

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, BURWASH, EAST SUSSEX

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021

1. REVIEW

1.1 ACTIVITIES

In common with other Parishes, the activities of St. Bartholomew's have again been curtailed by the Covid 19 pandemic. With the notable exception of the Xmas Tree Festival, fund raising has largely been put on hold and a new restricted pattern of services has been introduced. A new Rector, the Reverend Thomas Pelham was licenced on 20 December and warmly welcomed to the Parish. Maintenance of the Church and Churchyard has continued and the final payment has been made for the re-tiling of the Nave roofs of the North and South Aisles, which was completed in the Autumn of 2020.

In the united Benefice of St. Bartholomew's, St. Philip's Burwash Weald and St. Nicholas Etchingham work to bring the three parishes into a coherent whole has also been frustrated by the pandemic and has proceeded slowly. It is expected to resume quarterly benefice services in 2022. Close relationships are maintained with the two local primary schools at Burwash and Etchingham; several trustees serve as governors at Burwash.

1.2 PUBLIC BENEFIT AND OBJECTIVES

1.2.1

In accordance with Section 4(6) of the Charities Act 2006 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 the Trustees confirm that they have given due regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity commission when exercising their powers and duties during the period.

1.2.2

St. Bartholomew's Church is an inclusive and welcoming community; it exists through the generosity of benefactors of an earlier age and continues under the supervision of the PCC, the Churchwardens and the Rector. It provides Church of England Christian worship for the parish of Burwash and a place of quiet reflection for all.

Individual members of the congregation make donations to charity through specific collections both within and outside the Church. In addition, donations are made to charities directly by the PCC, and also from collections at informal fund raising events. Collections are taken in Church for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal on Remembrance Sunday and for The Children's Society following the Christingle Service. A Food Bank continues to operate for the benefit of the Diocesan Association for Family Support Work.

1.2.3

One objective of St. Bartholomew's is to be a focal point of the Village; the Burwash Village Magazine which is published both on line and in hard copy, plays a significant part in this. In addition a number of activities designed to provide outreach to the wider community, have now slowly recommenced. These include:

- Tuesday Drop in

- 3 C's Coffee Cake and chat mornings
- Children's Corner
- Quarterly coffee mornings and book sales
- Xmas Tree Festival and School PTFA Fair
- Remembrance Day 'Act of Remembrance'
- School services

The Church is now open during daylight hours and is again welcoming many visitors.

1.3 FINANCE

The General fund shows an excess of receipts over payments of £14989, largely due to the receipt of a substantial legacy and a successful grant claim from the 'Listed Places of Worship Scheme' following the substantial roof repairs carried out in 2020. In recognition of its contribution to the costs of this project, a transfer of part of the grant received was made to the Friends of St. Bartholomew's. Planned giving receipts have maintained 2020 levels. Other collections in Church and fund raising are also about the same as the low levels of 2020.

The level of formal reserves within the General Fund is considered adequate. Access to Curteis Fund income is also available for ministry costs should the need arise.

2. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

2.1 PCC MEMBERS AT THE APCM, 25 APRIL 2021 AS AMENDED NOVEMBER 2021

	ELECTED	RE-ELECTED	RETIRE	STATUS
Vacant				
Jo Brown	2018	2021	2024	Foundation Governor
Gary Churchill	2016	2019	2022	
David Dunham	2019		2022	Asst. Churchwarden. Resigned Nov.21
Richard Harden	Ex.Off			Churchwarden from Sept 2020
Maureen Jenner	2017	2020	2023	
Charles Merchant	Ex.Off			Deanery Synod & Vice Chairman
Celia Merchant	Ex.Off			Deanery Synod
Vicky Patterson	Ex.Off			Churchwarden from April 2015
Andrew Schofield	2020		2023	
Hilary Stewart	2017	2020	2023	Sunday Club
Sara Stonor	Ex.Off			Deanery & Diocesan Synod
Rachel Thomson	2018	2021	2024	
Shirley Viney	2016	2019	2022	
Mary Westhead	Co.Op			Safeguarding Officer
Christopher Woodburn	Co.Op			Hon.Treasurer from 2016

7 Elected Members [8 until Nov.21]

5 Ex. Officio members

2 Co-opted members

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2.2 PCC GOVERNANCE

Charity Registration: 1 December 2009

Charity Number 1133028

Governing Document: Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956

Address: c/o St. Bartholomew's Church, High street, Burwash, East Sussex TN19 7EH

Committees

Standing Committee, Worship Group, Young People's Group, Communications Group, Fund Raising Committee.

