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### *From the Vicar*

#### Annual Meeting of Parishioners - Thanks to the Churchwarden

I would like to offer a vote of thanks to our Churchwarden Glynis Harflett. Glynis has served for four years as Churchwarden. She has been an immense support to me and has helped to guide our parish through these past difficult years with grace. The times of readjustment after the worst of the Covid pandemic have been demanding but her common sense and good humour have helped us to deal effectively and safely with the challenges. The care which Glynis shows for people is an example to us all and she has given great support to our Green Team and Social Committee. Thank you, Glynis for sharing your kindness, wisdom and energy with us all.

Glynis is willing to stand again this year but it will be her last as, by custom, Churchwardens here serve no more than five years consecutively. Glynis has warmly thanked those who have supported her in her report, as I do, but we do need two Churchwardens to lead this parish and I am very sorry that there is no other candidate this year. Without Churchwardens the future of the parish will be in jeopardy. I know that a number of parishes are having to manage with one churchwarden because people are so reluctant to come forward following the pandemic, so we are not alone in this problem. But please consider if you might stand as Warden here or indeed approach others who might consider it. The Wardens represent you - and it's not a life sentence here! Please consider standing for this challenging and rewarding role.

### *Vicar's Report*

This is my fifth Annual Parish Meeting with you and I come to it with gratitude for all that has been offered in our churches and community over the past year. For the Church of England the Diocese of Exeter this year has been very challenging and some churches have not recovered well from Covid. Thanks to the commitment of many people here our churches have come back from the long lock-downs when in-person worship was suspended for months on end. It has been joyful to celebrate Holy Week and Easter fully again this month for the first time since 2019.

### Licensed Ministry

The parish is an important place for ordinands to experience ministry and to launch those who are newly ordained. Last year we welcomed Louise Tulloh on placement and she is now well on in her ordination training.

I would like to thank Ash and Belinda for their ministry here. Ash Leighton Plom was ordained priest on 26th September 2021 with a number of other candidates in a memorable service led by the Bishop of Crediton. Ash celebrated his first Mass for Michaelmas at St Michael's Church. He has developed our Sunday afternoon service 'Thrive' with the help of a small team and this is now established as an in-person service here as well as on-line. He has also continued a monthly prayer group for the work of YMCA and contributed to the Christian Union meetings at Exeter College. And more recently Ash has started a tea and toast morning drop-in for school parents at St Michael's with Richard Parker and the help of some parents.

But Ash, Deborah and Alfred have also had a year of considerable disruption as, following the detonation of a Second World War bomb, the house in Cowley View needed extensive repairs. Ash and his family moved to Thorverton Vicarage until the end of 2021 when they had to move again, just before Christmas, to the curate's house at Heavitree. Ash will be able to stay there for the remainder of his curacy here and I would like to acknowledge the support of the Diocesan Property Department in managing this challenging situation.

Belinda Speed-Andrews was licensed as Associate Minister here just over a year ago and has continued to contribute to our parish life by preaching and leading worship and small groups. She does this as a self-

supporting minister alongside her work as administrator with the South West Ministry Training Course which is both a day job and a ministry in itself. Belinda has also led a project to explore how we can expand our work and witness further and deeper into our local community and has recently given a presentation to the PCC about how we might move this forward.

I would also like to thank our licensed Readers Howard Friend and Charlotte Townsend and our Readers with permission to officiate, Bill Pattinson and Ian Cartwright for their ministry with us and for the inspiration and encouragement they bring. In fact Howard will also soon be becoming a Permission to Officiate Reader, too and I would like to acknowledge his great contribution to our pastoral work and preaching as he moves into this new phase of ministry.

We also benefit greatly from the ministry of our retired and visiting clergy including Prebendary David James, Dr Jonathan Draper, Fr David Gunn Johnson, Fr Dominic Cyrus and Fr Robin Eastoe who have led worship in our churches. I would like to express our thanks to them all for generously offering their ministry.

### Safeguarding

Our Parish Safeguarding Group met every few months during 2021. Mary Kirkland serves as our Safeguarding Officer and she is supported in the group by Charlotte Townsend, by Paula Lewis representing St Michael's, by me and by Deborah Leighton Plom as Safeguarding Administrator. Deborah has been an immense asset to us in keeping on top of Safeguarding regulations and ensuring that the PCC keeps its policy and practice up-to-date. She also keeps the lists of those who organizing the lists of those who need Safeguarding Training and DBS checks and follows up with reminders. Deborah keeps the confidential paperwork for Safeguarding, with the Safeguarding resources kept in the vestry filing cabinet here. We are very grateful to her for her work which underpins Safeguarding in our parish.

### Finance

On behalf of the PCC I would like to thank everyone who has contributed regularly to our church funds and those who have made occasional donations. Your generosity is the financial bedrock of our church life and ministry. Following a difficult start to 2021, with services and events suspended, things looked up considerably as lettings were able to begin again and it was very encouraging that, by the start of this year, we had reached a point when the PCC could agree to a full payment of the parish share for 2021, having had to pay a reduced amount in 2020. St David's benefitted from the refurbishment of the Parish Room by Wilmott Dixon last year as well as from their hire of the room during the later stages of the construction of the new data centre at Exeter College and we are indebted to Emma White for her role in negotiating such a positive engagement with them.

I would like to thank our treasurers, Barbara Allin, Geoff Crockett, Paula Lewis and Jonathan Johns for their hard work on our behalf in keeping our accounts in good order. Also, our sincere thanks go to Ian Cartwright who has looked after our investments and following a POCC decision has transferred our remaining non-ethical investments into ethical funds.

### Celebrating Together

It has been a great joy gradually to bring back opportunities for social interaction. The mini-fête, the Green Event at St David's and the Heritage weekend at St Michael's were all great occasions. I would like to thank those who have worked carefully to make these events safe and to resume refreshments after our services. The monthly Men's Breakfast also resumed, and more recently the Parish Lunches at the College. Thank you to the St David's Social Committee for their part in bringing us together and we look forward with reasonable confidence to the Parish Fête on 25th June.

## Prayer and Worship

Following a third suspension of public worship last year we have gradually got back to a more usual pattern of worship, although it was decided, after consultation, not to start the 8am Sunday morning communion again due to lack of congregation. We have continued to live-stream the 9.30am St David's Sunday service and 4pm Thrive and Richard Parker has streamed Vespers from St Michael's at 6pm on Tuesday and Thursday evenings on our Facebook pages. We also continue to offer a Tuesday morning prayer on Zoom and a Friday Morning Prayer on Facebook.

Our Sunday congregations have mainly returned, albeit quite well spaced out and we usually welcome between 60 and 70 communicants at St David's and 20 to 30 at St Michael's. A number of students have been worshipping regularly at St David's. The 10.30am Thursday Communion has also been well supported with 15 or more communicants including several who find the service more accessible than Sunday worship.

It has been a great joy to have the return of music and congregational singing. Nigel Walsh has continued to do great work with the choir at St David's with Robert and Susan Mitchell bringing together the monthly orchestra. At St Michael's Natasha Goldsworth has worked hard to encourage the choir and provide suitable repertoire when resources are limited. I would like to express my appreciation to the servers and musicians of both our churches for their adaptability in the face of uncertain forces and sudden Covid related absences. I would also like to express our appreciation for those who clean our churches and provide lovely flowers to enhance our worship.

## Pastoral Care and Outreach

St David's Pastoral Group has got back to meeting in person and the and the What'sApp group has become a forum for prayers requests. Thank you to those who have helped to keep in touch and support others at both of our churches.

As we weren't able to re-start the Thursday Soup Evening we agreed with St Petrocks to provide Thursday packed teas for those living in the half-way housing at the Crescent. Mary Quest, with Phil and Moira Dale and Mary Kirkland have faithfully made and delivered these meals each week on our behalf funded by money from the PCC giving for the Soup Evening.

A parish team enjoyed taking part in the Hospiscare Men's Walk again this year raising some £1800 including Gift Aid.

A regular Fairtrade Stall was run at St David's Church and the Foodbank collection point at St Michael's also continued in use during the year.

## Wider Ministry

Thank you to those who have served as members of the PCC and as committee members and especially our church officers who do so much behind the scenes to enable our life and worship together. I would especially like to thank our PCC secretary, Helena Walker, for her work, not least in preparing the papers for this meeting.

Mary Quest continues to exercise an extraordinary ministry of welcome to groups using St David's Church as well as keeping an eye out for less savoury goings on around the church and liaising with our local police officers. We have recently started to open the church again regularly and I'm grateful to Mary Quest and Helena Walker for their assistance with this.

Last year St David's "Green Team" really got going and, as well as raising our consciousness of environmental matters has also progressed towards accreditation under the Eco-Church scheme. In the past year an appeal funded just over 20 trees which are now planted and budding in the churchyard - and our toilets were twinned! Thank you to Clive and Sue Wilson for leading this group. The collection of

waste paper has also continued at St Michael's and a number of people from the local community bring paper along for recycling.

Ash and I have continued to work closely with St David's School and it has been a great joy to take assemblies in person at St Michael's for a good part of this school year although we have had to revert to video assemblies when necessary. Mrs Fran Brimicombe, our school Head Teacher has announced that she will be moving on from at St David's at the end of the school year and her leadership will be greatly missed. We have also resumed regular school assemblies at St Wilfred's School with and termly services held in St David's Church.

Ash has continued to lead our communications group which is reviewing and planning our publicity and signage. Our Parish Magazine, New Leaves, lost a major contributor when Richard Barnes moved away last year but it continues to be a very significant part of our parish communication attract some wonderful articles and I would like to thank the editorial team for their great work.

I have continued to produce a weekly notice sheet which goes out by email to about 150 people. We have decided not to return to paper notice sheets at St David's Church at least for the time being. Oliver Nicholson produces a weekly pew sheet for St Michael's which particularly helps the congregation to follow the text of the proper psalms for the week and which is distributed online and on paper. We continue to benefit hugely from the work of Graham Lerwill in the print shop at Exeter College who takes great care over our printing.

