

FREMINGTON PCC
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2020

Charity Registration Number 1133734

FREMINGTON PCC

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Full Name:	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Fremington, Devon
Governing Document:	Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended by the Church Representation Rules
Registered Charity No:	1133734
Registered Address:	3 Linhay Drive Fremington Barnstaple EX31 2QD
Membership of the PCC Ex-officio:	Revd Thomas Simpson (Curate) Mr J McKee (Churchwarden)
Elected:	Mr M Smallridge Mr G Prosser Mrs K Prosser Mr D Earwaker (until 25 th October 2020) Mrs G Ashcroft Mrs A Burgess Mrs J Gristwood Mr D Morley (Treasurer) Mr D Eagles (from 25 th October 2020)
Electoral Roll:	81
Independent Examiners:	LCA, Chartered Accountants 13 Silver Street Barnstaple EX32 8HR

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The members of the PCC ('the Trustees') have pleasure in presenting their report and the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020.

Structure, Governance and Management

Fremington PCC is a registered charity governed by the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended and by the Church Representation Rules.

The Charity is run by a Council. Holders of certain posts are automatically entitled to membership of the Council. Other members are elected by ballot at the AGM.

Objectives

The mission statement of Fremington PCC is to communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ in worship, fellowship, and service.

In carrying out this objective the PCC members have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commissioners on public benefit.

Achievements

If one were to read the introduction to the 2019 achievements, it would be found that it started with these words: "This past year has been something of a rollercoaster". 2019's rollercoaster was nothing compared to the 2020 version! It has been a year of venturing into the unknown, dominated by a consistent level of uncertainty, challenge, and new situations.

The year started positively as the churches prepared to advertise for the new incumbent of the benefice. This was done at the end of January, with the idea to interview at the end of March. At the same time, the church worked its way through Paul's 2nd letter to Timothy, helping us to build a picture of what a godly leader looks like. But, a few days before our intended interview days, we entered national lockdown and all services (and the interviews) were suspended.

We then entered a period of rapid transition. The church switched to pre-recorded services, first from St Peter's Church, and then from the Vicarage once we weren't allowed to use the church building. We had Easter without a service in a church across the nation for the first time in 800 years. This has obviously impacted our gatherings, but we took to supporting one another by phone call, our online services, and from June, our Zoom gatherings. We also started up the regular weekly newsletter, which was opened up to everyone to make submissions to support and encourage one another.

As we journeyed through various levels of lockdown, we have moved to live-streaming services from our churches and then welcoming people back into the church building. A particular note of thanks must be made to Rob Leggett for his help on the live-streaming. It has also been a great joy to restart some of our Bible Studies, taking place online rather than on Zoom, as well as restarting our monthly prayer meeting.

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Achievements (contd.)

In the midst of all this change, there were changes for the congregation too. We said goodbye to Rev. Keith Brimacombe, who had supported the ministry of the benefice for the last 6 years, and wished him well in his retirement, and also lost some key members of the church, whose passing we have not yet had time to properly grieve for. We were unsuccessful in appointing a candidate in the opening round of interviews, when they eventually took place in July, but were delighted to appoint the Rev. Sue Spankie, joining from Oxford Diocese, following the interviews in September. We were glad to welcome her to the benefice at the start of 2021.

Even in the midst of challenging circumstances, we were still able to hold Christmas services. Two carol services and a crib service took place, with some people in the building and many more watching online. While it may not have been the Christmas celebrations we would have liked, we were still thankful to be able to gather to celebrate our Lord's birth. The year has also seen growth and fruitfulness in church, both challenging and growing our own faith and also seeing new people start to engage with church. This has been particularly true of our work with families and children, with much thanks going to Gillian Ashcroft for her hard work over this past year.

This year has been characterised by the church dealing with challenging circumstances, but the church has coped admirably at each twist and turn. We are thankful to the Lord Jesus for his sustaining this year. How true it is that "in him all things hold together." (Colossians 1:17).

