is accounted for as it is paid. Any pledge amount unpaid at 31 December is not provided for in the accounts as it is an optional (and not a legal) liability. For 2022, the full pledge of £33,704 (2021: £33,200) has been paid.

Organ

Direct building costs of the organ have been capitalised. Depreciation is charged at 2% p.a. to write off the total cost over 50 years.

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Notes to the accounts 31 December 2022

	General fund-unrestricted	Fabric fund-restricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
2. Incoming resources				
2a. Income resources from donors				
Covenants	38,384	3,559	41,943	42,993
Collections at services	7,301	-	7,301	5,486
Sundry donations	3,413	2,355	5,768	8,706
Grants	1,500	-	1,500	4,240
Legacies	5,000	1,000	6,000	-
	<u>55,598</u>	<u>6,914</u>	<u>62,512</u>	<u>61,425</u>
2b. Income from ancillary transactions				
Magazine	8,302	-	8,302	7,844
Fees re: weddings, burials etc	4,979	-	4,979	8,763
Harvest supper/lunch	-	-	-	-
Flowers	149	-	149	20
Brockham Bonfire	-	-	-	-
Confetti sales	-	40	40	106
Insurance claim	-	4,517	4,517	-
	<u>13,430</u>	<u>4,557</u>	<u>17,987</u>	<u>16,733</u>
2c. Other ordinary income				
Sundry sales	165	-	165	99
Contribution from Buckland to Benefice costs.	261	-	261	964
	<u>426</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>426</u>	<u>1,063</u>
2d. Income from investments				
Interest	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>69,454</u>	<u>11,471</u>	<u>80,925</u>	<u>79,221</u>

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Notes to the accounts 31 December 2022

	General fund- unrestricted £	Fabric fund- restricted £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
3. Resources used				
3a. Grants & donations				
Charitable giving (see Note 4)	3,900	-	3,900	3,500
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3b. Activities directly relating to the work of the church				
Diocesan quota and fees	34,766	-	34,766	37,943
Clergy expenses	581	-	581	895
Lighting, heating, and water	2,755	-	2,755	1,032
Church maintenance	2,475	-	2,475	1,086
Magazine costs	3,724	-	3,724	3,359
Upkeep of churchyard	4,275	-	4,275	5,700
Organist	3,383	-	3,383	3,088
Music costs	34	-	34	-
Organ and piano servicing, etc.	1,844	-	1,844	407
Organ concert costs	-	-	-	-
Harvest supper/lunch costs	-	-	-	-
Insurance	5,257	-	5,257	4,950
Church activities	729	-	729	538
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	59,823	-	59,823	58,998
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3c. Church management and admin				
Paper and printing	231	-	231	427
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3d. Church repairs				
Architect's fees	-	1,350	1,350	8,640
Toilet repairs	-	-	-	1,740
Gable Cross repairs	-	4,290	4,290	-
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	-	5,640	5,640	10,380
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Total resources used	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
	63,954	5,640	69,594	73,305

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4. Donations

	2022 £	2021 £
General Donations		
Welcare	200	120
Bishop of Southwark Lent Fund	400	500
Church Urban Fund	300	300
Farming Communities Network	160	200
The Bible Society	80	80
Royal British Legion	400	300
Lungi Sierra Leone	800	800
Practical Action	800	800
Robes Project	360	400
	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,500</u>
Donations from crib service		
The Children's Society	150	-
Disaster Emergency Committee - Ukraine	150	-
	<u>300</u>	<u>-</u>
Other		
St. Bede's	100	-
	<u>100</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>3,900</u>	<u>3,500</u>

NB: The Children's Society benefitted from collections at the church amounting to £399 (2021: £174) respectively, which were paid to them directly.

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5. Magazine (2b and 3b)

	2022 £	2021 £
Income comprises:		
Donations	3,328	3,126
Advertising	4,974	4,718
	<u>8,302</u>	<u>7,844</u>
Expenditure comprises:		
Printing costs	(3,724)	(3,359)
	<u>4,578</u>	<u>4,485</u>

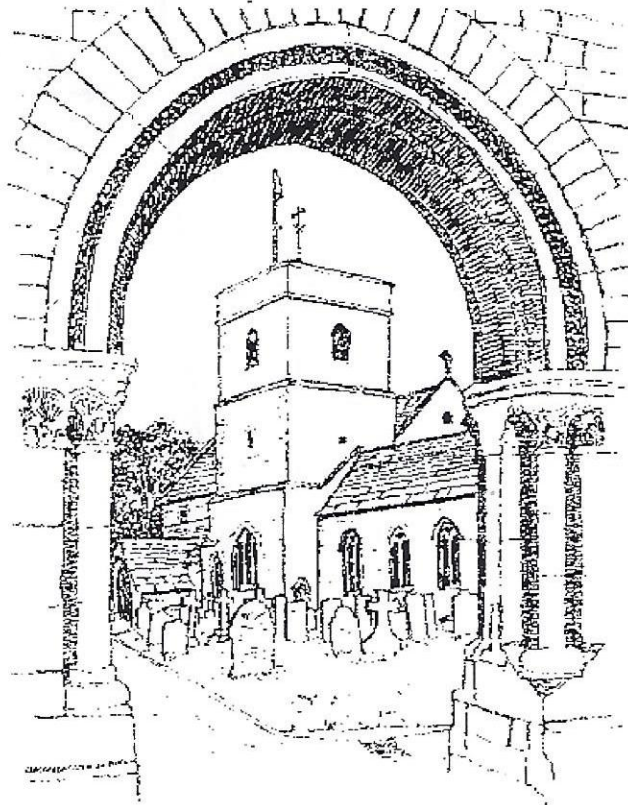
6. Organ Fund

	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed Assets comprise:		
Cost	331,473	331,473
Depreciation	(59,665)	(53,035)
	<u>271,808</u>	<u>278,438</u>

Accounts

Registered Charity No. 1132724

**The Parochial Church Council of the
Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Michael,
Betchworth
Annual Report and Financial Statements
31 December 2021**



St. Michael's Church, Betchworth Parochial Church Council

Report and Financial Statements 2021

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Registered Charity

No. 1132724

Incumbent

The Reverend Anna Moore

Church Wardens

L Slater

B Hawkins

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T Briscombe

G Eaton

H Ely

R Grassly

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St. Michael's Church, Betchworth Parochial Church Council

Annual Report 31 December 2021

This Annual Report is prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and the Church Representation Rules and the Charities Act 2011 and is submitted to and received by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which is then free to discuss it. The Secretary and the Churchwardens will address the Meeting and they and other members of the PCC will be happy to respond to any points raised or questions asked. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 15 May 2022, after the morning service. All on the Electoral Roll of the parish are entitled to attend and will be most welcome.

Structure, Governance and Management

The role of the Parochial Church Council

The Parochial Church Council (the 'PCC') is a corporate body established by the Church of England. It operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and is registered with the Charity Commission. Its role is to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. When Lockdown rules have permitted, the PCC has continued to support and insist that the Village Church is open during day for visitors to enjoy, for prayer and quiet contemplation.

PCC membership

In accordance with the Church Representation Rules, members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church meeting. There is no specified term of office.

The members of the PCC who are also its trustees, are shown on page 1. A full list of church officials is as follows:

Incumbent	The Revd. Anna Moore
Priest in Retirement	The Revd. Canon David Eaton
Reader Emeritus	His Honour Peter Slot (<i>until October 2020</i>)
Churchwardens	Mr Bernard Hawkins Mrs Linda Slater
Treasurer	Mr Charles Hardy
Fabric Officer	Mr Paul Tanner
Diocesan Synod Representative	Mrs. Ginny Eaton
Deanery Synod representatives	Mrs. Linda Slater Mrs Margaret Miller Mr Tom Briscombe
Elected members	Mrs Pam Armitage Mrs Hilary Ely Mr Richard Grassly Mr Melvin Hughes Mrs Rosemary Leach Mrs Bridget Ridley
Organist & Choirmaster	Mr. Melvin Hughes
Safeguarding Officer:	Mrs Margaret Miller

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Committees

Standing Committee: This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. It consists of the Rector, Churchwarden(s), Treasurer, Fabric Officer and PCC Secretary.

