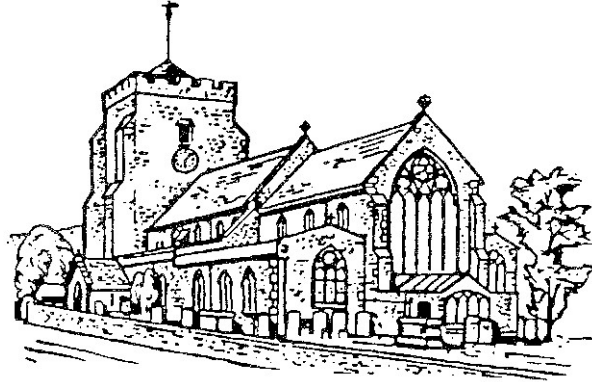


Eastbourne Parish Church (St Mary the Virgin)

Registered Charity No 1133958



Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2020

Officers

Vicar	Canon Tom Mendel MA SSC
Churchwardens	Susan Mattocks Martin Devonish
PCC Secretary & Treasurer	Nancy Randles MBA
Bankers	Barclays Bank Plc Terminus Road Eastbourne BN21 3PG
Investment Managers	Charles Stanley & Co Ltd 55 Bishopsgate London EC2N 3AS

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Trustees Annual Report for 2020

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is registered with the Charity Commission as required by the Charities Act 2011. Its governing document is the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956.

During the year the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council:-

Ex-Officio Members:-

Incumbent	Canon Tom Mendel MA SSC
Wardens	Martin Devonish Sue Mattocks

Deanery Synod:-

Brian Etheridge	(also Stewardship Secretary)
Ian MacKellar	(also Clerk of the Works)
Graham Marsden	
John Oliphant	
Nancy Randles	(also Treasurer and Secretary)

Elected Members:-

Elaine Fletcher	(Safeguarding Officer)
Gill Siggs	(to 25.10.20)
Jason Clarke	
Gillian Cant	
Paul Bartholomew	
Cam Taylor	
Carol Walsh	(from 25.10.20)
Peter Morston	(from 25.10.20)

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members (the Incumbent/Priest in Charge, Curates, Lay Readers licensed to officiate in the church, the Churchwardens and members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods and up to nine members of the Church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible. (The Church Representation Rules have been updated in relation to numbers of elected members in January 2020)

Aims and Purposes

The primary objective of St Mary's PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrine and practices of the Church of England. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent, Canon Tom Mendel, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical.

The PCC's objectives for the year have continued to be

- Enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church.
- Enabling as many people as possible to find a place of calm and refuge in the church building during the pandemic.
- Enabling as many people as possible to become part of our parish community at St Mary's.

The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the Parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within the Parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, the Incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commissioner's 2018 guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance to charities for the advancement of religion. In particular we try to enable local people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:-

- Worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel, and developing their knowledge of and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the Parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.
- Parish organisations (as far as national regulations and guidance permit)

To facilitate this work it is imperative that we maintain the fabric of St Mary's Church, The Old Parsonage and The Old Parsonage Barn and Cart Lodge.

Committees

The PCC operates through a number of committees. The Standing and Finance Committee is the only committee required by law. Its membership consists of the Vicar, Churchwardens, Secretary, Treasurer, Stewardship Secretary and one other.

Achievements and Performance

Church Attendance

The total numbers on the electoral roll are 265. There have been 2 additions and 6 deletions, since the last APCM in October 2020. There are 142 people non-resident and 123 resident in the parish

Since March 2020 there were periods when the church was forced to remain closed and others when it was permitted to open only for private prayer. For the rest of the year there were limitations placed on capacity to allow for social distancing. Congregational singing was not allowed. When congregations were permitted, Sunday services were well attended. In addition, a celebration of the Eucharist has been live-streamed every day and viewed both within and outside of the parish.

