

Parish Church of St Lawrence, Frodingham

Registered Charity Number 1135445

Final Accounts

**for the year ended
31 December 2020**

PARISH CHURCH OF ST LAWRENCE, FRODINGHAM

Annual report for the year ended 31 December 2020

Background

With the parishes of Crosby, Berkeley, Gunness and Burringham, St Lawrence's and All Saints is part of the North Scunthorpe Group Ministry. We are also members of Churches in North Scunthorpe (CINS) an ecumenical group drawing from the denominations in north Scunthorpe. We are becoming more active in Churches Together in North Lincolnshire.

PCC Membership

The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission (No 1135445) and has specific responsibilities for the church buildings and the church hall and its members are either ex officio or elected at the Annual Parochial Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. At present the PCC has 11 lay members and 8 ex officio members (19 in total).

Committees

The PCC meets six times a year in normal circumstances but has only met three times this year. The Standing Committee also meets 6 times a year prior to the PCC meetings and is responsible for setting the agenda for meetings of the Council. It is also responsible for the conduct of all PCC business between meetings. The PCC sets up working parties, as required, to drive forward particular initiatives.

Review of the Year

The year has been dominated and disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic which saw all churches closed from mid-March through to July and then only reopening under severe restrictions. We also had a lockdown and closure for all of November and further restrictions during December and into the New Year. This has meant that we have had to focus on other ways of worshipping together, so the PCC obtained an Annual Licence for Zoom which has been used for Sunday Worship services, Evening Prayer and occasional Festivals, we have also used it for meetings too. Learning to use this media has been a gradual journey but has meant that we have found ways of worshipping together though apart and has kept many of our congregation together. It has proved a focal point for our social life together as well. We have also used other means of communication and sharing worship to help us through this current situation; Prayer and Worship material (emailed and posted); services advertised and promoted on Facebook, and website and national resources highlighted. We have also been doing almost daily blogs to keep folk in touch, to offer Spiritual advice and support and to celebrate the Saints and Holy days. These have proved quite popular and hopefully useful too. During August we restarted limited services in church, worshipping fortnightly during August, September and October as well as in December. These services were with limited numbers due to Social Distancing restrictions and were fortnightly to enable sanitation to happen (we also worshipped on the alternative weeks at All Saints) and we maintained the Zoom worship weekly. In December, PCC member Andrew Bullen pre-recorded a Christingle Service and a Christmas Day service for us which were released on YouTube on Christmas Eve. These proved extremely popular and enabled more people to join in the Celebrations than were allowed in our churches.

Prior to lockdown the PCC agreed and installed an update to our old and failing sound system which has proved a massive improvement and a benefit to all of us. We also started a funding campaign that was rudely interrupted by the pandemic.

In the field of mission we took part with the Deanery in the Leading Your Youth into Growth programme. Again this was interrupted by the pandemic but has given us hope and inspiration as how to move forwards in faith and how to plan for future growth.

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Our finances have struggled as it has been difficult to maintain regular giving apart from those who give directly to the Bank but, as always, we have been well supported and looked after by our Treasurer, Christine Hall and the Planned Giving officer Angela Sturman, as well as Michael Cropper's diligence in looking after the Gift Aid claims.

Our AGM and APCM were held back until November due to the pandemic and we gave thanks for Neil Hunter's 6 recent years as Churchwarden as he stepped down from the role. His diligence and hard work on the fabric was highlighted this year in the pointing work that he organised on the PCC's behalf which also included a refurbishment of the Vestry End toilet facility. We also gave thanks to John Veall for helping with the refurbishment of the toilet, for helping with some of our roofing issues but mostly for his hard work securing more favourable gas and electric suppliers for both Church and Hall which saved us a considerable amount of money.

Finally, our Assistant Curate, Revd Sarah Tierney had her ordination to the Priesthood delayed until October, but finally got there, the service happening here at St Lawrence's! She also fell in love this year and was married in a small and intimate service, due to restrictions, at All Saint's Church and so is now Revd Sarah Tierney Aston! We were also joined in our Ministry by Revd Julie Miles who was licensed as a Lay Worker in July before being ordained Deacon at Lincoln Cathedral. Julie is a Head of RE at St Lawrence's Academy and thus is a self-supporting minister working with us 1 day a week in term times and more regularly during school holidays.

A busy but unusual year!

Seasonal and special services

Our pattern of seasonal and special services continued up until the pandemic struck but we maintained them at a distance, initially from the Vicarage dining room, with notifications to when they were happening and photos and videos being posted on Social Media to highlight them, and then via Zoom. As mentioned above we also used YouTube as a medium at Christmas and shared with our brothers and sisters at St George's for Remembrance Sunday via Zoom.

Links across the Parish

The Mother's Union took the decision to close the branch due to the age and ability to meet together of the group although they stay in touch via newsletter, phone and some Zooming. The Men's Breakfast met once this year due to the pandemic but hopes to reopen when allowed to. This goes for Everywoman and the Lunch Club too.