Upper Mole Group Council (which reports to the PCC): Membership consists of the Rectors, Clergy and Churchwardens of Betchworth, Buckland, Brockham, Leigh, Charlwood and Sidlow, and discusses joint events and the way ahead as a group.

Other sub-committees: These are formed on an ad hoc basis. The Education and Outreach and the Worship sub-committees continue to operate across the Benefice.

Education and Outreach, Joint Parish Sub-Committee

This is part of the development and growth of mission for both Parishes with a remit to

- Discuss and support the needs of young people, which includes services and activities for younger people, and links with schools and young people's groups
- To discuss prayer and action in the wider world for the desperately needy at home and abroad.
- To discuss how the local Church can reach out to the members of our community promoting and encouraging participation.
- To overview Christian study and education for adults and the younger generation in the parishes.
- Cover the planning of outside giving and develop a current giving plan for presentation to the PCC

The committee is a valuable medium to help plan and obtain support for outreach projects and our work with younger families in the villages. (See later detailed report Part 2)

Worship, Joint Parish Sub-Committee

The Rector, churchwardens, organist, musicians, service rota planners and choir director consider and guide all aspects of services and related activities for the United Benefice of St Michael's Betchworth and St Mary the Virgin Buckland.

The sub-committee is responsible to the PCC for reviewing and encouraging the worship life including:

- Being alert to trends and movements of worship;
- Assisting in providing a variety of experiences in worship reflecting the differing needs and tastes within the church community; and
- Participating in the planning of special occasions and assisting in the choice and provision of music in worship.

Specific Sub-Committees for St Michael's have met regularly throughout the year with reports elsewhere in this document. :-

Fabric

To support and guide the PCC on the repair, maintenance and management of the fabric and thereby serve the Church and Community in the implementation of the Mission Action Plan (MAP).

Stewardship

To explore a variety of ways in which we can increase regular giving to the church and try to meet our Parish Support Fund target.

Concerts and Recitals

To plan and make all necessary arrangements for a number of Concerts and Organ Concerts on the Kenneth Tickell organ, each year with the aim of achieving at least a financial break even on these events in order to cover costs and contribute to church funds or other designated purposes.

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Magazine

To manage on behalf of the St Michael's Betchworth PCC the monthly production and distribution to all households in the civil Parish of Betchworth of a Parish Magazine, with a view to furthering community cohesion and without placing any financial burden on the Church.

Events

To plan and produce on behalf of St Michael's Betchworth PCC a variety of fund-raising events throughout the year to supplement the church's income and to enable projects and financial targets to be achieved.

Objectives and Activities

The objective of the PCC is to facilitate the smooth running of the church in the village, and, as stated above, to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical.

Review of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2021

The PCC met 9 times during the year (*2 virtual meetings by email exchange and 7 meetings using Zoom Video Conferencing*) and dealt with the usual routine affairs of the parish. Accordingly, there was no requirement for the Standing Committee to meet in the intervening months. The Council received regular reports on the following topics: -

Finance

Fabric and churchyard

Deanery Synod/ Diocesan Synod

Upper Mole Group of Churches

Education and Outreach

Safe Church Policy/ Health and Safety

Churchwardens' Report 2021

Achievements and Performance

Another year sadly dominated by the impact of the Covid pandemic. The year commenced with our spirits at a low ebb. The west gable cross was in smithereens in the churchyard and all church services were suspended until at least mid-February. On the bright side the elderly and infirm were starting to be vaccinated and dial-in services were being well supported. However, it was not until Easter that we were able to hold services in church and these were of limited duration with no singing and all very carefully distanced and sanitised. Our thanks here to Liz Vahey who has efficiently and safely marshalled the congregation throughout the year.

In March St Michaels became a Bronze Eco Church, and the Book Swap scheme and terracycling activities got underway. Anna's involvement in the Redhill foodbank led us to establish a monthly rota of cakebakers to augment the foodbank contributions, but sadly it was not possible for the usual Lent Lunches to take place to support the Bishop's Appeal. However, the level of annual charitable giving (£3500) was maintained as previously. A memorable Holy Hour Reflection was presented on Good Friday when John Griffin dramatically explored the human and personal issues that may have concerned Pontius Pilate when he was asked to condemn Jesus to death. On Easter Sunday we were delighted to have a sizeable congregation although both the APCMs for 2019 and 2020 were deferred until the Autumn.

The regulations were relaxed in late May, and it was once again possible, with sensible precautions, to ring the bells and to hold weddings with more than thirty people present. Services now included one hymn and the choir was welcomed back, although both the choir and congregation remained

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masked. Each change of Government regulations required careful consideration and regular meetings of the Rector and Churchwardens became essential. The success of the vaccination programme allowed a further relaxation of the rules in July which was very welcome but with no mandatory rules to follow this left the covid precautions entirely in the hands of the incumbent. A cautious approach was adopted to take account of the vulnerability and age of our congregation and a helpful Risk Assessment produced by Hilary Ely to guide our activities as we returned to a stable Service Pattern from the beginning of September. This meant the Sunday morning services continued to alternate between Betchworth and Buckland each week, but at the earlier time of 10.00am, and included a more relaxed afternoon service called Connect at 4 featuring a discussion-based approach alongside children's activities.

September 12th saw the delayed launch of the Friends Organisation (Pillars of St Michael) with a splendid display of our fabric needs masterminded by Paul Tanner, who had recently resigned as our Fabric Officer due to ill health. The faculty for the repairs to the rainwater system and various other works was finally obtained and this allowed grant applications to be made to church charities to help fund these essential works. (Note it is hoped that this work can proceed in 2022 if grant applications prove successful). The regular quinquennial inspection of the church fabric was also undertaken in September, and we await the full report in 2022 with trepidation.

In October hopes of a return to normal were starting to rise and we finally held the 2019 and 2020 Annual Parish Meetings. Our thoughts turned to restarting monthly teas in the Hamilton Room and the possibility of the choir singing without masks. However, the prospect of some large memorial services with attendances of two hundred or more guests dictated that the Covid precautions remained unchanged and special care was taken to arrange the seating and to maximise ventilation in the church during these huge services which were so highly emotional.

Plans for Remembrance Sunday and Christmas were discussed at an early stage, but the uncertainty generated by the unpredictable nature of Covid made it difficult to know what to expect. The arrangements for Remembrance Sunday had to be adjusted to suit the 10.00clock service time and it seemed strange not to step back into church thereafter. Our usual Christmas Tree Festival was cancelled although the parish knitters produced an amazing collection of Hand Puppets, Twiddle Muffs and Worry Monsters for use by therapists and social workers. These were duly displayed in church in the form of a Christmas tree, whilst the world faced the onslaught of the highly contagious omicron variant and we were back to Plan B with mandatory mask wearing yet again, with urgent booster jabs the order of the day.

It was concluded that the Outdoor Crib Service was likely to attract far too many people so reluctantly this was cancelled again, although a Crib Service was held at St. Marys Buckland. We welcomed back the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols (with slightly fewer Carols) and of course no mulled wine or mince pies to follow! Around this time the Rector was advised to rest for a month mainly on health grounds although there was an element of stress involved due to parish pressures and family matters too. However, our determined Rector gamely decided to soldier on with reduced duties to complete the busy Christmas Schedule, she had planned. Christmas morning produced a family atmosphere with numerous children and presents in attendance, although only a few noticed the quiet retirement of our wonderful longstanding Verger Graham laying up his gown after twenty-five years of dedicated service. Finally, this difficult year was despatched at midnight on New Year's Eve in the traditional way with twelve strokes of St Michael's tenor bell and 2022 was duly rung in with enthusiasm and hope for a better and more satisfying year.

