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2021 Annual Report

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Agenda: Annual Parochial Church Meeting of the Parish of Walton Holy Trinity, Aylesbury

**Sunday 29th May 2022
After the 10.30am Sunday Service**

Welcome and opening prayer

Introduction

1. Clarification of chair's appointment
2. Appointment of Minutes Secretary
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5. Election of Church Wardens

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MINUTES OF 2021 MEETING

The Parish of Walton Holy Trinity, Aylesbury Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Monday 10 May 2021 at 20.00

Present: Roger Axtell, Veronica Bisley, Richard Bragg, Shani Bragg, David Bronnert, Suzanne Chapman, Graziella Clarke, Rob Clarke, James Collard, Richard Collard, Bruce Cullen, Christopher Dalladay, Lucas Dancer, Monika Faranda, Gail Frazer, Mike Fulker, Raj Gnanaiah, Anne Gooding, Andrew Henderson, Mandy Henderson, Penny Hurst, Chris Ion, Jenny Ion, Ruth Jarrett, Laura Lenander, Mike Lenander, Claire Newman, John Read, Susan Read, Graham Strachan, Nicki Strachan, Matthew Tomson, Millie Tomson, Charles Trefusis, Kate Trefusis, Anne Vujanic, Ian Webb, June Webb, Linda Willimont

Secretary: Linda Willimont

1	Secretary	Linda Willimont was appointed Secretary, having been proposed by Suzanne Chapman and seconded by Anne Gooding.
2	Apologies for Absence	Glynis Axtell, Peter Bisley, Karen Blackmore, Beryl Bronnert, Simon Jarrett, Bill McMeekin, Lynn McMeekin
3	Approval of Minutes of Meeting on 20 October 2020	Proposed by Raj Gnanaiah, seconded by Claire Newman. The motion was carried.
4	Election of Church Wardens	<p>Charles Trefusis expressed our grateful thanks to Raj Gnanaiah, who is standing down as church warden at this meeting, for all that he has contributed to the life of our church over the past few years.</p> <p>Charles thanked Suzanne Chapman who is continuing to stand. It is recognised that Suzanne will not be able to assume all of Raj's previous responsibilities and we must all be careful not to overload her. Her election was proposed by Graham Strachan and seconded by Ruth Jarrett. The motion was carried.</p> <p>We hope to be able to appoint a second warden at an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held later in the year.</p>
5	Wardens' Report	<p>Raj Gnanaiah reported that the church building is in good condition and that the 5 yearly quinquennial inspection completed in September 2020 found no immediate concerns though a few small repairs are needed which can be done over time, for which Simon Jarrett is putting together costings. Raj thanked Simon for his great work in heading up the fabric team who look after the building, and also thanked Andrew Henderson. Both have done an amazing job despite the lockdown. Raj also thanked Nigel Coote and Mark Knight for building a new sound desk.</p> <p>Suzanne Chapman reflected on the life of the church during the recent coronavirus pandemic and thanked everyone for their contributions towards keeping things running, especially the office staff who have worked very hard in difficult circumstances – working from home, juggling child care and home schooling, etc. She thanked Graham Strachan and the finance team for all that they do to look after the church's finances. She thanked Raj Gnanaiah for his work as church warden and expressed her regret that he is standing down and said that his spiritual counsel and prayerful thoughts have been much appreciated.</p>
6	Vicar's Report	Charles Trefusis opened by quoting Matthew 16:18, when Jesus said to Peter, 'I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.'