Financial Review

The challenges and changes which came with the arrival of the pandemic and the series of lockdowns are inevitably reflected in the accounts.

We are, however, most grateful for the continuing generosity of our congregation during the year and our accounts show that our planned direct giving through the Parish Giving Scheme and the Envelope Scheme increased by £3,437 on the previous year, although our other direct giving inevitably showed a significant decrease.

Just before the pandemic arrived, we were delighted to receive a legacy of £1,500 from the estate of Ted Nowell.

Towards the end of the year, we decided to withdraw £2,000 from the National Savings Bond to help with churchyard grass cutting expenses.

During the year, we received a payment of £60,000 in settlement of the dispute relating to Military Road. This has been treated as a restricted fund, since the dispute related to land which was conveyed to the PCC in 1950 to be used "for Ecclesiastical purposes in the said Parish referred to and for no other purpose". We also received £4,036 in partial reimbursement of legal fees we had previously incurred and this has been paid in to the unrestricted general fund.

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Financial Review (contd.)

Our share of the expenses incurred by the Mission Community in connection with the appointment of our new Vicar was £910.

Our Common Fund assessment for the year amounted to £70,160 and by the end of the year we were able to pay £61,429 (about 87.5%), leaving a shortfall of £8,731.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the report above.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:-

Revd Thomas Simpson (PCC Chairman)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF FREMINGTON PCC

I report on the accounts of Fremington PCC for the year ended 31st December 2020 which are set out on pages 6 to 14.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As members of Fremington PCC 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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

**13 Silver Street
BARNSTAPLE**

**LCA,
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**

**FREMINGTON PCC
GENERAL ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

	2020			2019		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
OPENING BALANCES:						
Restricted Funds						
Wednesday Fellowship	132.40	-	132.40	33.70	-	33.70
Organ maintenance	1,258.35	-	1,258.35	15.00	-	15.00
Churchyard maintenance	1,036.63	-	1,036.63	-	-	-
Designated Funds						
Car Park Fund	-	1,300.00	1,300.00	-	1,300.00	1,300.00
Unrestricted	-	7,562.98	7,562.98	-	559.14	559.14
	<u>2,427.38</u>	<u>8,862.98</u>	<u>11,290.36</u>	<u>48.70</u>	<u>1,859.14</u>	<u>1,907.84</u>
RECEIPTS:						
Direct Giving						
Planned Giving	-	51,695.02	51,695.02	-	48,257.93	48,257.93
Other	-	2,663.51	2,663.51	-	9,832.89	9,832.89
	<u>-</u>	<u>54,358.53</u>	<u>54,358.53</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,090.82</u>	<u>58,090.82</u>
Gift Aid tax refunds		11,536.12	11,536.12	4,356.25	13,452.96	17,809.21
Weddings, baptisms and funerals collections	-	-	-	-	152.33	152.33
Donations inc. Offertory Box & Finance Appeal		1,204.78	1,204.78	20,300.00	2,731.72	23,031.72
Specific Donations:						
In memory of Roberta Flowers	-	230.00	230.00	-	-	-
Friends of St Peter's	-	932.00	932.00	-	932.00	932.00
Parochial fees – statutory	-	889.00	889.00	-	1,862.00	1,862.00
- non-statutory	-	75.00	75.00	-	100.00	100.00
Non-returnable wedding fees	-	400.00	400.00	-	-	-
Hall hire	-	3,144.00	3,144.00	-	6,896.00	6,896.00
Events and activities	-	172.00	172.00	-	2,370.52	2,370.52
Contact Magazine: Advertising	-	310.00	310.00	-	1,849.50	1,849.50
Churchyard: NS Bond interest	80.53	-	80.53	109.13	-	109.13
Wednesday Fellowship	-	-	-	98.70	-	98.70
Wider World	-	-	-	2,061.95	-	2,061.95
Organ Fund	-	-	-	2,164.95	-	2,164.95
Legacies	-	1,500.00	1,500.00			
Military Road	60,000.00	4,036.40	64,036.40			
Revd Steve Goodbody retirement gifts	-	-	-	903.00	-	903.00
	<u>60,080.53</u>	<u>78,787.83</u>	<u>138,868.36</u>	<u>29,993.98</u>	<u>88,437.85</u>	<u>118,431.83</u>
Agency Accounts						
Incumbent's fees assigned to Diocese	2,003.00	-	2,003.00	2,118.00	-	2,118.00
Music, vergers, bells, minister's fees	271.00	-	271.00	1,092.00	-	1,092.00
	<u>62,354.53</u>	<u>78,787.83</u>	<u>141,142.36</u>	<u>33,203.98</u>	<u>88,437.85</u>	<u>121,641.83</u>
Transfer from National Savings Bond	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>64,354.53</u>	<u>78,787.83</u>	<u>143,142.36</u>	<u>35,203.98</u>	<u>88,437.85</u>	<u>123,641.83</u>
	<u>66,781.91</u>	<u>87,650.81</u>	<u>154,432.72</u>	<u>35,252.68</u>	<u>90,296.99</u>	<u>125,549.67</u>

