

## **St Michaels Flixton 2021 Accounts and Financial Report**

### **Treasurers Report**

The church ended the year with a small surplus of £977.

Income of £55,299 was only 2% better than in 2020, but was severely down on the years before the pandemic, when income levels were around £85,000. Income from planned giving, donations and collections was lower than 2020 by 3% but lower than 2019 by 28% due to covid. Planned giving via standing order held steady whilst envelope giving and donation plate giving suffered due to church closures, reduced services and pandemic restrictions. Fee income net of disbursements increased on 2020 by almost £4,000, but was 46% lower than in 2019, again due to covid. Income resulting from hiring out the Church Croft was minimal as it was closed for the majority of the year despite some covid restrictions being lifted. The PCC felt that the Croft was not spacious enough to allow for social distancing.

The PCC placed great effort on controlling costs and fundraising where possible. Annual expenditure was £54,322 which was 10% lower than the prior year. However, the Parish Share was not paid in full in line with our policy to maintain reserves at £60,000, and as such the church was able to pay 71% / £36,000 of the total annual share. This compares to 73% / £35,240 in 2020.

Reserves were £62,601. The church will continue to hold a reserve policy of £60,000 which represents 3 months of operating costs and a £25k building reserve.

At this point in time the financial position for St Michaels is looking very challenging. Paying the Parish Share in full continues to be an impossible feat and was set high in prior years as it was deemed adequate to pay for it through depleting reserves. The church gas contract is to be renewed in May 2022 and as at March 2022, rising prices and the situation in Ukraine are currently threatening a tripling or quadrupling of gas prices, from an annual cost of £3,500 to £10,500.

An additional challenge in 2022 is to make progress on costly building maintenance as well as an overall review of the purpose of the church building from a missional and environmental perspective. Fundraising through grants and other means will likely be the next major step.

Thank you to all members of St Michaels Church for your generosity in 2022, whether that be through financial giving or donating your time. Special thanks goes to those who support the financial administration of the church, including but not limited to Barbara Bye, Gill Robinson and Charlie Gould.

With thanks,

Anna Scarisbrick, Treasurer

## **Independent Examiners Report**

This is the third year that I have independently examined this charity's accounts.

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2021.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination.

I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act.
- the accounts agree with the accounting records
- the accounts comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

The budget for 2021 was set as a worst-case scenario and 2021 actuals were better than this. Income and expenses were both higher than budgeted but there was a small surplus this year which is good news, rather than the expected small deficit. However, when things will get back to "normal" post-pandemic is still unknown. Overall income in 2021 and 2020 has been similar and both lower than pre-pandemic income. Expenses were lower due to nocroft management and lower church running costs (mainly due to a backdated council tax rebate).

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

Signed: Caroline Boardman

Dated: 15th March 2022

Name: Caroline Boardman

**Receipts & Payments Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St Michael's Flixton**  
**For the period 1st Jan 2021 to 31st Dec 2021**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	PRIOR YEAR 2020 £
<b>1 Receipts</b>					
1a <i>Incoming resources from donors</i>					
<i>Planned giving:</i>					
Gift Aid donations	3,066			3,066	1,979
Income tax recoverable	6,676			6,676	6,191
Other planned giving	21,271			21,271	20,319
Collections (open plate) at all services	3,376			3,376	2,564
Digital donations	1,082			1,082	2,042
Sundry donations	1,873	1,140		3,013	6,670
	<u>37,344</u>	<u>1,140</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>38,484</u>	<u>39,764</u>
1b <i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>					
Grants				0	0
Donations, appeals etc		877		877	1,454
Legacies				0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>877</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>877</u>	<u>1,454</u>
1c <i>Income from operating activities:</i> <i>to further the Council's objects</i>					
Fees*	5,821			5,821	1,864
	<u>5,821</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,821</u>	<u>1,864</u>
1d <i>Income from operating activities:</i> <i>to generate funds</i>					
Church Croft Lettings	500			500	1,395
Rent	7,148			7,148	7,387
25 Club Lottery	1,985			1,985	1,960
Coffee	0			0	68
Fetes & other fund raising events	485			485	68
	<u>10,118</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10,118</u>	<u>10,877</u>
1e <i>Income from investment</i>					
Dividends & interest including any reclaimable tax	0			0	42
Investment capital repaid				0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>42</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<u><b>53,283</b></u>	<u><b>2,017</b></u>	<u><b>0</b></u>	<u><b>55,299</b></u>	<u><b>54,002</b></u>
<b>2 Payments</b>					
2a <i>Grants</i>					
<i>Missionary &amp; charitable giving:</i>					
Mission / Church overseas				0	0
Home mission & Other Church societies		828		828	2,159
	<u>0</u>	<u>828</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>828</u>	<u>2,159</u>
2b <i>Activities related to the work of the Church</i>					
Ministry: Diocesan Parish Share	36,000			36,000	35,240
Clergy Expenses	1,069			1,069	683
Church Croft					
Work completed	415			415	
Running costs	2,789			2,789	5,594
Church - Running Expenses	10,512			10,512	14,423
Church Maintenance	528			528	
Church major works					
Upkeep of churchyard	604			604	631
Verger, Clerk, & Organists costs	580			580	1,355
School					
	<u>52,497</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>52,497</u>	<u>57,926</u>
2c <i>Church management &amp; administration</i>					
Administration	624			624	249
Bank Charges				0	0
	<u>624</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>624</u>	<u>249</u>
2d <i>Costs of generating funds</i>					
Fetes & other fundraising events	373			373	132
	<u>373</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>373</u>	<u>132</u>
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<u><b>53,494</b></u>	<u><b>828</b></u>	<u><b>0</b></u>	<u><b>54,322</b></u>	<u><b>60,465</b></u>
<b>Net of Receipts / Payments</b>	<u><b>(211)</b></u>	<u><b>1,188</b></u>	<u><b>0</b></u>	<u><b>977</b></u>	<u><b>(6,463)</b></u>
Transfers between funds				0.00	0.00
Cash funds last year end				61,623.58	68,086.93
Cash funds this year end				62,600.56	61,623.58

