

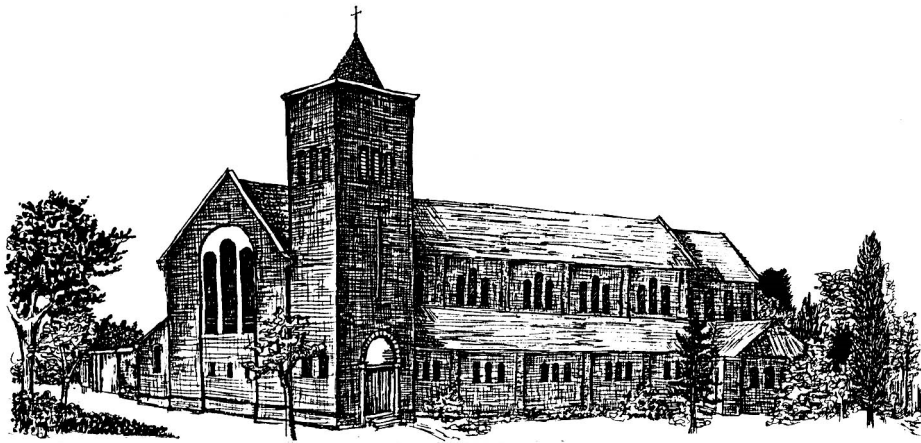


# **St Faith and St Laurence**

## **Annual Report**

### **and Accounts**

### **for 2020/2021**



# **THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST FAITH AND ST LAURENCE HARBORNE**

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2020/2021**

**of the**

## **PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**For the year ended April 2021**

**and**

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020**

### **Vicar:**

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**Annual Meeting of Parishioners for the Election of  
Churchwardens and Annual Parochial Church Meeting  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021 at 7.30 pm and 7.45 pm via ZOOM**

**A G E N D A**

1. Opening Prayers

**Annual Meeting of Parishioners for the Election of Churchwardens**

2. Election of Churchwardens

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

3. Apologies for absence
4. Minutes of the 2019/2020 meeting
5. Business as required by the Synodical Government Measure 1969:

The Annual Meeting shall receive from the Parochial Church Council and shall be free to discuss: -

- (a) A report on changes in the roll since the last annual parochial church meeting;
  - (b) An annual report on the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council and the activities of the parish generally;
  - (c) The financial statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ending 31st December 2019;
  - (d) A report upon the fabric, goods, and ornaments of the church, under section 5 of the Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991;
  - (e) A report on the proceedings of the Edgbaston Deanery Synod;
  - (f) A report on the activities of Churches Together in Harborne.
6. Elections
  - (a) Parochial representatives of the laity to the Parochial Church Council (4 for 2020-2023 plus 3 places on Deanery Synod,
  - (b) Appointment of sides people;
  - (c) Appointment of Independent Examiner;
  - (d) representatives to Churches Together in Harborne.

7. Any questions about parochial church matters, or discussion of any matters of parochial or general church interest, or any particular recommendation to the Council in relation to its duties.
8. Final words from the Vicar
9. The Grace

### **Membership of the Parochial Church Council**

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC: -

Vicar	The Rev'd Canon Priscilla White
Licensed Reader	Sally Griffiths Rachel Luckman
Churchwardens	Malcolm Adey Corinne Treacy
Treasurer	Loleta Atkinson
Secretary	Gill Hubble
Deanery Synod Representatives	Ruth Jeavons
Elected Members	David Arkell Laurie Deimel Alison Keepax Caroline Mosley Peter Thomson Alan Jones

## **ST FAITH AND ST LAURENCE: TASK GROUPS 2019/2020**

The PCC operates through a number of Task Groups, which meet between full meetings of the PCC. The Incumbent is an ex-officio member of all committees.

### **Finance & General Purposes Task Group** chaired by The Vicar

It meets quarterly (with extra meetings for specific projects if needed) and its remit is to oversee finance, building issues and general policies which need legally to be in place.

### **Children and Young People Task Group** chaired by Ruth Jeavons

To develop all aspects of worship for children and young people. Especially *Sunday Club, Messy Church, Stay and Play*.

### **Garden Task Group** chaired by Mrs Helen Hayward

The function of this group is to plan and action the various phases of the new garden and quiet areas

### **Mission Task Group** chaired by Mrs Pauline Sitford

Supports our Mission links overseas in Lebanon and Malawi.

Thinks creatively about Mission and outreach in the parish.

Christian Aid.

Plans and encourages Lent and Advent appeals for good causes.

Promotes social action in the parish.

### **Communications Task Group** Chaired by Caroline Mosley

### **Socials Task Group** chaired by Mr David Glanvill

Organises particular events, for example the Christmas Fair. Participates in and supports events suggested by other groups. Organises special refreshments after services where needed.

### **Worship and Education Task Group** chaired by Sally Griffiths and Rachel Luckman

Matters to do with worship. Involvement in the planning of special services.

Plans courses, quiet days and Faith and Learning sessions

### **Giving Task Group**

Allocates the amount set by the PCC for charitable giving each year. Meets once a year for this task.

### **Standing Committee** chaired by the Vicar

This is the only committee required by law. It now meets on an emergency basis to transact urgent business which cannot wait to be dealt with at a regular meeting of the PCC. The committee consists of the Vicar, Wardens, Secretary, Treasurer, with four other members of the PCC.

## **Safeguarding Task Group chaired by The Vicar**

The Safeguarding Task Group works in line with the Church of England Safeguarding principles. We follow Birmingham's commitment to promoting a safer church for everyone. Safeguarding is the action the Church takes to promote a safer culture. We are committed to the safeguarding, care, and nurture of everyone within our community.

The Parish Church Council has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners for the Election of  
Churchwardens and Annual Parochial Church Meeting  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 7.30 pm and 7.45 pm via ZOOM**

I. Opening Prayers

**Annual Meeting of Parishioners for the Election of Churchwardens**

2. Election of Churchwardens

Malcolm Adey

**Nominated:** Corinne Treacy **Seconded:** Caroline Mosley **Vote:** Unanimous

Corrine Treacy.

**Nominated:** Malcolm Adey **Seconded:** Caroline Mosley **Vote:** Unanimous

Malcolm Adey and Corinne Treacy were duly affirmed as wardens for the coming year.

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

3. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Sally Griffiths, Alan and Pat Jones

4. **Minutes of the 2018/2019 meeting**

The minutes were approved and seconded with the following amendments: -

a) *Minutes of the 2017/19 Meeting should read 2018/2019*

b) *Page 11*

**5. Questions were asked as follows: -**

..... on the electoral role should read electoral roll

**Proposed:** Corinne Treacy **Seconded:** Caroline Mosley **Vote:** Unanimous

5. **Business as required by the Synodical Government Measure 1969:**

a. **Electoral Roll** –Judith Bennett, the Electoral Roll Officer, reported that we have 129 recorded that were made up of 61 residents of the parish and 68 non-residents of the parish. Priscilla thanked Judith.

b. **PCC Report** – had been circulated prior to the meeting.