**FREMINGTON PCC
GENERAL ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

PAYMENTS	2020			2019		
	£ Restricted	£ Unrestricted	£ Total	£ Restricted	£ Unrestricted	£ Total
Common Fund	-	61,429.00	61,429.00	24,656.25	44,595.75	69,252.00
Clergy expenses	-	478.60	478.60	-	1,922.27	1,922.27
Music	-	332.90	332.90	-	2,600.00	2,600.00
Mission	-	34.00	34.00	-	45.00	45.00
Church requisites	-	9.70	9.70	-	138.15	138.15
Gift Day and Friends envelopes	-	64.96	64.96	-	63.81	63.81
Wednesday Fellowship	100.00	-	100.00	-	-	-
Wider World	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,061.95	1,000.00	3,061.95
Heat light and water	-	5,346.33	5,346.33	-	5,717.17	5,717.17
Maintenance and repairs	-	4,916.40	4,916.40	-	11,975.88	11,975.88
Hall cleaning	-	775.00	775.00	-	1,175.00	1,175.00
Insurance	-	4,203.27	4,203.27	-	4,816.89	4,816.89
Photocopier and computer	-	1,576.21	1,576.21	-	1,138.15	1,138.15
Telephone	-	558.05	558.05	-	719.89	719.89
Books, stationery and office supplies	-	182.30	182.30	-	92.75	92.75
Contact printing	-	1,487.44	1,487.44	-	4,416.05	4,416.05
Churchyard grass cutting	1,825.00	-	1,825.00	1,072.50	-	1,072.50
Accountancy	-	798.00	798.00	-	780.00	780.00
Website	-	161.00	161.00	-	152.00	152.00
Organ Fund	-	-	-	921.60	-	921.60
Vacancy expenses	-	910.09	910.09	-	-	-
Rev Steve Goodbody retirement gift	-	-	-	903.00	-	903.00
Miscellaneous	-	57.00	57.00	-	85.25	85.25
	1,925.00	84,320.25	86,245.25	29,615.30	81,434.01	111,049.31
Agency Accounts						
Incumbent's fees assigned to diocese	2,003.00	-	2,003.00	2,118.00	-	2,118.00
Organist, verger, bells & minister's fees	271.00	-	271.00	1,092.00	-	1,092.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS	4,199.00	84,320.25	88,519.25	32,825.30	81,434.01	114,259.31
CLOSING BALANCES						
Restricted Funds:						
Wednesday Fellowship	32.40	-	32.40	132.40	-	132.40
Organ maintenance	1,258.35	-	1,258.35	1,258.35	-	1,258.35
Churchyard maintenance	1,292.16	-	1,292.16	1,036.63	-	1,036.63
Military Road	60,000.00	-	60,000.00	-	-	-
Designated Fund:						
Car Park	-	1,300.00	1,300.00	-	1,300.00	1,300.00
Unrestricted	-	2,030.56	2,030.56	-	7,562.98	7,562.98
	62,582.91	3,330.56	65,913.47	2,427.38	8,862.98	11,290.36
	66,781.91	87,650.81	154,432.72	35,252.68	90,296.99	125,549.67