## Bank Accounts and Other Assets - Parochial Church Council of St Michael's Flixton

Bank accounts and other assets as at 31 December 2021

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
			£	£	£	£
<u>Bank Accounts</u>						
Current account	61,756	60,779	24,043	23,203	20,310	22,531
Deposit account (RBS)	-	-	43,206	43,119	63,058	82,708
Investment acc with National Savings Bank	845	845	839	832	826	817
Various acc. Held by Diocese (book value)	-	-	-	-	13,331	13,331
Total	62,601	61,624	68,087	67,155	97,525	119,387
<u>Funds</u>						
General - Unrestricted	59,250	56,439	65,385	67,155	97,525	119,387
Roof Tower Project - Restricted	3,302	5,184	1,882	-	-	-
Charity fundraising - Restrictcd	48	-	819	-	-	-
	62,601	61,624	68,087	67,155	97,525	119,387
 Fixed assets (nominal value)						
348 Church Road	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000
Church Croft	286,870	286,870	286,870	286,870	286,870	286,870

## St Michaels Flixton PCC Notes to Accounts 2021

### 1. Restricted Funds

Restricted Funding and Expenditure is split between the major project to repair the church tower and charity fundraising:

	Tower Fund	Charities	Total Restricted
<b>Opening Bal Jan 1st 21</b>	<b>2162.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2162.00</b>
Donations	1140.00		1140.00
Appeals	0.00	876.53	876.53
<b>Restricted Income 21</b>	<b>3302.00</b>	<b>876.53</b>	<b>4178.53</b>
Home mission	0	828.21	828.21
<b>Restricted Expenditure 21</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>828.21</b>	<b>828.21</b>
<b>Closing Restricted Funds</b>	<b>3302.00</b>	<b>48.32</b>	<b>3350.32</b>

Note that the funding for charities is shown as a surplus because some funds are to be carried forward into 2022

Total funds raised and paid for other entities in 2021 is broken down as follows:

	income	expenditure
Bibles for School Leavers	400	352
Mcr Diocese - Confirmation Service	114	114
Stretford Food Bank	40	40
Aid for Afghan Appeal	322	322
<b>Total Raised</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>828</b>

### 2. Explanation of Year on Year Main Variances

- Income from planned giving, donations and collections was lower than 2020 by 3% but lower than 2019 by 28% due to covid. Planned giving via standing order held steady whilst envelope giving and donation plate giving suffered due to church closures, reduced services and pandemic restrictions.
- Fee income net of disbursements increased on 2020 by almost £4,000, but was 46% lower than in 2019, again due to covid.
- Church Croft was closed for the majority of the year despite some covid restrictions being lifted. The PCC felt that the Croft was not spacious enough to allow for social distancing.
- As per the prior year, the parish share could not be paid in full as it was decided to keep reserves at £60k. However, effort had been placed on fundraising and careful cost management in between responses to changes in covid and as such the church was able to pay 71% / £36,000 of the total annual share. This compares to 73% / £35,240 in 2020.
- Church running costs were £4k less than in 2020 due in part to a council tax rebate on the Rectory going back to 2016, as well as lower utility bills given that in 2020 the pandemic did not commence until late 2020.