

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish
of**

St. Patrick, Patrington,

East Yorkshire (registered charity no. 1132801).

**Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2020.**



Minister: Rev, A. Laird.
Churchwardens: Mrs. A. M. Hamilton and Mr. C. J. Unwin.
PCC Secretary: Mrs. A. M. Hamilton
PCC Treasurer: Mr. M. G. Price

Bankers: Barclays Bank plc.
The Central Board of Finance of the Church of England.

Solicitors: Messrs Rollits, Kingston-upon-Hull.

Architect: Mr. C. Cotton, Purcells, York.

Honorary Independent Examiner:
Mr. A. Guy, Southcoates, Withernsea.

Enquiries about this Report should be addressed to the appropriate Church
Officer.

Telephone numbers are stated against names and offices on page 3.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council
of St. Patrick's Church, Patrington.**

I report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2020 as set out on the attached pages.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC as trustees and the Examiner.

The PCC as trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and consider that an audit is not required under s.144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:-

- examine the accounts under s.145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under s.145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act;
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. It includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express any audit opinion on the view presented by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement.

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

1. gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act, or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Andrew W.
16 May 2021

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Accountants
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Reference and Administration

Vicar, Assistant Curate and Churchwardens:

In interregnum until installation on 1 September 2020 of Rev. A. Laird,
The Rectory, Northside. Patrington, East Yorkshire, HU12 0PB
Rev. J. Sharp, 3 Ringrose Cottages, Northside Rd, Hollym, East Yorkshire, HU19 2RS
Mrs. A. M. Hamilton, 21, Saffron Garth, Patrington, East Yorkshire, HU12 0RF
Mr. C.J. Unwin, 32, Station Road, Patrington, East Yorkshire, HU12 0NE

The Parochial Church Council

Members are ex officio, elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, or co-opted, in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. At the 2017 Annual Parochial Church Meeting, it was resolved that the elected lay membership of the PCC should be no lower than nine; and ex officio members, officers and lay PCC members (elected en bloc) at the delayed 2020 Annual Meeting were:-

Rev. A. Laird (Chairman) – from 1 September	01964 630327
Rev. J. Sharp (Assistant Curate)	
Mrs A. M. Hamilton (Churchwarden, Secretary & Verger)	01964 630631
Mr. C. J. Unwin (Churchwarden & Deanery Synod representative)	01964 630313
Mr. M. G. Price (Treasurer)	01964 622399
Mrs. R. Pate (Electoral Roll Officer)	01964 630145
Mrs. M. J. Anstruther, Mr. B. Bonnard, Mr. W. Hamilton (Deanery Synod representative), Mr. A. C. Pate, Mrs. M. Stansfield, Mr. M. Watkinson.	

There were 8 PCC meetings scheduled to be held in the year. The pandemic resulted in only one being held, with all other consultation of PCC members being by email or paper. The management of the church's affairs between consultations was conducted by the Standing Committee, in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

Church Electoral Roll

There are 34 people on the Electoral Roll, 29 resident in the parish and 5 non-resident.

Professional Advisers

These are listed on the front cover page.

Website

Our website is www.stpatrickspatrington.org, where there is much more information about the church and its activities. Our Facebook page is [St Patricks Church Patrington – authentic page](#)

Structure, governance and management.

The Parochial Church Council.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. Its governing documentation and objectives are those adopted by the Church of England, which require it to promote in the Ecclesiastical Parish the whole mission of the Church. It is required to comply with all relevant statutes and regulations, including the Charities Acts, Health & Safety, Equalities and Child Protection legislation. It is also a separately registered charity (registration no. 1132801). PCC members have trustee status and are required to act accordingly.

Subsequent to the 2014 pastoral reorganisation, St. Patrick's is part of a benefice comprising six parishes running for some twenty miles along the northern bank of the Humber Estuary (Keyingham, Ottringham, Winestead, Patrington, Welwick, and Easington & Skeffling in west to east order). The benefice is within the Deanery of South Holderness in the Diocese of York. Patrington is a rural village with some 2,000 population, located some sixteen miles east of Kingston-upon-Hull.