Postscript

This year has been a year of some frustration with hoped for recovery from Covid taking longer than expected and giving rise to a general feeling of malaise. This is partly due to the uncertainty created by different Covid variants and perpetually changing government regulations. All our activities have been subject to restrictions of one sort or another and this has impacted on our normal communications. Covid regulations are happily receding and now is the time to embrace

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renewal with fresh enthusiasm. We hope to shortly bring back the post service coffee and the buoyant conversation which normally results to oil the wheels of church affairs. Anna, David Neil, and Kerry have all worked extremely hard to keep our spirits up, but they can only function effectively when the myriad tasks that keep St Michael's running are shared with the congregation. This is particularly true for our Rector who must cram all her duties into just three days a week. Thankfully, we have lots of kind folk who quietly perform such duties each week, be they door lockers, church cleaners, magazine deliverers, choristerswhatever. However, there are still a number of roles which have become vacant this past year and for which we urgently need willing volunteers. Can you offer your skills as Fabric Officer, Verger, PCC memberetc. Then please step up and help share these tasks and make this Jubilee Year a year of rejuvenation and joy. We look forward enormously to welcoming you all to St Michael's and to a stronger and more vibrant community in Betchworth in 2022.

Bernard Hawkins and Linda Slater, Churchwardens

Safeguarding

A Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) is there to be a contact for anyone who is, or thinks another is, being controlled, suffering abuse or may be at risk of physical or mental harm. Details of organisations offering advice and support are on the notice-board in the Church porch, as are all the details of the Parish and Southwark Diocese Safeguarding team.

During 2021 some changes have taken place at the Diocesan Office, and a lead has been taken to introduce safeguarding training for anyone who is working, or helping in any Church activity with children, young people or vulnerable adults. Safeguarding training courses can be found at:
<https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/login/index.php>

Southwark Diocese is encouraging all PCC members and those having any contact with vulnerable adults or children to take these courses, in order to make themselves aware of the various situations where one's own safety could be controlled or challenged.

Betchworth is a Safe Community, but it is better to Be Aware and Prepared.

As with all Church of England Parishes, we too have declared our intention of being a Safer Church, according to the House of Bishops' declaration. This was last reviewed by the PCC in March 2022 and a copy of this policy is on the Porch notice board and the St Michael's web-site.

A copy of the Safeguarding manual 'A Safer Church' is held in the Church and can also be found on the Southwark Diocese web-site.

Contact details for the PSO in this Parish are in the Parish magazine, on the Noticeboard in the Church Porch and on the Parish web-site.

Margaret Miller (PSO for St Michael's Betchworth)

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Annual Fabric Report 2021

The Protection and Maintenance of the Fabric

The Fabric Officer resigned in mid-year due to ill health although he continued to deal with Fabric matters when consulted. As a consequence, the Fabric Committee has not met during the last 12 months. A new Fabric Officer is being sought.

An insurance claim for the replacement of the west gable cross was lodged and inspected by loss adjusters in the autumn. This claim has recently been agreed in the sum of £5017.00 less the £500 policy excess. This work can now proceed independently or more economically in conjunction with other planned works

During a routine inspection of the electrical system a persistent fault was identified on the sewage pump which was replaced in July. This was attributed to sporadic use during the Covid period, and the cost met by the Parish Council from their Covid recovery funds.

The operation of the heating programmer became erratic and it was replaced

A quinquennial inspection took place in September and the full report is awaited.

Implementation of Works Recommended in the Quinquennial Inspection

Tenders were received for the replacement of the rainwater system along with various stonework repairs and the installation of a moisture detector above the organ costing £88,500.00. A site meeting was held with one of the potential contractors in the Spring but work was unable to proceed pending issue of the faculty and adequate funding. The faculty was finally obtained in September which enabled grant applications to be made. To date £1500 has been received and three further applications are still being evaluated. It is hoped that funding will be available in time for work to commenced in the Spring 2022.

An Arch Deacons Licence was obtained in November for the installation of a handrail on the Belfry stairs. A donation of £500 was received for this work, and installation is now underway by the Bellringers.

Future Improvements

Details of plans to develop the West porch as the principal entrance and to provide level access through the West porch were displayed in church at the launch of the Pillars of St Michael's in September, but not progressed further as funding for the replacement of the rainwater system took priority.

Electoral Roll and Church attendance

The Electoral Roll shows the following numbers:

	31 December 2019	31 December 2020	31 December 2021
Within the parish	46	46	37
Outside the parish	75	76	81
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	121	122	118
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Physical services took place throughout 2021 but with Covid restrictions in place and often with lower attendances. Online services were also available. However, the overall average attendance for the year actually increased. Average weekly church attendance in 2021 was 33, plus on average 10 under 16s (2020 was 25 adults and on average 6 under 16s). 81 attended the Christmas Services.

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Online and dial-in services continued for those unable to attend church in person and for others.

This has meant that the attendance numbers for this year are not directly comparable to pre lockdown years. However, there were 7 Baptisms, 9 Weddings, 8 Funerals in Church, 3 Crematorium Services and 1 Burial of Ashes.

The Statistics (page views) for the Your Church Online webpage were as follows:

January to December 2021

1279 views, average 24 per week (52 weeks)

Good Friday 2021

April 56

Easter Day 2021

April 55

Christmas Services: the 2021 Christmas services were held in church, so there was no separate webpage for online worship and Christmas Morning online worship appeared on Your Church Online. The statistics for the Christmas season are included in the figure for Your Church Online above.

Upper Mole Group

(Comprising the Parishes of Betchworth, Buckland, Charlwood, Sidlow Bridge, Brockham and Leigh). The Group Council consists of Licensed Clergy and Churchwardens of the six Churches.

The Upper Mole Group has not met. Clergy members continue to meet monthly for morning prayer. Resources have been shared amongst the group e.g. Lent course and Teleconferencing which has been invaluable for the initial dial in services

Rector

Diocesan Synod

The Diocesan Synod met in March 2021 on Zoom.

The Diocesan Office was just open two days a week but soon hoped to open more. We were in a deficit budget. The sale of some Diocesan properties helped us very much along with a good Parish Share Fund income, regardless of the Lockdown, meant the forecast for our Diocesan budget was good. We are fortunate to be an Asset Rich diocese unlike many others in England. Our Diocese was able to pay £1.35m of the total £2.2m due to the Church Commissioners. The rest would hopefully be paid before 31.12.2021. There was a comprehensive presentation and example on 'Living in Love and Faith' Course, including small discussion groups. This important programme to help parishioners and Deaneries explore gender and sexuality within churches and our communities was followed up in Reigate Deanery later in the year.

The Synod met in the evening on July 2021, but I was unable to attend it.

That was to be my last Diocesan Synod and I have now stepped down for the following term beginning in the Autumn of 2021.

I learned a lot whilst on the Synod which helped me enjoy it more and I do recommend it to other church and PCC members. Thank you for supporting me being on Diocesan Synod for the past six years.

Ginny Eaton

Reigate Deanery Synod Report

The Reigate Deanery Synod scheduled 3 Zoom meetings in 2021 - 23rd February, 23rd June & 14th October 2021 (under Coronavirus restrictions). Additionally, Members received Notifications.

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15 January 2021 Notification

Notification of support for young people with emotional, well-being and mental health problems from Judith Brooks (Head of Young People.)

23 February 2021 Meeting

Discussion: Role of Deaneries.

Rules & Constitution of Deanery Synods' Paper adopted.

Discussed: Mental Health, Eco Church, Quiet Day, Children & Youth.

No collective events planned due Covid.

Revd. Canon Jay Colville, Diocesan Director of Mission spoke on 'Tell' from the Five marks of Mission.

An Anti-Racism Charter approved.

Chris Elliott referred to a 'Modern Slavery Webinar' (24/04/21).

Diocesan Synod Elections 17/06/21. General Synod Elections (23/06/21).