Review of the year 2020

The PCC met on only two occasions during the year because of the pandemic and associated restrictions, but gave its consent to conducting business by correspondence, including email, when necessary. The Standing Committee met on three occasions during the year and Minutes of its deliberations were received by the full PCC and discussed where necessary. During this period, apart from the usual general business, the PCC discussed the following matters:-

The developing response to the pandemic
Christmas arrangements
Investments and financial matters
Youth matters and safeguarding
Building matters and fabric concerns for the short and medium term

Financial Review

1. The total receipts on general unrestricted funds were £162,217 and are detailed in the Financial Report.
2. The Stewardship receipts through envelopes and bankers' orders were £63,371. Our use of the Gift Aid scheme enabled the recovery of £14,370 tax.
3. The largest expenditure of the PCC was the sum of £30,194 paid to the Diocese to cover ministry costs, although this was less than the full parish cost. At the end of the year the Diocese declared 2020 to be a "Jubilee Year" meaning that all shortfalls and arrears of parish contribution would be written off. The parish does not, therefore, have to make good the shortfall in the coming years.

Reserves Policy

It is the PCC's policy

- To maintain a balance on the general fund which equates to approximately two months' worth of unrestricted payments as contingency against unforeseen situations. The closing result, showing a surplus of £9,908 at the end of 2020 did not fully achieve this.
- To invest surplus funds with Charles Stanley, stockbrokers, to provide an income to support the ongoing work of the church and at least maintain the real capital value.

Legacy Policy

The PCC welcomes and is grateful for legacies, of whatever size, and is always concerned to use every legacy for the benefit of the Parish. All legacies are directed to the PCC's legacies fund, which is used for capital or other special projects. The PCC's policy is to refrain from using legacies to fund routine running expenses.

The Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements were approved by the PCC on 18th May 2021 and signed on its behalf by The Revd Canon Tom Mendel, PCC Chairman.

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2020**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2020	Funds 2019
Incoming Resources						
Voluntary Income	2(a)	91,893		15	91,908	105,901
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	32,783			32,783	38,435
Income from investments	2(c)	23,325	159	434	23,918	36,874
Church activities	2(d)	8,627			8,627	12,182
Other incoming resources	2(e)	5,589			5,589	7,652
Total Incoming Resources		162,217	159	449	162,825	201,044
Resources Expended						
Cost of generating voluntary income	3(a)	174			174	168
Fund raising trading costs	3(b)	-			-	81
Church activities	3(c)	154,500		1,270	155,770	211,486
Governance costs	3(d)	100			100	100
Total Resources Used		154,774		1,270	156,044	211,835
Net Incoming (Outgoing) Resources		7,443	159	(821)	6,781	(10,791)
Gains (Losses) on Investments		(86,078)		(5,080)	(91,158)	90,879
Transfer between Funds						
Net Movement in Funds		(78,635)	159	(5,901)	(84,377)	80,088
Balances brought forward at 1 January 2020		1,139,605	37,375	38,021	1,215,001	1,134,913
Balances carried forward at 31 December 2020		1,060,970	37,534	32,120	1,130,624	1,215,001

The notes on pages 8 to 15 form part of these accounts.

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed Assets	5	253,751	253,751
Investment assets	6	747,712	838,923
		<u>1,001,463</u>	<u>1,092,674</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	8	18,719	26,249
Short term deposits		87,514	97,356
Cash at bank and in hand		29,464	9,220
		<u>135,697</u>	<u>132,825</u>
LIABILITIES: Amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>6,536</u>	<u>10,498</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>129,161</u>	<u>122,327</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>£ 1,130,624</u></u>	<u><u>£ 1,215,001</u></u>
FUNDS			
Endowment	7/10	32,120	38,021
Restricted	11	37,534	37,375
Unrestricted	12/13	1,060,970	1,139,605
		<u><u>£ 1,130,624</u></u>	<u><u>£ 1,215,001</u></u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 18 May 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

The Reverend Canon Tom Mendel (Chairman)



Mr Martin Devonish (Churchwarden)



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and under current Church Accounting Regulations in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current (2015) Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (FRS102), as amended in 2016.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value. 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 affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

b Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds – general funds which can be used by the PCC for ordinary purposes.

Designated funds – monies set aside by the PCC out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds – a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest; 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 were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Endowment funds – funds the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used, either as restricted or unrestricted funds, depending on the purpose set out in the terms of the original endowment.

c Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised when received.

Planned giving receivable is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies are recognised when the PCC is legally entitled to the amount due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

All other income

All other income is recognised when it is receivable

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation on 31 December.

d Resources used

Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis and are accounted for gross

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded where the award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2020

Church Activities

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when paid.

e Fixed Assets

Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s.10(2) of the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the 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 moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed.

The insured value of the church and the moveable furnishings is £19,240,000.