A couple of amendments were reported as follows: -

*Page 12 – Project Manager should read Tom Picking*

*Page 26 – bottom of Socials Task Group Report –  
just wouldn't exist should read would not exist*

- c. **Financial statements** – These had also been circulated prior to the meeting.

**The Statement for the Current Account for 2019** is to be found on pages 2 and 3 of the Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019.

**Income:** Loose Plate, Roof, Income Tax, Legacies. All increases except claiming income tax, which is down due to inability to process a claim in time.

**Payments:** Donations - Decided not to pay Annual Giving as our finances were still precarious. Church Repairs increased due to increased work. Geoff said as you can see on Page 3, we paid £60,000 to the Common Fund. We have paid off the full contributions to the Diocese and paid money we owed from previous years. Priscilla said that we had completely covered that so we are up to date with what we owed over the two years. Geoff said that he thought we should applaud ourselves for paying the Common Fund in full and the previous money we owed.

**Designated\Restricted Funds** are to be found on pages 3 and 4  
*Church Hall and Repair Fund:* increased income from fund raising for hall roof but obviously later on money has been spent from that but does not appear in this current year's accounts.  
*Fabric Furniture and Fittings Fund:* Money was spent on the Church Tower and it was decided to leave a small amount in to keep the account open.  
*Other Restricted Funds:* Women's Fellowship.

### **Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

First Column includes CBOF Deposit Account which is a Reserve Account mainly to back up the Current Account.

### **Thank You.**

Geoff said how much we are indebted to Tom Picking (Project Manager) and he could not believe what a difference he had made and how fantastic he had been.

To all who have helped with recording the finances. In particular to Jackie Taylor and Alan Jones and the counters. Also, best wishes to Loleta Atkinson who seems to be getting on quite well with the accounts and Geoff said that they are in contact fairly regularly.

One last plea, if you are paying on a regular basis please, please pay by the Parish Giving Scheme as this saves a lot of work and delivers the Gift Aid much earlier without the work of completing and submitting claims forms.

Geoff asked if there were any questions – and there was not.

Priscilla said that Geoff has finally managed to hang up his Treasury Pen (she was not nor sure if that is correct terminology), although he is still around as the Elder Statesman to give advice if required. Priscilla said that there will be a token of our appreciation but it is a little difficult to hand it over Zoom. When Priscilla and Geoff are next in the same building there will be something to say a massive thank you in slightly more material terms. She said that we are so grateful for all the years you have done this job.

### **Ratification of Report and Accounts for 2019.**

Priscilla asked if we agreed the reports and Accounts – Unanimous in favour

**d.** Fabric, Goods and Ornaments - A report of the above was circulated in the booklet prior to the meeting. There were no questions received.

**e.** A report on proceedings of the Edgbaston Deanery Synod was circulated in the booklet prior to the meeting. There were no questions received. Priscilla said that the work to appoint new Area Deans for Warley & Edgbaston and the two other Deaneries are ongoing.

**f.** A report on the activities of Churches Together in Harborne was circulated in the booklet prior to the meeting. There were no questions received.

## **6. Elections**

Record our thanks to Perumal Anandakumar and Geoff Bennett who have come to the end of their term on the PCC and have decided not to stand again.

Christine Terry, Pauline Sitford, Alan Jones, and Gill Hubble have come to the end of their term on Deanery Synod and have decided not to stand again but Gill and Alan are standing for PCC.

### **a. Parochial Representatives of the Laity to the PCC**

There were 4 places for 2020-2023 plus three casual vacancies be filled

There were four nominations as follows: -

**Name:** *Alan Jones*

**Proposed:** Corinne Treacy

**Seconded:** Caroline Mosley

**Name:** *Caroline Mosley*

**Proposed:** Corinne Treacy      **Seconded:** Sally Griffiths

**Name:** *Loleta Atkinson*

**Proposed:** Corinne Treacy      **Seconded:** Sally Griffiths

**Name:** *Gill Hubble*

**Proposed:** Rachel Luckman      **Seconded:** Alison Keepax

As there were fewer candidates than places these were voted in on a single vote which was unanimous.

### **Deanery Synod**

A nomination was received from Ruth Jeavons -      **Vote:** Unanimous  
(3 places to fill)

#### **b. Appointment of Sidespeople**

Traditionally at St Faith and St Laurence, the appointment of sidespeople is delegated to the Churchwardens. The meeting agreed to continue this.

#### **d. Appointment of Independent Examiner**

Geoff Bennett proposed Ark Arora continue.      **Vote:** Unanimous

#### **e. Representatives to Churches Together in Harborne**

Ruth Jeavons as stepped down and George Reeves has obviously left us to go to Theological College. Ruth said that she had only stepped down because she did not have the time. but that it was an interesting role.

Priscilla asked for a volunteer but no one came forward. Priscilla asked Ruth if she would write something for the Parish Magazine regarding the job and what it entails.

7. There were no questions about parochial church matters, or discussion of any matters of parochial or general church interest, or any particular recommendation to the Council in relation to its duties.

#### **8. Final words from the Vicar**

Priscilla said I want to thank everybody and my long list of people is in my report but particularly want to thank the Wardens and Readers and to those who have taken on a particular role to make things go smoothly over the last six months. She said we have had some fabulous things with people stepping up and taking on important roles within the church but wanted to say a very big thank you to Corinne without whom the last six months would have been impossible. Everyone agreed and thanked Corinne.

Priscilla said that there was going to be a collection in Tesco from 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> November for the food bank, which is very much needed at this present time.

Priscilla said we have had the weirdest year but good things continue to happen and new contacts continue to be made.

Judith said a huge thank you to Priscilla for all her hard work in keeping the church going. Everyone agreed and thanked Priscilla.

The meeting ended with the Grace. Meeting finished at 8.30 pm

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR 2020/2021**

Due to COVID the 2019/2020 APCM was actually held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020 via Zoom. This year's APCM for 2020/2021 is being held on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021.

The church exists to promote the Christian Religion, to offer prayer, worship, and pastoral care, and to work in such a way as to offer public benefit to all who might wish to use it or its facilities, including the church hall.

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

The year of course has been dominated by the COVID 19 Pandemic. The PCC met in May 2020, July 2020, Extraordinary Meeting in August 2020 re church opening, September 2020, APCM in October 2020, November 2020, January 2021, March 2021 (eight meetings plus 1 APCM). All these meetings were held via Zoom.