		<p>He reminded the meeting of Holy Trinity's aim and purpose:</p> <p>We exist to encounter Jesus, Share his love and See lives transformed.</p> <p>Our values are rooted in God, these values reflect our desire to be a Biblical, prayerful, worshipping church that is: Loving; Empowering; Outgoing; and Spirit-led.</p> <p>Our vision is to grow: Deeper with God; Closer to one another and Further out in mission.</p> <p>This reflects Psalm 1 (going deep), and The Oxford Diocese vision to become more Christ-like: contemplative, compassionate and courageous for the sake of God's world, and the Church of England's 'Five Marks of Mission'.</p> <p>At the heart of our vision is the desire to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See lives transformed by the love of God • Be wholehearted disciples and followers of Jesus Christ • See Holy Trinity and the Kingdom of God grow both spiritually and numerically <p>Looking back on 2020, the year started well but then the once in a lifetime (we all hope) coronavirus pandemic hit us.</p> <p>Jesus said, 'I will build my church', and Charles said he believes that God has been building us through the pandemic and will continue to do so. We have had to learn to worship online, to support one another, to grow as disciples, and to learn new ways of doing mission and evangelism and outreach, of witnessing, and of serving our local community in practical ways. We celebrate what went well and ask for patience with what could have gone better.</p> <p>Through the year we have constantly had to change and adapt according to the situation and circumstances. We had reflections during Holy Week, and Easter and VE Day celebrations. We learned how to use Zoom for coffee chats, for small groups, and for prayer meetings.</p> <p>Charles wished to acknowledge the gifts and talents of the following people in particular who helped us to get online at the start of the pandemic, enabling us to support one another and stay connected: Laura Lenander, Ray Pentland, Suzanne Chapman, Amy May and Josh Bragg. From September, we moved to live streaming and for this Charles thanked Chris Ion, James Collard and other members of the Technical Team.</p> <p>We have seen a wide diversity of church members involved in services, with people stepping up and taking on new roles. Many have grown in faith. New members have joined the church and others have said goodbye. We have sought to be the light of Christ.</p> <p>The year was also marked by the death of George Floyd in July which reminded us to stand up for social, racial and other forms of justice. We were also reminded of our need to care for the environment. These two important issues are both things which we need to keep in mind and respond to.</p> <p>Charles wished to thank:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone who has contributed and served to build up the Body of Christ at Holy Trinity – to the glory of God (Nehemiah 3)
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group leaders for their contributions to the report booklet • All that Jane Gray contributed to our Children's Ministry during the year while she was our Children's and Family Pastor • Pastoral team and leaders, including small group leaders • All those who helped in the local community • Wardens: Raj Gnanaiah and Suzanne Chapman • Staff: who adapted to home working whilst also juggling home schooling: Anne Vujanic, Anne Cooper, Steph Laferton, also Andrew Henderson who was Operations Manager until the end of 2020, and Jane Grey also until the end of the year. Also, welcome to Cate Prickett who joined us in January 2021 • Leaders of ministries as mentioned in our Annual Report: Children, Youth, Evangelism & Outreach, Coffee shop, Mission, Discipleship, Small Groups, Pastoral, Services, Buildings • A number of people who have now moved away from Aylesbury, including Ray & Christine Pentland, and Glyn & Sara Wright <p>We are the Body of Christ and Charles thanked every member who prays, serves, gives and contributes to HT in any way. He also wished to say a personal thank you to his wife Kate for all her help and support in his ministry as vicar.</p> <p>We look to the future with the conviction that Jesus says, 'I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it'. As we come out of lockdown, each of us is called to step up and to serve as we build for the future, focussing on these four particular areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services and prayer. Live streaming of services has reached many people including some outside the church family but we are really looking forward to meeting in person again for gathered worship in church, which is planned to restart from 6 June 2021 once a new sound system has been installed. • The significant growth of our church both spiritually and numerically, particularly over the next few months. • Investing in and developing our Children's and Youth work. Thank you to all those who have served and continue to serve in these ministries. Lighthouse has restarted onsite a few weeks ago, with thanks to Veronica Bisley. Weekly Children's and Youth ministries continue online for now. Thank you to Suzanne Chapman for coordinating and supervising our Sunday online Children's Ministry over the past year and to Claire Newman and her team for coordinating Youth cell groups and other activities. All concerned are longing to be able to meet in person again. We are currently advertising for a Children's and Youth Pastor but so are about 30 to 40 other churches, so recruitment is not easy. Please pray that we are able to make an appointment so that we can support and encourage our young people who are not just the church of tomorrow but also the church of today. • All church members to be wholehearted disciples with a deep faith. Over the past year we have really seen how important our small groups are, and we thank Millie Tomson for her work in coordinating these groups and also the individual group leaders. <p>Everything we do as a church is supported by being financially secure, and in this regard, Charles wished to thank Graham Strachan and the finance team for all their work. We do have a few financial challenges, which will be discussed in more detail by Graham later in this meeting. Charles invited the church members to review and, if possible, increase their financial giving as we prepare to come out of lockdown with a</p>
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		<p>refurbished building, a new sound system, and more. Our expenditure has been relatively low over the past year but it will be increasing once lockdown ends.</p> <p>Charles reminded the meeting that this coming Thursday, 13 May, is the start of Thy Kingdom Come and that there will be an opportunity to pray online at three different times during the day. He wished to remind us that we should pray and be reliant on the Holy Spirit in everything we do. Times remain uncertain and Covid has presented real and significant challenges but also great opportunities to stand up and be the church. Together we are building the future and building the Kingdom of God as faithful servants of Jesus Christ in all circumstances.</p> <p>As Jesus said in Matthew 16:18: 'I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.' May we believe this and may we work with him as faithful servants in His strength.</p>
7	Written Reports	<p>Charles Trefusis proposed a vote of thanks to all those who wrote or made contributions to these reports. He particularly highlighted the Safeguarding report and proposed a vote of thanks to Lynn McMeekin who has been our Safeguarding Officer for many years but who will be standing down from this role. It was noted that Guy Willimont is willing to take on the role of Safeguarding Officer when Lynn stands down.</p>
8	Electoral Roll	<p>Our electoral roll currently stands at 147 people.</p>
9	Financial Report and Accounts	<p>Graham Strachan talked through the annual figures for 2020. We started the year in a very good position, with over £57,000 in unrestricted funds. The challenges presented by the coronavirus pandemic meant that this figure did not increase as expected, however we were still able to end the year with only a very small deficit of around £2,000, so at the end of 2020 we still had unrestricted funds of around £56,000 which is an excellent result.</p> <p>This was achieved by several good decisions over previous years, including the ability to be able work remotely using our world class technology which is relatively inexpensive as we are a charity. The ability to work from home has been so important during the past year, and Graham wished to thank the office staff for all their efforts – Anne Vujanic, Anne Cooper, Steph Laferton and Andrew Henderson. He also welcomed Cate Prickett who joined Holy Trinity in early 2021. He also wished to add his thanks to Susan Read and Beryl Noon who have done a great deal of unseen work to achieve the excellent position we are in, and to Steph Laferton for her work in getting all of our financial planning and planned giving data into ChurchSuite.</p> <p>For various reasons we do not yet have signed off accounts for 2020. The accounts will need to be approved at a later Extraordinary Meeting.</p> <p>Planned giving was down by £21,000 or around 14% in 2020 and this trend continues into 2021. This is obviously an area of concern.</p> <p>Graham noted that the finance team has been reconstituted and meets every month, and wished to thank the other four members of that team – Steph Laferton, Cate Prickett, Penny Hurst and Bruce Cullen.</p> <p>Ruth Jarrett asked why planned giving has dropped so much and if it is solely due to givers moving away or if there are other factors. Graham Strachan replied that givers moving away is one reason, but other factors include the fact that some people have had a difficult year financially due to the pandemic and have had to reduce or stop their giving, also some planned giving is irregular due to the way people are paid and the timing and frequency of bonuses. Not being in church due to the pandemic has also been a factor as it removed the opportunity for people to make ad hoc donations.</p>

10	Appointment of Independent Examiner for 2021	Steve Marks is to be invited to continue as our independent examiner for 2021. Graham Strachan proposed and Millie Tomson seconded. The motion was carried.
11	Deanery Synod	<p>Charles Trefusis noted that it has been more difficult than usual to discuss elections and appointments with people due to not being able to meet in person in church during the coronavirus pandemic.</p> <p>Laura Lenander is standing down as a Deanery Synod representative and a replacement is needed. Deanery Synod members are members of the PCC and also represent Holy Trinity in the wider church community and disseminate information backwards and forwards. Charles Trefusis invited members of the church to consider if they could serve in this way.</p> <p>Mike Fulker continues to serve as a Deanery Synod representative.</p>
12	PCC Members	<p>Current members are Bruce Cullen, Lucas Dancer, Penny Hurst, Chris Ion, Graham Strachan, Matt Tomson, Nigel Coote, and David Littler.</p> <p>There are still 4 vacancies to be filled. Ian Webb has offered to stand.</p> <p>The PCC members were formally elected by the meeting.</p>
13	Deputy & Assistant Wardens and Welcome/Service Host Teams	<p>As we resume gathered services in the church, more deputy and assistant wardens and welcome/service hosts will be needed, and anyone who may be interested in these roles is invited to contact Charles Trefusis or Anne Vujanic. Our current deputy and assistant wardens are Mike Fulker, Alan Nisbet, Graham Strachan and Simon Jarrett, and Len Matthews for the mid week Holy Communion service</p> <p>The newcomer welcome team is led by Ian and June Webb.</p> <p>The above were formally appointed by the meeting.</p> <p>Ruth Jarrett asked if we are going to try and recruit for this from the wider church, as most of the people attending this APCM are already doing a great deal in the church. Charles Trefusis said that conversations are ongoing and the request will be communicated to the wider church.</p>
14	Any Other Business	None
15	Praise and Prayer	Charles Trefusis noted that we have a great deal to be thankful for. The meeting concluded with a time of open prayer, and ended at 21.15.

A: MEETING REPORTS

Finance and Resources Report

Financial Review

The financial position is set out in the Statement of Financial Accounts and the related notes. The 2021 budget was set with £219,408 of income and £228,324 of expenditure; this would leave a small deficit of just under £10,000. The budget was set and approved by the PCC and the deficit was agreed with them in support of hiring a children's and youth worker.

