

Charity Report 2020/21
for the Parish of Great Wyrley
Incorporating the churches of St Marks and St Andrews

Background

St Mark's Church is in Station Road, Great Wyrley WS6 6LJ.

St. Andrew's is in Hilton Lane, Great Wyrley WS6 6ED.

The correspondence address for both churches is: The Vicarage, 1 Cleves Crescent, Cheslyn Hay, Walsall WS6 7LR.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission no. 1134022. PCC members are trustees of the charity.

The parish is in the Rugeley Deanery of the Diocese of Lichfield. In addition to the PCC, each church is represented by a District Church Council (DCC).

The Parish of Great Wyrley is served by the following:

Vicar: Revd Monica Judson

Ordained Local Minister

(P.T.O): The Revd. Morris Price

A team of lay members also lead worship on a regular basis; those being:- Dianne Beddows, John Grubb, Ken Hackett, Yvonne Heath, Chris Judson, Gladys & Bill McHale, Melanie Maloney, Lynne Mills, Paul Morgan, Ian Thomas.

Overview

The unforeseen and debilitating circumstances that the world found itself in last year clearly had an impact on parish life.

The social groups, services and pastoral visiting all came to a stand still and the parish had to find new ways of serving God and reaching out to the community.

The lockdowns were costly in terms of people's mental health and, sadly, loss of life; all without people being able to seek the normal channels of solace.

Despite it all, we have remained a people that had stayed faithful to God and we firmly recognise He has remained ever faithful to us. It is God through His Son Jesus that we must thank and praise for us coming through this dark time and we look to the future filled with hope for better days to come.

Finance

Our team of treasurers, gift aid collators and people who have collected envelopes from end drives, doorsteps and lately in person have done a remarkable job in keeping the parish in the black.

We have relinquished a 'floating' half time post that was unlikely to be filled which has reduced our parish share for 2021 to £52,011 from just short £80,000. It is likely we shall meet this cost.

Gift Aid continues to contribute greatly to our income.

As ever the balancing of income and expenditure is a daily struggle and the parish faces huge expenditure on its buildings.

Buildings

St Andrews is in good repair but needs some double glazed windows replacing, guttering repaired and a disabled ramp installed.

St Marks has seen the closure of the church hall in 2019 due to asbestos issues and to re-open it faces costs of up to £200,000.

St Marks church roof is now in need of urgent repair and it is estimated we will need £15,000-£30,000 depending on what surveyors discover when they assess the roof proper.

Mission

At the heart of the parish lies a passion for Jesus and for the church to act as a beacon of the Good News to the whole community.

During lockdowns we continued to offer services via Facebook and that alone drew new people to participate in services, watch videos that explain bible content. We offered young children a specific slot for them that contained bible stories pitched at the younger age groups.

We encouraged family participation at home by sending our Christmas activity packs over Advent via email.

Schools received videos that were played both in school and on their websites.

Bible study took place on Zoom.

Coffee mornings on Zoom proved popular and a lifeline for people feeling alone and isolated.

A prayer group now meets every week to focus on Missio Dei. Already it is bearing fruit. We have begun a series of coffee mornings at St Andrews and several Year 10s have started attending services. They are wanting to seek to build a space that encourages other teenagers and to that end we are holding a Pizza Afternoon for teenagers to come along and tell us what church might look like for them.

St Marks currently has no hospitality facilities and the short term focus is for the DCC to create a space where drinks and biscuits can be offered after services.

PCC have a diary date to meet up and to talk about the wider focus of Missio Dei, they intend to explore giving to world charities and to seek how the parish may serve beyond its boundaries.

Parochial

Weddings are aplenty for 2022 but few for 2021

Baptisms for the end quarter have been booked and we now have 17 children due to be baptised before Christmas. Preparation sessions are essential towards the baptism service itself and will be held in September.

Funerals are a constant and steady flow. The lack of facilities for people to mourn their loved ones over the last year is a real worry. It is intended that one or several memorial services be held in the future to address this. We are also re-opening our group that helps and supports the bereaved.

Confirmations took place just prior to the first 2020 lockdown and we continue to support those who were confirmed within our parish.

Summary

This has been a year of challenges but also of opportunities. We exist to spread the Good News of Jesus and we embrace this new era with a heart for growth.