The Church closed for Worship on 17 March 2020. The church reopened for private prayer on 22 June 2020. The original days were Monday, Thursday, and Saturday. Private Prayer was then reduced to two three-hour sessions and changed to Wednesday and Saturday on 15 July 2020, due to limited number of stewards and limited take up on the Monday. It also gave the required 72 hours between opening, removing the need for cleaning. The last Saturday private prayer was on 5 September 2020. The church reopened on Sunday 13 September 2020. Private prayer continued on Wednesdays only from 16 September 2020. The church closed for worship and private prayer on 5 November 2020. It reopened for worship on 6 December and private prayer on 9 December 2020. The church closed for worship and private prayer on 6 January 2021. The church reopened for worship on 28 March 2021 and private prayer on 31 March 2021. In order to be able to re-open St Faith and St Laurence and to make it as safe as possible for everyone, we had to re-arrange the church following the Church of England and the Government guidelines.

During the periods when the church was closed services were held at 10.00am on Sunday mornings via Zoom and video and a Sunday evening service via Zoom. When the church was open the morning services were available live via the SF&SL website or Facebook. Booking seat for the service using a booking system.

We held ALL SOULS SERVICE on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020 via Zoom, Two REMEMBRANCE Sunday services were held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020 via Zoom. The church re-opened on advent Sunday and remained open until January 2021. A Christingle Service was held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 without any Christingles being made for the service due to COVID. There was a Midnight Mass service on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Family Communion.

The following BIBLE STUDIES were held: In the weeks after Easter 2020 we had an opportunity to look more deeply at the resurrection appearances in the Gospels. (16<sup>th</sup> April 16<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020). Paul's Letter to the Philippians (11<sup>th</sup> June – 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020). These were done individually or joining with others via zoom meetings.

Advent Course (November and December 2020). Lamentation, Waiting and Hope based on a course devised by John Birch. We held weekly day and evening sessions throughout Advent.

Psalms Studies (January 2021) The set of studies took six well-known Psalms and asked us to think about them a little more deeply.

Lent Course (March and April 2021) The Lent Course focused on Julian of Norwich and with a theme of a journey through Lent. We held weekly day and evening sessions throughout Lent.

From the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021 we have introduced additional services in the Church Hall. These will start with an 8am Communion on 9th May and will alternate weekly with a 6.30pm Evensong (except where there is a fifth Sunday), the first of which is on 16 May. Entry is through the Hall Door. Places were required to be booked following the booking procedure.

Corinne Treacy and Malcolm Adey have fulfilled their roles wherever the COVID regulations allowed. The fabric of the Church remains in a good condition and are maintained to an acceptable standard.

The state of the building is monitored and any maintenance and/or repairs needed are agreed through the PCC (Parish Church Council). All maintenance services throughout 2020/21 were carried out in accordance with the regulations. The churchwardens are responsible for all the contents of the church, including any movable furniture, books, vestments, plate, and ornaments. The Terrier and Inventory of property owned by the church has been checked in March 2021 and it is confirmed that all items recorded are accounted for and in reasonable condition.

We said goodbye to Helen and Tim Hayward this year. They have decided to retire from their employment as cleaners after many years of commitment. The cleaning contract was awarded after an interview process to RT Cleaning (Royston and Corinne Treacy). This means that one of our PCC members has an interest in the firm. Corinne was not involved in the appointment process.

Our flower arrangers who, when they could, ensured that the church looked beautiful and welcoming.

A Re-opening Task Group that is chaired by Caroline Mosley and was convened by the church wardens from within the PCC to work on the safe reopening of St Faith and St Laurence for worship following the closure in March 2020 due to the Covid19 lockdown. The first meeting was in July 2020. During the initial stages of planning the September re-opening and the follow-up, the group met weekly. Meetings have subsequently moved to monthly. The TG reviews and maintains the Church of England's (CofE) required risk assessments for the reopening of church buildings.

During the past year the choir has not been able to meet for services or rehearsals. In the early days of the first lockdown, some recordings were made that could be used in 'zoom' services, but some of these were only made on a mobile phone in Simon's front room. As time went on, he managed some better recordings, and was very pleased when he was able to get into church to record, giving the pieces more atmosphere. When the church services resumed it was decided that we had space for two singers – one on either side of the choir stalls. All the normal precautions of space and use of masks when not singing were implemented and no sharing of music, and robes were taken home rather than using the small choir vestry, and sanitising things that were used by the choir.

There have been no social events during this period and therefore no meetings were held.

The Churchwoman's Fellowship had their last meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020. No meetings have been held since then but as soon as it is possible the meetings will resume.

There has been no Stay & Play but as soon as possible this will be resumed.

Unfortunately, no gardening in 2020 could be done in the back garden or the borders at the front of Church however before the coronavirus had taken hold David and Lesley Arkill started working on a new rockery in the front lawn by the hedge. Many thanks to them because there is now a lovely rockery filled with Spring bulbs and shrubs.

As you are all aware the church has closed and reopened and through it all so many people have worked very hard to either get the church ready for reopening or organising the Zoom services. Thanks to all the people who have made this possible but very special thanks to Priscilla and RT Cleaning for making it all possible. My hope is that everyone can return to church when we feel confident to do so.

**Parochial Church Council**

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The **Statement of the Current Account for 2020** is found on pages 2 and 3.

**Income:** Significant reduction in income from; hall lettings, loose plate, gift aid, legacies and donations when compared to 2019. But note an increase in planned giving and Standing Orders.

**Payments:** Common Fund for the year was paid in full.

Donation was reduced except a small payment to home missions and church organisations.

Church and roof repairs payments increased.

As a result of COVID19 church cleaning also increased.

**Delegated/Restricted Funds** can be found on page 4 and 5.

Church Hall and Repair Fund: decreased as hall and church repairs costs were paid.

Fabric Furniture and Fittings Fund: No change.

Other Restricted Funds: Women's Fellowship – No change.

### **Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

The first column includes CBOF Deposit Account which is a reserve account mainly to back up the Current Account.

### **Thank You**

Thanks to all those who have helped with recording the finances. In particular, to Jackie Taylor and Alan Jones and the counters. Also, to the church wardens, Malcolm and Corinne, for their hands on practical help.

Thanks to Geoff for getting me started and his longer-term support.

Thank you also to those who give generously to the Church.

Without your support it would be impossible to continue.

One last plea, **please join the Parish Giving Scheme**. This delivers the Gift Aid much earlier, monthly, and it avoids the onerous task of completing and submitting the claim forms at the end of the year.

**Loleta Atkinson**  
**Treasurer**

## **CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT TO APCM 2020/2021**

*The Churchwardens are Bishops' officers, chosen by the parish and admitted to their office by the Bishop or Archdeacon. Once admitted they have formal and legal responsibilities to fulfil.*

Since March 2020, due to COVID-19, we lived and are still living in some extraordinary times with lockdowns and many restrictions. We had to close our church, stay at home, and start worshipping online. In order to be able to re-open St Faith and St Laurence and to make it as safe as possible for everyone, we had to re-arrange the church following the Church of England and the Government guidelines.