When compared with the end of year accounts we received £206,209 income and expenditure was £227,816, giving a larger than expected deficit, although this figure does include depreciation costs. The reduction in income was primarily due to a continue decrease in donations. Covid restrictions have continued to have an impact and a number of the congregation have moved away.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy has been reviewed this year by the PCC.; there is a continued aspiration to have reserves representing 3 months cover for essential monthly expenditure, in case of a catastrophic event where all income ceases; the reserves currently sit at this level.

Penny Hurst (Treasurer)

Electoral Roll

Our Electoral Roll shows that we have 139 people signed up, compared to 147 at the APCM last May. The Electoral Roll was started afresh in 2019 (it is renewed in full every five years). If you are not currently on the Electoral Roll, do think about joining: you are eligible if you live in the parish or if you have been attending habitually for at least six months and is a way of showing that you belong to the church.

Anne Vujanic

Safeguarding Report

As lockdown has ended, safeguarding has taken on a more practical aspect as groups have returned to church. I have been visiting the various children's and youth groups that run at church in order to familiarise myself with what goes on. I have yet to visit all groups, but have thus far attended 'Friday Hangout', Chill and Glo youth groups that take place during different evenings for Holy Trinity's youth groups. Each event has been well led and proper safeguarding procedures are in place. I wish to record thanks to Claire Newman for running these sessions, together with a good many other volunteers.

All leaders and volunteers hold a current DBS check and have undertaken basic awareness and foundation safeguarding training. Constant vigilance is our responsibility to all children, young people and vulnerable adults, therefore safeguarding training has continued throughout the year on an individual basis. One significant difference is that safeguarding training has now moved online since Covid and people have reported back to me that they have found this method useful to carry out at a time convenient to them. All members of the PCC have completed the basic awareness and foundation training required for the role. The safeguarding email account is regularly checked to identify any reported concerns; there have been none recorded.

Wardens' Report

Church Life

2021 was another very unusual year, which started with the country being back in lockdown during the first part of the year, due to Covid-19. Our church building remained closed, and our services continued online with the continuing amazing work of the AV Team, led by Chris Ion and the worship team – at times the church building looked more like a TV studio than a church, but we are extremely grateful we could continue to worship God in this way - together but apart. When restrictions were ready to be lifted, we were in the throes of a big project to upgrade our AV equipment, so the building finally reopened for services at the beginning of June, initially with the need to book. During the first half of the year we continued to meet online for virtual coffee and chat on Zoom after the services.

During this time, the PCC continued to meet regularly online via Teams, but made the move to in person meetings again from October 2021.

By September the church was open for 10.30am Sunday services as normal, and Children's Church also restarted in person, although we did close our doors once again over Christmas and our services were online once more as Covid-19 levels spiked. In January 2022 however, our 10.30am service was able to restart in person, and since then numbers attending on Sundays have gradually increased, and we were even able to hold our first baptism services in over two years, earlier this year.

Our Mid Week Communion Services have been able to continue with less interruptions, as the numbers attending are smaller, and we're grateful to David Bronnert and Martin Roper and everyone else who serves at these, to allow them to continue to take place.

The last year was not without its challenges, with some groups pausing to reconsider how we move forward in a post-pandemic world, these include Xplorers, Adventurers, Discoverers and SCOP. New ways of working are being sought for both ministry to our children and young people and older people in the parish.

In addition, both our previous Church wardens, Raj Gnanaiah and Suzanne Chapman stepped down – we are extremely grateful to both of them for everything they have given to HT. As Charles and Kate also move on to Woodbridge, we pray for everyone who has left our Church family that God's peace and love go with them. We also pray for God's leadership and wisdom for us, the PCC and Leadership Team as the vacancy gets underway and we begin the task of vicar hunting again.

A new leadership team for the vacancy is now in place, with full details in the e-bulletin, please don't hesitate to talk to us as Church Wardens or other members of the Leadership Team if you have anything you wish to discuss about HT.

Church Building

The church building is in good condition. In September 2020 we had our 5-yearly "Quinquennial" report from the diocese surveyor. This found no problems of immediate concern but did recommend several minor repairs throughout the building. Very little work has been done to the building during the lockdowns. However, it is our intention to start methodically working through the recommendations from the Quinquennial report, during the next few years. The upgrade to the sound system happened smoothly during the last week of May. For this work to happen the carpet was lifted and removed, new cable routes were fitted under the platform and many of the electrical points were upgraded before the installation could begin. Re-opening happened on 6th June 2021 and the

new carpet was fitted leaving some of the Victorian tiles exposed. Nigel Coote and Mark Knight built an impressive new sound desk for the AV which is functioning well and we are very grateful to them for this.

During the winter months the heating has presented several complications and many of the controls elements of the system have failed and needed replacement or repair. We will need to work towards the upgrade of the heating system considering ways in which we can function in an environmentally sustainable way.

The PCC approved a budget for the employment of a caretaker to look after the building and Walton Hall in late 2020. This post was not filled, instead Anne Cooper and Cate Prickett together with the cleaners have taken on the role, using external contractors where necessary. We are extremely grateful to everyone who supports the maintenance of the building.

The building will need further investment to allow it to best facilitate worship and our activities in future. This will include upgrading the boiler, replacement of the lighting and some re-decoration. If anyone is interested in being part of the building & fabric team, then please let Simon Jarrett know. We would like to thank Simon Jarrett and his fabrics team for diligently looking after all matters relating to the building.

Church Finances

A detailed report outlining our church finances is enclosed. Thank you to Penny Hurst, Steph Laferton, Cate Prickett and the newly formed Finance Team for their diligent work in managing our planned giving, expenditure and accounts.

Jocelyn Chappell & Graham Strachan, Church Wardens

B: MINISTRY REPORTS

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Sunday Children's Ministry

From April 2021 we continued partnering with Coastline Vineyard (in Bournemouth) and adapting their excellent material to provide weekly online sessions for our children, with contributions from our own volunteers to maintain the link with our church family. We are grateful to Suzanne Chapman for re-mastering the online material to make this possible.

We re-started our children's ministry in person from September 2021, re-branding previous Xtreme sessions to **HTA Kids**. A huge amount of work went into seeking volunteers and leaders, updating safeguarding arrangements and covid risk assessments and planning sessions and we safely started back in Walton Hall on Sunday 12th September. We are extremely grateful to Suzanne Chapman for not only co-ordinating all that was needed to enable us to re-start in person, but also leading the children's ministry in addition to her responsibilities as Church Warden until December 2021.

Initially we limited our numbers due to covid restrictions, but now have about 15 children attending each week. We have welcomed Scramblers into our main sessions because there were a small number of children this age and not enough leaders to run a separate group. So HTA Kids currently runs for children aged 3-11 years. We meet 3 times per month with a fun mix of games, crafts, activities and teaching. An exciting addition to the format of the sessions is the opportunity to worship together which has been great! This term we have been learning about Old Testament Characters and the amazing stories of people like Moses, Daniel and Ruth. It has been so encouraging to see the children's enthusiasm as they meet in person again, feel welcome, make new friends and have fun while learning more about Jesus' love for each one of them. 2 leaders plan and lead a session once per month (using materials from Energize -Urban Saints) with support from 3 to 4 volunteers who also help monthly. It has been wonderful to have new leaders and helpers, welcome youth volunteers and see a return of some familiar faces. We are extremely grateful to our volunteer leaders and helpers who give their time and energy so faithfully to support this ministry.