There are two independent charities associated with the church (the Patrington Church Lands Charity, registration no. 223274; and the Friends of Patrington Church, registration no. 507331) in which the PCC has no role. Donations received from either are restricted income.

The Standing Committee and Working Groups

The Church's Standing Committee, which under the Church Representation Rules conducts the business of the church between PCC meetings, comprises the Rector, the Churchwardens (and Secretary), the Treasurer, Messrs. Pate and Watkinson, with Mrs. Stansfield co-opted. The PCC has two working groups to relieve PCC agendas of administrative and detail issues, one covering Outreach and Social matters (chaired by Mrs. Stansfield) and one covering Building Management and Marketing (chaired by Mr. Price). Both groups are required to include at least one member of the Standing Committee, to carry out their delegated remits within PCC policy and to report regularly to the PCC. The Treasurer must be consulted upon any financial issues which may arise. Group membership may be drawn from the wider community and is not restricted to church members.

Objectives and activities.

The Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956 states that the PCC is to cooperate with the Minister in promoting in the Parish the whole mission of the Church; pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

This, already a far from easy task, was intensified in difficulty during 2020 by the Covid19 outbreak and successive lockdowns of varying complexity and duration (and sometimes with a less than consistent regulatory backdrop). By God's grace, we are blessed with church members capable and willing to participate in non-ordained ministry - leading worship, communion assistants, intercessors, readers, sidespeople, organists and choristers providing the music which (in normal times!) enriches our services, or carrying out the many administrative and practical tasks which are required. They are, however, few in number with an average age over 70. We need replacements to carry out these vital tasks into the future.

Lay effort cannot, however fully substitute for or satisfy the vital need for the pastoral care and spiritual guidance of an ordained priest in our community. When clergy are few, inevitably illness or changes in appointments have a disproportionate impact, despite the support of the retired clergy living locally. We maintained holding Sunday services (when permitted) at 10.30, but inevitably in a shortage of ordained clergy there was a much greater proportion of non-Eucharistic services. There has not been any recovery in church membership or Sunday attendances overall, rather the reverse, but to what extent this is a result of the pandemic remains to be seen. To safeguard the future of St. Patrick's, we need to be reaching people we currently do not, moving to growth and establishing stable finances, to quote current Diocesan objectives: we are far from achieving any of them. We pray that together with the new Vicar, the Revd. Alisdair Laird we will be able at least to begin this much-needed recovery during 2021.

Our magnificent church building, dating from the early 14th century, is listed Grade 1 and is deservedly classified as one of the highest quality English parish churches, attracting many visitors. The PCC has a major and continuous responsibility for maintaining this architecturally exceptional building whilst enabling its use for modern worship within the constraints of its listing. In June 2018 we were notified that St. Patrick's had been designated as a Major Parish Church and accordingly is subject to the guidance (which has statutory force) provided by the Church Buildings Council, including the preparation of a Conservation Management Plan (CMP), currently on hold for obvious reasons. Our hope is still that this will lead to greater community involvement, including major enhancements for community use.

At the time of writing this report, a major project covering high level stonework, the Lady Chapel and various roof repairs at an estimated cost of £340,000 was in progress, financed by a grant of £272,000 from the DCMS Culture Recovery Major Works stream and £8,000 from Allchurches Trust. This will still leave circa £500,000 to be found to finance other repairs identified in the 2017 Quinquennial Inspection Report, plus the costs of carrying forward the CMP enhancements.

Achievements and performance.

Services and attendances.

In 2020 we held:-

13 Sunday services of Holy Communion, with an average attendance of 16.
16 services of Morning Prayer led by laity, with an average attendance of 15.
3 special services - on Ash Wednesday, the institution of the Rev. Alisdair Laird on 1 September, and a Crib Service on 24 December. There were no collections

taken at these services. There was no Remembrance Service in the church, but clergy did attend acts of remembrance at the War Memorial. 2 baptisms, 3 marriages, 8 funerals and 1 burial of ashes.

Care of assets.