### **Fabric and Building**

The fabric of the Church remains in a good condition and are maintained to an acceptable standard.

The state of the building is monitored and any maintenance and/or repairs needed are agreed through the PCC (Parish Church Council).

All maintenance services throughout 2020/21 were carried out in accordance with the regulations.

### **The Church**

The wooden arch veneers have been re-fitted into position.

Following our 'Eco Church' ethos, all lamps in the premises (church and hall) are now LED lamps or energy efficient lamp strips.

### **The Hall**

The roof repairs / replacement was completed the previous year. There are a few outstanding items of work that need addressing which have been highlighted to the contractor. Some of them have already been dealt with. As per contract, we have retained some money which will be paid when we receive the final invoice after all the outstanding issues have been rectified and we have been issued with a roofing warranty.

Thank you to Tom Picking (Senior Building Surveyor), who as the Project Manager, has monitored the work. He is no longer working for the same company, though he has kindly agreed to follow up the work.

The hall was not hired since March 2020 and this has impacted on our income.

### Heating

We have had difficult and 'cold' times in the previous year when our church boiler was very temperamental and decided in the middle of the winter to go on strike. The repairs were affected and the part was replaced. Though, after a while, the pump decided to stop and had to be changed.

As part of our 'Eco Church' ethos to reduce our carbon footprint and in order to comply with the Church of England 2030 'Net Zero' carbon target, we are already seeking advice and guidance on how to change our way to heat the premises, to have hot water, to use renewable energy etc.

### Goods and Ornaments

The churchwardens are responsible for all the contents of the church, including any movable furniture, books, vestments, plate, and ornaments.

The Terrier and Inventory of property owned by the church has been checked in March 2021 and it is confirmed that all items recorded are accounted for and in reasonable condition.

After the first lockdown and the closure of the church, we had to re-organise the church in order to make it as safe as possible for everyone. We followed the Church of England and the Government guidelines.

The kneelers, bibles, music books and other literature items were removed. The pews and the flooring had to be marked and some areas had to be barrier taped or closed in order to respect social distancing.

A risk assessment had to be completed and is reviewed every time the restrictions are changed. A cleaning regime and other various protocols had to be put in place and are also reviewed regularly.

Thanks to the Re-opening Task Group. They have kept themselves very busy in order for everyone to be as safe as possible.

### Grounds

We are looking to replace the main church noticeboard and are investigating possibilities.

The back garden had to be closed due to Health and Safety during the repairs of the hall roof in the previous year and it is still not opened.

We are grateful to the gardening team, lawn cutters, bush trimmers and other volunteers for keeping the garden and grounds tidy and well maintained.

### **Services**

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, we had to close the church and we had to start worshipping online. We first re-opened only for private prayer on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Then we had to stop private prayer on Saturdays as we re-opened for worship on Sundays at 10am. On Sundays we have a service at church at 10am which is live streamed on Facebook and a Zoom service online at 4pm. We have kept this pattern during the periods we could be open.

We were able to enjoy the Midnight Communion and the Christmas Day Communion in our church. But sadly in January we had to close again. We finally re-opened for Palm Sunday on March 28<sup>th</sup>. What a joy to be able to celebrate Easter in St Faith and St Laurence!

We say goodbye to Helen and Tim Hayward this year. They have decided to retire from their employment as cleaners after many years of commitment.

During some periods we could not print. But thank you to Peter Stokes who compiled and copied Parish magazines, orders of service and other liturgical material etc. when he was allowed to do so.

Thank you to Helen Hayward, Anita Tippin, and Julia Reid (flower arrangers) who, when they could, ensure that the church looks beautiful and welcoming.

Thanks to the organists and the choristers who managed despite the challenge, to carry on filling our services online and at church with some lovely music.

Thank you to the Stewards for their assistance and support given, our Lay Readers, for their involvement at church and online and our Vicar, Priscilla White, for all the work she had to do to ensure that our spiritual life continues face to face at church or online despite the challenges brought by the pandemic.

Finally, our ongoing gratitude and thanks to all at St Faith and St Laurence for their continued willingness to give their time and offer each other encouragement and support. You are very much valued.

**Malcolm Adey & Corinne Treacy (Churchwardens)**

## **EDGBASTON DEANERY SYNOD REPORT TO APCM 2021**

The New area Dean for the new joint Deanery has been appointed and is Rev'd Mike Sermon. There were no Deanery Synod meetings in the period.

## **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HARBORNE (CTH)**

No representative from SF&SL Church as George Reeves has left us to go to Theological College.

There have been no meetings due to COVID.

## **REPORTS FROM TASK GROUPS AND CHURCH ORGANISATIONS**

### **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES TASK GROUP REPORT 2021**

**Membership:** Priscilla White (Vicar/Chair), Loleta Atkinson (Treasurer), Malcolm Adey (Churchwarden), David Arkell, Geoff Bennett (Treasurer), Tim Hayward, Alan Jones, Graham Taylor, and Corinne Treacy (Churchwarden/Secretary)

The Finance and General Purposes (F&GP) Task Group was supposed to meet on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020 but the meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19. The F&GP Task Group did not meet for the rest of the year.

#### **Finance**

See Treasurer's report

#### **Hall Booking**

Due to the pandemic the hall was not hired since March 2020 and this has impacted on our income.

Since the Beginning of March 2021, we have agreed to hire the hall to the Queen Alexandra College (QAC). This arrangement is on a temporary basis for 2 days a week when necessary.

#### **Hall Roof Project**

The roof repairs were completed the previous year. There are a few outstanding items of work which have been highlighted to the contractor and although the restrictions some of them have already been dealt with. We have retained some money as stipulated on the contract. This will be paid on receipt of the final invoice which will be issued after all the outstanding problems have been fixed and we have been issued with the roofing warranty.

#### **Maintenance**

Electrical: The PAT testing and the intruder alarm service were done in 2020. The sound system was not serviced since February 2020 and will be serviced in June

2021. All lamps in the premises have now been replaced by LED or energy efficient lamp strips.

Church boiler: The repairs needed in the previous year were done and the part needed was replaced. In addition, the pump had to be changed.

Working Parties: Due to COVID-19 there was no working party in this previous year.

**Malcolm Adey & Corinne Treacy (Churchwardens)**

## **ECO CHURCH REPORT TO APCM 2021**

**Membership:** Laurie Deimel, Corinne Treacy and Priscilla White

The Church of England General Synod has recognised the climate emergency and called on all parts of the Church to become net zero carbon by 2030. Therefore, the Eco Church Task Group was created in 2019.

The Church of England collective approach to net zero is underpinned by six principles: Well Maintained, buy renewable, waste less, electric not gas/oil and offset the rest.

We have met, via Zoom, twice in the previous year in April 2020 and in March 2021 and have created an environment action plan.