Moving forward, we are seeking more volunteers and leaders to join our team as others step down, along with support for more general administrative tasks. We are also keenly aware that we are maintaining our Sunday children's work but there is a real need to review, refine and develop this area of our children's ministry. One example is the challenge of working with such a wide age-range of children in one session. We recognise that development should be considered in conjunction with our vision for all our children's ministry, including mid-week and outreach activities.

Creche

In March 2022 we were able to relocate the creche facilities, to make it safer for babies and young children (away from technical equipment used for online services) and a more suitable environment for young families to use. Our thanks go to Cate Prickett and Ruth Jarratt for undertaking this work. Although we do not currently offer a supervised creche, there is now a safe and welcoming space for those using the creche, with the ability for parents and carers to listen to the service and more recently all our toys have been cleaned by volunteers at the HT Spring Clean day.

Martha Edwards

Lighthouse Toddler Group

Lighthouse Toddler Group returned to face-to-face sessions in April 2021, having produced a whole years' worth of weekly Lighthouse at Home YouTube videos - a massive achievement from the whole team!

Numbers were initially limited to 10 pre-booked families, and we worked hard to allow social distancing, sanitising and provided individual activity bags. Families with young children were so grateful that Lighthouse reopened to allow their children to socialise and get used to a world outside their home.

We resumed serving refreshments in September and with some generous donations from parents, we were able to purchase lidded mugs which made it much safer to serve hot drinks. We are so grateful to Cynthia, Jean and Val for helping us in this area and taking over when Kate needed to step aside.

From November our sessions opened up with no restrictions and have continued to grow in numbers ever since. We continued to check temperature and offer hand sanitiser on the door and during the session and made sure all equipment and toys are cleaned between sessions. We all enjoyed a special Christmas Crib Service in the church and a bring-your-own-party-lunch.

The whole team keenly felt the very sad loss of Kate, who had helped at Lighthouse for more than 10 years, heading up the refreshments team and being a key part of the Lighthouse Family. We held a special "cake week" in early April to raise money in Kate's memory and a brilliant £173 was donated to the Florence Nightingale Hospice.

Further ahead this year, Lighthouse is looking to expand its team as Caroline, Debbie and Veronica all step down from their roles. Existing members will aim to continue running Lighthouse as a very popular Christian Toddler Group for the local Community now in its 33rd year, but we definitely need new leadership and co-ordination.

Veronica Bisley

Adventurers (for children in Reception – Year 1 (4-6yr olds))

We were not running Adventurers at the start of 2021 as the decision had been made to cease running it virtually. After much deliberation and prayer, amongst the team and with consultation with the church leadership, it did not restart in September due to the continuing uncertainty with Covid and no clear sense that it should restart. This is still the case and there are no current plans for it to restart at the moment.

Ruth Jarrett

Discoverers (for children in Years 2 & 3 (6-8 yr olds))

We were not running Discoverers at the start of 2021 as the decision had been made to cease running it virtually. After much deliberation and prayer, amongst the team and with consultation with the church leadership it did not restart in September due to the continuing uncertainty with Covid and no clear sense that it should restart. This is still the case and there are no current plans for it to restart at the moment, especially as it would mean building a whole new team to run the sessions.

Ruth Jarrett

Xplorers

Unfortunately, we have not been able to re-start Xplorers as hoped in September 2021. Some of our leaders stepped down during 2020, due to changes in their work patterns and we have been unable to fill the volunteer gaps. We have therefore made the decision not to re-start meetings that we cannot continue without new leaders and volunteers. Xplorers was a monthly Friday night group for children in years 4, 5 and 6 (age 7-11) with opportunities to make and meet friends, undertake fun activities, build a connection with our church and find out a little more about Jesus. However, this 'pause' may also provide an opportunity to reflect on our vision and ambitions for mid-week children's ministry and re-model what we offer.

Richard Edwards

Schools Work (Primary)

In the summer term of 2021 the schools in our parish continued to battle the pandemic and were cautious about allowing visitors in. I continued to remain in contact with them and was able to deliver assemblies virtually for both Turnfurlong Infant and Junior schools.

It was planned to deliver the 'It's Your Move' programme to Year 6 in person in June 2021, but due to the continuing pandemic we had to deliver it virtual in video form. Although not as good as in person, it did mean the children participated in the session to help them prepare for secondary school and received a copy of the 'It's Your Move' book.

From September, I have been able to deliver assemblies in person at both schools which has been a delight, even if initially it meant repeating the assembly several times due to the schools having year group assemblies rather than whole schools! I take assembly for them once per half term.

In December 2021, in collaboration with Kate Watt (Church of the Holy Spirit), we were able to deliver 'Christmas Unwrapped' sessions to year 3 at both Turnfurlong and Bedgrove Junior schools.; helping the children understand the true meaning of Christmas.

Unfortunately, due to Covid the annual carol services for the schools could not take place.

We didn't run Easter Experience this year as the situation with Covid was still volatile, but it is hoped we will restart this next year. I was however, able to take Easter assemblies at both schools.

We blessed the staff of both schools with baskets of chocolates to keep them going at the end of the Christmas and Easter Terms.

Plans are coming together to deliver the 'It's Your Move' sessions to Y6 this term.

Please pray for continued positive relationships with the school and opportunities to go in and share the Gospel.

Ruth Jarrett

Youth

From April – August 2021 we were unable to meet in person due to the covid pandemic and so held our groups online, which included Bible study social time & a chance to talk about how people felt. But since we've been able to meet back in person at church, we've been meeting in person wherever possible, with groups beginning to meet again in September last year.

Pathfinders (for years 7-9) meets on 3 Sunday mornings a month during the service and we try to provide a bible study, a relaxed arena to build relationships and facilitate pastoral care, and also teaching on prayer and moral issues through questions and discussions. We have about 10 young people who attend across each month.

Chill – meets monthly on Sunday evenings at church. We provide bible-based discussion, relationship building, and endeavour to encourage young people with their faith through answering their questions.

Glo – is a youth club for young people in year 7 upwards and currently meets on one Friday evening a month. There are craft activities, sports and a tuck shop with a space for young people to hang out and be with their friends. This is an outreach project and we have had young people come to know Jesus, even though there is no explicitly Christian content. We have around 20 young people who attend each month, many of whom are from outside the church family.

Central Cell meets once a month on the first Tuesday of the month at the Church of the Holy Spirit and is run by Aylesbury Vale Youth for Christ. Unite, a monthly service on a Sunday evening for young people from across Aylesbury Vale, continues to run at HT. with a session before the service for our HT to hang out.

As well as the groups we run, I also aim to provide pastoral care and support for young people and their families.