Revd Monica Judson
Vicar of Great Wyrley Parish
26th August 2021

Parish of of St Marks and St Andrews, Great Wyrley

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December

Receipts and Payments Accounts

Consolidated

2020

	Notes	Unrestrict ed funds £	Restrict ed funds £
RECEIPTS			
Voluntary receipts:			
Planned giving		46,382	0
Collections at services		1,375	0
All other giving/voluntary receipts	a)	6,516	2,698
Gift Aid recovered		12,056	0
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		66,329	2,698
Activities for generating funds	b)	5	0
Investment income	c)	5,502	0
Church activities	d)	7,710	0
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Total receipts		79,546	2,698
PAYMENTS			
Church activities			
Diocesan parish contributions		68,800	250
Clergy and staffing costs		2,834	
Church running expenses	e)	25,021	500
Hall running costs		2,382	0
Mission giving and donations	f)	139	500
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		99,176	1,250
Costs of generating funds		0	0
Loan repayments		0	360
Major repairs to church hall		0	0
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Total payments		99,176	1,610
Excess of Receipts over Payments		-19,630	1,088
Transfers between funds		0	0
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	-19,630	1,088
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 January	42,848	9,364
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December	<u>23,218</u>	<u>10,452</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Unrestrict ed funds £	Restrict ed funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	23,218	352
Bank deposit account	0	3,685
Bank fabric account	0	4,273
Choir bank account	0	2,142
	<u>23,218</u>	<u>10,452</u>
Other Monetary Assets		
Gift Aid recoverable		
Debtors and Prepayments		
Liabilities		
Loans		
Creditors and Accruals		

Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments Accounts

	Notes	Unrestrict ed funds £	Restrict ed funds £
Receipts			
a) All other giving/voluntary receipts:			
Donations		6,516	2,698
Legacy		0	0
		<u>6,516</u>	<u>2,698</u>
b) Activities for generating funds:			
Parish magazine - advertising		0	0
Rummage sales		5	0
		<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>
c) Investment income:			
Bank interest		9	0
Rent on school house		5,493	0
		<u>5,502</u>	<u>0</u>
d) Church activities:			
Fees for weddings and funerals	12,063		0
Less Fees distributed	<u>-7,560</u>	4,503	0
Parish magazine income		863	0
Church Centre lettings		1,844	0
Card Sales		100	0
2019 Charity donation returned		400	0
		<u>7,710</u>	<u>0</u>
Payments			
e) Church running expenses:			
Organ inspection		0	0
Cost of services		1,128	0

Printing and stationery	0	0
Church building running expenses	10,871	0
Parish magazine printing	90	0
Administration - legals	129	0
Church repairs and maintenance	12,803	500
	<u>25,021</u>	<u>500</u>

f)

Mission giving and donations:

Parish training and mission	139	0
Charitable donations	0	500
	<u>139</u>	<u>500</u>

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2019

TOTAL
£

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£

46,382
1,375
9,214
12,056

47,382
6,497
23,140
13,132

69,027

90,151

5

6,817

5,502

5,617

7,710

15,343

82,244

117,928

69,050
2,834
25,521
2,382
639

76,990
2,803
21,669
3,704
1,707

100,426

106,873

0

0

360

4,320

0

0

100,786

111,193

-18,542

6,735

0

0

-18,542

6,735

52,212

45,477

33,670

52,212

<u>2,020</u>		<u>2,019</u>
TOTAL £		TOTAL £
23,570		36,300
3,685		10,983
4,273		2,787
2,142		2,142
<u>33,670</u>		<u>52,212</u>
6,700		8,598
1,859		1,710
0		390
702		1,529
TOTAL £		TOTAL £
9,214		9,374
0		13,766
<u>9,214</u>		<u>23,140</u>
0		1,080
5		5,737
<u>5</u>		<u>6,817</u>
9		31
5,493		5,586
<u>5,502</u>		<u>5,617</u>
0	30,663	
4,503	<u>-22,801</u>	7,862
863		772
1,844		6,554
100		155
400		0
<u>7,710</u>		<u>15,343</u>

0	171
1,128	2,841

0	51
10,871	12,909
90	1,402
129	1,029
13,303	3,266
<u>25,521</u>	<u>21,669</u>
139	462
500	1,245
<u>639</u>	<u>1,707</u>

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The church trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Acts);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act), and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiners 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 2011 Act, and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act 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.

P.J. Owen