The PCC has a trustee responsibility to ensure the structural integrity and physical preservation of the St. Patrick's Church building and, where possible, to improve its utility for its purpose within the constraints of its Grade 1 listing. This also extends to all other church assets, which are maintained as far as possible in a sound state of repair. This is becoming increasingly difficult as financial pressures intensify

By virtue of s.215 of the Local Government Act 1972, Patrington Parish Council is statutorily responsible for maintenance of the churchyard.

Events and functions.

These events are in normal times a key feature of Parish life, serving to improve the church's finances and providing a crucial interface with the local community which St. Patrick's is there to serve. The diversity of these events, ranging through concerts, sales, lotteries, harvest auctions, cream teas, quizzes, markets and lunches reaches equally diverse elements of our community. Their success was a major contributor to church finances and the dominant feature of our outreach in 2019. 2020 is of course a very different story, with most of them cancelled. We cannot predict how adverse impact of the protracted lockdowns upon the local economy will affect our future events, when we are able to resume them.

We hope to continue to utilise the church hall as a service to community groups, youth organisations and charities, providing an inexpensive venue for community events and functions, often at below full economic cost. The hall did receive government subventions of £11,334 during the year to compensate for closure.

Charitable outreach.

Total charitable donations in 2020 were £574 including a donation of £250 to the Poppy Appeal and collections at funerals shared with charities nominated by bereaved families.

Voluntary Income and Public Benefit.

We continue to receive substantial income from our committed congregation and supporters, much of which is gift aided. Without such support, we would struggle even more to maintain St. Patrick's. It is an indication of the value our community places upon its Church and the benefit they derive from it. This is (usually!) supported by the many positive reactions from individual visitors recorded in our Visitors' Book – when visiting is permitted.

This Trustees' Annual Report and the accompanying financial statements were approved by the PCC on 26 April 2021 and by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 24 May 2021

..... **Chairman**

..... **Churchwarden**

Financial overview.

I deliberately delayed writing this overview until the last possible moment so it provides an up to date commentary on St. Patrick's financial situation. Before doing so, I will repeat the crucial message: our vital need is more and younger committed disciples able and willing to support St. Patrick's **in cash and in kind**. We are over-reliant upon the small number of people who donate or raise the majority of our income, provide the DIY effort which reduces routine maintenance costs and manage the church. We cannot realistically operate St. Patrick's if we have money but not people, or people but not money. We need additions to and replacements for the current small (and diminishing) number of ageing stalwarts who keep our church going.

The attached financial statements do not provide a valid comparison with past years as 2020 has been so abnormal, with events and services cancelled or curtailed by Church or government restrictions. I would specifically emphasise that the increase in unrestricted funds is due entirely to the government grants received from closure of the Church Hall; and the changes in restricted funds are mostly a consequence of the major repairs which were begun in November 2020 and (at the time of writing) are still in progress.

Looking forward into 2021, we hope our usual activities can resume successfully after the currently forecast ending of restrictions at the end of June, but this will depend upon the impact of Covid19 on the economic, mental and physical health of our community, currently unknown. We can but hope and pray that the Archbishop of York's "Living like Christ" initiative will prove successful and we do find we have growth rooted in discipleship.

Michael Price.
Treasurer.

Patrington
Parochial Church Council
Statement of
Financial Activities
Year ending
31 December 2020

	Unrestrict ed funds	Restrict ed funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
Incoming resources				
Voluntary income	13459	15150	28608	28782
Activities for generating funds	945	863	1808	9228
Income from investments	1031		1031	1175
Church activities		6672	6672	12456
Other receipts	11334		11334	4000
Total incoming resources	26769	22685	49454	55641
Resources expended				
Church activities	12715	20354	33069	40553
Cost of generating voluntary income	2020		2020	1833
Governance costs	1759		1759	10696
Total resources expended	16494	20354	36848	53082
Net incoming/outgoing resources				
before transfers	10274	2331	12605	2559
Gross transfers between funds			nil	nil
Other recognised gains/losses	1549		1549	2113

Net movements in funds	11823		14154	4672
Balances b/fwd 1 January	109291	46114	155405	150733
Balances c/fwd 31 December	121114	48445	169559	155405