Thank you to all the people who help facilitate the groups that we run – we couldn't do it with you! We look forward to hopefully being able to appoint a Children's and Youth Pastor in the near future to help take this important work forward and continue to support our young people and their families to nurture and grow their Christian faith, and reach out to young people in our local community.

Claire Newman

MISSION & EVANGELISM

Alpha

In 2021, we again ran two Alpha courses with about 6-7 guests at each, following which a number of people have joined Home Groups. One or two guests have been helpers at the subsequent courses. Helping lead the courses is a great way to meet new people and potentially invite them to your group - further helpers would be welcome. Thank you very much to all those who faithfully provided meals, this makes a great start to each evening and again is a lovely way to meet guests yourselves.

Andrew Henderson

Trinity Coffee Shop

Reopening last June was done gently and tentatively given the history of short-notice lockdowns we'd all experienced in the previous year. A core team of four shared the cover for two mornings a week (Wednesday and Friday) to see how much custom there would be and whether there was 'a need'. We have had a slow and steady flow of customers - mainly from people in the local community for whom a small safe venue for a drink and cake and an opportunity to meet up with friends again was much appreciated ... and that is how we've continued.

Our customer base for both days is now pretty well established and the team members are happy to volunteer for this commitment along with occasional events such as the return of our Cream Tea Afternoon and supporting other events as they arise from HT. We have kept prices at pre-Covid levels as there are few running costs and cakes are donated because we feel this encourages those that want to use the Coffee Shop to come in more frequently rather than feel it's an expensive treat.

Looking ahead, we are compiling a pool of volunteers who are prepared to step in for one-off events, particularly with a view to trying to support activities that other church members want to arrange in the foyer or church.

Mandy Henderson and the Coffee Shop Team

Aylesbury Community Gospel Choir

The Gospel choir is an open to all group, where we sing a selection of Gospel songs alongside some more secular songs which all focus on Gospel themes of hope, freedom, and love etc. The choir met for a few weeks on zoom last April to May and has been meeting again each week in person since October 21 (following the latest Covid guidelines). Unfortunately, we had to cancel a couple of weeks during this last term from January due to covid and recovery.

We have performed a couple of videos which were shown during Christmas and Easter services; which were very well received. Although we would have loved to perform live it has not been possible due to numbers and illness. The numbers in the choir have fluctuated but hover around the 15 - 20 mark, with a number coming from outside the church congregation who are not connected to church at all but love singing the gospel songs. Everyone seems to enjoy the sessions and are being impacted by the words being sung in a way that's personal to them, which is great. We are due to re-start on Monday 9th May for a 6-week term culminating in a concert.

The team running the choir has increased this year and we are also very grateful to the HT tech team for helping us with recording our performances.

Sarah Thelin

Holy Trinity Football Club

We started back playing indoors on 19th July last year having managed to make do with playing outdoors when covid restrictions still prevented this. The numbers returning were quite low and we have struggled over the last 8 months to obtain enough players to make the weekly slot viable.

After a recruitment drive, it looks as though we now have enough to keep the group going and have welcomed a number of new faces to the team who will hopefully continue to play.

We continue to play at Aylesbury College on a Monday night so if you want to give it a go, please contact me.

Peter Bisley

Global Mission

We have continued the process of phasing out 'links' who we have less or no practical engagement with, as part of our strategy to make, wherever possible, 'partnerships' which are expressed through prayer, financial support and practical involvement such as overseas visits. Raising the profile of our partners across the congregation remains a priority with more opportunities for speakers and visitors. Recent highlights were Richard Moy (SOMA) and Simon Guillebaud (Great Lakes Outreach). We are keen to engage our young people more effectively.

Andrew Henderson

DISCIPLESHIP

Small Groups

Over the past year our small groups have continued to meet and offer friendship and discipleship to a great number of people in our church family and beyond. Many groups have welcomed new members this year and we are especially encouraged by those wanting to continue their journey of faith by joining a small group following the Alpha courses.

We have 11 small groups meeting weekly including Revive, our women's bible study group, and these groups continue to be at the heart of our church family life, offering a real sense of community, support, fellowship, prayer and bible study.

Small groups also play an active role in the church's mission to help and support the wider community and mission partners abroad. This year has seen groups supporting the Foodbank, linking with and fundraising for mission partners, cooking and serving meals for Alpha, doing jobs within the church, helping with the spring clean, praying for one another.

Descriptions for all of our groups are on the Church website; we would love to see more groups growing and developing so that everyone in our church family can feel connected and supported to grow as disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Millie Tomson

Men@HT

Over the last year we initiated zoom 'First Thursday' meetings for general chat and bible discussion (in a book club style based on a book of the Bible). This has given an option to connect throughout the changing times of Covid restrictions. We also suggested for late 2021 other online meetings and resources from LICC (London Institute of Contemporary Christianity) as of possible interest to participate in.

With restrictions coming and going we flexed the Men@HT programme to offer some few face-to-face activities as appropriate: There's been a couple of evening takeaway meals together in the HTA foyer; Saturday morning brunch and video sessions 'Run The Race: Perseverance' and 'Recovery' using materials from Care For The Family; a Beer Tasting evening with Chiltern Brewery including hearing how faith aligns with their business. We've embarked on a spring walk locally; and had a series of sessions watching Rugby together during the Autumn Internationals and the 6 Nations. Our hope has been to enable a sense of connection and support of each other in faith through these difficult times.

Great thanks go out to Richard Collard who has been instrumental in developing and creating momentum behind the programme. Richard has now stepped away, and we thank him for all he has contributed recently.

As we move forward, I'd love to hear what would be useful to help the men of HT stand shoulder-to-shoulder in faith and feel supported to express faith more naturally. I'll hope to get some feedback on what activities would be well received and most helpful. The Men@HT email list is an 'opt-in' one, so if you don't think you're on it, and would like to be, please let the office (or me) know and we'll sort it out.

Bjarne Thelin

Revive – Women’s Bible Study

Revive has continued to meet on Friday mornings in term time for chat, Bible study and prayer. We have met mainly on Zoom but we have had a few in person social and craft sessions at HT, which have been very much appreciated. Numbers have remained steady with about 25 on the email list and in the WhatsApp group (which is used mainly for prayer requests and sharing resources between sessions). There are usually about 8 – 12 of us at the session on any given Friday. Some of us are in other small groups as well, but for some Revive is their only small group.

We usually follow a Bible study guide and this year we have used LICC guides on Mark and Revelation, a Good Book Co guide on 1 Thessalonians and a Waverley Abbey Lent course on The Prayers of Jesus. Various members of Revive have volunteered to lead sessions and a team of six of us share the organisation, the admin and the pastoral care.

We are conscious that some of our members can only meet on Zoom because of other commitments and health reasons and that other members have had quite enough of Zoom in their working week and wish to meet in person, so this term we are meeting on Zoom and at HT alternate weeks. All women, of all ages, are very welcome to join us.

Jenny Laferton

PASTORAL

Pastoral Ministry

Once again, a big thank you to all the Groups, Pastoral Care Team, and individuals that have provided care and support to our Church family during another difficult year.