Freehold properties

Included at cost, but see Note 5. No depreciation has been provided as these comprise residential accommodation where the residual value is expected to be maintained, as it is the policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic lives of these assets is thus so long and the residual values so high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subject to regular impairment reviews. Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over 4 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £750 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value on 31 December.

f 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 amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or with Virgin Money.

g. Pension Arrangements

Eastbourne Parish Church (St Mary the Virgin) participates in the Pension Builder Scheme section of Church Workers Pension Fund for lay staff. The Scheme is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the assets of the schemes separately from those of the Employer and the other participating employers.

The Church Workers Pension Fund has a section known as the Defined Benefits Scheme, a deferred annuity section known as Pension Builder Classic and a cash balance section known as Pension Builder 2014.

Pension Builder Scheme

The Pension Builder Scheme of the Church Workers Pension Fund is made up of two sections, Pension Builder Classic and Pension Builder 2014, both of which are classed as defined benefit schemes.

Pension Builder Classic provides a pension for members for payment from retirement, accumulated from contributions paid and converted into a deferred annuity during employment based on terms set and reviewed by the Church of England Pensions Board from time to time. Bonuses may also be declared, depending upon the investment returns and other factors.

Pension Builder 2014 is a cash balance scheme that provides a lump sum that members use to provide benefits at retirement. Pension contributions are recorded in an account for each member. This account may have bonuses added by the Board before retirement. The bonuses depend on investment experience and other factors. There is no requirement for the Board to grant any bonuses. The account, plus any bonuses declared is payable from members' Normal Pension Age. There is no sub-division of assets between employers in each section of the Pension Builder Scheme.

The Scheme is a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102 as it is not possible to attribute the Pension Builder Scheme's assets and liabilities to specific employers. This means that contributions are accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged to the SoFA in the year are contributions payable (2020 £2,248, 2019 £2,229).

A valuation of the scheme is carried out once every three years. The most recent scheme valuation was carried out as at 31 December 2016. A valuation as at 31 December 2019 was under way as at 31 December 2020.

For the Pension Builder Classic section, the valuation revealed a deficit of £14.2m on the ongoing assumptions used. At the most recent annual review, the Board chose not to grant a discretionary bonus, which will have acted to improve the funding position. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

For the Pension Builder 2014 section, the valuation revealed a surplus of £1.8m on the ongoing assumptions used. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time. The legal structure of the scheme is such that if another employer fails, Eastbourne Parish Church could become responsible for paying a share of that employer's pension liabilities.

2. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2020 £	Funds 2019 £
2(a) Voluntary income					
Planned giving	63,371			63,371	63,368
Collections at all services	6,361			6,361	12,151
Gift days	6,171			6,171	6,754
Sundry donations and appeals	855		15	870	2,198
Income tax recoverable	14,370			14,370	15,430
Legacies	765			765	6,000
	<u>91,893</u>		<u>15</u>	<u>91,908</u>	<u>105,901</u>
2(b) Activities for generating funds					
Festivals/Fayre Fund raising	450			450	4,390
Rental income	32,333			32,333	34,045
	<u>32,783</u>			<u>32,783</u>	<u>38,435</u>
2(c) Investment income					
Dividends and interest	23,325	159	434	23,918	36,874
	<u>23,325</u>	<u>159</u>	<u>434</u>	<u>23,918</u>	<u>36,874</u>
2(d) Income from Church Activities					
Church Hall donations	4,682			4,682	6,870
Fees from weddings etc.	3,551			3,551	3,361
Parish Magazine	394			394	1,951
	<u>8,627</u>			<u>8,627</u>	<u>12,182</u>
2(e) Other incoming resources					
Insurance claims	-			-	7,652
Grants	5,589			5,589	-
	<u>5,589</u>			<u>5,589</u>	<u>7,652</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>162,217</u>	<u>159</u>	<u>449</u>	<u>162,825</u>	<u>201,044</u>

3. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2020 £	Funds 2019 £
3(a) Cost of generating voluntary income					
Stewardship costs	174			174	168
	174			174	168
3(b) Fundraising trading costs					
Fayre expenses	-			-	81
	-			-	81
3(c) Church activities					
Missionary & charitable giving:					
Overseas:					
- Missionary societies	-			-	-
- relief development agencies	-			-	-
Home missions & charities	100		1,217	1,317	180
	100		1,217	1,317	180
Ministry costs:					
parish contribution	30,194			30,194	71,883
to support others	-			-	4,893
other clergy costs	20,963			20,963	22,039
Church running expenses	32,995			32,995	34,651
Church maintenance	8,567			8,567	14,330
Fabric fund	20,215			20,215	3,237
Legacies fund	-			-	570
Upkeep of services	26,863			26,863	34,755
Parish magazine	370			370	1,060
Educational costs	387			387	684
Old Parsonage & Barn					
Running costs	9,412			9,412	10,959
Repairs	-			-	1,919
Other Property repairs	3,909			3,909	9,472
Bank charges	525		53	578	854
	154,500		1,270	155,770	211,486
3(d) Governance costs					
Cost of annual accounts	100			100	100
	100			100	100
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	154,774		1,270	156,044	211,835

4. STAFF COSTS

	Total	Funds
	2020	2019
	£	£
Wages and salaries	36,771	32,499
Social security costs	-	-
Pension costs	2,248	2,229
	<u>39,019</u>	<u>34,728</u>

During the year the PCC employed, a Coordinator, a Verger/ Cleaner, and an Organist.
No member of the PCC, apart from the clergy who received reimbursement of expenses of office, received any reimbursement of expenses or remuneration.

5. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

			Office equipment	Freehold land & Buildings	TOTAL
Tangible fixed assets					
GROSS BOOK VALUE	At 1 January 2020	Note (1)	22,826	253,751	276,577
	Additions		-	-	-
	At 31 December 2020		<u>22,826</u>	<u>253,751</u>	<u>276,577</u>
DEPRECIATION	At 1 January 2020		22,826		22,826
	Charge for the year		-		-
	At 31 December 2020		<u>22,826</u>		<u>22,826</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	At 31 December 2020		<u>-</u>	<u>253,751</u>	<u>253,751</u>
	At 31 December 2019		<u>-</u>	<u>253,751</u>	<u>253,751</u>

Note (1) The freehold land and the buildings comprise the following property owned by the PCC and vested in the Diocesan Board of Finance: -
The Old Parsonage - used as Church Hall, Parish Office and Verger's flat
The Old Parsonage Barn - used as Church rooms

The Old Parsonage was gifted to the parish in 1923 by the Duke of Devonshire. It is insured together with the Church for £19,240,000.

The Old Parsonage Barn was purchased on 1 March 1984 for £65,782 and a further £94,614 has been spent on renovation. It is insured for £720,723.

Curate's House 6 Bay Pond Road was gifted to the parish under the will of Mrs. Dyer deceased on 25 May 1965. Improvements totalling £14,055 were carried out in 1996. It is insured for £373,633. It is let on a six-monthly tenancy for £1,250 per month.

Curate's House 20 Motcombe Road was bought in May 1979 for £18,500 and is insured for £300,186. It is let on a six-monthly tenancy for £1,100 per month.

House 108 Green Street was bought in September 2011 for £253,751 including all costs and is insured for £362,648. It is let on a six-monthly tenancy for £950 per month. Only the cost of this property is included in fixed asset costs.

	2020 £	2019 £
6. INVESTMENTS		
Snape & Colbeck Trusts		
1678 Units in CBF's Fixed Interest Fund	2,846	2,749
Welfare Fund		
756 shares in CBF's Investment Fund	15,488	14,492
19442 10p shares Lloyds Banking Group plc	7,096	12,273
Cash held by Stockbrokers	7,018	7,071
Other Stocks and Shares (Investment portfolio with Charles Stanley)	715,264	802,338
	<hr/> 747,712	<hr/> 838,923
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7. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total £
Fixed Assets	971,861		29,602	1,001,463
Current Assets	95,645	37,534	2,518	135,697
Current Liabilities	(6,536)			(6,536)
	<hr/> 1,060,970	<hr/> 37,534	<hr/> 32,120	<hr/> 1,130,624
	<hr/> <hr/>			<hr/> <hr/>

8. DEBTORS

	2020 £	2019 £
Income tax recoverable	14,104	14,017
Prepayments	3,315	3,280
Debtor	1,300	8,952
	<hr/> 18,719	<hr/> 26,249
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9. LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020 £	2019 £
Accruals and deferred income	2,932	4,134
Creditors for goods and services	2,866	1,342
Other creditors	738	5,022
	<hr/> 6,536	<hr/> 10,498
	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>

10. FUND DETAILS

The endowment fund comprises the Welfare Fund and is a permanent endowment which requires the income to be spent at the Vicar's discretion in connection with the Sick & Poor of the Parish. The fund also includes the Vicar's discretionary fund.