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WIDER WORLD (INCLUDING WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP) – YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

RECEIPTS	2020			2019		
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Royal British Legion	-	-	-	447.76	-	447.76
Children's Society (Christingle)	-	-	-	183.29	-	183.29
Children's Hospice South West	-	-	-	205.00	-	205.00
ChemoHero	-	-	-	205.00	-	205.00
Crosslinks (for Alun & Debbie Burt)	-	-	-	1,020.90	-	1,020.90
	-	-	-	2,061.95	-	2,061.95
PAYMENTS						
Crosslinks	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,020.90	1,000.00	2,020.90
Royal British Legion	-	-	-	447.76	-	447.76
Children's Society (Christingle)	-	-	-	183.29	-	183.29
Children's Hospice South West	-	-	-	205.00	-	205.00
ChemoHero	-	-	-	205.00	-	205.00
On behalf of Wednesday Fellowship:-						
North Devon Food Bank	50.00	-	50.00	-	-	-
Crisis at Christmas	50.00	-	50.00	-	-	-
	100.00	1,000.00	1,100.00	2,061.95	1,000.00	3,061.95

**FREMINGTON PCC
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROJECT - YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020
RESTRICTED FUND - LLOYDS TSB**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	£	£
OPENING BALANCE	<u>2,586.91</u>	<u>6,037.37</u>
RECEIPTS		
General donations and offerings	2,880.00	1,352.00
Planned Giving	335.00	700.00
Gift Aid tax refunds	83.75	175.00
Sale of books	45.00	195.60
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>3,343.75</u>	<u>2,422.60</u>
PAYMENTS		
Children and families worker	3,750.00	4,500.00
Expenses and resources	467.28	1,103.06
Purchase of books	189.00	270.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>4,406.28</u>	<u>5,873.06</u>
CLOSING BALANCE	<u>1,524.38</u>	<u>2,586.91</u>

**FREMINGTON PCC
CHURCHYARD NATIONAL SAVINGS BOND
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020
RESTRICTED FUND**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	£	£
OPENING BALANCE AT 1ST JANUARY	<u>7,500.00</u>	<u>9,500.00</u>
RECEIPTS	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
PAYMENTS	2,000.00	2,000.00
	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
CLOSING BALANCE	<u>5,500.00</u>	<u>7,500.00</u>

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SUBSIDIARY ACCOUNTS – YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	£	£
ST PETER'S BELL FUND (RESTRICTED FUND)		
Opening Balance	2,996.54	2,725.54
Add Receipts	<u>109.00</u>	<u>606.00</u>
	3,105.54	3,331.54
Less Payments	30.00	335.00
Closing Balance	<u><u>3,075.54</u></u>	<u><u>2,996.54</u></u>
	£	£
ST PETER'S CHURCH FLOWERS (RESTRICTED FUND)		
Opening balance	180.75	1.98
Add Receipts	<u>-</u>	<u>481.25</u>
	180.75	483.23
Less Payments	-	302.48
Closing Balance	<u><u>180.75</u></u>	<u><u>180.75</u></u>