11 May 2021 Notification

Leslie Jackson (Reigate Deanery Lay Chair) sought Representatives to share ECO initiatives within our churches. Zoom ECO Surgery held last Monday each month.

23 June 2021 Meeting

5 Clergy Representatives & 6 Laity Representatives confirmed on Diocesan Synod.

Facilitators: Helen Fraser, Nigel Griffiths & Sorel Parkes introduced a 'Living in Faith Course' for September 21.

Leslie Jackson elected as chair of 'Sparkfish'. Their Reps would attend schools in September 21.

14 October 2021 Meeting

Ian Christy spoke on Five marks of Mission, specifically, action on climate and nature crisis. Revd. Tim Aston spoke of the ECO action within the Deanery.

3 Clergy & 3 Laity volunteered for the Archdeaconry Mission and Pastoral Committee (AMPC).

Discussion held on Night shelters.

Revd. Anita Colpus (formerly Area Dean) thanked.

Revd. Sue Weakley retired.

Revd. Martin Colton now Assistant Area Dean.

Tom Briscombe

The Deanery Synod representatives for Buckland and Betchworth are:

Betchworth: Tom Briscombe, Linda Slater and Margaret Miller

Buckland: Tom Briscombe and Jean Cooke.

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Finance

This year has been another challenging year for the church financially. However, despite the substantial increase in our parish pledge (which we have paid in full) to £33,200 (2020: £25,000), the immense generosity of a small number of donors has meant that, once again, we have been able to show an, albeit much reduced, surplus on the general account (of £9,250 (2020:£21,120)). Overall, whilst we have an accumulated surplus on the general account of £76,579, our finances remain precarious, in that we have once again increased our pledge for 2022, and the work required by the last quinquennial report will require substantially more than the £31,712 in the fabric fund.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the PCC to seek to maintain adequate, but not excessive, reserves, to be used for the specific purposes for which they are identified. Cash representing reserves not immediately required is invested with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.

Other Information

There have been no transactions between the PCC and related parties (as defined by the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities SORP) nor has the PCC identified any major risks (other than the availability of continued funding, a topic of continued consideration by the PCC) which impact the work of the Church in the parish.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council
And signed on its behalf by



A Moore
Rector

9 March 2022

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council ('PCC') of St Michael's Church, Betchworth

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on the following pages is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and S.145 of the Charities Act 2011.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As Charity Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and you 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 examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charities Commission (under section 145(5)) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.


Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the 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 which 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 matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which give me 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 the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mrs Chris Braidwood F.C.A.
Chartered Accountant
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Surrey RH3 7DJ

31 March 2022

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Statement of financial activities For the year ended 31 December 2021

	General fund- unrestricted £	Fabric fund- restricted £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Incoming resources (Note 2)				
Incoming resources from donors	54,215	7,210	61,425	67,518
Income from ancillary transactions	16,627	106	16,733	10,719
Other ordinary income	1,063	-	1,063	1,607
Income from investments	-	-	-	-
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Total incoming resources	71,905	7,316	79,221	79,844
Resources used (Note 3)				
Grants & donations	3,500	-	3,500	3,225
Activities directly relating to the church	58,998	-	58,998	47,655
Church management and administration	157	270	427	3,704
Church repairs	-	10,380	10,380	1,320
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Total resources used	62,655	10,650	73,305	55,904
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Net movement in cash funds	9,250	(3,334)	5,916	23,940
Net Current Assets brought forward from 31 December 2020	67,329	35,046	102,375	78,435
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Net Current Assets carried forward at 31 December 2021	76,579	31,712	108,291	102,375
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Organ brought forward			285,067	291,696
Depreciation of organ			(6,629)	(6,629)
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Organ carried forward			278,438	285,067
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Total net assets at 31 December 2021			386,729	387,442

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Balance Sheet 31 December 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed Assets (Note 6)		
Organ	278,438	285,067
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Current Assets		
Cash at bank	113,604	104,508
Debtors	1,743	1,862
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	115,347	106,370
Current Liabilities		
Wedding fees received in advance	(400)	(400)
Other creditors	(6,656)	(3,595)
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	(7,056)	(3,995)
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Net current assets	108,291	102,375
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Total Assets	386,729	387,442
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Funds		
General fund	76,579	67,329
Fabric fund	31,712	35,046
Organ fund	278,438	285,067
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Total Funds	386,729	387,442
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These accounts were presented to the Parochial Church Council and approved by them on 9 March 2022.

Signed by:



A Moore

Rector

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Notes to the accounts

31 December 2021

1. Accounting policies

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions, together with FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP(FRS102)).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

General Fund

General funds represent the funds of the Parochial Church Council (the 'PCC') that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the PCC.

Income Resources

Voluntary income and capital resources

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

Planned giving received from pledges is recognised only when received.

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

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

Funds raised from events are accounted for gross.

Sales of books, leaflets and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable.

Resources Used

General expenses

General expenses are accounted for on an accrual's basis.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The parish pledge is accounted for as it is paid. Any pledge amount unpaid at 31 December is not provided for in the accounts as it is an optional (and not a legal) liability. For 2021, the full pledge of £33,200 (2020: £25,000) has been paid.

Organ

Direct building costs of the organ have been capitalised. Depreciation is charged at 2% p.a. to write off the total cost over 50 years.

Notes to the accounts
31 December 2021

	General fund- unrestricted £	Fabric fund- restricted £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
2. Incoming resources				
2a. Income resources from donors				
Covenants	39,573	3,420	42,993	46,565
Collections at services	5,486	-	5,486	3,942
Sundry donations	8,156	550	8,706	17,011
Grants	1,000	3,240	4,240	-
	54,215	7,210	61,425	67,518
2b. Income from ancillary transactions				
Magazine	7,844	-	7,844	7,208
Fees re: weddings, burials etc	8,763	-	8,763	3,511
Harvest supper/lunch	-	-	-	-
Flowers	20	-	20	-
Brockham Bonfire	-	-	-	-
Confetti sales	-	106	106	-
Concerts	-	-	-	-
	16,627	106	16,733	10,719
2c. Other ordinary income				
Sundry sales	99	-	99	286
Contribution from Buckland to Benefice costs.	964	-	964	1,321
	1,063	-	1,063	1,607
2d. Income from investments				
Interest	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources	71,905	7,316	79,221	79,844

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31 December 2021

	General fund- unrestricted £	Fabric fund- restricted £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
3. Resources used				
3a. Grants & donations				
Charitable giving (see Note 4)	3,500	-	3,500	3,225
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3b. Activities directly relating to the work of the church				
Diocesan quota and fees	37,943	-	37,943	26,272
Clergy expenses	895	-	895	767
Lighting, heating and water	1,032	-	1,032	2,560
Church maintenance	1,086	-	1,086	1,326
Magazine costs	3,359	-	3,359	2,920
Upkeep of churchyard	5,700	-	5,700	4,800
Organist	3,088	-	3,088	2,908
Music costs	-	-	-	-
Organ and piano servicing, etc.	407	-	407	660
Organ concert costs	-	-	-	-
Harvest supper/lunch costs	-	-	-	-
Insurance	4,950	-	4,950	4,894
Church activities	538	-	538	548
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	58,998	-	58,998	47,655
3c. Church management and admin				
Administration assistant	-	-	-	3,484
Paper and printing	157	270	427	220
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	157	270	427	3,704
3d. Church repairs				
Architect's fees	-	8,640	8,640	1,320
Toilet repairs	-	1,740	1,740	-
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	-	10,380	10,380	1,320
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Total resources used	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
	62,655	10,650	73,305	55,904

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4. Donations

	2021	2020
	£	£
General Donations		
Welcare	120	-
The Children's Society	-	-
Bishop of Southwark Lent Fund	500	225
Church Urban Fund	300	350
Farming Communities Network	200	200
The Bible Society	80	100
Royal British Legion	300	300
Lungi Sierra Leone	800	800
Practical Action	800	800
Robes Project	400	400
	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,175</u>
Donation of funeral collections	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Other		
St. Bede's	-	50
	<u>-</u>	<u>50</u>
	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,225</u>

NB: Welcare and The Children's Society benefitted from collections at the church amounting to £245 (2020:£264) and £174 (2020:£105) respectively, which were paid to them directly.