Deborah Leighton Plom has, as administrator, been busy in recent months with bookings for both churches, working with Mary Quest at St David's. This is not only helping our income but also our mission in serving local groups through provision of great venues for concerts. Deborah has also continued as official administrator for our websites and has become Chair of Governors at St David's School. I would like to thank her for her very positive and valued contribution to our parish life which she does alongside her work as Community Chaplain.

#### Personal

I should report that I still serve as a Foundation Governor of St David's School, a Trustee of St Wilfred's Educational Trust and a Trustee of the Mount Dinham Housing Trust. I have continued as Bishop's Representative on the Anglican Chaplaincy Management Group at the University. I act as a journal tutor for the South West Ministry Training Course working with one student annually. I also continued my work as an Assistant Director of Ordinands for Exeter Diocese, helping potential ordinands on their journey to selection. This work takes, on average, half a day a week and provides a small income of £2,000 for the parish to help with administrative support. I am also coordinating the worship for the Diocesan Clergy Conference this year which is proving to be quite a big task. As Chaplain to the Queen I just have to preach annually at St James and we look forward to marking the Platinum Jubilee in our services at the start of June.

#### Future Patterns of Ministry

As many of you will know by now Archdeacon Andrew Beane is actively considering the patterns of ministry within Exeter City. He sees St David's Parish as working more closely with the city centre churches and the Anglican Chaplaincy. There is a particular need for a parish which has a tradition of liturgical worship and open and enquiring view of faith not only to be a place of worship but also a setting for training of ministers. The growth of influence of churches linked with Holy Trinity Brompton, like St Matts will continue. But there is a recognition that alternative approaches are needed.

This is the background to his proposals for the future of our parish which Andrew made last autumn. He would very much like to see the full acceptance of the ministry of ordained women in both of our churches as this would then provide a unique and valuable opportunity for the nurture of women priests, as well as men, in a more catholic tradition. The present arrangement whereby the sacramental ministry

of women priests is not accepted at St Michael's is something I agreed to work with at my appointment. But this increasingly compromises the ability of the parish to attract the widest range of candidates as incumbents and curates which is a concern for many members of our parish as well as for the diocese.

The proposals, which include an independent status for St Michael's, have been put to members of the St Michael's church community in an initial survey and the responses are mainly in favour of some sort of independent status for St Michael's. It is only fair to say that each of Andrew's four proposals beg a lot of questions and he will be returning for a future meeting to explore these further with us. But he would like to come to a decision about the future direction this year. The diocese is looking towards the use of interim ministries so this may well be a possibility when I retire, especially if major changes are to be undertaken.

This is a challenging time for us, and the next few years will be ones of far-reaching change in the Church of England, but we must strive to move forward with faith in the purposes of God and love for each other and those around us. It has been exciting to see new initiatives like 'Tea and Toast' at St Michaels and the 'Tuesday Friendship Café' at St David's and 'Thrive' on Sundays, as well as our existing services, welcoming new people in. There is a need to provide company and a place to meet for those who can feel isolated and alone and this is part of our mission alongside, and as part of, the faithful offering of worship and sharing of the Good News of Jesus Christ. We are also well aware of increasing hardship caused by the rising cost of living and there is a parish pastoral fund which can be accessed if you know of people in need.

The PCC adopted a statement of inclusion last year and although we may not completely succeed in making everyone feel welcome it is a statement of our desire and intent that our churches should be open to everyone. It is posted on our websites and I would urge you to read it if you are not familiar with it.

I would like to close with some of the words that were read at the beginning of our meeting. "Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers." Romans 12: 9-13

May they guide our life together in this coming year.

*Prebendary Nigel Guthrie*

Reading: Romans 12: 9-21

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Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## Prayer

Heavenly Father, We thank you for all that has been offered in our churches and communities in the past year. We thank you for those who have served in many ways, those who have contributed their time and money to our life together. We thank you for those who have shared the good news of your love by their care for others.

We pray for those with whom we share our ministry in this parish, the schools, and College, the YMCA and Esther Community, the chaplaincies at the University and Prison and all who use our buildings.

And we pray for those who suffer through illness, anxiety, poverty or addiction that your good news may come to them in healing and restoration.

And we thank you for lives well lived in your service and remember with love and thanksgiving those who have died in our church communities in the past year commending them to your care.

Finally we ask your blessing on this meeting and on the elections that will be held and the reports given. May hope, faith and love grow in our churches as the true gifts of your Holy Spirit. We ask all this in Jesus' name. Amen

### *Church Warden's Report*

The past year has been one of ups and downs in relation to Covid restrictions, but we are now moving towards a new 'normality', where individuals can choose about whether to wear a mask or not, whilst still respecting the needs and wishes of other members of the congregation, and we have a large enough church to offer 3-6 feet distance. The choir and orchestra have increased its numbers for singing and playing, but remain in front of the Alter to create distance, rather than being part of the congregation in the South Transept.

Also we are not yet ready to offer wine at Communion, but that is likely to change in the coming year.

The online services started during the pandemic as a way of reaching people have continued for Tuesday Morning Prayer and the Sunday Communion service at St David's. This seems to be of value to our own congregation and 'visitors' from around the world. So thanks go out to the Clergy team for supporting and organising this offering.

Morning Prayer continues on Tuesday and Friday mornings.

Evening Prayer has also resumed on Sunday evening in the Lady Chapel. It is a small number of people who attend, but it is valued.

Thrive has now moved into the church, on Sunday afternoon, rather than being solely an online service. It continues to offer a welcome to people which offers information about faith, God and Jesus, yet also allowing for more discussion. Thank you to Ash Leighton Plomb and his dedicated team.

The finances of the church have stayed fairly buoyant thanks to many people moving to direct payments. Our attendance numbers are monitored carefully in order to negotiate with the diocese regarding our share, and we are reassessing our funding for this.

We held collections for a present for Ashley our Curate as he became priested, for fruit trees to start an orchard in the churchyard and for new light-weight folding tables. These collections raised a significant amount that shows the extraordinary generosity of our congregation.

The Fabric report on the state of the church building is available from Dave Allin. Wilmott Dickson has done a wonderful job in the Parish room and it is now being used for some small groups. It needs to be advertised more widely now that Covid restrictions have lifted.

We continue to offer cold meals to people in need in the city on Thursday evenings.

Mary Quest leads the team, so thanks go to them all.

Community events held since the last APCM are the Raffle draw last summer, which was well attended, and although a sad second for a proper fete we held some stalls outside in the sunshine that attracted some passers-by. There are plans for a full fete and Dog show this coming summer.

The Eco day held in September was a great success with the church filled with visitors of all ages, most who had never been inside the church before.

It was lovely to meet many of them at the Heritage Day cream tea at St Michael's on the Sunday.

In March we re-instated the St David's Church Quiz which proved to be very successful and was a fun, busy and light-hearted occasion.

We plan an afternoon Cream Tea and Concert in May, in order to raise funds for one of our Students who will be heading out next year on placement with Latin Link. We wish her well in this venture.

Our TraidCraft stall continues monthly at the back of the church, and I thank Richard Featherstone, John Sampson and Sarah Black for their work with this.

The pandemic changed many things in our way of doing things and for the near future instead of having sides people we will have 'Welcoming' Teams of two people. The hymnbooks and service books will be out on small tables for people to pick up themselves. We have decided to no longer print a weekly news-sheet as it is now emailed out to everyone with a computer on Saturday afternoon. For those members of the congregation who do not have Internet access, all the notices and readings are listed on a flip chart as one enters the church, along with bibles for use during the service. This seems to be working reasonably well.

We are now leaving the church open every day except Saturdays, and a small team are liaising to do the opening and closing each day.

Over the past year a small group of us have held monthly meetings to follow the book "A Future that's bigger than the Past" by Sam Wells. Whilst it began as a Parish wide discussion, including St Michael's, it narrowed down to a focus on St David's church. It proved a valuable resource to start good discussions about the way forward for the Parish. As this work is on-going we have decided to continue meeting at least quarterly as we try to discern the way forward and God's calling in the midst of this. One of the benefits of the pandemic was time to stop and reflect on what was important. The result of our deliberations is the possibility of opening up the church to new ventures and developments. Belinda Speed Andrews our Associate priest is putting together a funding proposal following a discussion with Arch Deacon Andrew Beane and Rafael Krasnodebski, the diocesan lead on these types of proposals and action.

One action we have started is to hold a Friendship Café on Tuesday morning to welcome all into the church building and to offer a safe, engaged space for all comers. It is well supported by coffee and cake makers.

In November, the Archdeacon Andrew Beane held a Parish meeting at St Michael's church. It followed meetings that Rev. Nigel Guthrie and Church Warden Glynis Harflett had held with Bishop Jacquie and Andrew Beane, prior to the pandemic.

On this cold morning Andrew laid out the potential future for the parish, with us potentially becoming more involved with the other churches of the City Centre and developing outwards into the community, (particularly St David's). To that end he made it clear that St David's would go forward able to appoint a female priest, if appropriate at the time. He then put forward four possible options for St Michael's to



consider as they moved forward. St Michael's held a subsequent meeting to address the four potential options and have since put out a survey canvassing the views of the congregation. This is still being debated, but Rev. Nigel Guthrie has set a deadline of the end of this year for some clarity and decisions.

Over the winter the fruit trees we bought were planted in the churchyard and are now beginning to green up and blossom. It will be a glorious sight. So far none have been vandalised.

We continue to have many homeless people making use of the churchyard in different ways, and unfortunately had to call in the community police and city council to help us when we began to 'grow' an enclave in the spring. The drug dealing is continuing but not yet back at pre Covid levels, but drinking and gatherings are part of our everyday life at the church.

We are truly blessed in this parish with the number of people who offer time, cakes, money, practical support, care and prayer. This is my last year as Church Warden, and as yet I am still the only one. This church cannot move forward next year without some dedicated people to come forward to move our wonderful church through its next stage of life. So please hold this in mind and prayer.

I want to give heartfelt thanks to the many people who continue to support both the churches and me. The Choirs, musicians, welcomers, coffee makers, finance teams, Dave Allin, Stephanie Aplin, Bill and Avril Pattinson, Helena Walker, the Pastoral Visiting, Telephone and Safeguarding teams and those who do things behind the scenes like our Fairies who lost a valuable member, Mollie Curry last autumn. Also, a big thank you to our Clergy and Lay readers who work so hard on our behalf. Without you all it would nigh on impossible to do this job.