Induction and Training

All members of the PCC have their duties and responsibilities explained to them, including their duty of care and the implications of the Charities Act 2006 and Statement of Recommended Practice 2005. They are updated on regulatory and legislative changes as these arise. In addition, all PCC members undertake Safeguarding Training.

Risk Analysis

The PCC has put in place appropriate controls to minimise the likelihood of, or opportunity for, fraud or other malpractice. These are reviewed by the PCC from time to time. They include the requirement for two trustees to sign cheques or other instructions to the PCC's bankers. In addition, a financial statement and report is presented for review to each PCC meeting.

Meeting Attendance in 2021

March 17

June 14

September 11

December 11

2.3 CHURCH ATTENDANCE AND ELECTORAL ROLL

Electoral Roll 102

Normal Sunday attendance 32 (Average overall 34)

Easter Day 62

Good Friday 20

Harvest Festival 222

Carol Service 211

Christmas Eve/Day 156

School Services 2

Approved by the Trustees on 7 March 2022

Rector

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST.BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH BURWASH
Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31 December 2021
Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Fund	All Funds Total	All Funds 2020
	General	Designated			
Receipts					
<i>Voluntary Receipts</i>					
Planned giving	34341			34341	33280
Collections	3328			3328	2684
Tax Recovered	8998			8998	11568
Grants	16838			16838	1500
Legacy	10000			10000	0
Donations and Sundry Receipts	4313			4313	5408
Roof Repair Funding	<u>0</u>			<u>0</u>	<u>101000</u>
	77818			77818	155440
<i>Trading Activities</i>					
Burwash Village Magazine	3471			3471	3829
Fund Raising	<u>3173</u>			<u>3173</u>	<u>2277</u>
	<u>6644</u>			<u>6644</u>	<u>6106</u>
<i>Charitable Activities -Fees</i>	<u>11126</u>			<u>11126</u>	<u>7442</u>
<i>Investment Income - Interest & Dividends</i>	<u>59</u>	<u>11572</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>11647</u>	<u>10554</u>
Total Receipts	<u>95647</u>	<u>11572</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>107235</u>	<u>179542</u>
Payments					
Charitable Giving	1050			1050	892
Parish Share	54177			54177	54225
Statutory Fees	3172			3172	0
Insurance	3371			3371	3363
Church running expenses	2416			2416	4056
Clergy Support	2739			2739	4608
Cost of Services	3206			3206	1560
Burwash Village Magazine	5047			5047	3572
Church Roof Repairs	2225			2225	90706
Contribution to Church Roof repairs	0			0	32000
Other Building and Churchyard maintenance	3255	3307		6562	9823
Presentations	0			0	2718
Total Payments	<u>80658</u>	<u>3307</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>83965</u>	<u>207523</u>
Excess of Receipts over Payments	<u>14989</u>	<u>8265</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>23270</u>	<u>-27981</u>
Transfer to Friends of St. Bartholomew's	9265			9265	
Net Gain	<u>5724</u>	<u>8265</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>14005</u>	
Balance with bankers at 1 January	15181	21176	15868	52225	80206
Balance with bankers at 31 December					
on Current Account	15484	0	180	15664	9924
on Deposit	<u>5421</u>	<u>29441</u>	<u>15704</u>	<u>50566</u>	<u>42301</u>
	<u>20905</u>	<u>29441</u>	<u>15884</u>	<u>66230</u>	<u>52225</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW'S, BURWASH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Bartholomew's Church Burwash (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

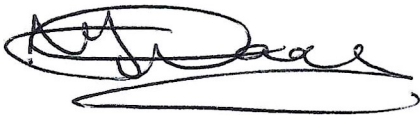
As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- a) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- b) the accounts do not accord with those records

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



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15 February 2022

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