**Patrington Parochial
Church Council
Balance Sheet as at**

31 December 2020

	2020	2019
Fixed assets		
Church Hall	50000	50000
CBF fixed units	21347	20620
CBF investment units	11253	10529
Total fixed assets	82600	81149
Current assets		
Bank balances	86884	74862
Cash in hand	75	nil
Total current assets	86959	74862
Liabilities		
Amounts due in year unpaid		
Net current assets	86959	74862
Prior year adjustment		-606
Net total assets	169559	155405
Represented by		
Tangible assets	50000	50000
Investments	32600	31149
Unrestricted balances	38514	28142
Restricted balances	48445	46114
Church funds	169559	155405

**Receipts and payments year to 31
December 2020**

Recei pts	Unrestric ted	Restrict ed	Total	Last year
Receipts from generated funds				
Voluntary income				
Collections at services -			2768.0	
Holy Communion	2768.08		8	4024
Morning Prayer	4111.85		5	4248
Family Services				294
Baptis ms	67.35		67.35	174
Marriages	71.38		71.38	291
Funera ls	395.60	1190.6 6	1586.2 6	5620
Other				555
<i>subtotal - collections</i>			8604.9 2	1520 6
Direct donations from churchgoers	4740.00	420.00	5160.0 0	3900
Donations boxes	254.46	90.00	344.46	2531
Other donations	1050.00	20.00	1070.0 0	7115
Legaci es		2409.8 9	2409.8 9	
Grants		10831. 86	10831. 86	30
VAT recovery		187.34	187.34	
Gift Aid recovery				
<i>Subtotal - voluntary</i>	13458.7 2	15149. 75	28608 .47	2878 2
Activities for generating funds				
Church Hall lettings	792.00		792	2471
Event s	152.90	862.91	1015.8 1	6757
<i>Subtotal- activities</i>	944.90	862.91	1807. 81	9228
Investment income				
Bank interest	16.98		16.98	38
CBF dividends	698.49		698.49	831
CBF interest	315.21		315.21	306
<i>Subtotal - investments</i>	1030.68		1030. 68	1175
Generated funds total	15434.3	16012.	31446	3918

	0	66	.96	5
Receipts from charitable activities				
		6672.0	6672.0	
Fees charged		0	0	12456
Charitable activities total		6672.0	6672.00	12456
Other receipts				
Reimbursements				4000
Hall closure grant	11334.00		11334.00	
Other receipts total	11334.00		11334.00	4000
Total receipts	26768.30	22684.66	49452.96	55641

Receipts and payments year to 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Last year
Payments				
Costs of generating funds				
Collections costs	54.79		54.79	
Marketing	128.04		128.04	295
Events costs				
Church Hall -				
Insurance	713.47		713.47	670
Gas	414.93		414.93	274
Electricity	281.90		281.90	260
Water	137.89		137.89	149
Maintenance	288.62		288.62	185
			1836.8	
<i>Hall subtotal</i>	<i>1836.81</i>		<i>1</i>	<i>1538</i>
Total cost of generating funds	2019.64		2019.64	1833
Charitable activities				
Church -				
			8167.0	
Insurance	8167.08		8	8023
			1603.5	
Gas	1603.56		6	1853
Electricity	409.36		409.36	
Water	31.20		31.20	32
Routine maintenance	1237.08		1237.08	1067
Minor equipment	548.99		548.99	80
			11997.27	1105
<i>Church subtotal</i>	<i>11997.27</i>		<i>27</i>	<i>5</i>

Enhancements				2239
Restoration works				674
Restoration fees				
Major repairs works				5048
Major repairs fees		16864.74	16864.74	
Freewill offering to Diocese				7500
Clergy expenses				5000
Upkeep of services	447.86		447.86	563
Honoraria				
Secular charities		450.00	450.00	1882
		1693.0	1693.0	
Occasional office fees		0	0	3342
		1346.0	1346.0	
Diocesan fees		0	0	2938
Church Lands Charity support				
Miscellaneous	270.10		270.10	312
Total cost of charitable activities	12715.23	20353.74	33068.97	40553
Governance costs				
			1338.0	
Architect's fees	1338.00		0	9981
Other professional fees				
Legal costs				
Office and administrative costs	421.00		421.00	715
			1759.00	10696
Total governance costs	1759.00	20353.74	36847.61	53081
Total payments	16493.87	20353.74	36847.61	53081
Surplus/Deficit	10274.43	2330.92	12605.35	2559

Notes to the Financial Statements.