*Glynis Harflett, Church Warden*

### *Chapel Warden's Report*

One year seems to slide into another; we still receive the Eucharist, in our pews, in one kind only. We are now able to sing and the wearing of face-coverings is voluntary. We can have refreshments after worship, though it appears people have got out of the habit of gathering too closely. The church is open for worship, including Matins and Mass on Wednesday mornings, Tuesday and Thursday Vespers and Sunday Mass. It is only this last that is not streamed. George Hexter and Oliver Nicholson loyally and regularly prepare our church and Lady Chapel with elements, vestments and candles. We have enjoyed the support of Fr Dominic Cyrus and Fr Robin Eastoe when regular clergy are unavailable. In February 2022, I prepared a mini-review which appeared in New Leaves. I refer you to that for other information. The quarterly Big Clean events are successful and create an element of cheer not usually associated with such tasks!

Our finances are holding so far, but increases in the price of gas and electricity will hit us hard in the future. Our income is diminished by people moving away, by death and by reduced casual income: newspapers are bringing in less, the Bountiful Table is smaller and will have less fresh produce this summer. Events bookings, including regular sessions for the Devon Learning Recovery Group, are being co-ordinated by Deborah Leighton-Plom. Newspapers are now the province of Barry Mather who takes the load to the recycling centre. We are grateful to Adrian Hewitt who has managed it in the past. The Book Table, organised by Vivien Finnigan, is a regular feature, and there are books for all interests with a donation towards church funds. If the church is to survive, let alone thrive, we will have to pay careful attention to fund-raising.

The garden continues in good health with care from Paula. We are grateful to others who have helped maintain it.

There is some progress with the ladder in the steeple and with the louvres. Diocesan governance takes its time. We are still waiting to decide what to do about the North window in St Clement's Chapel. It will be a costly repair.

The St Michael's Manual is awaiting review by the Wardens' Group.

I am very grateful to all who have submitted reports of their involvement with and support of events at St Michael's and also to those who have the life of the church in their hearts, praying regularly for us. We have some extremely important months ahead following the meeting with the Archdeacon, the responses from all interested parties and the next discussions which will help us decide what happens to the congregation and the building in the future.

*Stephanie Aplin, Chapel Warden*

### *Curate's Report*

#### Evacuees

What a year! At the beginning of April last year - the day after Easter weekend - Deborah, Alfred, and I moved house for the fourth time since starting my curacy, while the usual curate's house at Cowley View began repairs to the bomb damage that had happened in February. I am still sometimes struck that many lives could have been lost if it had exploded when it was dug up, given the damage it did even with a mountain of dirt suppressing the detonation the MOD set off. My ministry to fellow evacuees has continued throughout the last year, including a WhatsApp Group I set up with the area's Community Builder from Wellbeing Exeter, in the aftermath. We moved again just before Christmas, with all the packing and unpacking that entailed, measuring carpets, curtains, arranging furniture, blitzing of gardens, and are incredibly still without wifi at home due to Covid-related delays!

#### Sunday services, including Thrive Online

Others' reports will surely note that we were under Lockdown 3 at the start of 2021 and only just emerging by April (pub gardens reopened on the 12th!), so my ministry as a curate has not been anything like I might have imagined when I was at seminary. Even so, this year at least we have been able to settle into a stable rhythm of Sunday and midweek services, and I was flattered that Thrive - the Sundays at 4pm service I co-launched at the tail end of lockdown 1 - made it onto Songs of Praise last spring. Sessions have explored topics such as theodicy, ecclesiology, worship style preferences, soteriology, climate theology, and global poverty, with guest speakers Zooming in, as well as congregants empowered to lead and teach. Through Thrive we supported one new Reader in training and three ordinands in their vocation to ministry in the Church of England.

#### Children and Youth Ministry

Next to Sunday and midweek services, school assemblies and youth work fills much of my week. I've enjoyed regular assemblies and RE lessons - online or in person - at St David's Primary, St Wilfrid's School, and Exeter School, and at Freshers' Fair relaunched Exeter College Christian Union with local parachurch charity ICE (Initiatives in Christian Education) and a youth group at the YMCA called Faith Space. Sessions have explored saints' days, Christian Aid, and Youth Alpha Course material, and ten of the 30 residents at the Y have become Christians through this ministry in recent months. Sadly, many of the children and youth I meet through these things choose to go to other churches, but I am hoping that as we grow our "mixed economy" offer as a parish, we will see more growing and flourishing through services and groups in our buildings. I've led a number of extra services at St David's with the YMCA praise band, for example, and am looking forward to Youth Alpha onsite after Easter. I'd welcome volunteers for children's or youth work - get in touch if you can help!

#### Weddings, baptisms, funerals

It has also been a joy to administer occasional offices. For example, baptising quite a few adults, as well as children of school parents, both at the fonts in our churches and outside - one service I led at Exmouth beach saw three adults celebrating their baptismal vows, with a crowd of probably over 100 onlookers. Some of this has come about from door to door leafleting (e.g. our "Try Prayer" cards) in the parish and street mission conversations, assisted by some volunteers from school families or other churches. Wedding family sermons and follow-up and funeral ministry has been beautiful, and where new friends through these ministries again find homes in other churches, I have nevertheless continued to

meet with them one to one or in small groups for discipleship and encouragement. One of the hardest for me was a memorial service for a 20-year-old member of Thrive, who I had been discipling one to one, and whose death has left me grieving.

### Meetings!

After these things, meetings for things like rota planning (predictably!) take up some time, and completing actions arising from said meetings! I love working alongside some great saints on PCC, St Michael's Committee, St David's Pastoral Committee, and our Parish Comms Group, and run some of our social media publicity and admin. We've also been working on installing signage ("Main entrance this way") signs around St David's, and a projector and screen to diversify usability for services, bookings, and the like. I wonder if Dave Allin, who shoulders a lot of this work himself, could do with help if anyone can volunteer?

### Opening church

One of the great privileges I'm enjoying is being able to unlock both churches, alongside growing teams, for hospitality ministry like Tea and Toast at St Michael's and Friendship Café at St David's, and tours for prospective bookings like choirs and bands. It's been good to progress grant applications to fund opening our churches for more community use, but there are a plethora of volunteer roles available here, too, at both churches.

### Ecumenism

I've also kept some of my roles out of the parish which I have enjoyed for about ten years. For instance, I am on the Standing Committee of Deanery Synod (the Church of England in Exeter), Deputy Chair of CTAX (Christians Together Across Exeter), a founding member of One for Exeter (a church leaders' network for Exeter which includes Catholics, Pentecostals, and Exeter Chinese Church for example), a member of Exeter Christian Aid Group, Deputy Administrator of Churches Together Devon, and a member of several national networks, like the Navigators' Church Ministers' network. I have been a visiting speaker at nearby churches including the Mint Methodist, Exwick Community Church, and Wonford Methodist, and helped run Exeter Prays, which reached thousands online in January. Meetings with fellow Christians through these bear fruit for example in bagging guest speakers and musicians for our own parish, and in the pastoral peer support of prayer breakfasts, group retreats, and the like. One recent volunteer, Mingjun "Mia" Li, who serves coffee at St David's Thursday communion and Thrive, found us through an ad I put out with my CTAX hat on, to Exeter Uni networks. I'm looking forward to upcoming ecumenical events like TKC - if you're not already on the local Christians Together mailing list, let me know and I'd love to add you.

### Pub ministry!

As well as having meetings in church (especially around weekly breakfast and café times), I often meet (one to one or in small groups) with new Christians, not-yet Christians, or church leaders in the Community Centre on St David's Hill, local sandwich shops, and venues like the Imperial. Friends from the Imperial's staff team attended a recent funeral at St David's when I extended them an invite, as the deceased had sadly died at the Wetherspoon's, and the staff accepted offers of pastoral support.

### Ministerial Training

My 'IME' curacy training course this year has included sessions on preaching, mission and evangelism, transforming conflict, and change management.

### Thrive Onsite

In February we achieved a vision I'd had since before Covid, and brought the 4pm Thrive congregation onsite (it has been variously at both our buildings). The first session had about 70 attendees, and it

continues to attract first timers, about three months in. If you haven't already tried it out, please do: sessions so far are exploring models of the atonement, and some cool missionary saints from church history. I look forward to seeing you soon!

*The Revd Ash Leighton Plom*

### *St David's Sunday Evening Prayer*

I am privileged to be on the rota of those who lead Evening Prayer at St David's each Sunday at 6 p.m. It is a short, plain service from Common Worship. It is attended by a very few loyal regulars and occasional people passing through, but it has become for me a valuable time of quiet and an important part of my routine. I should like to see this, and other weekday services at St David's, recognised as a fundamental part of who we are and what we offer.

*Robert Mitchell*

### *Pastoral Care Team*

This year has seen a shift of emphasis from the systematic telephone support we offered during the various lockdowns towards our more usual approach of in-person contact. The team has begun to meet in person too with our usual two monthly meetings. We haven't got back to our pre-pandemic level of visiting for a variety of reasons, but principally, viral.

The WhatsApp group continues to be very useful for sharing prayer requests.

Following the recent Lent course on Mental Health; the proposal of a Church Mental Health First Aid seminar needs to be discussed.

*Howard Friend*

### *Bellringers*

The National Day of Reflection and the death of the Duke of Edinburgh were marked with chiming on the Ellacombe Chimes [See New Leaves June 2021]. On 26th June our chimes rang out as part of the world-wide celebrations of the Bicentennial of the invention of the Ellacombe Chimes. They were also in use when social distancing rules precluded normal ringing.

Over lockdown, Steph Hills took over from James Kerslake as ringing master. Sunday morning ringing recommenced as soon as it was allowed, with a rota to keep within the guidance. As restrictions were relaxed ringing returned to something like normal on both Sunday and Wednesday.

On practice nights, with Steph's guidance, we now regularly ring touches of Stedman Triples and have started to ring some surprise major methods. We welcomed learners Emily and Taihei; James and Kathryn's daughter, Esme, started to learn to ring, something she has wanted to do since she was old enough to tell us! [Not really 2021 news, Esme rang for her first wedding on 2nd April 2022. Well done!]