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5. Magazine (2b and 3b)

	2021 £	2020 £
Income comprises:		
Donations	3,126	2,521
Advertising	4,718	4,687
	<hr/> 7,844	<hr/> 7,208
Expenditure comprises:		
Printing costs	(3,359)	(2,920)
	<hr/> 4,485	<hr/> 4,288
Balance	<hr/> <hr/> 4,485	<hr/> <hr/> 4,288

6. Organ Fund

	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed Assets comprise:		
Cost	331,473	331,473
Depreciation	(53,035)	(46,406)
	<hr/> 278,438	<hr/> 285,067
Net book value	<hr/> <hr/> 278,438	<hr/> <hr/> 285,067

Accounts

Registered Charity No. 1132724

**The Parochial Church Council of the
Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Michael,
Betchworth
Annual Report and Financial Statements
31 December 2020**



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Report and Financial Statements 2020

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Registered Charity

No. 1132724

Incumbent

The Reverend Anna Moore

Church Wardens

L Slater

B Hawkins

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H Ely

R Grassly

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R Leach

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Annual Report 31 December 2020

This Annual Report is prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and the Church Representation Rules and the Charities Act 2011 and is submitted to and received by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which is then free to discuss it. The Secretary and the Churchwardens will address the Meeting and they and other members of the PCC will be happy to respond to any points raised or questions asked. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 16 May 2021, after the morning service. All on the Electoral Roll of the parish are entitled to attend and will be most welcome.

Structure, Governance and Management

The role of the Parochial Church Council

The Parochial Church Council (the 'PCC') is a corporate body established by the Church of England. It operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and is registered with the Charity Commission. Its role is to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. When Lockdown rules have permitted, the PCC has continued to support and insist that the Village Church is open during day for visitors to enjoy, for prayer and quiet contemplation.

PCC membership

In accordance with the Church Representation Rules, members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church meeting. There is no specified term of office.

The members of the PCC who are also its trustees, are shown on page 1. A full list of church officials is as follows:

Incumbent	The Revd. Anna Moore
Priest in Retirement	The Revd. Canon David Eaton
Reader Emeritus	His Honour Peter Slot (<i>until October 2020</i>)
Churchwardens	Mr Bernard Hawkins Mrs Linda Slater
Treasurer	Mr Charles Hardy
Fabric Officer	Mr Paul Tanner
Diocesan Synod Representative	Mrs. Ginny Eaton
Deanery Synod representatives	Mrs. Linda Slater Mrs Margaret Miller Mr Tom Briscombe
Elected members	Mrs Pam Armitage Mrs Hilary Ely Mr Richard Grassly Mr Melvin Hughes Mrs Rosemary Leach Mrs Bridget Ridley
Organist & Choirmaster	Mr. Melvin Hughes
Safeguarding Officer:	Mrs Margaret Miller

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Committees

Standing Committee: This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. It consists of the Rector, Churchwarden(s), Treasurer, Fabric Officer and PCC Secretary.

Upper Mole Group Council (which reports to the PCC): Membership consists of the Rectors, Clergy and Churchwardens of Betchworth, Buckland, Brockham, Leigh, Charlwood and Sidlow, and discusses joint events and the way ahead as a group.

Other sub-committees: These are formed on an ad hoc basis. The Education and Outreach and the Worship sub-committees continue to operate across the Benefice.

Education and Outreach, Joint Parish Sub-Committee

This is part of the development and growth of mission for both Parishes with a remit to

- Discuss and support the needs of young people, which includes services and activities for younger people, and links with schools and young people's groups
- To discuss prayer and action in the wider world for the desperately needy at home and abroad.
- To discuss how the local Church can reach out to the members of our community promoting and encouraging participation.
- To overview Christian study and education for adults and the younger generation in the parishes.
- Cover the planning of outside giving and develop a current giving plan for presentation to the PCC

The committee is a valuable medium to help plan and obtain support for outreach projects and our work with younger families in the villages. (See later detailed report Part 2)

Worship, Joint Parish Sub-Committee

The Rector, churchwardens, organist, musicians, service rota planners and choir director consider and guide all aspects of services and related activities for the United Benefice of St Michael's Betchworth and St Mary the Virgin Buckland.

The sub-committee is responsible to the PCC for reviewing and encouraging the worship life including:

- Being alert to trends and movements of worship;
- Assisting in providing a variety of experiences in worship reflecting the differing needs and tastes within the church community; and
- Participating in the planning of special occasions and assisting in the choice and provision of music in worship.

Specific Sub-Committees for St Michael's have met regularly throughout the year with reports elsewhere in this document. :-

Fabric

To support and guide the PCC on the repair, maintenance and management of the fabric and thereby serve the Church and Community in the implementation of the Mission Action Plan (MAP).

Stewardship

To explore a variety of ways in which we can increase regular giving to the church and try to meet our Parish Support Fund target.

Concerts and Recitals

To plan and make all necessary arrangements for a number of Concerts and Organ Concerts on the Kenneth Tickell organ, each year with the aim of achieving at least a financial break even on these events in order to cover costs and contribute to church funds or other designated purposes.

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Magazine

To manage on behalf of the St Michael's Betchworth PCC the monthly production and distribution to all households in the civil Parish of Betchworth of a Parish Magazine, with a view to furthering community cohesion and without placing any financial burden on the Church.

Events

To plan and produce on behalf of St Michael's Betchworth PCC a variety of fund-raising events throughout the year to supplement the church's income and to enable projects and financial targets to be achieved.

Objectives and Activities

The objective of the PCC is to facilitate the smooth running of the church in the village, and, as stated above, to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical.

Review of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2020

The PCC met six times during the year (*1 physical meeting, 2 virtual meetings by email exchange and 3 meetings using Zoom Video Conferencing*) and dealt with the usual routine affairs of the parish. Accordingly, there was no requirement for the Standing Committee to meet in the intervening months. The Council received regular reports on the following topics: -

- Finance
- Fabric and churchyard
- Deanery Synod/ Diocesan Synod
- Upper Mole Group of Churches
- Education and Outreach
- Safe Church Policy/ Health and Safety

Churchwardens' Report 2020

Achievements and Performance

A year like no other!! In late March, all the Government regulations imposed to check the Covid-19 pandemic were in force - social distancing, bacterial cleansing, and masks. We had started 2020 looking forward to working with the Rector, Anna Moore, and with the new service pattern to provide a solid platform for her developing ministry. We were pleased to hear that Kerry Evans would be joining us whilst she trained for ordination. Two Lent lunches took place and plans were afoot to celebrate Easter and to mark Anna's first anniversary in the Parish, when Covid hit. By March 23rd we were into complete lockdown, with elderly and vulnerable people shielding. The UMG wedding preparation day, the Annual Parish Church Meeting (now in May 2021) and the cancellation of B-Tribe and Wednesday Teas took effect. The whole country seemed paralysed, with the churches closed and attendance at funerals, heavily restricted.

Initially we were concerned for the physical welfare of the parishioners, with practical help and assistance being made available in conjunction with James Benn, the Parish Council, and local volunteers. Anna, with support from Melvin, Graham, David, Neil, and Hilary, instituted dial-in and online services to provide a continuing spiritual link with the congregation. A COVID-19 Survival WhatsApp Group was set up to maintain contacts and efforts made to phone anyone isolated without access to modern media facilities.