- SF&SL premises are checked in and out weekly and necessary repairs are done as soon as possible.
- To ensure that we are wasting less gas and electricity, all lamps in the premises (church and hall) are now LED lamps or energy efficient lamp strips. In addition, we are seeking advice on how to change our way to heat the premises, to have hot water, to use renewable energy etc. This is a separate large project.
- We are using whenever possible environmentally friendly cleaning and gardening products.
- With the addition of a bird box, bug hotel and composting bin, SF&SL will be able to claim its Eco Church bronze award. Thank you to the Gardening Task Group for their donations.
- Our aims are to include an environment article in our monthly parish magazine and tips in our weekly e-mail.

Therefore, if you have ideas and/or if you wish to be part of the Eco Church Task Group please contact Priscilla.

**Corinne Treacy (Churchwarden)**

## **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE TASK GROUP (CYP)**

As it has been for everyone, it has been a very different year for those involved in Children & Young People (CYP) work at St Faith & St Laurence. We have been unable to host usual activities such as 'traditional' Messy Church and Sunday Club and have had to find ways to think outside the box in order to keep families engaged. These are detailed below.

We have been hosting 'Messy Zoom' on the first Saturday of the month at 10am. This has been hosted by Helen Setchell who has been doing a wonderful job. The session involves a Bible story and various activities that are sent out to families prior to the time together. The children are engaging with Messy Zoom and enjoying it. If you know any families who would be interested in joining in, please contact me or Priscilla. We would love for them to attend and they would be made very welcome.

I have been sending out a Newsletter to families during the pandemic. This has information about events such as Messy Zoom as well as the worksheets required for this. It also contains activities for families to do together as well as music to listen to and other videos. If you know anyone who would be interested in receiving this email, please speak to me or Priscilla.

As things seem to be finally changing regarding the pandemic, we look forward to being able to work with children face to face again. However, this time has also helped us to problem solve and come up with alternative options and that is a small but good thing created out of tragedy. We hope to bring what we have learnt during this time with us as we move forward.

**Ruth Jeavons**

## **COMMUNICATIONS TASK GROUP**

The Communications Task Group is chaired by Caroline Mosley. Other members of the group are Priscilla White, Peter Thomson, and Peter Stokes. George Reeves was a member until his departure to theological college in September 2020. New members for the TG are sought.

The task group produced a draft communications strategy in 2019 to aid the work of the group. The key goals of the strategy are:

- *To develop effective, efficient, and consistent communication, both within the church and with the wider community*
- *To make best use of the resources and skills available*

- *To unite and grow the church*
- *To identify and agree available communication tools, what they should be used for and when*
- *To develop communication policies for the church*
- *To provide and implement template communication plans*
- *To develop and maintain the church website*
- *To create a communications team to take responsibility for overseeing communications activities*

Due to the pandemic, meetings have been held via Zoom. A number of meetings were held in 2020, but no meetings have taken place in 2021 so far. Meetings have covered a review of the use of social media (Facebook and Twitter), looking for ways to improve the use of these communication methods and increase our reach and followers. Debbie White has taken on responsibility for Twitter. Caroline Mosley and Priscilla White are responsible for Facebook. The use of Facebook to livestream services has increased contacts with this page.

A general review of the website was made and initial guidelines on content, style and formatting for the website have been drafted and discussed. The various forms of communication with church members and the wider public during the lockdown and subsequent restrictions have also been discussed. The website is maintained on a day-to-day basis by Priscilla White.

The TG produced a communications plan for the re-opening of the church in September 2020 following lockdown and this was put into place via the website, social media, and the weekly mailings. The ChurchSuite database, used to maintain the church's contacts, is maintained by Priscilla. It is being used for the regular weekly emails and there is also a regular Young People and Children's mailing.

**Caroline Mosley**

## **MISSION TASK GROUP ANNUAL REPORT**

### **Task Group Members:**

Pauline Sitford (Chair), Judith Bennett (Sec.), Priscilla White, Hilary Shaylor, Sue Glanvill, Ruth Jeavons, and Peter Stokes.

The group has kept in touch 'on-line and with zoom meetings. We have managed to maintain the usual links with Mission Societies, although unable to distribute magazines.

### **Colin and Audrey Gibson in Lebanon for CMS.**

Instead of returning home the Gibsons were invited to join the management of A Rocha, a Christian environmental organisation, supported by CMS, in a project to reclaim an area of the Beqaa Valley not only for wildlife but for local people to enjoy. Many of them being Syrian refugees who have settled in the Beqaa area. Apart from some reforestation (including Cedars of Lebanon) the aim is to create areas for migrating birds. It is hoped that they will also be able to provide some food security for local poor people with areas they can cultivate themselves and also by setting up communal orchards. There are also plans to involve local schools.

Audrey and Colin joined our 10 am zoom worship on 7<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Malawi – our link with the Parish of Holy Trinity, Liwonde in the Diocese of Upper Shire continues.**

Covid 19 is still a problem due to variants from South Africa.

### **Lucy Ward.**

Has been teaching in Birmingham Primary schools for 15 years and has regularly visited Malawi with the Skills Share Programme, run by Birmingham Diocese, where groups of teachers go out and share ideas with Malawian teachers. They often have no resources, sometimes not even furniture but they are very keen to learn. Lucy wants to go out on a more permanent basis to help them provide more interactive learning experiences for the children. She will be self-funding. We are currently trying to arrange for Lucy to visit us in some way and explain in more detail.

### **Call in for Coffee.**

Closed during the pandemic.

**Pauline Sitford**

## **SAFEGUARDING TASK GROUP REPORT**

Safeguarding remains a core value for St Faith & St Laurence Church. This year I took over from Sally Griffiths as the Parish Safeguarding Coordinator. Many thanks to Sally for all her hard work in this role. We have representatives for different areas on the safeguarding team. These are as follows: -

Revd Canon Priscilla White - 07896 935798

Ruth Jeavons (Parish Safeguarding Coordinator and Children) - 07870 703304

Susan Glanvill (Vulnerable Adults)

Alison Keepax (Domestic Violence)

If you have any concerns about a safeguarding issue, please contact one of the above people.

Our safeguarding policies have been reviewed and amended and can be found on the Safeguarding page of the church website (<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7166/page/43764/view/>). Do please take some time to read through these.

If you have any concerns about safeguarding, please get in touch, even if you are not sure if it is an issue or not. It is much better to err on the side of caution. Speak to someone on the team and we will take the necessary action.

**Ruth Jeavons**

## **SOCIALS TASK GROUP**

We started the year with a meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at which we reviewed the Pancake Party the previous month and discussed events for the forthcoming year. That was the last meeting we held as the lockdown followed shortly afterwards and as I write we are just emerging from the second lockdown. As soon as we are able, we will reconvene and discuss a timetable for future events, although no one knows when that will be.

I would like to thank all of you for your support in the past and look forward to seeing you at future events whenever they are able to be held.