The Christmas Dinner made for an enjoyable end to the year.

*Geoff Crockett*

### *St David's Church Cleaning*

A group of volunteers clean the church once a month. Each person is responsible for an area and we try to make sure the church looks welcoming and clean.

*Paula Lawford*

### *St David's Coffees and Teas*

With the relaxation of Covid restrictions, it has been possible to resume serving refreshments after the service at St David's. People have greeted the return of coffee and tea with enthusiasm and have expressed their gratitude to the team of volunteers.

New members to the team are always welcome, and the more volunteers we have the less frequently everyone's turn comes round. If you think this is something you could help with, please contact me.

*Jenny Baker*

### *St Michael's Bountiful Table*

2021 a strange year. The first Bountiful Table was held in April, when the church re-opened, then June, August - December, which included the Advent Draw, which was a great success and thanks to all who supported, sold and bought draw tickets etc which altogether raised £709 for that year. The Bountiful Table is now on a smaller scale due to smaller congregational numbers but we thank all who support us. We are happy to bake on request outside the monthly table and have some regular orders.

*Elizabeth Hughes and Stephanie Aplin*

### *St David's Flower Guild*

Over the past several years there have been fewer flowers arranged in the church due to lack of helpers.

Currently there are two regular helpers with the occasional third to whom I am very grateful. This involves not only the planning, and purchase of flowers but also the maintaining and removal of arrangements afterwards, which does involve commitment from any person interested in assisting us. We would welcome anyone who would like to assist us.

We have decided to only do flowers at Easter and Christmas which certainly do brighten the church and are welcomed by parishioners.

On occasions we have arranged flowers for weddings and funerals of those with a connection to St David's.

Where possible home-grown greenery and flowers are used.

We have stopped the use of oasis, to hold flowers in place, as part of the Eco church/ Green team and will now go back to the more old-fashioned use of chicken wire and twigs!

*Di Jacob*

### *St Michael's Heritage Open Days and Devon Historic Churches Trust*

September Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th

Dedicated members of St Michael's gave their time to open the church and welcome many visitors, local and from further afield over the two days. We provided refreshments on Saturday and Sunday with 50% of Saturdays takings given to support Devon Historic Churches Trust.

Over the weekend there was a programme of events from an organ recital, a guided tour of the Mount Dinham estate and church on Saturday and culminating in a very successful cream tea with entertainment provided by "Boys of the Old Brigade" on Sunday afternoon.

The selection of stalls - books, cards, cds, produce and bric à brac raised money for the upkeep of St Michael's church.

Many residents from the Mount Dinham estate once again joined us for the weekend.

Thank you to everyone who donated and gave their time to help.

*Paula Lewis*

### *Exeter Foodbank at St Michael's*

Deliveries are made to the Foodbank every two weeks from St Michael's church collection point. We dropped off 68.7kgs of supplies to help support the Foodbank which gave three-day emergency food and supplies to 6,860 in crisis last year. Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Foodbank.

*Paula Lewis*

### *Paper recycling at St Michael's*

St Michael's collected and recycled 4100kgs of paper and newspaper which raised £262 for general funds. Thank you to those who brought their paper for recycling and to those who took it to the recycling centre.

*Paula Lewis*

### *Report of the Electoral Roll Officer 2022*

- The number of electors on the roll, as prepared for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting is 150 (compared with 147 last year).
- 114 of these normally worship at St David's, the same number as last year, and 36 at St Michael's (33).
- Three new people joined at St David's and four at St Michael's. Sadly, two people had to be removed from the roll as they had died. Another two were removed as they had moved away.
- The percentage of those who live within the parish is 36 (36.7). The figures for St David's are 40.4% (41.2) resident in the parish, and for St Michael's 22.2% (21.2).
- The information, which is stored on a password protected computer, is as given on the application form, with the addition of the area in which each person lives, and the church at which she or he normally worships. A nominal roll is on display at the back of each church. Copies are available to church officials on request for appropriate use. A privacy statement concerning the use of the information provided is posted at the back of both churches and on both websites.
- I am very grateful to all those, the Ministerial Team, wardens and other PCC members, who have helped me compile this roll, and I particularly thank Paula Lewis at St Michael's whose help makes my job so much easier.

*Sue Wilson, Electoral Roll Officer*

### *St David's Green Team*

St David's Green Team works to improve our stewardship of God's World, both as a church and as individuals, in the light of the climate emergency.

Over the past year we have been meeting on Zoom every couple of months and have been active in a number of areas. We look at the practical measures we can take regarding the church and the churchyard and also at ways that we can raise awareness of the issues involved and the action we can personally take.

In the last year areas covered include:

- The churchyard- We have planted twenty-one fruit trees and a walnut tree around the churchyard, thanks to generous donations by members of the congregation. Wild flowers and bulbs have also been planted in a number of areas, including some of the sunken graves. The nest boxes we put up last year have been used and we hope to add some bug boxes. The Community Payback team continue to help us by weeding round the church and strimming the grass. Thank you to all who have worked so hard. There have been a number of appreciative comments about the churchyard.
- The church- We are continuing to work towards Eco-Church status. This involves looking at all areas of the church's life and work, including the building, churchyard, worship and teaching, and community involvement. We are doing well in most areas, with the church building being the most challenging. Currently we are looking at its carbon footprint and what we can do to improve that. As well as introducing more plants into the church, we are using more eco-friendly, recycled and Fair-Trade products.

- Worship and teaching- We continue to be mindful of the needs of the environment, both in prayers and in sermons. A very successful Lent Course on Caring for Creation led to some stimulating and fruitful discussion. New Leaves continues to contain regular articles on the environment, with some interesting ones lined up for the coming months.
- Exeter Churches Green Network- We are part of this ecumenical group, set up to exchange information, ideas and support. Expect to hear more about what other churches in Exeter are doing in the coming months.
- The Green Event- In September we held our first Green Event, with talks, stalls and activities relating to green matters, followed by an excellent vegetarian lunch organised by the Social Committee. Thank you very much to all those who contributed to making the day such a success. It was very well attended, both by members of the congregation and the local community, and we will be making it an annual event. This year's will be on September 24th. Sue Wilson

#### *St David's and St Michael's Parish Lunch Club*

After a gap of two years, the Parish Lunch Club resumed our visits to the @34 training restaurant at Exeter College on February 17th. This lunch and the subsequent one on March 31st were well attended and numbers are rising as we get used to eating out again.

The restaurant provides a tasty and reasonably priced two or three course meal in pleasant surroundings. It gives an opportunity for members of our two churches to socialise together and for us to support our neighbours at Exeter College.

Our next lunch will be on Thursday May 12th at 1pm and preorder forms will be available in the two churches from Sunday May 1st.

Please contact me on 01392 437571 if you would like to know more.

Sue Wilson

#### *Safeguarding*

During the last year, the Diocese has refined the Safeguarding online services. The training has been reviewed with some changes, but most remains available on line. However, we can arrange face to face training if the need arises.

The DBS checks now need to be renewed on a 3 yearly basis. Again the application process is slightly simpler.

Deborah Leighton Plom administrates the training and DBS requirements for St David's and St Michael's, with reminders for us when updating is necessary. This is a big part of what enables us to stay on track, along with access to the Diocese Safeguarding Dashboard, a signposting tool.

The Dashboard has gone from strength to strength in the last twelve months, enabling us all in the team to see where we are and what is needed to ensure compliance.

The Safeguarding team meets regularly to review our practice and raise any current issues. We have had some interesting challenges over recent times while navigating the pandemic - e.g. understanding and applying safeguarding procedures to new situations, such as offering 'remote' support to vulnerable parish members rather than visiting.

We are making church role description leaflets available, so that anyone interested in volunteering can be clear about what they are taking on.

With the notice boards in both churches holding current updates on Safeguarding, we can all be aware of how to proceed if we are faced with a potential Safeguarding issue, so we can be clear about the

pathway we need to take. This enables us all to offer fellowship and support and anyone we encounter in our church lives.

*Mary Kirkland*

### *Music at St David's*

Despite COVID restrictions, this has proved to be another fruitful year in the musical life of St David's Church. The choir has been working on reduced numbers at the 9.30am Sunday morning Communion services - initially a maximum of six, then growing to eight - and we have tried to vary the mix of singers each time so that nobody has been left out. To ensure reasonable "social distancing" we have stationed ourselves permanently in front of the High Altar. While this has unfortunately separated us significantly from the congregation, we have greatly enjoyed the amazing acoustic in that part of the building.

The choir's repertoire continues to expand and includes pieces from the "classical" repertoire, as well as songs from Taizé, Iona and the world church, together with items specially composed or arranged. From time to time the choir is joined by one or more solo instrumentalists, notably Tina Guthrie, Susan Mitchell, and Ruth James.

In January, members of the choir took part in a pre-recorded service in French for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and also a special "Thrive" session in February focussing on music.

The Virtual Choir, formed originally during the first "lockdown", made its last appearance in April 2021. Altogether the choir made fifteen recordings, all posted on YouTube.

The Sunday Orchestra/Band continues to make what we hope is a joyful noise unto the Lord by leading the music for morning worship on the third Sunday of each month. As well as playing for hymns, Gloria etc, we offer the opportunity for a soloist or small group to play something appropriately meditative during communion, and in our closing music we always try to send people away with a spring in their step. We have been delighted to welcome some new members over the past year and we are always on the look-out for more: whether you are a professional, a beginner or a shy returner, there is a place for you. Please contact Robert or Susan Mitchell.

On Easter Day this year, choir, players and organist combined to make a wonderful celebratory sound at the morning service of Holy Communion.

While choirs and instrumental groups tend to attract the most attention, it should not be forgotten that our organists, Robert Mitchell and Ian Smith, provide the bedrock of music for our worship, week by week. We are glad that Rebecca Poon (Exeter University) has recently joined our organists' rota. We are also indebted to occasional players Stephanie Hills, Lorna Cowdry and Imogen Walsh.

Finally, it is good to see various choirs, including St David's Players, Exeter Choral Society and Exeter Bach Society, using St David's once again as a rehearsal and performance space.

*Nigel Walsh, Director of Music*

### *Peregrines at St Michael's*

The peregrines are currently incubating eggs on the east ledge on the original nest tray (old raven nest location) that was used from 1997 until 2008.