Accounting policies - revenue accounts.

The accounts are reported on a receipts and payments basis. They comply with current Charity Commission and Church of England requirements. All payments are made by internet, direct debit, standing order or cheque, as authorised by two of the signatories mandated by the PCC. There is a petty cash imprest of £150 held in the church safe for purchase of urgent minor items. All income is recognised only when received. Gains or losses on investments are recognised only upon disposal

In view of the constant need for restoration and repair, balance sheet reserves are maintained at the greatest possible level consonant with the PCC's spending priorities. They have been substantially expended from the 2019 level as the PCC's contribution to the costs of the £340,000 repair project in progress from November 2020 to May 2021, mainly financed by DCMS grant under the Culture Recovery Major Works stream. The residue is inadequate to address known repair and restoration needs, estimated at a further £500,000 over the next quinquennium, without the PCC receiving very substantial external aid. This figure **excludes** the improvements outlined in the Conservation Management Plan.

Accounting policies - fixed, inalienable and other assets.

All consecrated property is statutorily excluded from the PCC's accounts. The Church building is insured with the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group at a value of £29.12m. Inalienable church furnishings are held at zero value. All repair, maintenance and renewal expenditure upon assets is treated as a revenue item in the year it is financed. Incidental equipment is charged to the revenue

account when purchased. Historic acquisitions are assumed to have been written down to zero value prior to 31 December 1996. Land and buildings are valued when considered necessary, at the discretion of the Churchwardens.

Fund restrictions.

The PCC distinguishes between Unrestricted and Restricted funds. Unrestricted funds may be used for all proper charitable purposes of the PCC. Restricted funds may only be used for the purpose stated within the restriction, e.g. grant-aided works, church restoration, heating.

Payments to PCC members or connected persons.

No such payments were made in 2020.

Payments to third parties supplying services at marriages and funerals.

These payments are met by the persons requiring the relevant service and have no net effect upon Church funds. They are private arrangements between those supplying and receiving the services involved or are dictated by the annual Parochial Fees Order.

Payments to third parties during 2020 arising in this way were:-

	£	
Retired clergy	558	
Organists	550	
Vergers	585	
Diocesan fees	1346	

Events and functions.

Events and functions raised a total of £1,015.81 for Church funds, being restricted to two Parish Lunches and a ceilidh.

Charitable donations.

Total charitable donations in 2020 were £450, inclusive of shared collections at funerals.

Assets and ownership.

The PCC has a leasehold interest in the Church Hall for 21 years from February 2001 at a £25 annual rental, with the building vested in the PCC. The PCC is entitled under this lease for renewal at the same terms. The freehold is held by the Diocese of York. The last formal valuation, at £50,000, was at 31 December 2004. The Hall and contents are currently valued for insurance purposes at £441,000 and it is insured for its total value. It is maintained in a good state of repair.

The PCC also has a similar leasehold interest in the church car park, at a peppercorn rental, which expired on 2 July 2019. The car park remains available for church use and the lease renewal will be addressed during 2021.

The PCC holds 549.25 CBF Investment Units and 12,585.41 CBF Fixed Interest Units. The values of these investments at 31 December 2020 were £11,252.65 and £21,347.37 respectively. The Investment Units have increased in value over the year by 6.9% and the Fixed Interest Units by 3.5%.

The Ernest and Christina Pickering Memorial Bequest is a separate trust, with the Diocese of York as custodian trustee and the PCC as managing trustee. Funds are managed day to day by Smith & Williamson Investment Management and accrued income is paid to the PCC every five years (next payment due on 1 June 2025). This income must be used for repair and maintenance of the Church building. The total value of trust securities at 31 December 2020 was £16,819 (31 December 2019 £16,685). The payment due on 1 June 2020 was not made as a result of the Covid19 restrictions and has been paid in February 2021.

The PCC does not hold any monies or other assets as custodian trustee