The restricted funds comprise the Dick Relf Choir Presentation Fund and the Tower Bell Fund.

The unrestricted funds comprise the Fabric Fund, the Property Maintenance Fund, the Legacies & Memorial Fund, the Clergy Housing Fund and the Sinking Fund: Roof, all of which are designated by the PCC. The General Fund is also an unrestricted fund as is the Thursday Market Fund.

In addition, the Snape & Colbeck Trust assets are held for church purposes and are therefore unrestricted but the PCC has designated the income for Fabric Fund purposes.

The Upwick Mission Church & Hall site proceeds are unrestricted funds and have been invested in the property at 108 Green Street, Eastbourne.

11. MOVEMENTS IN RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Tower Bell Fund £	Dick Relf Choir Fund £	TOTAL £
Donations & Fundraising			
Investment Income	146	13	159
Expenditure			
	146	13	159
Balances at 1 January 2020	34,484	2,891	37,375
Balance at 31 December 2020	34,630	2,904	37,534

12. MOVEMENTS IN DESIGNATED/UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Clergy Housing Fund £	Upwick Mission Fund £	Fabric Fund £	Property Maint/ce Fund £	Legacies Fund £	Sinking Fund: Roof £	General Fund £	TOTAL £
Donations/ other income			-	10,103	765	9,205	118,819	138,892
Investment income	-		93		21,739	1,493		23,325
	-		93	10,103	22,504	10,698	118,819	162,217
Expenditure			20,215	3,909			130,650	154,774
	-		(20,122)	6,194	22,504	10,698	(11,831)	7,443
Realised gains/(losses)		-	-		-			-
Unrealised gains/(losses)			996		(81,406)	(5,668)		(86,078)
Transfer					(21,739)		21,739	
NET MOVEMENTS	-	-	(19,126)	6,194	(80,641)	5,030	9,908	(78,635)
Balances at 1 Jan 2020	278,136	130,139	54,162	47,058	668,534	63,755	(102,179)	1,139,605
Balances at 31 Dec 2020	278,136	130,139	35,036	53,252	587,893	68,785	(92,271)	1,060,970

Note: The Fabric Fund received no restricted income in 2020.

13. MISSIONARY & CHARITABLE GIVING

	2020 £	2019 £
Home Missions and Charities		
Free school meals	100	-
	<hr/> 100	<hr/> -

In addition *the following amounts have been raised within the Parish for Missions and Charities*

Special Collections in Church

DEC Mozambique	208
	-

Raised at social and other events

Eastbourne Amalgamated Charities – Lent Lunches	31
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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

This annual report is for 2020 before our renewal appeal in February this year.

At the end of December 2020 there were 21 contributors using the weekly envelopes and a further 2 contributors had left the scheme in 2020, due to death or moving from Eastbourne.

The number of contributors using monthly or annual bank standing orders totalled 70. A total of 6 contributors left the scheme in 2020, due to death, or moving from Eastbourne.

Of the total number of 91 in the Stewardship scheme, 70 have signed Gift Aid certificates, which has enabled the Church to reclaim a further 25p for each pound given.

To help maintain and increase the income of the Church we need to encourage more of the congregation to join the scheme, so that the numbers joining exceed the number leaving.

Brian Etheridge, Stewardship Secretary

THE EASTBOURNE DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

The Deanery Synod met only once during 2020, due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

That meeting was held on 12th February at St Michael and All Angels. There was a presentation by the Mathew 25 Mission about their work in Eastbourne. Revd Robert Lovatt, who retired later in 2020, talked about his time in the Deanery and as vicar at All Saints.

Brian Etheridge, Deanery Synod Representative

SAFEGUARDING REPORT

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

It has been a difficult year. Church people have been shielding, masks are mandatory, and congregations are distanced. All these factors make safeguarding more problematic, but despite all this, we have remained vigilant and mindful of the needs of our congregation. The situation has proved challenging for many and they have relied upon help from others. Please be aware that we may have many more vulnerable people within our midst and as such we should be especially watchful at this time. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me on E/B 645225. **It is the duty of everyone to maintain our standard of safeguarding to protect those around us. Any concerns you have will be dealt with swiftly and discreetly by trained professionals.**

Training has been undertaken online and we are in the process of DBS checking the new PCC members so in that respect it is business as usual.