It is a shame they are not in the nest box and under the watch of the world via the webcam but I believe this indicates a change of both male and female since last year.

We know a new female arrived in May after the old female failed to lay any eggs and then disappeared.

I suspect the male from last year has gone too otherwise he would have shown the new female the nest box, and our new pair have just not found the trefoil perch and internal nest box this season.



It is difficult to observe a bird on the tray but we believe the first egg was laid around 20 March with incubation starting around 28 March.

Hatching is likely around 30 April and then adult behaviour will change with regular food coming in.

By mid May, I should be able to see how many young we have and they should fledge before mid June.

Sadly we will not be able to ring the young this year.

*Nick Dixon*

### *Social Committee*

During the past year we have slowly but surely been reintroducing some in-person social activities into the calendar. The first event was a reduced version of the annual Summer Fete, on Saturday 17th July 2021. The full fete had been planned, but as the date fell within a period of tightened Covid-19 restrictions, we decided to have a smaller number of stalls, some simple refreshments and the raffle, so that we could still enjoy the feeling of a parish event, while keeping safe and fully complying with regulations. This proved a great success and was a simple, yet enjoyable occasion.

The Social Committee were subsequently involved in the 'Green' Event, organised by the St David's Green Team on 11th September 2021. This was a marvellous day focusing on environmental issues, and we provided splendid ploughman's lunches for over 50 visitors. These were greatly appreciated and many thanks go to the team of Social Committee members and helpers who worked so hard to prepare, serve and clear up.

Finally this year, we were delighted to host another parish quiz night on March 18th 2022. This was an extremely enjoyable evening in which we were particularly pleased to welcome teams from other churches as well as the university and local community. We were most grateful to the superb quiz masters Alice and Pete Francis, who prepared a varied and entertaining selection of rounds which certainly exercised our little grey cells! Thanks also to the fantastic team who organised the refreshments. The evening raised over £600.

Plans for events during this coming year are now taking shape, starting with the Summer Fete - on Saturday 25th June.

*Tina Guthrie*

### *St David's Soup Kitchen*

This is still working, but not in the way it began 19 years ago. Covid changed a lot of things including the running of our soup evening, and we were forced to close. We were approached by St Petrock's (Exeter's charity for people who are homeless or vulnerably housed) and asked if we could provide 32 bags of food for the homeless people housed in the Great Western Hotel, which we agreed to do. This continued being done by a small team until Covid restrictions started being lifted, when we were approached again and asked if we could provide 16 bags of food for a hostel in Queens Crescent who are supporting our homeless friends. The team has been doing this for a year now. The food-bags consist of a filled bread roll, sausage roll, crisps, fruit, yoghurt cake and two treats of a small packet of sweets and a chocolate bar. We will continue with this while needed and thank everyone for their support and donations when required.

*Mary Quest*

### *St David's Fabric*

The fabric activities at St David's continue mostly on a 'care and maintenance' basis with relatively few new initiatives. We continue to have trees blown down in the churchyard and are well supported by the council, and with support from the probation service the churchyard is better maintained. Inevitably light bulbs seem to endlessly need changing although happily since the rebuilding the main nave and chancel lighting have generally behaved well. We have an issue with the big floodlights installed in 1989 which are hard to reach but not too much else. The main concern is the flat roofs and finding a reliable way to seal them. The vestry roof seems to be better at the third attempt but we have to tackle the

south nave walkway with some urgency. Slight signs of movement at the west end but that was expected by the structural engineer. On new projects we continue to build a case and find grant funding for better video system and after much investigation will install 4G/5G based Wi-Fi internet access. Hopefully in the next year we will clear a few niggling jobs.

*Dave Allin*

### *Music at St Michael's*

The choir has had a challenging year in 2021 once again negotiating the pandemic. From the 14th March to the 18th April 2021 we were once again reduced to cantor singing only and no congregational singing. It was very important to us all that we kept some form of music going, even in the strictest and most difficult of times. We were able to extend this to quartet singing from the 25th April to the 5th September, which was extremely well received, with all singers rising to the big challenges which come with quartet singing. Congregational singing was not yet permitted at this time. Full choir resumed from the 12th September with a great sense of joy and we have since built back from here from strength to strength with monthly evensong being resumed from the 3rd October. Music lists were able to be resumed properly from hereafter with the return of more singers, and with this the ability to plan with more detail once more. These were uploaded to the church website. Vespers returned on the 9th September and congregational singing was finally permitted from the 26th September onwards.

We had an informal organ recital by Dr Lorna Cowdry and Victorian Parlour songs sung by the Boys of the Old Brigade to accompany the Heritage Open day on the 11th-12th September which was also extremely well received. The church has been very busy accommodating other musical groups such as Exeter Chorale and The Devon Recovery Learning Community drumming, ukulele and singing groups who all greatly value the use of the church and the marvellous acoustics. Local organists also enjoy using the church for organ practice.

I would like to thank our church organist Matthew Clark who has worked exceptionally hard, and our visiting organists Peter King, Dr Lorna Cowdry, Fr Nigel Guthrie and Paul Morgan who are a huge and valued on-going help and crucial part of the music making at St Michael's.

It has been a challenging year for the music at St Michael's but I want to thank the choir for rising to every challenge with great determination and in keeping it all going during the hardest of times.

*Natasha Goldsworth, Director of Music*

### *St Michael's Lectures and Lent Group 2021*

The S. Michael's Lectures have long striven to offer a monthly forum for the discussion of current philosophical, theological, cultural and civic concerns in a religious context. There are currently over 75 names on the mailing list. Since 2016, the Lent Group, a distinct and rather smaller group, has undertaken the study of a different patristic text each year. There is no budget for the lectures.

Both enterprises were suspended in mid-March 2020, at the start of the First Lockdown.

In March 2021 three sessions of a Lent Group were arranged to be held over Zoom. The subject was Persecution and the Early Church. About a dozen people attended. A copy of the syllabus is attached. The topics covered were:

March 4th: "The destroyers of our Gods": pagan motives and their consequences

March 11<sup>th</sup>: Fear, apostasy, flight and defiance: the range of Christian reaction

March 18th: "Being made perfect": the spirituality of the martyrs

However, until the late summer of 2021 the Covid situation suggested that it would be merely frustrating to organise lectures which might be cancelled at short notice, so no lectures were arranged till the autumn. Two lectures were given towards the end of 2021, videlicet:

Wednesday 27th October 2021: Hugh Allen: New Llanthony Abbey: Father Ignatius's Monastery at Capel-y-ffin (Fr. Ignatius [1837-1908] revived monastic life for Anglican men in the late 19th century)

Wednesday 8th December 2021: Prof Oliver Nicholson: The Reason for the Season or Why 25 December is Christmas

Much gratitude is expressed to Robert Mills for his practical help on the evenings of lectures.

Further lectures and a Lent Group studying Bede's *Historia Ecclesiastica Gentis Anglorum* were planned for the opening months of 2022.

Oliver Nicholson

*Syllabus of the St Michael's Lent Group:*

## **Persecution and the Early Church:** a series of three Zoom Sessions

Thursdays March 4th, 11th, 18th: 7 pm to 8 pm

March 4th: **"The destroyers of our Gods": pagan motives and their consequences**

The Romans were not in general intolerant of strange religions, so why did they persecute the Christians? What did the Christians do to deserve it? Or was it what they did not do?

Reading: Pliny the Younger *Letters* X, 96-7. Emperor Maximinus Daza: Rescript to the City of Tyre of 312 AD (in Eusebius *HE* IX, 7, 2-15 = 283-85)

March 11th: **Fear, apostasy, flight and defiance: the range of Christian reaction**

Our idea of the persecutions is dominated by the passions of individual martyrs, but many of these are fiction. Even the authentic passions record only the last stages of the martyr's trial and execution; it is as if all we had of *Hamlet* was the pile of bodies at the end of the final Act. A more rounded picture of Christian experience under persecution, especially of the fear that it engendered, can be gleaned from reading a wider range of sources.

Reading: Letters of Dionysius Patriarch of Alexandria (Eusebius *HE* VI, 40-42 = 205-10)

Peter, Patriarch of Alexandria *Canons* of Easter 306

March 18th: **"Being made perfect": the spirituality of the martyrs**

The *inspirata patientia* of the martyrs, their 'inspired endurance', aroused admiration. Where did the inspiration come from?

Reading: Extracts from Origen *Exhortation to Martyrdom*

Passion of Polycarp (Musurillo 3-21 odd)

Passion of Phileas (Musurillo 330-345 or 353 odd)

Copies of the (short) **readings** may be had by e-mailing [virtualsaintmichaels@gmail.org](mailto:virtualsaintmichaels@gmail.org) The Zoom details are:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82630831936?pwd=WTJ2MHV0d25TU0hXWjZoaWlFdTMrdz09>

Meeting ID: 826 3083 1936 Passcode: 841383

Facebook Event Page: [facebook.com/events/242449360762117](https://facebook.com/events/242449360762117)

Oliver Nicholson

**St David with St Michael and All Angels PCC**

**Unaudited Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 31 December 2021**

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# **St David with St Michael and All Angels PCC**

## **PCC Annual Report**

**For the Year ended 31 December 2021**

The Board (comprising the members) to the Parish Church Council (PCC), present their report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

### **Reference and administrative details**

**Principle Office:** 95 Howell Road, Exeter. EX4 4LH

<b>PCC members (Trustees)</b>	Glynis Harflett (Churchwarden)	Stephanie Aplin (Deputy Warden: St Michael's)
	Helena Walker (Secretary)	Maggie Draper (from 28/04/21)
	Dave Allin	Clive Wilson
	Paula Lewis	Sarah Black
	(St Michael's Treasurer)	Sue Wilson
	Richard Johnson	Richard Parker

### **Clergy**

The Rev'd Prebendary Nigel Guthrie  
The Rev'd Ashley Leighton Plom (Assistant Curate)  
The Rev'd Belinda Speed-Andrews (Associate Priest)

### **Ex officio and co-opted members (Trustees)**

Jonathan Johns (PCC Treasurer)  
Barbara Allin (St David's Treasurer)  
Charlotte Townsend (Reader)  
Howard Friend (Reader)  
Richard Barnes (Deanery Synod)

### **Independent examiner**

John Coombs MA (Cantab) FCA  
Simpkins Edwards LLP  
Chartered Accountants  
Michael House  
Exeter  
Devon  
EX4 3LQ

PCC meetings are also attended by Mary Kirkland as safeguarding officer.