Although restrictions have now been lifted, we are aware that for many life has not returned to ‘normal’ for a variety of reasons. If you have any concerns, perhaps not seen someone for a while, please contact in confidence, Glynis Axtell and the team via the Church Office.

The team continues to meet once a month and we would like to increase our number. If you are interested and have a passion for people, I would love to hear from you.

Glynis Axtell

SCOP (Spiritual Care of Older People)

The SCOP team was created some years ago to enable services to be held in local homes for older people, and these were held on a monthly basis before the Covid-19 pandemic. In March 2020, as a result of Covid restrictions, they had to stop and to date it has not yet been possible to restart them.

SCOP was previously headed up by Roger Axtell, who has now stepped down and our grateful thanks go to him for all he has contributed to this ministry over the years. Debbie Reece is the current named contact for this ministry, helping signpost any enquiries, while we look to rebuild the team for the future.

Debbie Reece

925 Group

925 is for people who are around during the day, 9 to 5, because of redundancy, retirement, flexible working, health issues etc. We now meet every Tuesday morning at 10.30, normally in the Church foyer.

925 continued to meet throughout the 2021/22 year. First, because of COVID, as Zoom meetings facilitated by Franz Laferton or Susan Read. In all we had ten Zoom meetings. When we were permitted to gather face to face, we recommenced meeting in the Church Foyer, providing our own refreshments. There we discussed subjects like 'our good news' (6 times), 'our favourite item' (10 times), listened to a talk (3 times), played games (4 times) and went out, for a walk (4 times), or to a party (4 times) Early in 2022, 925 was able to celebrate its 10TH Anniversary. In all, this year, 925 met forty-one times.

Please contact Martin Roper if you would like to know more, or just turn up.

Martin Roper

Walton Wobblers

Walton Wobblers are a group that enjoy short mat bowls in Walton Hall on a Tuesday afternoons. Bowling recommenced after COVID lockdown on 5 October and there has been a small but regular group of bowlers each week since then. June Anson runs the group and would welcome new bowlers.

Martin Roper

WORSHIP

Worship Services

AV & Livestream

Since the last APCM we've invested in and installed a new sound system, which has served us really well both for the livestream side of things and also (more importantly) for the on-premise services, with flexibility for normal Sunday Services (differing styles as necessary between more contemporary and traditional services). With the installation by Crystal Clear Audio – headed up by Nick Fatkin and some of the ground (and ladder)-work by HT volunteers, this was achieved fairly quickly and efficiently and has given us something to feel "proud" of (careful use of words here).

Huge thanks go to the community that is HT Aylesbury and those that helped in improving the tidiness and cleanliness of the worship space – not least to mention the new carpet, which completed the picture together with an added bonus of all main cables being removed from the floor and TV's on tables on stands gone! With the display screens mounted on the pillars we have a cleaner, safer and much more flexible worship space layout.

We've been able to resume more youth-oriented services (Unite and the AVYFC RISC Conference), together with the ability to hire out the building for a couple of conferences – and also improved wedding and funeral capabilities.

Also, to mention the AMAZING AV "Booth" that was built by Mark Knight, Nigel Coote and donated financially by Nigel Coote – huge thanks and blessings for this monumental achievement and improvement – enabling a fixed area for what has become a central and integral part of everything we do.

As the lead and supported by James Collard, I can honestly say that we have an amazing team of people serving, particularly on Sundays and all members are gaining confidence in how things now work.

Still to do / investigate / fund-raise for, we'd love to improve the screen displays further, perhaps with a projection system and improved camera / streaming / recording capabilities. Particularly desirable would be an upgrade to the lighting generally, particularly looking to improve the quality of camera capture for streaming.

Final cable tidying around the "behind the scenes" areas and improvements to how we use the AV "Booth" will come naturally as we move forwards.

A good year from a Tech perspective, which saw us move from temporary infrastructure to permanent cabling and gear location – a much more devotional feel to what we do. Massive thanks to all involved. Also huge thanks to Cate Prickett for her work in ensuring things happened when they needed to.

Much love and blessings,

Chris Ion

Sung & Musical Worship

As I look back over the last year, I am reminded again of the challenges that we have encountered. We as a team have had to adapt to times of worship, which have been done individually, but collaboratively from our own homes, [when technology would allow!!] for the pre-recorded only services, through to the fully live services, with a congregation in the church. The latter is so much more appreciated by us as a team, and we have often commented how fantastic it is, to have people back in the building to join with us, in worshipping our Heavenly Father, for all that He means and has done for us!!

I would also like to acknowledge the very diverse giftings and talents within the worship team as a whole, which I think particularly comes through well over the Christmas period with all the different services that are available. It is also worth noting though, that we as a team are smaller in number than we have been for quite a few years, which can lead to difficulties in trying to fill the rota, and also limit our abilities in the musical instruments / bands / dynamics etc, that we can offer. We do pray as a team, that God would bring new gifted and talented people, who are also passionate about our Heavenly Father, to join the team.

Also, I would like to say a huge thankyou to Chris Ion and all the PA/AV team. Without them it is impossible for us to function at all really. May God bless you all, for all the faithful work you do, often behind the scenes.

Finally, as we meet together as a body of believers, I pray that as we give God all our praise and adoration, our times of sung worship would be honouring to Him, and that in turn, He would come and meet with us and transform us!

Love to you all.

Nigel Coote

Prayer

In 2021, we held online 24/7 Prayer Rooms in January and March, as well as online prayer meetings for Ascension Day and in person prayer meetings on Ash Wednesday 2022.

It is important not to underestimate the value of prayer, particularly at this time for our church. Below is a word received from the last 24/7 prayer time, that seems relevant for us to reflect on now as we move forward, especially around the need for healing hearts and wounds from the last season.

Word from 24/7 Prayer - Time for Change 26.03.21

Coming out of pandemic, the challenge is 'What have we achieved and learnt at a spiritual level during this period and what are we preparing for?' A time is approaching when there will be opportunities to practice what we have learnt, to implement plans we have prepared. However, we cannot do this in our own strength.

Time to pray for an explosion in charismatic gifts in Holy Trinity Aylesbury. Time for His Holy wind to bring new life to the church.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 'A Time for Everything. This is helpful to reflect where we are now and where we expect to go, out of exile from the pandemic.

Verse	Pandemic	Post Pandemic
2	A time to uproot (deadwood)	A time to plant (new seeds)
3	A time to kill (the virus) & (sin)	A time to heal (pandemic wounds)
3	A time to tear down (all unfruitful)	A time to build
4	A time to weep	A time to laugh
4	A time to mourn	A time to dance
5	A time to scatter stones	A time to gather them
5	A time to refrain	A time to embrace
6	A time to give up (old ways)	A time to search (new ways/new paths)
6	A time to throw away (expired)	A time to keep (what will be useful)
7	A time to tear (old wineskins)	A time to mend (repair pandemic damage)
7	A time to be silent (reflect)	A time to speak (proclaim the gospel)
8	A time to love (what is good)	A time to hate (what is evil)
8	A time for war (fight the virus)	A time for peace (healing hearts)

Prayer ministry on a Sunday morning remains an area that is still impacted by the disruption of Covid. It is something we wish to see re-established, encouraged and developed whilst creating an atmosphere of safety. We are considering the best way forward to achieve this. However, Philippians Ch 4: 6 says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. "

Glynnis Axtell, Viv Knight & Suzanne Littler

Administration Team and Operations

None of the achievements in this report would be possible without the dedicated work of our staff team and many volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is.