Anna's open church door policy was due to be expanded with an increase in the use of the church building for other community activities. Sadly, the Book swap Scheme and an eco-friendly recycling initiative called Teracycle, had to be temporarily aborted although both were re-

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established subsequently. The publication of the Parish Magazine was halted for two months and with no congregation the church collections dropped to zero and cost savings became essential. Planned weddings were all put on hold and it was realised that there was likely to be a significant shortfall in the church finances. Sadly, the post of Parish Administrator was rendered redundant. However, an appeal for funds in the parish magazine was generously answered. We gratefully acknowledge the donations received. This has helped the church to remain solvent in 2020 although planned fundraising towards roof repairs had to be postponed. Finances in 2021 may be even more difficult with the need to meet our fair share of the costs of ministry.

We waited anxiously until mid-June for the opening of churches for private prayer. This announcement caused a flurry of Covid securing activity with new risk assessments and arrangements. In July we were allowed to open the church once again for public worship, subject to further risk assessments and precautions. Services commenced on 12th July at Betchworth and were held alternate weeks with St Mary's. Liz Vahey masterminded the seating arrangements at both churches and oversaw the social distancing between different households and bubbles.

Attendances were initially modest, with folk feeling unsure about the risks of gathering under one roof. Shielding was still appropriate for much of the congregation, with singing still banned and bell ringing restricted to a single bell. PCC meetings were held on Zoom and it was decided to continue dial-in and online services to make sure that no-one needed to attend church until they felt safe. Services in church now incorporated four distanced members of the choir singing a single hymn. Harvest was marked with a speaker from Welcare and arrangements made for the customary All Souls Service at Buckland,

On October 15th we suffered a momentous loss to St Michaels and the parish at large. Our beloved preacher, chorister and friend Peter Slot died, leaving everyone utterly bereft. Peter had served St Michael's in almost every capacity known to a lay person. He was a member of the PCC and a churchwarden, and endlessly supportive and encouraging to all who followed. He was a longstanding member of the choir and a licensed Reader for over 25 years, stepping down in 2017 with the honorary title of Reader Emeritus. Sadly, his funeral was limited to family members, but many people lined The Street to bid him a fond farewell. It was fitting that at his funeral the Revd Helen Burnett reprised his acclaimed sermon 'See yon wicket gate'.

At the beginning of November, the Family Service focussed on Welcare, with an excellent donation of shop vouchers given instead of the usual toys. Plans for an outdoor Remembrance Day Service were abandoned following national guidance from the British Legion. Wreaths were privately laid over the weekend, and the names read during the mornings online and dial-in Services. A second wave of Covid was clearly underway and a 4-week lockdown was announced. Church services were discontinued, and tentative plans made for ticketed Services at Christmas. A Christingle Service was held on December 6th with a collection for the Children's Society. Adults and children worked together to each make their own Christingles. The Christmas Tree Festival could not take place although a tree of home knitted hats was installed in church and distributed to local homeless shelters, the Salvation Army and Romania. The church's annual charitable donations were made at a reduced level.

The first ticketed service was expected to be a shortened Carol Service with a recorded version available online. In the event the recording proved to be a real triumph, and the increasing transmission of the Kent Covid variant prompted the last-minute cancellation of the actual Carol Service, with the recorded version made available online for everyone. Our thanks go to Melvin and the Choir, the Lesson Readers (and the video operator) for such an uplifting service. A joint crib service was held in St Michael's on Christmas Eve, and the Christmas morning service was well attended with 61 people in church. At the end of the year things were beginning to look slightly more hopeful, but this rollercoaster of a year ended with a bang. The stone cross at the west end of the nave roof disintegrated and caused damage to the roof. Furthermore, lockdown number three was imminent and after discussions the PCC decided to request the Archdeacon to permit the

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suspension of services until mid-February. We just hope that this will be short lived and that we can report a more positive outcome in next year's report.

Postscript

This unusual year has overtaken all our normal activities and directed our attention into combating the Covid pandemic and finding new ways to support and maintain contact with the community. Anna and many more wonderful people kept St Michael's running and turned their hands to new and unexpected duties. We should like to acknowledge the efforts of innumerable folk for their acts of kindness and neighbourliness, but there is one group who deserve our special thanks. That is the On-line Service Team who have kept us together in this troublesome year. Anna has been truly magnificent and become a village treasure. Melvin has steadfastly supported all the services with music and voluntaries, (often played in a freezing cold church) and David, Neil and Kerry who have all taken their part with sermons and prayers. Finally, I must mention our webmaster, Hilary Ely, who has kept us all up to date by posting the services and latest information onto the church website with each twist and turn of the regulations. Our grateful thanks go to them and all the other helpers, and we look forward to seeing you all again at St Michael's, hopefully after Palm Sunday when we plan to resume church services.

Bernard Hawkins and Linda Slater, Churchwardens

Safeguarding

A Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) is there to be a contact for anyone who is, or thinks another is, being controlled, suffering abuse or may be at risk of physical or mental harm. Sadly for some, this has been more apparent this year with more time spent in lock-down.

During 2020, with the various lock-downs and social-distancing, many of the children's activities had to be cancelled, however the Southwark Diocese Safeguarding team, although working from home, have continued to be accessible. There has been a change to the Diocesan Adviser, with the welcome to Hugh Constant, and an amendment to the on-duty contact number. This has now become a 24hr call number. Details are in the Church porch as are all the up-dated details. Safeguarding training is available for anyone who is working, or helping in any Church activity with children, young people or vulnerable adults, now transferred to on-line training.

A copy of the Safeguarding manual 'A Safer Church' is held in the Church and can also be found on the Southwark Diocese web-site.

Contact details for the PSO in this Parish are in the Parish magazine, on the Noticeboard in the Church Porch and on the Parish web-site.

Margaret Miller
(PSO for St Michael's Betchworth)

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Annual Fabric Report 2020

The Protection and Maintenance of the Fabric

Because of the COVID restrictions over the last 12 months, members of the Fabric Committee have met only informally since the last formal meeting on February 19th 2020, when imminent inspections etc were noted.

These inspections and surveys have since been reviewed.

Recent high winds brought down the apex cross to the West gable which unfortunately damaged the adjacent ridge tile and some of the Horsham stone slabs to the North aisle roof. An insurance claim has been lodged and a quotation for the renewal of the cross etc is awaited.

Similarly, recent prolonged, deep frost has caused the spalling of a coping stone to the Chancel gable, which is also the subject of an insurance claim.

Implementation of Works Recommended in the Quinquennial Inspection

These works and the associated Budget Estimate were agreed by the PCC at its meeting on April 6th 2020 as being most urgent.

Following authorisation of the appointment of the Inspecting Architect members of the Fabric Committee have held meetings and discussions with the Architect on site leading to a refinement of the proposed works which were summarised in the Faculty application as:

Repair (and some replacement) works as described on the attached specification, including:

- repair and painting of existing cast iron rainwater goods*
- replacement of some rainwater goods in aluminium (note: there are some aluminium rainwater goods already on the building)*
- pointing to stonework*
- repairs to water ingress (south aisle adjacent to tower)*
- small area of lime render repairs*
- other minor repairs internally and externally*
- installation of a damp/water ingress monitoring system over the organ*
- inspections from mobile access platform*

The Architect submitted a Faculty Application on November 24th 2020 for which we hope to receive approval imminently. The Architect is now proceeding with the preparation of tender documents with a view to recommending a tender for approval by PCC at its meeting on May 17th so that the works may be completed over the summer of 2021, funds permitting.

Future Improvements

Meanwhile, the Fabric Committee obtained budget quotations for the completion of a comprehensive rewiring of the church which indicated a cost of approximately £50,000. A new distribution board etc was installed in readiness together with new localised lighting, as part of the Lady Chapel / Organ project.

In support of the move to develop the West porch as the principal entrance, the Fabric Committee has also prepared a scheme to provide level access through the West porch. This would support the provision of enhanced community facilities within the church.