### **Structure, governance and management**

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The Standing Committee consists of the Incumbent, Church Wardens and Deputy Church Wardens, PCC Treasurer and Secretary. This is the only committee required by law and has the power to transact business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any direction of the Council.

### **Objectives and activities**

St David with St Michael & All Angels churches are part of the Diocese of Exeter within the Church of England.

# **St David with St Michael and All Angels PCC**

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### **For the Year ended 31 December 2021**

The PCC supports the incumbent in promoting the ministry and mission of the church. The powers conferred on the Council include the power to acquire, manage and administer property for church purposes and the power to compile an annual budget of funds required for church work. The Council is also given power, jointly with the incumbent, to appoint and dismiss church staff members and to determine their salaries and conditions of service.

The Church of England's objectives are:

- To enhance the Church's mission;
- To sustain and advance the Church's work in education, lifelong learning and discipleship;
- To enable the Church to select, train and resource the right people, both ordained and lay, to carry out public ministry and to encourage lay people in their vocation to the world; and
- To encourage the maintenance and development of the inherited fabric of Church buildings for worship and service to the community.

The PCC ensures that the church life within the parish helps to fulfil those objectives, both locally and more widely through the support of mission partners.

The PCC is aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in "The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit" and has regard to it in its administration of the Parish. The PCC believes that, by fulfilling its responsibility to work together with the Incumbent and co-operate in all matters of concern and importance for the promotion of the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic and social, it provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing resources and facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers.
- Providing ministerial placements and curates' training in the Exeter Diocese, supervised by the Vicar and complemented by parishioners giving support and feedback.
- Providing home communion to those unable to attend the church.
- Promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church to the community to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.
- Providing a weekly soup kitchen at St David's for the benefit of the homeless and needy.
- Hosting occasional concerts and recitals at both churches and a lecture programme at St Michaels and occasional talks at St David's (subject to Covid restrictions)
- Taking regular assemblies at St David's School and at St Wilfred's School within the parish.
- Holding a parish fete
- Acting as a venue for meetings for local NGO's and voluntary/charitable groups.
- Holding fund raising events/ making collections at both churches for local, UK and overseas charities, including food collections for the Exeter Foodbank and the Esther community.

In the light of the Covid outbreak, during periods of lock down or high local incidence, both churches have provided a reduced offering combined with on line Church services and video services for local schools. When taken together, overall congregation levels have been maintained with high levels of on line attendance when services have not been possible reaching existing and new participants. The PCC has maintained a friends phone service to support isolated parishioners. Events activity and lettings activity was partially resumed during the year, and full parish share payments were restored. Tuesday Evening packed suppers were provided by the Church to vulnerable people housed at The Crescent in conjunction with St Petrock's.

#### **Financial review**

St David's with St Michael & All Angels total net inflow of resources from general Church operations, gift aid, investment income (dividends and interest) and unrealised gains in the year was £50,978 compared to £28,383 in 2020. Since the year end (as at 26 April 2022) the unrealised investment

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## **PCC Annual Report**

### **For the Year ended 31 December 2021**

gains have largely reversed due to market trends, the net inflow of resources before investment gains in the year was £25,709 (2020: £19,833).

Both churches benefited from substantial unrealised gains on investments, increased letting income and legacies so that income was improved from £125,491 in 2020 to £137,076. Expenditure was reduced due to careful controls and also due to delays in repairs expenditure.

At the year end the PCC has total unrestricted funds of £449,559 (2020: £397,749). Some of these funds are designated for specific purposes (which purpose may be varied by the PCC from time to time). The remaining, restricted, funds of £20,089 (2020: £20,921) relate to the St David's Transformation project and the St David's Soup kitchen and general fund for the homeless.

#### **Reserves Policy**

The members of the PCC are satisfied that the level of reserves, as shown in the Statement of Financial Position, are adequate to cover known and anticipated costs, including necessary repairs including the immediate backlog.

The PCC members regularly consider the levels of current and expected income and expenditure and assess the level of cash reserves required to meet any shortfalls in cash receipts over payments. Cash in the bank at any one time is normally sufficient to cover delays where income arrives later than expenditure.

#### **Risk management**

The members of the PCC have given consideration to the risks to which the PCC may be exposed, and they consider that the systems that have been established are suitable for the minimisation of such risks, for safeguarding of the assets of the PCC, and for the prevention and detection of fraud.

#### **Climate change and sustainability**

A "Green Team" has been established accountable to the PCC, to encourage Church members to consider their response to climate change and environmental degradation and to work towards accreditation for St David's Church under the Eco-Church scheme with the intention to broaden membership to St Michael's building on lessons learned. This initiative has led to improved recycling at both churches. St Michaels has benefitted from a long standing newspaper recycling scheme open to church members and the community which also raises funds for the church.

A regular Fair Trade stall is held at St David's (by way of an order service during Covid restrictions).

#### **Investments**

The PCC has a number of investments designated by the Church, which are managed centrally by the Exeter Diocesan Board of Finance and the CCLA investment Management Ltd, which the PCC consider is secure and appropriate to the safeguarding of these investments.

The management and control of The St David's Institute and Pastoral Fund investments are managed and controlled by separate groups of trustees (appointed by the PCC).

All other investments are under the direct control and management of the PCC.

#### **Responsibilities of the PCC**

The PCC is responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).



# St David with St Michael and All Angels PCC

## PCC Annual Report

For the Year ended 31 December 2021

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the PCC to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the PCC and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the PCC for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the PCC is required to:

- ☐ select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- ☐ observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- ☐ make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- ☐ state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- ☐ prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the PCC will continue in business.

The PCC is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the PCC's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the PCC and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the PCC and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board of the PCC on 26/4/2022 and signed on its behalf by:



The Reverend Prebendary N Guthrie

# **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St David with St Michael and All Angels PCC**

**Year ended 31 December 2021**

I report on the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Statement of Financial Position and the related notes.

## **Respective responsibilities of the PCC and Examiner**

The PCC is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The PCC 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;
- ☐ to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- ☐ to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

## **Basis of Independent Examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

## **[Independent Examiner's statement**

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- ☐ to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, and
- ☐ to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met, or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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*29 April 2022*

# St David with St Michael and All Angels PCC

## Statement of Financial Activities

31 December 2021

		Unrestricted funds £	2021 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
	Note				
<b>Income and endowments</b>					
Voluntary Income	3a)	103,862	236	<b>104,098</b>	106,426
Activities for generating funds	3b)	2,996	-	<b>2,996</b>	608
Church activities and other income	3c)	23,761	-	<b>23,761</b>	12,124
		130,619	236	<b>130,855</b>	119,158
Income from Investments	4	<u>6,220</u>	<u>1</u>	<u><b>6,221</b></u>	<u>6,333</u>
<b>Total income</b>		<u>136,839</u>	<u>237</u>	<u><b>137,076</b></u>	<u>125,491</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Church Activities	5	110,503	1,069	<b>111,572</b>	116,491
Raising funds		<u>235</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>235</b></u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>110,738</u>	<u>1,069</u>	<u><b>111,807</b></u>	<u>116,491</u>
<b>Net income /(expenditure) before investment gains</b>					
		26,101	(832)	<b>25,269</b>	8,550
<b>Net gains and (losses) on investments</b>					
	6	<u>25,709</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>25,709</b></u>	<u>19,833</u>
<b>Net Income/ (expenditure)</b>		51,810	(832)	<b>50,978</b>	28,383
<b>Transfers between funds</b>					
		-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>					
		<u>51,810</u>	<u>(832)</u>	<u><b>50,978</b></u>	<u>28,383</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		397,749	20,921	<b>418,670</b>	390,287
Net movement in funds (as above)		<u>51,810</u>	<u>(832)</u>	<u><b>50,978</b></u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>					
	13	<u>449,559</u>	<u>20,089</u>	<u><b>469,648</b></u>	<u>418,670</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements.

# St David with St Michael and All Angels PCC

## Balance Sheet

31 December 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible	9a)	16,371	16,371
Investments	9b)c)	<u>302,629</u>	<u>267,149</u>
		<b>319,000</b>	283,520
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors and prepayments	10	7,255	3,933
Cash at bank	11	<u>162,425</u>	<u>154,291</u>
		<b>169,680</b>	158,224
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	12	<u>19,032</u>	<u>23,074</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>150,648</u>	<u>135,150</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>469,648</u>	<u>418,670</u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Restricted funds		20,089	20,921
Unrestricted funds		<u>449,559</u>	<u>397,749</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	13	<u>469,648</u>	<u>418,670</u>

These financial statements were approved by the PCC on 26/04/22 and are signed on their behalf by:

*Nigel Guthrie*

The Reverend Prebendary N Guthrie

The notes on pages 8 to form part of these financial statements.

# **St David with St Michael and All Angels PCC**

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

**For the Year ended 31 December 2021**

### **1. Statement of compliance**

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

### **2. Accounting policies**

#### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

#### **Going concern**

Although there are no material uncertainties about the PCC's ability to continue, the PCC has reduced costs in the light of the Covid 19 outbreak and continues to keep expenditures under review so that long term cash reserves, which are principally intended for future fabric repairs are not affected.

#### **Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

#### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the PCC to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the PCC for a particular future project or commitment or for the preferred (but not exclusive) use of a particular church. The PCC may at its discretion resolve to amend these allocations if appropriate.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor through specified objects or through the terms of an appeal -if that appeal makes no provision for alternative use. Should there be a surplus after the objective of the fund is achieved then if appropriate such funds may be re-designated by the PCC.

Whilst individual funds may be held for the primary purpose of a Church they remain PCC funds.

#### **Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when entitlement has passed to the PCC; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the PCC and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable, and its amount can be measured reliably.

# **St David with St Michael and All Angels PCC**

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### **For the Year ended 31 December 2021**

- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable, and entitlement is established.

#### **2. Accounting policies (continued)**

- Income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.