**David Glanvill**

## **WORSHIP AND EDUCATION TASK GROUP**

### **Members of the Education and Worship Task Group**

Priscilla White; Rachel Luckman; Sally Griffiths; Pauline Sitford; Caroline Mosley; Simon Palmer; Michael Averill; Pat Jones; Alan Jones.

We held three meetings.

## **DURING LOCKDOWNS**

### **Zoom Worship**

Sunday Morning Service ~ Live Stream and video; copy of service order could be downloaded

Sunday Evening Zoom Service

Wednesday morning service ~ recorded service

### **ALL SOULS SERVICE** (1<sup>st</sup> November)

The evening Zoom service on November 1<sup>st</sup> included a time of commemoration at which names were read out. Priscilla contacted those whose relative's funerals we had taken over the past year, inviting them to the Zoom service.

Priscilla also invited names from others of anyone who had died either over the past year or longer ago who they wish to be remembered in this way. Anyone could send in a name or names.

### **REMEMBRANCE** (8<sup>th</sup> November)

We held 2 Zoom services on Remembrance Sunday (Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup>). We held a morning Service of the Word and an Evening service.

## **CHURCH RE-OPENED FOR ADVENT SUNDAY UNTIL JANUARY 2021**

### **ADVENT**

A Jesse tree in place of a Christmas tree was made as a place a symbol of hope on the tree each Sunday in Advent.

A leaflet with daily family devotions and action, using the theme of the Jesse tree was available.

### **CHRISTMAS**

Christingle Service (13<sup>th</sup> December) without the Christingle! Instructions how to make a Christingle at home was given at the end of the Order of Service.

We were unable to have a conventional carol service.

We live-streamed a service with carols in it sung by the singers in the usual way from our 10am service

Priscilla made a DVD with individuals and small groups socially distanced/ family singing a carol interspersed with some readings and prayers.

Christmas Midnight Mass and Christmas Day Family Communion

## **EASTER**

Palm Sunday	Service of the Word in Church
Holy week	Zoom Night Prayer (Monday – Friday)
Good Friday	Last Hour of the Cross in Church
Saturday	Zoom Worship: Stations of the Cross
Easter Day	Communion in Church Zoom Worship

## **BIBLE STUDIES**

In the weeks after Easter, we had an opportunity to look more deeply at **the resurrection appearances in the Gospels**. These were done individually or joining with others via zoom meetings. (16<sup>th</sup> April 16<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> June)

**Paul's Letter to the Philippians** (11<sup>th</sup> June – 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020)

These were done individually or joining with others via zoom meetings.

**Advent Course** (November and December 2020)

Lamentation, Waiting and Hope based on a course devised by John Birch.  
We held weekly day and evening sessions throughout Advent.

**Psalm Studies** (January 2021)

The set of studies took six well-known Psalms and asked us to think about them a little more deeply.

**Lent Course** (March and April 2021)

The Lent Course focused on Julian of Norwich and with a theme of a journey through Lent. The revelations of Julian reveals how Julian's fresh perspectives on sin and judgement, anger and forgiveness, the Incarnation and the crucifixion can challenge and enlighten us.

We held weekly day and evening sessions throughout Lent.

**Sally Griffiths  
Rachel Luckman**

## **CHOIR REPORT 20202021**

### **Choir and Music**

It is a great sadness that for much of the past year we have not been able to meet as a choir for services or rehearsals. Even though small groups have recorded and sung together on occasions, it has been difficult to keep the connection that we had before Covid-19. I am pleased to say that we have kept in touch to some extent, however, and the small chocolate treats for Christmas and chorister birthdays have been appreciated!

It is disappointing for youngsters at particular stages of their musical development: two of our choristers are Year 13 (Sam Gray and Ben Cusack) and so they have lost much of their singing in their final school year before they leave for University. We also have boys (Charles Frank and Rahul Sharma) who before lockdown were trebles but will surely come back to us as tenor or bass!

Over the past year whilst so many activities have been curtailed, our musicians have attempted to carry on and find new ways of working.

In the early days of the first lockdown, we made some recordings that could be used in 'zoom' services, but some of these were only made on a mobile phone in our front room. As time went on, we managed some better recordings, and we were very pleased when we were able to get into church to record, giving the pieces more atmosphere.

I am indebted to Susannah and Mark Lawrence who have helped and supported me so much. Sam Gray has also been a great help: I have been able to use him a lot as he is at Camp Hill with me, studying music. On occasions I have been pleased that we have also been able to use others nearby, such as Lilibeth Hubble.

When we were allowed back into church, it was decided that we had space for two singers – one on either side of the choir stalls. It was a joy to be back singing and playing the organ live, even if the rest of the congregation could not sing. We took all the normal precautions of space and use of masks when not singing. We also followed guidance by not sharing music, taking our robes home rather than using the small choir vestry, and sanitising things that we touched. Particular care had to be taken when 'wiping down' the organ, as you can imagine (with a non-caustic disinfectant!).

For special occasions, such as Christmas Day, and Easter we managed to amplify our musical options by using two "bubbles" – Palmers on one side (Simon & Susannah), and Lawrences on the other (Mark and Rose)!

Before Christmas we arranged recording sessions so that small groups of choristers went into church and recorded Christmas items. Priscilla then assembled this most effectively with readings and prayers into a 'recorded Carol Service' that was then

put onto the website. I am most grateful to all choristers who took part. I know that some of our choristers who did not sing would have liked to, but were prevented by illness, Covid-19 isolation, or logistics.

For those times when we were allowed into church with singers, Mark and I have also been advertising an organ voluntary before and after the service, appropriate to the service and the season. I hope that members of the congregation have enjoyed this. Over lockdown it has been good for me to be able to re-visit organ pieces which I have not played for some time and practise them.

I hope that members of the congregation have enjoyed the music that we have managed to put together. We have done our best to provide pieces to enhance our services. We accept that the recordings are far from perfect but hope that the sentiments behind them shine through the long gap at the beginning of most is a delay as I turn on the recording then dash to the organ! (On some recordings you can see “looks” towards me at the organ console...) Most of the recordings were made in just one “take” after a very brief rehearsal. Why? Well, we were short of time, and over the winter it was sometimes very cold in church...

Apart from preparing music for ‘zoom’ and live services, other musical work has been going on in the background. I am delighted to report the achievements of Sam Gray.

Sam has been a chorister with us since he was in Year 7, and I teach him music at King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Boys. A while ago Sam took up singing lessons at school as well as piano and achieved grade 8 with distinction in both. He also gained a place in the National Youth Choir. Then in the Sixth Form he decided that to put in an application to Cambridge University to study music.

I am delighted to report that before Christmas he found out that following tests and interviews on ‘zoom’ he had gained a place for music at Trinity College, Cambridge. Then more recently he was also notified that he has been awarded a choral scholarship in Trinity College Choir. This is a wonderful achievement, as it is an outstanding choir. For those of you who do not know the choir’s reputation, they were voted the fifth best choir in the world in Gramophone magazine’s “20 Greatest Choirs”!