Links with schools and uniformed organisations

I remain Trustee at St Lawrence's Academy and have been joined on the board by Jane Holmes. We continue to offer support and I have recorded several addresses for their reflections which are held in tutor time, as well as for some classwork and their Christmas Service. Revd Julie will be fulfilling a Chaplaincy role at the Academy as well as her teaching role. Sarah continues as a Governor at Berkeley Infants and also at Frodingham Infants, taking some virtual assemblies along the way. I took a Google Meets Service for Christmas at St Hugh's Special School and we look to other means of maintaining and growing these links.

GFS has been as affected by the pandemic as everyone else, but a good link is maintained and Sarah visited often before the first lockdown.

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Pastoral Care

This area has been massively affected this year due to the obvious change in our circumstances and also with the sad death, just prior to the lockdown, of Elaine Barnett. We have maintained contact with most people via the phone, and have tried to be especially present that way for the alone, the isolated and the lonely.

Examples of Wider ministry

This year has seen the arrival of a new neighbour as Revd Julie Wearing became Vicar of St George's and together we have striven to build stronger links between our benefices and the wider Church, both Anglican and other denominations across the community as a whole. With the ministers in Churches Together in North Lincolnshire we petitioned our MP to support the Free School Meals to all students in need during lockdown and holidays, and have started to grow links with our Ward Councillors too. Prayer meetings on Zoom with our brothers and sisters in all the Churches have proved special and encouraging events. We will continue to grow and work together.

Looking to the future

It is difficult to know where we will be a week at a time let alone a month or a year ahead but we continue to learn, to grow and to move forwards together. Our shared worship on Zoom with All Saints shows a Benefice wide model which is beneficial and supportive. We continue to find new ways of communicating with and meeting the wider community, with Social Media and website fully to the fore. We have had links with new folks and with the wider community that we will build on moving forwards. As our Diocese looks at new ways of being a church we know that our strong links with our fellow Anglican Churches in Scunthorpe and the Deanery will remain important and are things we need to keep building upon. Our links and work with Churches Together in North Lincolnshire are a means of supporting, helping and working with those in need in our community. We will also look at ways of working ever closer with All Saints and continue to worship together where possible, and share socially and in terms of ministry together.

Keith Farmery is currently training to be a Lay Reader and his ministry is growing and will continue to grow amongst us. His organisation of the virtual Carol Service just prior to Christmas shows some of the many gifts he can bring to our churches mission and ministry.

Lisa Miller remains the first contact for the Parish in the office (mainly the office from home currently!) and continues to field many enquiries concerning weddings, baptisms and funerals for us. She has had to be a listening ear to wedding couples whose plans have been dashed in our current circumstances. We are deeply indebted to her for her hard work, her efforts and care.

Whilst the short and medium term picture is unclear the future is still bright! The ministry and growth of both Sarah and Julie in their roles amongst us has been a shared blessing and joy. It remains my privilege to be your Vicar.

Reverend Canon Philip Brent – Vicar

19 April 2021

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
PARISH CHURCH OF ST LAWRENCE, FRODINGHAM**

I report to the PCC members on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 5 to 11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act;
or
- the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

John Heeney BA (Hons) FCA
RNS Chartered Accountants

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Scunthorpe DN15 7PQ

21 April 2021

PARISH CHURCH OF ST LAWRENCE, FRODINGHAM**Receipts and Payments on General Account for the year ended
31 December 2020**

		<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<u>Notes</u>			
<u>RECEIPTS</u>			
Voluntary Contributions:			
	Planned Giving	26,977.35	29,955.95
	Tax Recovered from Gift Aid	8,382.65	7,058.71
	Plated Collections	1,204.72	5,951.94
		36,564.72	42,966.60
1	Other Collections	1,075.27	3,888.69
2	Church Fees	9,244.75	8,176.00
3	Gifts, Donations and Bequests	11,289.50	23,054.70
	Parish Hall Fees	1,303.65	4,540.50
4	Special Fund Raising	574.53	5,788.77
	Group Live Receipts	203.40	342.60
5	Parish Office Charge	182.20	930.85
6	Church Heating Fee	410.00	140.00
	Clergy Travel Expenses	131.82	57.15
	Current Account Interest	38.00	49.08
	Bible Reading Notes	-	63.92
	Tea Money	208.17	773.36
	Sale of Surplus Stone	-	680.00
	Sale of Diaries	2.00	36.10
		61,228.01	91,488.32
	Opening Balance	87,230.81	99,341.27
		£148,458.82	£190,829.59

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31 December 2020**

<u>Notes</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<u>PAYMENTS</u>		
7 Maintenance of Church	41,203.22	35,264.25
8 Church Requisites	905.55	1,352.02
9 Church Fees	1,513.75	3,130.00
10 Maintenance of Parish Hall	4,391.51	12,521.69
11 Clergy Expenses	1,139.98	1,473.63
Parish Share	35,510.78	35,869.49
12 Special Fund Raising	230.00	280.00
13 Parish Office and Administration Expenses	7,750.16	10,181.67
14 Mission and Charity Payments	364.53	2,992.01
15 Miscellaneous	86.92	534.02
	93,096.40	103,598.78
Closing Balance	55,362.42	87,230.81
	£148,458.82	£190,829.59