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Electoral Roll and Church attendance

The Electoral Roll shows the following numbers:

	31 December 2018	31 December 2019	31 December 2020
Within the parish	68	46	46
Outside the parish	90	75	76
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	158	121	122
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Physical Services were only possible between 5 January and 15 March, 12 July and 1 November, and, 6 and 25 December 2020. Average weekly church attendance in 2020 was 25, plus on average 12 under 16s (in 2019 it was 35 adults and on average 6 under 16s). The Church was shut for Easter. 105 attended the Christmas Services.

Once lockdown had been established Anna quickly secured the finances from the Brockham Emergency Rescue Team (BERT) to set up a dial in service for the church which combined with recording of music by Melvin and weekly service sheet provided us with an ongoing way of ensuring that our worshipping needs were to some extent met. Once lockdown had lifted the online and dial-in services continued for those unable to attend church in person and we started to alternate between St Michael's and St Mary's for the weekly services.

This has meant that the attendance numbers for this year are not directly comparable to 2019. However, there were 5 baptisms, 5 funerals in Church and 6 Crematorium services. No weddings were held. There was no burial of ashes.

The Statistics (page views) for the Your Church Online were as follows:

March to December 2020

2749 views, average 67 per week (41 weeks)

Good Friday 2020

April 80

Easter Day 2020

April 121

Christmas Services Online 2020

December 135

Upper Mole Group

(Comprising the Parishes of Betchworth, Buckland, Charlwood, Sidlow Bridge, Brockham and Leigh). The Group Council consists of Licensed Clergy and Churchwardens of the six Churches.

The Upper Mole Group has not met. Clergy members continue to meet monthly for morning prayer. Resources have been shared amongst the group e.g. WHYPAY Teleconferencing which has been invaluable for dial in services for those unable to access the internet. Our Lessons and Carol service was shared amongst the clergy to represent all 6 churches. We hope to resume meetings and share services when we are permitted to do so.

Southwark Diocesan Synod Report (including Board of Education)

Report of Southwark Diocesan Synod 2020.

*March's meeting was cancelled because of the lockdown.

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*July's meeting was on Zoom:

The hope was that all APCMs would be held face to face by 31/10/20 but was not possible. Bishop Christopher told us that 18 new curates across the diocese were to be ordained electronically in September-bit of a shock! The 2019 Annual Report and Financial Statements for year ended 31 December 2019 were unanimously received and approved. There was an update on finances in the light of Covid-19, small reduction in PSF Parish Support Fund, with one third of parishes now supporting the other two thirds. We want it to be the other way round. There will have to be some redundancies in lay diocesan jobs. New worshippers were coming through the electronic worship. Vicar Rev Mandy Ford was leaving the Diocese to become Dean of Bristol.

*December's meeting was on Zoom:

Members were updated on the various elections in 2021 which include Diocesan Synod, General Synod and various Boards and Committees.

The Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance presented the 2021 Budget and 3-year forward view to recovery, which would be the first deficit budget in many years as a result of Covid-19. There was still optimism because the parishes had been generous in the Parish Support Fund pledges for 2021. The Chair moved a motion that: "this Synod approve the total 2021 budget expenditure of £25.32m which is based on total 2021 budgeted income of £22.53m." An electronic vote was taken with overwhelming support for the motion. It is a huge amount of money that the Diocese needs to receive in and then uses and I thought a few examples of the biggest incoming amounts and outgoing spends in 2020s budget would help to see why.

Budgeted Incoming amounts for 2020:

Parish Support Fund £16,468,000; Grants received £3,561,000; Investment Income £1,425,000 and Property gain £1,500,00

Budgeted Expenditure amounts for 2020:

Clergy Costs £12,576,000; Property costs £3,506,000; Vocations £1,227,000 and Contributions to National Church £1,593,000.

A presentation on the Growing Faith Initiative was given with a video. The Growing Faith adventure encourages a renewal of hearts and minds so that it becomes second nature to look at every aspect of mission and ministry through what it means for our children, young people and households. This flows from the relationship encouraged between schools and churches, and how these are developed to resource and support households to grow in faith together.

A General Synod member gave an update on the November Group of Session for the General Synod, which had been held on Zoom also. This included a report on Living in Love and Faith, which sets out to inspire people to think more deeply both about what it means to be human, and to live in love and faith with one another. It tackles the tough questions and the divisions among Christians about what it means to be holy in a society in which understandings and practices of gender, sexuality and marriage continue to change.

It was noted that the following year (2021) is an election year for General and Diocesan Synods.

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Report of the Southwark Diocesan Board of Education (SDBE) 2020

For the same reason SDBE Trustee meetings have been held on Zoom.

Despite trying circumstances with COVID-19 19 church schools had remained open during the lockdowns to support key worker and vulnerable families and they used the opportunity for mission. The latest figures were used to show how successful church schools in the Diocese were with 93% receiving a 'good' or 'better' OFSTED report. They had much to celebrate with a strong provision and positive leadership engagement. The schools project about serious youth violence was doing well and there was much Eco Diocese engagement. Exciting news was that a new Kingston Voluntary Aided Secondary School is being developed and built now. The Multi Academy Trust (MAT) has 10 schools now and it is financially self-sustaining. It offers a strong range of services to its schools and there is much positive feedback between the schools and DfE. The Chief Executive of the SDBE has now retired and an appointment is hopefully soon to be made.

Ginny Eaton: member of Diocesan Synod and SDBE

Reigate Deanery Synod Report

The Reigate Deanery Synod scheduled the following meetings in 2020 -4th February, All Saints Merstham, 10th June, St Francis, Horley and 22nd October St Marks Reigate. Due to the Coronavirus lockdown restrictions only the February meeting was held.

In December 2019 Judith O'Connell - Asst to Area Dean, Revd Anita Colpus, announced that she was taking over Deanery Secretarial responsibilities from Christine Elliott.

February's meeting: (4th February 20) All Saints, Merstham.

Rev Anita Colpus welcomed as Area Dean.

All Diocesan Synod places now filled with good Deanery representation.

Grants for youth work received along with TV/Wi-Fi for Refugees in the area. Deanery will continue to support, reported Chris Elliott.

Kerry Evans covered social justice focusing on Modern Slavery and Country Lines. Domestic violence and mental health issues to be included in future forums.

Alison Elson spoke about Thy Kingdom Come, which historically covers The Ascension Day Service, Prayer Space, Prayer Walking and Pentecost in the Park.

Andrew Cunnington formerly Deanery Chair discussed the benefits of conferences, bringing together people from both sacred and secular backgrounds to focus on wider community issues and to discover a common passion for improvement in lives.

The hosting of Quiet Days at Wychcroft continues to be well supported and the need to continue funding Youth Trips has long term benefits.

Libby Green mentioned the success of the Wholeness and Healing Services at various churches, and David Keiller reminded of his 5 Marks of Mission course which could be taken to different churches in the Deanery.

Notification of there being no further DS meetings in person was received on 10th April 2020 due to Coronavirus restrictions.

Following a Zoom DS Meeting on 22nd October, Mr Leslie Jackson was elected the new Lay Chair, replacing Chris Elliott. Fiona Hawker, Treasurer, Judith O'Connell confirmed as Secretary. New Guide for work in the Deanery now available. 9 new members of the Deanery Leadership Team also elected.

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A Deanery Newsletter was circulated in November 2020.

The Deanery Synod representatives for Buckland and Betchworth are: Tom Briscoombe, Linda Slater, Margaret Miller, Jean Cooke with Ginny Eaton on the Diocesan Synod.

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Finance

This year has been a challenging year for the church financially. However, due to our decision last year to substantially reduce our parish pledge (which we have paid in full) to £25,000 (2019:£35,000) and the immense generosity of a small number of donors, we have once again been able to show a surplus on the general account (of £21,120). Overall, whilst we have an accumulated surplus on the general account of £67,329, our finances nonetheless remain precarious, in that we have increased our pledge for 2021 to £33,200 and the work required by the last quinquennial report will require substantially more than the £35,046 in the fabric fund.