#### **Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- ☐ expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- ☐ expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by the PCC in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the PCC apportioned to charitable activities.
- ☐ other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the PCC nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.
- ☐ listed places of worship grants based on VAT costs incurred are recognised as grant income and are not netted off against the relevant expenditure.

#### **Tangible assets**

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at re-valued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Due to the recent refurbishment of the Organ at St Michaels, which is the only tangible asset, a depreciation charge has not been made.

In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of 'charity' by Section 10 (2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011, such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements. Costs associated with the maintenance or improvement of such property will be written off in the year that it is incurred.

#### **Financial instruments**

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the PCC becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs. Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not. Discounted Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

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### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair market value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

### 3. Income and Endowments

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
<b>a) Voluntary income</b>				
Planned Giving:				
Gift Aided donations	60,443	-	60,443	62,464
Tax recovered	16,589	-	16,589	17,643
Other planned giving	8,985	-	8,985	8,541
Collections	4,736	-	4,736	5,121
	90,753	-	90,753	93,769
Non-recurring donations	4,011	-	4,011	4,242
Grants- general	664	-	664	1,505
Donations – St David's chairs	976	-	976	2,390
Other donations	-	-	-	29
Donations soup kitchen St David's	-	236	236	1,216
Donations Music	200	-	200	770
Donations for specific causes St David's	880	-	880	505
Legacies	6,378	-	6,378	2,000
	<u>103,862</u>	<u>236</u>	<u>104,098</u>	<u>106,426</u>
2020 total figures	<u>105,210</u>	<u>1,216</u>	<u>106,426</u>	
<b>b) Activities for generating funds</b>				
Events and other fundraising	920	-	920	-
St Michael's Lectures	30	-	30	184
Summer fete and draw	1,766	-	1,766	-
Newspaper collections	280	-	280	424
	<u>2,996</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,996</u>	<u>608</u>
2020 total figures	<u>608</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>608</u>	
<b>c) Church activities and other income</b>				
Hall lettings	13,890	-	13,890	2,441
Book sales /magazine	553	-	553	756
Coffee and edibles	954	-	954	1,866
Fees including ceremony income	8,225	-	8,225	6,991
Other income	139	-	139	70
	<u>23,761</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,761</u>	<u>12,124</u>
2020 Total figures	<u>12,124</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,124</u>	

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	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
<b>4. Investment income</b>				
Dividends on investments	1,879	-	<b>1,879</b>	1,641
Bank interest and interest on investments	4,341	1	<b>4,342</b>	4,692
	<u>6,220</u>	<u>1</u>	<u><b>6,221</b></u>	<u>6,333</u>
2019 Total figures	<u>6,325</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6,333</u>	

### 5. Costs of Church activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
Common Fund contribution	62,813	-	<b>62,813</b>	59,872
Statutory Fees to Diocese	2,712	-	<b>2,712</b>	2,492
Clergy expenses	2,052	-	<b>2,052</b>	1,360
Church general and administration	2,600	-	<b>2,600</b>	4,134
Governance costs	2,108	-	<b>2,108</b>	1,860
Altar supplies, service sheets, gowns	1,353	-	<b>1,353</b>	2,077
Music	2,890	-	<b>2,890</b>	1,917
Organ maintenance	2,228	-	<b>2,228</b>	-
Church utilities	11,251	-	<b>11,251</b>	11,449
Insurance	10,090	-	<b>10,090</b>	10,527
Repairs	7,385	-	<b>7,385</b>	18,262
Specific causes expenditure	880	-	<b>880</b>	505
St David's Soup kitchen outreach	-	1,069	<b>1,069</b>	295
Missions and other outreach	2,141	-	<b>2,141</b>	2,191
	<u>110,503</u>	<u>1,069</u>	<u><b>111,572</b></u>	<u>116,941</u>
2020 Total figures	<u>116,646</u>	<u>295</u>	<u>116,941</u>	

### 6. Net gains and (losses) on investments

Realised gains	-	-	-	-
Unrealised gains	25,709	-	<b>25,709</b>	19,833
	<u>25,709</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>25,709</b></u>	<u>19,833</u>
2020 Total figures	<u>19,833</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,833</u>	



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### 7. Governance: Independent examination fees

	2021 £	2020 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>2,108</u>	<u>1,860</u>

### 8. Staff costs, Trustee remuneration and expenses and Related party Transactions

The PCC had no employees in either period. Trustees are not remunerated.

As of 2021 no current member of the PCC or DCC or office holder or person connected to them had benefitted from any related party transaction in the current or previous year.

Donations by PCC members are not disclosed.

### 9. Fixed Assets

#### a) Tangible Assets

	2021 £	2020 £
St Michael's Organ	<u>16,371</u>	<u>16,371</u>

#### b) Investments

	St David's 2021 £	St Michael's 2021 £
Market value as at 1 January 2021	106,710	160,439
Disposals	(20,080)	(23,442)
Purchases at cost	29,852	23,441
Net gains/(loss)	<u>13,982</u>	<u>11,727</u>
Market value as at 31 December 2021	<u>130,464</u>	<u>172,165</u>
 <b>Total Investments at market value</b>	 2021 £	 2020 £
	<u>302,629</u>	<u>267,149</u>

During the year a number of investments were sold and reinvested in more ethical funds, with surplus cash balances accumulated from past dividends reinvested. In the case of the pastoral fund grants to the value of £1,417 made to those in need in the parish (expensed under mission and other outreach project) financed by the sale of £1,000 of investments and cash from dividends.

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### c) Investments by fund

	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
<b>St David's designated funds</b>		
Organ fund	22,730	19,373
Fabric fund (curate's house)	28,740	24,496
Pastoral fund	9,459	9,277
St David's Institute	69,535	53,564
	<hr/> 130,464	<hr/> 106,710
<b>St Michael's general reserve and designated funds</b>		
Valpy French: general reserve	157,626	145,292
Shared interest society: general reserve	2,000	2,000
Fabric fund (Haldon Road): designated reserve	12,539	13,147
	<hr/> 172,165	<hr/> 160,439
Total investments at fair value	<hr/> 302,629	<hr/> 267,149

The shared interest society account arises from a donation from a past parishioner and is held with the Shared Interest Society in the form of withdrawable share capital. Funds are used by that Society to provide loans to disadvantaged fair trade producers who are unable otherwise to obtain finance. No interest is paid on such deposits and although, these are repayable, they are at risk to adverse movements or defaults in the underlying loans.

Other investments are held in various funds giving exposure to equity and bond markets. Funds are selected for their performance and ethical approach and are managed by M and G, COIF and CBF. All investments are subject to market fluctuations.

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### 10. Debtors and prepayments

	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
St David's		
Gift aid	1,128	1,094
Other debtors	<u>1,505</u>	<u>1,505</u>
	<u>2,633</u>	<u>2,599</u>
St Michael's		
Gift aid	3,790	1,334
Other debtors	<u>832</u>	-
	<u>4,622</u>	<u>1,334</u>
<b>Total debtors and prepayments</b>	<u><b>7,255</b></u>	<u><b>3,933</b></u>

### 11. Cash at bank

	note	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
<b>St David's</b>			
Main account	i)	114,062	98,448
Pastoral fund deposit account	ii)	407	571
St David's Institute deposit account	ii)	1,238	10,380
Transformation fund	iii)	19,511	19,510
	iv)	<u>135,218</u>	<u>128,909</u>
<b>St Michael's</b>			
Main account		27,172	25,251
Deposit account		<u>35</u>	<u>131</u>
		<u>27,207</u>	<u>25,382</u>
<b>Total Cash at bank and in investment fund deposit accounts</b>	v)	<u><b>162,425</b></u>	<u><b>154,291</b></u>

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### 11. Cash at bank (continued)

#### Notes

- i) The St David's main account includes funds from the following reserves which are restricted and therefore reduce free cash:

	2021 £	2020 £
Roof fund (designated)	25,000	25,000
Soup kitchen (restricted)	2,127	2,960
Free cash	<u>86,935</u>	<u>70,488</u>
	<u>114,062</u>	<u>98,448</u>

- ii) The pastoral fund and St David's Institute deposit accounts are held in Deposit accounts lodged with the respective fund managers

- iii) The St David's Transformation fund account is a restricted fund. The associated bank account retains these funds and also holds £1,549 of free cash (2020 £1,549).

- iv) All of the cash at St Michael's is free of restriction or designation.

### 12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>St David's</b>		
Common Fund	8,719	5,000
Other creditors	1,855	1,975
Accruals	<u>2,639</u>	<u>12,449</u>
	<u>13,213</u>	<u>19,424</u>
<b>St Michael's</b>		
Common fund	2,873	-
Other creditors	2,031	1,215
Accruals	<u>915</u>	<u>2,435</u>
	<u>5,819</u>	<u>3,650</u>
<b>Total creditors falling due within one year</b>	<u>19,032</u>	<u>23,074</u>

Amounts due to the common fund include amounts due to the level of contribution authorised by the PCC as appropriate in the circumstances of Covid-19. These amounts are less than the parish share payments that would have been in more normal circumstances.

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### 12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (continued)

Accruals for St Michael's include £535 (2020: £605) monies advanced for organ and music scholarships to be paid in the following year due to covid only modest costs were incurred in 2021.

### 13. Reserves

#### a) General and designated funds

PCC funds	At 1 January 2021 £	Income £	Expenses £	Transfers £	Gain/ (loss) £	At 31 December 2021 £
St David's: General reserve	55,212	97,153	(75,877)	1,417	-	77,905
Organ Fund	19,373	-	-	-	3,356	22,729
Fabric Fund	24,496	-	-	-	4,244	28,740
Pastoral Fund	9,848	252	-	(1,417)	1,182	9,865
St David's Institute	63,944	1,630	-	-	5,200	70,774
Roof fund	25,000	-	-	-	-	25,000
	<u>197,873</u>	<u>99,035</u>	<u>(75,877)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,982</u>	<u>235,013</u>
St Michael's: General reserve	41,437	33,467	(34,861)	4,337	-	44,380
Valpy-French	145,292	4,042	-	(4,042)	12,334	157,626
Haldon Road	13,147	295	-	(295)	(607)	12,540
	<u>199,876</u>	<u>37,804</u>	<u>(34,861)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,727</u>	<u>214,546</u>
	<u>397,749</u>	<u>136,839</u>	<u>(110,738)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,709</u>	<u>449,559</u>

#### b) Restricted Funds

PCC funds						
St David's:						
Transformation	17,961	1	-	-	-	17,962
Soup kitchen	2,960	236	(1,069)	-	-	2,127
	<u>20,921</u>	<u>237</u>	<u>(1,069)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,089</u>
Total	418,670	137,076	(111,807)	-	25,709	469,648

Other than the transfer of income from the Valpy French and Haldon Road investment Funds to St Michael's General reserve and the transfer of £1,417 from St David's pastoral fund to St David's general reserves to allow the payment of grants, there were no other transfers in the year.