2021 was a complicated year in many ways, as we came back into the church building and from June started live worship again. The progression and change in restrictions because of Covid meant that we were constantly required to be flexible in terms of staffing and services, culminating with us closing again for Christmas 2021!

The usual buildings and facilities requirements for fire safety, lightening protection and PAT testing happened and we were able to support a skilled team to successfully install a new AV system with fabulous results and now have a smart new carpet fitted with the old tiles beautifully displayed. We had a positively received Deanery Inspection in November and the Revd David Williams was happy that the building and the record keeping are in order.

As we look forward, the priority will most certainly be to upgrade the boiler and should be considered alongside our responsibility to care for God's creation.

I extend my grateful thanks to Anne Vujanic, Steph Laferton and Anne Cooper for their dedication and attention to all the fine details that make HT run so smoothly. Above all we recognize their good grace, care and spirituality, maintaining efficiency and quality whilst managing the shift of coming back into the office.

We are hugely grateful to Susan Read and Lynn McMeekin who support and manage the cash handling element of finance administration at HTA with consistency and good humour! It is always a joy to work alongside them.

Grace Bisley and Abigail Ion work extremely hard to keep the building clean. They are reliably diligent and focused on keeping the space clean and our church family safe.

With my grateful thanks also to everyone who works and volunteers here, you all make it a really rewarding place to work.

Cate Prickett

Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2021

For

The Walton Parochial Church Council

Independent Examiner's Report

To the Trustees of Walton Parochial Church Council.

This report is regarding the Accounts for year ended 31st December 2021, as attached.

Responsibility and basis of this report.

The Parochial Church Council has agreed that an Independent Review is required in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, section 145 & 152, for the above year.

It is my responsibility to carry out this review in order to –

- a) confirm that the Accounts comply with the 2011 Act,
- b) ensure the procedures as laid down by the Act are followed,
- and c) report any matters which have come to my attention during this examination.

Basis of Independent Examiners Report

This review was in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission and included a review of records kept and maintained by the PCC. It also included an examination of supporting evidence for the Accounts, to confirm the figures. This process is not a full audit and therefore this report does not express an Audit opinion on these Accounts.

Examiners Statement

I am pleased to report that there are no major matters of concern that have been identified during this review and can confirm that the records have been kept in accordance with the 2011 Act. Therefore there are, in my opinion, no matters which need to be raised from these Accounts.

Follow up items

No major items to follow up.

This review has been assisted by the Operations Manager and I would just like to place on record my thanks for all her help throughout this process.


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S. Marks, FMAAT
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7th April 2022

File Ref HTC A/cs 2021

Treasurer's Report

The financial position is set out in the Statement of Financial Accounts and the related notes. The 2021 budget was set with £219,408 of income and £228,324 of expenditure; this would leave a small deficit of just under £10,000. The budget was set and approved by the PCC and the deficit was agreed with them in support of hiring a children's and youth worker.

When compared with the end of year accounts we received £206,209 income and expenditure was £227,816, giving a larger than expected deficit, although this figure does include depreciation costs. The reduction in income was primarily due to a continue decrease in donations. Covid restrictions have continued to have an impact and a number of the congregation have moved away.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy has been reviewed this year by the PCC.; there is a continued aspiration to have reserves representing 3 months cover for essential monthly expenditure, in case of a catastrophic event where all income ceases; the reserves currently sit at this level.

Penny Hurst (Treasurer)

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Statement of financial activities					
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	2	188,384	2,106	190,490	198,838
Other Voluntary Income Resources	2	-	7,386	7,386	2,286
Investment income	2	11	3	14	39
Incoming from operating activities	2	8,321	-	8,321	5,485
Total incoming resources		196,716	9,495	206,211	206,648
Resources expended					
Cost of generating funds					
Grants	3	15,960	-	15,960	16,960
Activities directly relating to Ministry	3	126,852	40,911	167,763	189,153
Church Management & Administration	3	38,411	6,265	44,676	41,591
Cost of generating funds	3	359	-	359	57
Total resources expended		181,582	47,176	228,758	247,761
Net incoming / (outgoing resources) before transfers		15,134	(37,681)	(22,547)	(41,113)
Gross transfers between funds	9	-	-	-	-
Net incoming / (outgoing) resources before other recognised gains (losses)		15,134	(37,681)	(22,547)	(41,113)
Other recognised gains (losses)		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		15,134	(37,681)	(22,547)	(41,113)
Total funds brought forward		56,033	556,801	612,834	653,947
Total funds carried forward		71,167	519,120	590,287	612,834

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Balance sheet as at 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	5	2,261	513,112	515,373	527,064
Total fixed assets		2,261	513,112	515,373	527,064
Debtors and prepayments	6	12,308	-	12,308	20,414
Cash at bank and in hand		66,059	6,008	72,067	73,888
Total current assets		78,367	6,008	84,375	94,302
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	9,461	-	9,461	8,532
Net current assets		68,906	6,008	74,914	85,770
Net assets		71,167	519,120	590,287	612,834
Funds of the church					
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	9	71,167	-	71,167	56,033
Designated funds	9	-	-	-	-
		71,167	-	71,167	56,033
Restricted funds	9	-	519,120	519,120	556,801
Total funds of the church		71,167	519,120	590,287	612,834
		0	0.0	-0.4	-0.5

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on

and signed on its behalf by:

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Chairman

Parochial Church Council of Walton Aylesbury

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021

Notes to the Financial Statements

1 Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP (FRS102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

The total income exceeds £250,000 and the accounts are reported on an accruals basis.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the PCC. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the PCC members have a reasonable expectation that the PCC has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the PCC members continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Funds

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

Designated funds are unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the PCC for particular purposes.

Restricted funds represent (a) income from a trust which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they are given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year must be carried forward as a balance of that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund.

Incoming resources

Voluntary income & capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving receivable under covenant is recognised only when received. Income tax recoverable on covenants or gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised and collection is likely. 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 by a fete, garden party and similar events are accounted for gross. Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall and drinks and snacks from the coffee shop are accounted for gross.

Other ordinary income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when payable. Any parish share unpaid at 31st December is as stated in the notes to these accounts. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the financial statements by s.10 (2)(c) of the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvements, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed.

The building extension work has been capitalised and will be written down over twenty five years.

Fixture, fittings and equipment is depreciated on a straight line basis over three to five years.

