

Team Parish of Gainsborough and Morton

Annual Report for 2020

Mission Statement: *Seeking to be a faithful, welcoming and caring Christian presence celebrating all that is of good and God in our community.*

Our values: *In all our dealings we seek to be faithful, inclusive, compassionate, nurturing and joyful.*

Governance: The work of the Anglican Church in the parish of Gainsborough and Morton is supervised by the Team Parochial Church Council (PCC) and three individual District Church Councils (DCC), one for each church in the parish – All Saints' Church, St. George's Church and St. Paul's Church in Morton.

The PCC meets five times each year and reports from all three churches are given at these meetings. Each DCC also meets a minimum of five times a year.

However, during 2020 and the Covid pandemic, meetings were held via Zoom or a mixture of in-person plus Zoom, as restrictions permitted. As guidance and requirements changed throughout the pandemic, the PCC and DCC's met as necessary to continue the work of the Team Parish.

Staffing. In 2020 the Team Parish was served by a Priest in Charge. The Parish has a Lay Reader and a Lay Ministry Team.

Prayer and Worship. Quality prayer and worship, which offers up to God and celebrates life here in Gainsborough, is a top priority.

Due to the pandemic and enforced closures of church buildings, prayer and worship "went digital". Initially, this was by the Priest in Charge recording services which were then streamed via social media (Facebook) at a set time. We also made use of Church of England resources, such as the services streamed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and worship / faith programmes transmitted by television channels.

As the pandemic continued and we became more proficient in the use of social media and digital outlets such as Zoom, the pre-recorded services began to include contributions from members of the congregation (such as readings and intercessions), plus the inclusion of music.

The church re-opened for worship in July 2020 with protocols in place to maintain safety for all who came into the building – in line with government and diocese guidelines. The services were Zoomed out live for our members who were unable to attend. The churches were also opened once a week for private prayer and these sessions were staffed by volunteers to ensure safety.

With further restrictions on worship in September 2020, our services went back to being Zoomed out only but as we were allowed to offer the worship live-streamed from the church building, a small team was put together to facilitate this – sound and vision technicians plus the Celebrant and worship leader.

Pastoral Care: Because of the pandemic, pastoral care took on a whole new dimension. Weddings and baptisms ceased and most funerals were undertaken by the newly-opened crematorium as it offered live-streaming of the funeral services.

Members of the Lay Ministry Team each had a list of church members to contact each week, to check that members were coping with the self-isolation or shielding and practical assistance was offered where necessary.

It became apparent that many were missing the social aspect of church and so a Coffee Zoom session was held on Sundays after the morning service had been broadcast. Additional events such as Zoom quizzes also proved popular.

Christian Education and Study: We encourage regular Bible Study throughout the year, with occasional additional study courses, for example, at Lent and Advent. With all in-person meetings and clubs banned, bible study courses went online.

An Advent Calendar Window Trail (telling the story of Advent through to Christmas Day) proved popular with both those who made the window displays and the people who entered the competition. Again, this was an activity that took place "real-world" and virtually and engaged a high number of people locally and further afield.

Community Links: We continue to work closely with schools and care homes in the parish and with Gainsborough Town Council and West Lindsey District Council. We maintain connections with many smaller voluntary and charitable organisations that, like us, seek to add value and improve the quality of life of people in our area. Our annual Community Carol Service is a highlight and generally involves people for many of these smaller organisations.

Again, much of this went virtual in 2020. Both the Town Council and District Council were supportive during the year. With schools being closed for extended periods of time, and care homes being off-limits, engagement with these communities was difficult.

Feeding Gainsborough now use All Saints' (Parish) Church on Saturday mornings to distribute excess food to those in need and to prevent it going to waste as landfill.

Buildings: The three churches are a much loved and valuable community resource and are kept well maintained. The church hall at St. George's is utilised by all three churches and their members on occasion.

Looking to the future: Rev. Steve Johnson is clearly committed to involving all church members in planning the future development of our Team Parish. His initial session (February 2020) to get members of all three church communities together to start to plan a way forward was well attended and very constructive. However, we were unable to build on that straight away due to the lockdown coming into effect in March 2020. It was heartening that so many church members stepped up when volunteers were needed to react to the ever-changing situation during the pandemic.

Signed:



Date: 24th October 2021

D E Speed (Treasurer to the PCC)



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Team Parish of Gainsborough & Morton

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/01/2020

To

Period end date
31/12/2020

Section A Receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds | Total funds | Last year |
|---|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ |
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| Voluntary Income | 72,755 | - | - | 72,755 | 67,127 |
| Activities for generating funds | 7,684 | - | - | 7,684 | 28,388 |
| Income from Investments | 2,021 | 6,530 | 9,819 | 18,371 | 14,969 |
| Fees retained by DCC | 12,729 | - | - | 12,729 | 29,601 |
| Advertising and Sales | 5,973 | - | - | 5,973 | 8,696 |
| Legacies / Bequests | - | - | - | - | 69,536 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 101,162 | 6,530 | 9,819 | 117,512 | 218,317 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| From Fabric Fund | - | 6,000 | - | 6,000 | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | 6,000 | - | 6,000 | - |
| Total receipts | 101,162 | 12,530 | 9,819 | 123,512 | 218,317 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Costs of Generating Funds | 20,162 | - | - | 20,162 | 10,666 |
| Mission Giving and Donations | 1,034 | - | - | 1,034 | 1,383 |
| Parish Share paid to Diocese | 22,592 | - | - | 22,592 | 42,118 |
| Cost of Trading | 5,925 | - | - | 5,925 | 7,265 |
| Cost of other Church Expenses | 70,867 | - | - | 70,867 | 91,390 |
| Major repairs to church buildings | - | - | - | - | 6,319 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 120,580 | - | - | 120,580 | 159,141 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| Fabric, Café & Organ | - | 8,900 | - | 8,900 | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | 8,900 | - | 8,900 | - |
| Total payments | 120,580 | 8,900 | - | 129,480 | 159,141 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | - 19,418 | 3,630 | 9,819 | - 5,969 | 59,176 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 171,524 | - | - | 171,524 | - |
| Cash funds this year end | 152,106 | 3,630 | 9,819 | 165,555 | 59,176 |

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|----------------------|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | Cash in Hand | - | | - |
| | Bank - Current Accounts | 19,810 | - | - |
| | Bank - Reserve Accounts | 132,296 | 3,630 | 9,819 |
| | Total cash funds | 152,106 | 3,630 | 9,819 |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | | | |

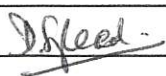
| | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B2 Other monetary assets | | - | - | - |
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| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |

| | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|-----------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B3 Investment assets | Bequest | Unrestricted | - | 19,483 |
| | Trusts | Restricted | - | 204,657 |
| | Endowments | Restricted | - | 292,992 |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |

| | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | All Saints' Café equipment (net) | Unrestricted | - | 2,597 |
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| | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|-----------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| B5 Liabilities | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
|---|---------------|------------------|
|  | Deirdre Speed | 24/10/2021 |