Many of you will know of the family’s close links to our church: Sam is the grandson of Harvey Gray, one of the founder members of St Faith and St Laurence Choir, then under the leadership of Mrs Elsie Sissons, wife of the first Vicar, Rev. Sissons (St Faith & St Laurence, 1937-60).

The Royal School of Church music has been undergoing fundamental changes in structure over the past year, reconstituting the Area Committees. I am pleased to retain my links with them and remain a member of the Birmingham Area Committee. This will allow me to keep up with developments in this important organisation

supporting church music. The RSCM 'Voice for Life' Scheme has been rewritten, with new syllabuses for the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards, and there are some significant changes in repertoire which I will be introducing this to our choristers in due course. Sam Gray has prepared his Gold Award and is awaiting an examination appointment.

One of the benefits of lockdown I have found has been the time to read, and to investigate new resources. We have not had a new musical setting of the Communion (Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus & Benedictus, Agnus Dei and responses) for many years, and so I looked into those available. I found a setting written by Grayston Ives. It is uncomplicated for the congregation to sing, but not bland, and has additional choir parts which can be added for interest. Mark and I decided to trial it by using items from it in services over Lent and Easter. I was pleased by the response it got, and so we have recorded it, and Priscilla has put the recording onto the website. The links are:

Website

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7166/page/57187/view/>

YouTube

<https://youtu.be/kScru6GpXxA>

Once we are all back in church and fully able to sing together, we hope to introduce it as a new setting for all.

We are really looking forward to the time when we can get back to church and sing together again. I am aware that we will be a smaller choir than in the past: as I have mentioned we know that we're losing two, as Sam and Ben move to University.

I have been preparing new recruitment materials which I hope to use to inspire a new group of children to join us, augmenting our current small number. Do you know of any youngsters who enjoy singing who may like to join the choir?

Best wishes

**Simon Palmer**  
**Organist & Choirmaster**

## **CHURCH FLOWERS**

When possible, flowers have been arranged in church, but this has been seriously affected by the Pandemic and Lockdown.

When the church was reopened for private prayer on a Wednesday, Brenda Stott provided a simple arrangement on the altar to take away some of the hardness of a stripped-down church.

Once the service resumed on a Sunday morning a small group of ladies provided simple arrangements on the altar. The advent ring was decorated in the lead up to Christmas and at Christmas there was an arrangement on the altar. For Easter there were arrangements on the altar, in the porch and on the font.

My thanks to all the flower arrangers for their help in these difficult times. Looking forward, we will need many flower people to decorate the church, we will welcome everyone and as it has been shown a simple vase of flowers is fine and everyone can do this, so please sign up for post lockdown.

**Anita Tippin**

## **THE COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Unfortunately, no gardening in 2020 could be done in the back garden or the borders at the front of Church because of COVID19 and the lockdown. However, before the coronavirus had taken hold, David and Lesley Arkill, part of the team, had started working on a new rockery in the front lawn by the hedge. Their hard work has certainly paid off as there is now a lovely rockery filled with Spring bulbs and shrubs and there have been many appreciative comments. Our thanks go to them both. Hopefully, the rest of the garden will be getting some attention soon, weather permitting.

**The Garden Team**

## **STAY AND PLAY**

We have not met this year but hope to start up again as soon as we are able

**Hilary Shaylor**

## **CHURCH WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

The Fellowship had their last meeting of 2020 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 when Caroline Cobbing came to tell us about the Sambhall Charity, Jodhpur that supports women to give them employment skills. Unfortunately, because of the beginning of the Coronavirus Pandemic at the end of March we were unable to hold any more meetings.

We plan to start holding meetings again whenever it is possible.

**Helen Hayward**

## **VICAR'S REPORT**

So, we come to another Annual meeting only a few months after the last but now back on a more normal schedule.

From March 2020 to now has been a mix of lockdowns, shielding, limited activity and a massive amount of work from many people keeping church going through the most difficult of circumstances. It seems appropriate that the reading for this evening's worship is Luke 9.28-36 which tells the story of the transfiguration when Jesus is revealed in glory to Peter, James, and John. In this event the reality of what they cannot yet see or understand is presented to them. Of the words they hear, "This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him." Are words we should take firmly to heart. Through all the administrative, practical, and difficult work we are doing the primary call must be to listen to Jesus. All that work is vital, we have to do it to keep one another safe and secure, but ultimately it will be our relationship with the living God that will sustain us.

A number of positive developments have happened during the year.

We are poised to gain the Ecochurch Bronze award in our attention to our relationship with the environment and our aim, along with the rest of the Church of England, to get to carbon neutral status by 2030. In line with this we are beginning to talk about replacing the boiler and looking at ways such as ground source heat pumps and solar panels, to achieve this. This will be a project over a few years as we will need first to ascertain the best options and then to seek funding through grants and donations for the work before it can start. We are being assisted by the diocesan property team in this work.

We have managed to reopen the church for worship and are now gently expanding our offer. Huge thanks are due to the task Group, ably led by Caroline Mosley, who have worked incredibly hard on all of this and continue to do so. It has been very special to have music from a small group of singers, and Simon Palmer and Mark Lawrence have worked very hard to make this happen.

We have appointed RT Cleaning and Maintenance for our cleaning and caretaking needs. This company is run by Royston Treacy and we are grateful to him and to Corinne for all the work done over the year, much given freely, and look forward to more normal times ahead.

Our challenge now is to get the hall back open, both as an income stream, but more importantly as a way of engaging with the community and offering resource to them. There will be a huge task ahead of us in getting our missional focus back on track. To this end, over the next few months we will be creating a new Transforming Church Action Plan with mission at its centre to help us to continue to move forwards.

And so to further thanks. I want to thank everyone of course Corinne and Malcolm as Churchwardens, to Sally and Ray as Readers, and PCC members. To those involved in services, deputy wardens, sidespeople, readers, intercessors, to Simon and all the musicians, to those who print and prepare services. To those who engage with children through Messy Church. To those who keep the building beautiful, cleaners and caretakers, flower arrangers, gardeners, the people who do odd jobs which need to be done. To those who share in pastoral care telephoning people who might otherwise be on their own. To all who have taken responsibility in lockdown for people and things. To all of you thank you. Jesus is the one who calls us and enables us to grow together. Whatever the future looks like, we walk into it with him.

**Priscilla White**

**ST. FAITH AND ST. LAURENCE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**ACCOUNTS**

**31 DECEMBER 2020**

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC OF  
ST. FAITH AND ST. LAURENCE**

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I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 2 to 7.

**Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner**

The charity'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 Act;

follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and

state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**

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 the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
  - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records 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.