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SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	2020			2019		
	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total £	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total £
Receipts						
General Account						
Wider World	-	-	-	2,061.95	-	2,061.95
Agency Accounts	2,274.00	-	2,274.00	3,210.00	-	3,210.00
Transfer from National Savings Bond	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
All remaining items	60,080.53	78,787.83	138,868.36	27,932.03	88,437.85	116,369.88
	<u>64,354.53</u>	<u>78,787.83</u>	<u>143,142.36</u>	<u>35,203.98</u>	<u>88,437.85</u>	<u>123,641.83</u>
Children and YP Project	3,343.75	-	3,343.75	2,422.60	-	2,422.60
Subsidiary Accounts:						
St Peter's Bell Fund	109.00	-	109.00	606.00	-	606.00
St Peter's Church Flowers	-	-	-	481.25	-	481.25
Total receipts	<u>67,807.28</u>	<u>78,787.83</u>	<u>146,595.11</u>	<u>38,713.83</u>	<u>88,437.85</u>	<u>127,151.68</u>
Less: Payments						
General Account						
Wider World	100.00	1,000.00	1,100.00	2,061.95	1,000.00	3,061.95
Agency Accounts	2,274.00	-	2,274.00	3,210.00	-	3,210.00
All remaining items	1,825.00	83,320.25	85,145.25	27,553.35	80,434.01	107,987.36
	<u>4,199.00</u>	<u>84,320.25</u>	<u>88,519.25</u>	<u>32,825.30</u>	<u>81,434.01</u>	<u>114,259.31</u>
Children and YP Project	4,406.28	-	4,406.28	5,873.06	-	5,873.06
Subsidiary Accounts						
St Peter's Bell Fund	30.00	-	30.00	335.00	-	335.00
St Peter's Church Flowers	-	-	-	302.48	-	302.48
Total payments	<u>8,635.28</u>	<u>84,320.25</u>	<u>92,955.53</u>	<u>39,335.84</u>	<u>81,434.01</u>	<u>120,769.85</u>
Net receipts / (payments)	59,172.00	(5,532.42)	53,639.58	(622.01)	7,003.84	6,381.83
Add: Cash balances b/f	15,691.58	8,892.98	24,584.56	18,313.59	1,889.14	20,202.73
Less:						
Transfer from National Savings Bond	(2,000.00)	-	(2,000.00)	(2,000.00)	-	(2,000.00)
Cash balances c/f	<u>72,863.58</u>	<u>3,360.56</u>	<u>76,224.14</u>	<u>15,691.58</u>	<u>8,892.98</u>	<u>24,584.56</u>

FREMINGTON PCC**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020****STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

<u>ASSETS</u>	£	£	£
Bank Accounts and Petty Cash			
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
General Account	62,582.91	3,330.56	65,913.47
Petty cash float	-	30.00	30.00
Children and YP (Restricted Fund)	1,524.38	-	1,524.38
Churchyard National Savings Bond (Restricted Fund)	5,500.00	-	5,500.00
Subsidiary accounts			
St Peter's Bell Fund (Restricted Fund)	3,075.54	-	3,075.54
St Peter's Church Flowers (Restricted Fund)	180.75	-	180.75
	<u>72,863.58</u>	<u>3,360.56</u>	<u>76,224.14</u>

Investments

Fast Access account and	1,182.95
Equities and bonds (Santander Investment a/c)	<u>9,762.09</u>
	<u>10,945.04</u>

Land and buildings

St Peter's Church Fremington (insurance value £9,344,352)

Church Hall (insurance value £366,287)

Other Assets

Flagon
Chalice
Paten
Oak coffer
Oak chair
Silver salver
Sound system
Piano
Boiler
Computers
Projector and screen
Organ
Bells

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

NOTES

1 Restricted Funds

The restricted funds in the accounts are as follows:-

1.1 The Children and Young People's Project.

1.2 The St Peter's Bell Fund.

1.3 The St Peter's Church Flower Fund.

1.4 The Churchyard National Savings Bond.

1.5 Within the General Account:-

1.5.1 The Wednesday Fellowship Fund.

1.5.2 The Organ Maintenance Fund

1.5.3 The Churchyard Maintenance Fund

1.5.4 The Military Road Fund

2 Designated Fund

Within the General Account, the Car Park Fund is a designated fund.