Elaine Fletcher

BUILDINGS AND FABRIC

I am pleased to report that the following works (in no particular order) have been completed during the year, however due to the Covid 19 pandemic only essential work has been carried out.

CHURCH/OLD PARSONAGE

The main items of work carried out this year include:

- 1 Repairs to the roofs of the Church
- 2 Replacement of porch lights

OTHER PROPERTIES

Further works were required to the properties owned by the Church; the works being:

1. The Old Parsonage

- Repairs to electrical circuits
- Replacement of electrical consumer boards with built-in surge protection
- Redecoration of Office

2. 20 Motcombe Road

- Repairs to water tank
- Replacement of damaged loft insulation
- Redecoration of walls and ceiling damaged by leaking water tank

3. 108 Green Street

- Repairs to boiler

4. 10 Lawns Avenue

- The demolition and rebuilding of the boundary wall between the Old Parsonage and 10 Lawns Avenue

FUTURE WORK

The main item of works planned for 2021 are:

1. Replacing the boiler to the church
2. Replacing the kitchen in the vergers' flat

CONCLUSION:

My thanks to members of the Standing Committee and the PCC for their time and consideration of the matters listed above and also to Wayne Stepney, the Verger, and the architect, Mr Peter Pritchett of Paramount Architecture, for their continued support.

Ian MacKellar

Summarised Results 2020 and Budget 2021

	Actual 2019	Actual 2020	Budget 2020	Budget 2021
GENERAL INCOME				
Christian Stewardship Contributions	63,368	63,371	64,000	62,000
Tax recoverable	15,430	14,370	15,000	14,000
General Church Collections	12,151	6,361	12,500	6,000
Fees - PCC	3,361	3,551	3,500	3,500
Donations	1,988	855	2,500	1,000
Magazine (net)	891	24	400	-
Fund Raising (Summer Fayre/Gift Day)	9,192	6,171	10,000	10,000
Income from Legacy Fund	33,182	21,739	33,000	20,000
Net rents- 6 Bay Pond Road	12,970	13,026	12,500	13,000
Thursday Market/ Coffee Morning	1,870	450	1,900	500
INCOME TOTAL	154,403	129,918	155,300	130,000
GENERAL EXPENDITURE				
Hon Assistant Clergy Expenses	1,300	450	1,300	500
Vicarage Rates & Taxes	3,892	3,950	4,000	4,000
Clergy Working Expenses	1,417	1,372	1,500	1,500
OP Flat Expenses	2,360	2,483	2,400	2,600
Parish Administrator	15,429	15,191	16,000	16,000
Verger	15,755	13,539	16,000	16,000
Lighting & Heating of Church	7,997	7,212	8,000	7,500
Organist & Choir (less Grants)	16,363	7,906	12,500	8,000
Sanctuary Expenses	561	1,081	750	800
Insurances	6,752	7,151	7,000	7,200
Education - Sunday School/Youth Work	684	387	750	500
Old Parsonage & Barn (net)	4,089	4,731	3,500	5,000
Stewardship Expenses	128	134	134	134
Printing & Stationery	8,322	8,895	9,000	9,000
Telephone, Internet & Website	855	2,721	950	1,800
Grants to Bellringers	250	250	250	250
Minor Repairs	6,678	8,567	7,000	7,000
Water Charges	210	552	230	500
Sundry Expenses	798	837	710	566
Cleaning Materials	529	424	750	550
Vestment Repairs	62	163	-	-
Parish Contribution				
Total Parish Cost	71,883	30,194	74,035	40,000
To support others	4,893	-	2,741	-
Missions & Charities	-	100	-	-
Bank Charges	802	525	800	600
Exceptional Expense	8,732	648	-	-
Covid related Expenses	-	547	-	-
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	180,741	120,010	170,300	130,000
(Deficit)/Surplus	(26,338)	9,908	(15,000)	-

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St. Mary's Parish Church, Eastbourne

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 6 - 16, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees (Members of the PCC) and the Examiner

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Regulations and section 144 of the Act, do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of Regulations.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and to be found in the Church guidance 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act and of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 have not been met or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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10 May 2021