The Maltings  
2 Anderson Road, Bearwood  
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Mark Pearsall FCA  
Ark Aurora Ltd  
Chartered Accountants

**ST. FAITH AND ST. LAURENCE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

**GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

		<u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>	
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
<b>Incoming resources from donors</b>					
Planned giving	Envelopes & SO	46272		36836	
	Charities Aid/GYE	<u>64</u>	46336	<u>236</u>	37072
Collections	Loose Plate	2226		6257	
	Gift Aid	1260		1984	
	Weddings, etc	<u>518</u>	4004	<u>1105</u>	9345
Donation	General Fund	2728		1764	
	Garden Fund	-		110	
	Votive Candles Fund-	45		272	
	Organ Fund	-		-	
	Roof	412		54804	
	Flower Fund	<u>-</u>	3185	<u>50</u>	56999
Appeals	Advent	21		-	
	Christingle	-		-	
	Lent	-		-	
	Other	-		125	
	Disaster relief	<u>-</u>	21	<u>-</u>	125
Income tax recovered		<u>8763</u>		<u>4742</u>	
		62309		108283	
Other voluntary incoming resources					
Legacies			3000		22659
<b>Income from investments</b>					
Bank interest			70		123
<b>Income from charitable and ancillary trading</b>					
Fees		4167		6462	
Magazine		-		225	
Hire of church hall		6852		14877	
Insurance claim		-		-	
Coffee		135		941	
Fund raising events		641		1386	
Fair Trade		-		-	
Stay & Play	-	245		838	
Printing		-		-	
Sundry		<u>-</u>	<u>12040</u>	<u>2178</u>	<u>26907</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<u>£ 77419</u>		<u>£ 157972</u>	

**ST. FAITH AND ST. LAURENCE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER**

**2020 GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

<b>PAYMENTS</b>	<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>
<b>Grants/Donations</b>		
Overseas mission and relief agencies	-	85
Home mission and other	115	
Church organisations	-	326
Secular charities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	115	411
<b>Operation of facilities</b>		
Church heat & light	2007	3256
Church repairs	44681	26502
Church cleaning	-	-
Church grounds maintenance	-	80
Hall heat, light & water	1417	1843
Hall repairs	415	538
Hall cleaning	2445	635
Hall telephone	1096	375
Vicarage expenses	<u>320</u>	<u>430</u>
	52381	33659
<b>Church management and administration</b>		
Diocesan Common Fund	51996	60000
BDBF Fees	3928	1706
Affiliations	107	786
Clergy expenses	1173	1852
Upkeep of services	710	1072
Insurance	4522	3978
Stationery and printing	1426	2093
Bank charges	152	195
Task groups	-	89
Wages & Honorarium	10617	13506
Accountants' fees	678	660
Sundry expenses	<u>499</u>	<u>190</u>
	75808	86127
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b><u>£ 128034</u></b>	<b><u>£ 120198</u></b>
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>	<b>(50885)</b>	<b>37775</b>
Transfer from/(to) Church and Hall Repair Fund	39077	( 36783)
Transfer from Fabric Fund	-	-
<b>Balances at 1 January 2020</b>	<b><u>48624</u></b>	<b><u>47633</u></b>
<b>Cash and Bank balances at 31 December 2020</b>	<b><u>£ 36816</u></b>	<b><u>£ 48624</u></b>

**ST. FAITH AND ST. LAURENCE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

**CHURCH AND HALL REPAIRS FUND, RECEIPTS  
& PAYMENTS ACCOUNT – DESIGNATED FUND**

	<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
Receipts	411	54753
Interest from CBF Deposit Fund	<u>207</u>	<u>427</u>
	618	57180
<b>Payments</b>		
Expenses	<u>39489</u>	<u>17970</u>
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>	(38871)	37210
<b>Bank balance at 1 January 2019</b>	<u>68601</u>	<u>31391</u>
<b>Bank balance at 31 December 2019</b>	<u>£ 29730</u>	<u>£ 68601</u>

**FABRIC, FURNITURE AND FITTINGS FUND, RECEIPTS &  
PAYMENTS ACCOUNT – DESIGNATED FUND**

	<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
Transfer from General Fund	-	-
Interest from CBF Deposit Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	-	-
<b>Payments</b>		
Expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Excess of Payments over Receipts</b>	( -)	( -)
<b>Bank Balance at 1 January 2020</b>	<u>17</u>	<u>17</u>
<b>Bank Balance at 31 December 2020</b>	<u>£ 17</u>	<u>£ 17</u>

**ST. FAITH AND ST. LAURENCE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020 (CONTINUED)**

**OTHER RESTRICTED FUNDS**

The following groups are affiliated to the PCC and their funds are restricted

	<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>
<b>Women's Fellowship</b>		
Receipts	-	407
Payments	<u>-</u>	<u>(413)</u>
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>		( 6)
<b>Bank Balance at 1 January 2020</b>	<u>983</u>	<u>989</u>
<b>Bank Balance at 31 December 2020</b>	<u><u>£ 983</u></u>	<u><u>£ 983</u></u>

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020 (CONTINUED)**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**Monetary Assets**

	<b>Church General Fund</b>	<b>Church &amp; Hall Repair Fund</b>	<b>Fabric Furniture &amp; Fitting Fund</b>	<b>Minor Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
					<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Cash in Hand	2	-	-	101	103	103
Bank Current Account	15295	-	-	882	16177	27360
CBOF Deposit Account	<u>21521</u>	<u>29730</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51268</u>	<u>90762</u>
<b>Total Cash</b>	<u><u>36816</u></u>	<u><u>29730</u></u>	<u><u>17</u></u>	<u><u>983</u></u>	<u><u>88380</u></u>	<u><u>118225</u></u>

**Other assets**

**Parish Hall**

The parish hall has not been professionally valued but is estimated to have a current market value of £510426 (and has been insured for this amount).

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

**ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 using the Receipts & Payments basis.

**Funds**

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any special restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the PCC. These include funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC.

The accounts include monetary transactions, assets, and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible. They do not include the accounts of other Church groups that owe an affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Subject to the above, receipts and payments include income as received and expenditure when irrevocably paid.

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

The following assets are recognised but not valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

Movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal.

Land and Buildings held on behalf of the PCC.

Other fixtures, fittings, and office equipment where the PCC is free to dispose of such assets without faculty and where the original cost exceeded £1,000.

Amounts owing from the Inland Revenue where a formal claim has been made.

Any other amounts owing to the PCC including church hall lettings and insurance claims.

Legacies where formal notification of entitlement and amount has been received at 31<sup>st</sup> December by the PCC.

Investments held beneficially by the PCC.

Closing cash and bank balances are as shown in the receipts and payments account.

The following liabilities are recognised in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Any Loans or overdrafts advanced to the PCC.

Any arrears of Diocesan Common Fund.

Creditors for goods or services where the supply has been received and invoiced by 31 December.