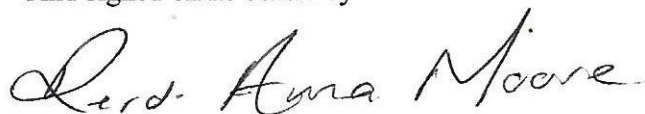
Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the PCC to seek to maintain adequate, but not excessive, reserves, to be used for the specific purposes for which they are identified. Cash representing reserves not immediately required is invested with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.

Other Information

There have been no transactions between the PCC and related parties (as defined by the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities SORP) nor has the PCC identified any major risks (other than the availability of continued funding, a topic of continued consideration by the PCC) which impact the work of the Church in the parish.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council
And signed on its behalf by



A Moore
Rector

17 March 2021

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council ('PCC') of St Michael's Church, Betchworth

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on the following pages is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and S.145 of the Charities Act 2011.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As Charity Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and you 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 examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charities Commission (under section 145(5)) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the 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 which 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 matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which give me 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 the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mrs Chris Braidwood F.C.A.
Chartered Accountant
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Betchworth
Surrey RH3 7DJ

17 March 2021

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Statement of financial activities For the year ended 31 December 2020

	General fund- unrestricted £	Fabric fund- restricted £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Incoming resources (Note 2)				
Incoming resources from donors	63,378	4,140	67,518	63,255
Income from ancillary transactions	10,719	-	10,719	18,611
Other ordinary income	1,607	-	1,607	3,644
Income from investments	-	-	-	-
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Total incoming resources	75,704	4,140	79,844	85,510
Resources used (Note 3)				
Grants & donations	3,225	-	3,225	5,817
Activities directly relating to the church	47,655	-	47,655	63,277
Church management and administration	3,704	-	3,704	7,825
Church repairs	-	1,320	1,320	-
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Total resources used	54,584	1,320	55,904	76,919
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Net movement in cash funds	21,120	2,820	23,940	8,591
Net Current Assets brought forward from 31 December 2019	46,209	32,226	78,435	69,844
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Net Current Assets carried forward at 31 December 2020	67,329	35,046	102,375	78,435
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Organ brought forward			291,696	298,327
Depreciation of organ			(6,629)	(6,631)
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Organ carried forward			285,067	291,696
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Total net assets at 31 December 2020			387,442	370,131

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Balance Sheet 31 December 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed Assets (Note 6)		
Organ	285,067	291,696
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Current Assets		
Cash at bank	104,508	79,812
Debtors	1,862	1,528
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	106,370	81,340
Current Liabilities		
Wedding fees received in advance	(400)	(800)
Other creditors	(3,595)	(2,105)
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	(3,995)	(2,905)
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Net current assets	102,375	78,435
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Total Assets	387,442	370,131
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Funds		
General fund	67,329	46,209
Fabric fund	35,046	32,226
Organ fund	285,067	291,696
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Total Funds	387,442	370,131
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These accounts were presented to the Parochial Church Council and approved by them on 17 March 2021.

Signed by:



A Moore

Rector

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Notes to the accounts

31 December 2020

1. Accounting policies

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions, together with FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP(FRS102)).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

General Fund

General funds represent the funds of the Parochial Church Council (the 'PCC') that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the PCC.

Income Resources

Voluntary income and capital resources

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

Planned giving received from pledges is recognised only when received.

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

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

Funds raised from events are accounted for gross.

Sales of books, leaflets and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable.

Resources Used

General expenses

General expenses are accounted for on an accrual's basis.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The parish pledge is accounted for as it is paid. Any pledge amount unpaid at 31 December is not provided for in the accounts as it is an optional (and not a legal) liability. For 2020, the full pledge of £25,000 (2019: £35,000) has been paid.

Organ

Direct building costs of the organ have been capitalised. Depreciation is charged at 2% p.a. to write off the total cost over 50 years.

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Notes to the accounts 31 December 2020

	General fund- unrestricted £	Fabric fund- restricted £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
2. Incoming resources				
2a. Income resources from donors				
Covenants	42,425	4,140	46,565	37,340
Collections at services	3,942	-	3,942	12,670
Sundry donations	17,011	-	17,011	13,495
Grants	-	-	-	550
	<hr/> 63,378	<hr/> 4,140	<hr/> 67,518	<hr/> 63,255
2b. Income from ancillary transactions				
Magazine	7,208	-	7,208	8,264
Fees re: weddings, burials etc	3,511	-	3,511	6,306
Harvest supper/lunch	-	-	-	530
Flower Festival	-	-	-	-
Brockham Bonfire	-	-	-	800
Alternative Christmas Tree Festival	-	-	-	907
Confetti sales	-	-	-	190
Concerts	-	-	-	1,614
	<hr/> 10,719	<hr/> -	<hr/> 10,719	<hr/> 18,611
2c. Other ordinary income				
Sundry sales	286	-	286	730
Contribution from Buckland to Benefice costs.	1,321	-	1,321	2,914
	<hr/> 1,607	<hr/> -	<hr/> 1,607	<hr/> 3,644
2d. Income from investments				
Interest	-	-	-	-
	<hr/> -	<hr/> -	<hr/> -	<hr/> -
Total incoming resources	<hr/> <hr/> 75,704	<hr/> <hr/> 4,140	<hr/> <hr/> 79,844	<hr/> <hr/> 85,510

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	General fund- unrestricted £	Fabric fund- restricted £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
3. Resources used				
3a. Grants & donations				
Charitable giving (see Note 4)	3,225	-	3,225	5,817
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3b. Activities directly relating to the work of the church				
Diocesan quota and fees	26,272	-	26,272	37,037
Clergy expenses	767	-	767	653
Lighting, heating and water	2,560	-	2,560	4,019
Church maintenance	1,326	-	1,326	966
Magazine costs	2,920	-	2,920	3,366
Upkeep of churchyard	4,800	-	4,800	5,620
Organist	2,908	-	2,908	2,936
Music costs	-	-	-	275
Organ and piano servicing, etc.	660	-	660	683
Organ concert costs	-	-	-	810
Harvest supper/lunch costs	-	-	-	13
Insurance	4,894	-	4,894	5,291
Church activities	548	-	548	1,608
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	47,655	-	47,655	63,277
3c. Church management and admin				
Administration assistant	3,484	-	3,484	5,928
Paper and printing	220	-	220	1,897
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	3,704	-	3,704	7,825
3d. Church repairs				
Architect's fees	-	1,320	1,320	-
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	-	1,320	1,320	-
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Total resources used	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
	54,584	1,320	55,904	76,919

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4. Donations

	2020	2019
		£
General Donations	£	
Welcare	-	340
The Children's Society	-	200
Bishop of Southwark Lent Fund	225	456
Church Urban Fund	350	300
Farming Communities Network	200	300
The Bible Society	100	100
Royal British Legion	300	620
Zimbabwe Link	-	250
Lungi Sierra Leone	800	1,000
Practical Action	800	1,000
Robes Project	400	400
	<u>3,175</u>	<u>4,966</u>
Donation of funeral collections		
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Other		
St. Bede's	50	25
Bishop of Southwark Ordination Fund	-	776
Kilmarnock Horse Rescue	-	50
	<u>50</u>	<u>851</u>
	<u>3,225</u>	<u>5,817</u>

NB: Welcare and The Children's Society benefitted from collections at the church amounting to £264 and £105 respectively, which were paid to them directly.

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5. Magazine (2b and 3b)

	2020	2019
	£	£
Income comprises:		
Donations	2,521	2,621
Advertising	4,687	5,643
	<u>7,208</u>	<u>8,264</u>
Expenditure comprises:		
Printing costs	(2,920)	(3,366)
Balance	<u>4,288</u>	<u>4,898</u>

6. Organ Fund

	2020	2019
	£	£
Fixed Assets comprise:		
Cost	331,473	331,473
Depreciation	(46,406)	(39,777)
Net book value	<u>285,067</u>	<u>291,696</u>