Investments

Investments are valued at purchase price as the amount is not considered to be material.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for any amounts that may prove uncollectible. Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

Current Liabilities

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the PCC has a present obligation arising from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2021 Total funds	2020 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
2 Analysis of incoming resources				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Voluntary income				
Planned giving				
Gift Aid donations	138,748	-	138,748	154,247
Tax recoverable	30,796	-	30,796	30,574
Collections (open plate)	1,404	-	1,404	1,043
Sundry income	17,436	2,106	19,542	12,974
	<u>188,384</u>	<u>2,106</u>	<u>190,490</u>	<u>198,838</u>
Other Voluntary Income Resources				
New Church Building Project	-	280	280	436
Gift Aid on Building Project Donations	-	70	70	105
Special Collections for onward payment	-	7,036	7,036	1,745
Mission visit donations	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>7,386</u>	<u>7,386</u>	<u>2,286</u>
Investment income				
Interest received	11	3	14	39
	<u>11</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>39</u>
Incoming from operating activities				
Fees	3,065	-	3,065	1,224
Coffee shop	2,899	-	2,899	3,021
Other Income	2,357	-	2,357	1,240
	<u>8,321</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,321</u>	<u>5,485</u>
Total Incoming Resources	<u>196,716</u>	<u>9,495</u>	<u>206,211</u>	<u>206,648</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements

3 Analysis of resources expended	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 £	2020 £
Cost of generating funds				
Grants				
Missionary Grants	15,960	-	15,960	16,960
	15,960	-	15,960	16,960
Activities directly relating to Ministry				
Diocesan Parish Share	105,212	-	105,212	113,101
Staff expenses/Housing	1,484	-	1,484	1,976
Church running expenses	13,215	1,441	14,656	11,942
Church Maintenance	3,692	-	3,692	2,709
Junior Church	1,017	-	1,017	15,043
Outreach	862	-	862	672
Coffee shop staff and running costs	670	-	670	2,358
Discretionary & Welfare payments	40	-	40	-
Special Collections paid over	-	623	623	3,626
Mission visit payments	-	-	-	-
Depreciation charge	660	38,847	39,507	37,726
Building Works to overseas Churches	-	-	-	-
	126,852	40,911	167,763	189,153
Church Management & Administration				
Office Salaries & Administration	37,120	6,265	43,385	40,373
Legal & professional fees	1,065	-	1,065	920
Bank Charges & Loan Interest	226	-	226	298
	38,411	6,265	44,676	41,591
Cost of generating funds				
Other Activities	359	-	359	57
	359	-	359	57
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	181,582	47,176	228,758	247,761

4 (a) Staff Costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	39,487	51,539
Social security	-	-
Defined contribution scheme	806	1,117
	40,293	52,656

The average number of employees during the year was 7 (2020: 9). No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

4(b) Trustee remuneration

No member of the PCC received any remuneration for their work on the PCC. The clergy, who are ex-officio members, received a stipend but are not remunerated for their service on the PCC.

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	Extension	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Total
Cost or valuation	£	£	£
At 31 December 2020	936,025	8,543	944,568
Additions	3,801	24,015	27,816
At 31 December 2021	<u>939,826</u>	<u>32,559</u>	<u>972,384</u>
Depreciation			
At 31 December 2020	410,175	7,329	417,504
Charge for year	37,536	1,971	39,507
At 31 December 2021	<u>447,711</u>	<u>9,300</u>	<u>457,011</u>
Net book value			
At 31 December 2020	<u>525,850</u>	<u>1,214</u>	<u>527,064</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>492,115</u>	<u>23,258</u>	<u>515,373</u>
6 Debtors and prepayments			
	2021	2020	
	£	£	
Accounts receivable	4,004	5,825	
Accrued income - tax refund due	8,304	13,717	
Other debtors	-	872	
	<u>12,308</u>	<u>20,414</u>	
7 Creditors and accruals due within one year			
	2021	2020	
	£	£	
Accounts payable and accrued costs	5,402	3,067	
Wages payable	4,059	5,465	
	<u>9,461</u>	<u>8,532</u>	
8 Analysis of Net Assets by fund	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	2,261	513,112	515,373
Current Assets			
Bank and Cash	66,059	6,008	72,067
Debtors and Prepayments	12,308	-	12,308
Liabilities			
Amounts falling due in one year	(9,461)	-	(9,461)
Totals	<u>71,167</u>	<u>519,120</u>	<u>590,287</u>

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9 Fund transactions

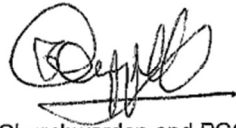
	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Gains/ losses/ transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Restricted Funds					
New Church Building Project	549,215	353	(38,847)	-	510,721
New Church Overseas	7,586	-	-	-	7,586
Special Collections Fund	-	7,036	(6,223)	-	813
Diocesan Fees	-	1,441	(1,441)	-	-
CJRS Grant	-	665	(665)	-	-
	<u>556,801</u>	<u>9,495</u>	<u>(47,176)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>519,120</u>
Designated and Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund HT	56,033	196,716	(181,582)	-	71,167
Bateman Drive Fund	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>56,033</u>	<u>196,716</u>	<u>(181,582)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>71,167</u>
Total of all Funds	<u>612,834</u>	<u>206,211</u>	<u>(228,758)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>590,287</u>

10 Fund details

New Church Building Project	To fund the new church extension.
New Church Overseas	A tithe from new building fund donations to support the building of new churches overseas in the Sudan and Pakistan.
Special Donations Fund	A reserve to hold specific donations due to be passed on to third parties.
Diocesan Fees	Funds received for funerals, weddings and similar occasions payable to the Diocese.
CJRS Grant	Grant received to cover proportion of salaries of furloughed staff

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on: 25 April 2022

and signed on its behalf by:



2/5/2022

Churchwarden and PCC Vice-chair

Independent Examiner's Report

To the Trustees of Walton Parochial Church Council.

This report is regarding the Accounts for year ended 31st December 2021, as attached.

Responsibility and basis of this report.

The Parochial Church Council has agreed that an Independent Review is required in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, section 145 & 152, for the above year.

It is my responsibility to carry out this review in order to –

- a) confirm that the Accounts comply with the 2011 Act,
- b) ensure the procedures as laid down by the Act are followed,
- and c) report any matters which have come to my attention during this examination.

Basis of Independent Examiners Report

This review was in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission and included a review of records kept and maintained by the PCC. It also included an examination of supporting evidence for the Accounts, to confirm the figures. This process is not a full audit and therefore this report does not express an Audit opinion on these Accounts.

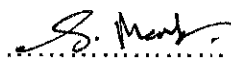
Examiners Statement

I am pleased to report that there are no major matters of concern that have been identified during this review and can confirm that the records have been kept in accordance with the 2011 Act. Therefore there are, in my opinion, no matters which need to be raised from these Accounts.

Follow up items

No major items to follow up.

This review has been assisted by the Operations Manager and I would just like to place on record my thanks for all her help throughout this process.


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S. Marks, FMAAT
10 Chesterfield Close, Stone .

7th April 2022

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