PARISH CHURCH OF ST LAWRENCE, FRODINGHAM**Notes to the accounts for the year ended
31 December 2020****Notes****1 Other Collections**

Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals	739.27
Gift Aided Donations	305.00
Non Gift Aided Donations/Gifts	31.00
	£1,075.27

2 Church Fees

Wedding Deposits and Instalments	5,035.00
PCC Fees	1,441.00
Organist Fees	1,090.00
Verger Fees	520.00
All Saints	30.00
Choir	450.00
LDT & BF Fees	253.75
Bells, Flowers, Video, Order of Service, Banns	425.00
	£9,244.75

3 Gifts, Donations and Bequests

General	989.50
Legacies	10,300.00
	£11,289.50

4 Special Fund Raising

Annual Charity	364.53
Special Parish Events	210.00
	£574.53

5 Parish Office Charge

Printing and Stationery Recharge	182.20
	£182.20

6 Church Heating Fee

Church Heating Fee	410.00
	£410.00

PARISH CHURCH OF ST LAWRENCE, FRODINGHAM**Notes to the accounts for the year ended
31 December 2020****Notes****7 Maintenance of Church**

Music	919.50
Gas	3,056.17
Electricity	856.87
Water	238.17
Insurance	4,848.36
Organ Maintenance	110.00
General Repairs	1,804.68
Specific Repairs	29,369.47
	£41,203.22

8 Church Requisites

Altar Requirements	323.13
Music Copyright Licence	350.18
Lockie Envelopes – FWO Gift Aid	108.37
Cleaning Materials	20.77
Charity Funeral Payments	103.10
	£905.55

9 Church Fees

LDT & BF Payment	223.75
Choir	300.00
All Saints	30.00
Organist	640.00
Verger	320.00
	£1,513.75

10 Maintenance of Parish Hall

Gas	1,562.18
Electricity	685.85
Water	(114.14)
Insurance	1,553.16
General Repairs	330.18
Specific Repairs	74.32
Cleaning Materials	59.96
Hall Caretaker	240.00
	£4,391.51

PARISH CHURCH OF ST LAWRENCE, FRODINGHAM**Notes to the accounts for the year ended
31 December 2020****Notes****11 Clergy Expenses**

Travel Expenses	368.19
Telephone, Postage and Stationery	693.25
Books and Miscellaneous Items	78.54
	£1,139.98

12 Special Fund Raising

Events Expenses	20.00
Special Fund – Gifts	210.00
	£230.00

13 Parish Office and Administration Expenses

Photocopier and Printer	1,654.14
Paper	25.00
Telephone, Postage and Stationery	698.40
Administrator Salary	4,885.92
Parish Clerk Expenses	163.71
Miscellaneous Expenses	322.99
	£7,750.16

14 Mission and Charity Payments

Annual Charity	364.53
	£364.53

15 Miscellaneous

Church Repair Scheme	30.00
Tea/Coffee Expenses	56.92
	£86.92

PARISH CHURCH OF ST LAWRENCE, FRODINGHAM**Accounts for the year ended**
31 December 2020**Summary of accounts held with The Royal Bank of Scotland plc - Scunthorpe Branch**

	<u>Balance</u> <u>01.01.20</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>With-</u> <u>drawals</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>31.12.20</u>
General Account	86,855.81	61,228.01	93,096.40	54,987.42
200 Club Account	375.00	-	-	375.00
	<u>£87,230.81</u>	<u>£61,228.01</u>	<u>£ 93,096.40</u>	<u>£55,362.42</u>

The General Account balance includes funding received towards the salary, pension and expenses of the Youth Worker. £8,515.00 of the monies received up to 31 December 2020 is in respect of expenditure not yet incurred, the Youth Worker having left in 2018, and represents a restricted fund at the year end.

Summary of Monies invested with The Central Board of Finance of the Church of England

	<u>Balance</u> <u>01.01.20</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>With-</u> <u>drawals</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>31.12.20</u>
<u>Deposit Funds</u>				
CBF Church of England:				
Deposit Fund	7,997.59	255.01	-	8,252.60
Building Fund	50,000.00	-	-	50,000.00
Clergy Fund	2,061.73	-	-	2,061.73
	<u>£60,059.32</u>	<u>£255.01</u>	<u>£-</u>	<u>£60,314.33</u>

PARISH CHURCH OF ST LAWRENCE, FRODINGHAM**Accounts for the year ended**
31 December 2020**Summary of Church Funds at 31 December 2020**

General Fund:	
Restricted	8,515.00
Unrestricted	46,472.42
	54,987.42
200 Club Account	375.00
Central Board of Finance of the Church of England - unrestricted	60,314.33
	<u>£115,676.75</u>

Statement of Assets at 31 December 2020**Church:**

Altar Furniture	£15,000.00
Interior Furnishings and Fittings	£10,000.00
Grand Organ	£10,000.00
Public Address System	£1,800.00

Church Hall:

Building, Land and Contents	£300,000.00
Grand Piano	£10,000.00
Office Equipment	£1,200.00

Mr M Cropper
Chairman**Mrs C J Hall**
Treasurer**19 April 2021**