#### c) Purpose of funds

Of the PCC funds held in the general and designated Funds, some amounts either in respect of capital and income or income alone are primarily used or an individual church. Designations of funds may be varied by the PCC from time to time.

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### **13. Reserves (continued)**

#### *PCC funds St David's:*

The Organ Fund is held in separate investments. The funds are held to meet the costs of organ repair costs.

The Pastoral Fund is held in a separate investment and a cash deposit. The funds are held to meet the needs of those in the parish suffering hardship. Applications for grants amounting to £1,417 were received and paid in the current year and approved by the Trustees, who are PCC appointees.

The Fabric Fund is held in separate investments. The funds are held to provide a reserve to cover ongoing costs of maintaining the church building.

The St David's Institute Fund is held in specific investments and a cash deposit. The funds relate to St David's; although both income, and more exceptionally capital, are available to PCC member Churches on application to the trustees who will consider the need, suitability, alternative funds available to that church and other courses of action that the applicant church ought to consider before sanctioning any disbursement. No applications were received in the period concerned. Notwithstanding their separate management the funds have the characteristics of a Designated General Reserve as they are able to be applied to any purpose should the Trustees, who are PCC appointees, consider appropriate. However, it is in the Trustees discretion to consider an individual application unsuitable for the Fund, notwithstanding any recommendation from the PCC.

The Designated Roof Fund arises from a donation by a parishioner in 2015 and is held in the main bank account pending commencement of refurbishment works on the flat roof which are now likely to occur in 2021, after delays due to Covid.

The Transformation Project restricted Fund is held in cash at bank. The funds are held to meet the costs of the ongoing programme of building works undertaken to the structure of St David's. On cessation of the Transformation project, it is intended that any residual funds will be held for the purposes of the church fabric and infrastructure.

The Soup Kitchen fund is held in the main bank account and its use is restricted to the purpose of providing food through soup evenings at the Church for the homeless and needy.

#### *PCC funds St Michael's:*

The Fabric (Haldon Road) Fund is held in separate investments. The fund is designated for the fabric of St Michael's. Income is distributed directly to the main bank account and reflected in general reserves.

The Valpy-French Fund is held in separate investments. Whilst a general reserve bequested to the PCC the primary use of income from the fund is for the general expenses of St Michael's as a daughter church of the parish, reflecting the wishes of the grantor. Income is distributed directly to the main bank account and reflected in general reserves.

### **14. Related Party transactions**

There were no related party transactions with Parochial Church Council members during the year, except for £108 paid to the wife of an ex-officio member of the Parochial Church Council, for administrative services.

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# **St David with St Michael and All Angels PCC**

## **PCC Annual Report**

**For the Year ended 31 December 2021**

The Board (comprising the members) to the Parish Church Council (PCC), present their report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

### **Reference and administrative details**

**Principle Office:** 95 Howell Road, Exeter. EX4 4LH

<b>PCC members (Trustees)</b>	Glynis Harflett (Churchwarden)	Stephanie Aplin (Deputy Warden: St Michael's)
	Helena Walker (Secretary)	Maggie Draper (from 28/04/21)
	Dave Allin	Clive Wilson
	Paula Lewis	Sarah Black
	(St Michael's Treasurer)	Sue Wilson
	Richard Johnson	Richard Parker

### **Clergy**

The Rev'd Prebendary Nigel Guthrie  
The Rev'd Ashley Leighton Plom (Assistant Curate)  
The Rev'd Belinda Speed-Andrews (Associate Priest)

### **Ex officio and co-opted members (Trustees)**

Jonathan Johns (PCC Treasurer)  
Barbara Allin (St David's Treasurer)  
Charlotte Townsend (Reader)  
Howard Friend (Reader)  
Richard Barnes (Deanery Synod)

### **Independent examiner**

John Coombs MA (Cantab) FCA  
Simpkins Edwards LLP  
Chartered Accountants  
Michael House  
Exeter  
Devon  
EX4 3LQ

PCC meetings are also attended by Mary Kirkland as safeguarding officer.

### **Structure, governance and management**

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The Standing Committee consists of the Incumbent, Church Wardens and Deputy Church Wardens, PCC Treasurer and Secretary. This is the only committee required by law and has the power to transact business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any direction of the Council.

### **Objectives and activities**

St David with St Michael & All Angels churches are part of the Diocese of Exeter within the Church of England.

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The PCC supports the incumbent in promoting the ministry and mission of the church. The powers conferred on the Council include the power to acquire, manage and administer property for church purposes and the power to compile an annual budget of funds required for church work. The Council is also given power, jointly with the incumbent, to appoint and dismiss church staff members and to determine their salaries and conditions of service.

The Church of England's objectives are:

- To enhance the Church's mission;
- To sustain and advance the Church's work in education, lifelong learning and discipleship;
- To enable the Church to select, train and resource the right people, both ordained and lay, to carry out public ministry and to encourage lay people in their vocation to the world; and
- To encourage the maintenance and development of the inherited fabric of Church buildings for worship and service to the community.

The PCC ensures that the church life within the parish helps to fulfil those objectives, both locally and more widely through the support of mission partners.

The PCC is aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in "The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit" and has regard to it in its administration of the Parish. The PCC believes that, by fulfilling its responsibility to work together with the Incumbent and co-operate in all matters of concern and importance for the promotion of the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic and social, it provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing resources and facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers.
- Providing ministerial placements and curates' training in the Exeter Diocese, supervised by the Vicar and complemented by parishioners giving support and feedback.
- Providing home communion to those unable to attend the church.
- Promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church to the community to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.
- Providing a weekly soup kitchen at St David's for the benefit of the homeless and needy.
- Hosting occasional concerts and recitals at both churches and a lecture programme at St Michaels and occasional talks at St David's (subject to Covid restrictions)
- Taking regular assemblies at St David's School and at St Wilfred's School within the parish.
- Holding a parish fete
- Acting as a venue for meetings for local NGO's and voluntary/charitable groups.
- Holding fund raising events/ making collections at both churches for local, UK and overseas charities, including food collections for the Exeter Foodbank and the Esther community.

In the light of the Covid outbreak, during periods of lock down or high local incidence, both churches have provided a reduced offering combined with on line Church services and video services for local schools. When taken together, overall congregation levels have been maintained with high levels of on line attendance when services have not been possible reaching existing and new participants. The PCC has maintained a friends phone service to support isolated parishioners. Events activity and lettings activity was partially resumed during the year, and full parish share payments were restored. Tuesday Evening packed suppers were provided by the Church to vulnerable people housed at The Crescent in conjunction with St Petrock's.

#### **Financial review**

St David's with St Michael & All Angels total net inflow of resources from general Church operations, gift aid, investment income (dividends and interest) and unrealised gains in the year was £50,978 compared to £28,383 in 2020. Since the year end (as at 26 April 2022) the unrealised investment

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gains have largely reversed due to market trends, the net inflow of resources before investment gains in the year was £25,709 (2020: £19,833).

Both churches benefited from substantial unrealised gains on investments, increased letting income and legacies so that income was improved from £125,491 in 2020 to £137,076. Expenditure was reduced due to careful controls and also due to delays in repairs expenditure.

At the year end the PCC has total unrestricted funds of £449,559 (2020: £397,749). Some of these funds are designated for specific purposes (which purpose may be varied by the PCC from time to time). The remaining, restricted, funds of £20,089 (2020: £20,921) relate to the St David's Transformation project and the St David's Soup kitchen and general fund for the homeless.

#### **Reserves Policy**

The members of the PCC are satisfied that the level of reserves, as shown in the Statement of Financial Position, are adequate to cover known and anticipated costs, including necessary repairs including the immediate backlog.

The PCC members regularly consider the levels of current and expected income and expenditure and assess the level of cash reserves required to meet any shortfalls in cash receipts over payments. Cash in the bank at any one time is normally sufficient to cover delays where income arrives later than expenditure.

#### **Risk management**

The members of the PCC have given consideration to the risks to which the PCC may be exposed, and they consider that the systems that have been established are suitable for the minimisation of such risks, for safeguarding of the assets of the PCC, and for the prevention and detection of fraud.

#### **Climate change and sustainability**

A "Green Team" has been established accountable to the PCC, to encourage Church members to consider their response to climate change and environmental degradation and to work towards accreditation for St David's Church under the Eco-Church scheme with the intention to broaden membership to St Michael's building on lessons learned. This initiative has led to improved recycling at both churches. St Michael's has benefitted from a long standing newspaper recycling scheme open to church members and the community which also raises funds for the church.

A regular Fair Trade stall is held at St David's (by way of an order service during Covid restrictions).

#### **Investments**

The PCC has a number of investments designated by the Church, which are managed centrally by the Exeter Diocesan Board of Finance and the CCLA investment Management Ltd, which the PCC consider is secure and appropriate to the safeguarding of these investments.

The management and control of The St David's Institute and Pastoral Fund investments are managed and controlled by separate groups of trustees (appointed by the PCC).

All other investments are under the direct control and management of the PCC.

#### **Responsibilities of the PCC**

The PCC is responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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## PCC Annual Report

For the Year ended 31 December 2021

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the PCC to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the PCC and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the PCC for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the PCC is required to:

- ☐ select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- ☐ observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- ☐ make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- ☐ state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- ☐ prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the PCC will continue in business.

The PCC is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the PCC's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the PCC and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the PCC and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board of the PCC on 26/4/2022 and signed on its behalf by:



The Reverend Prebendary N Guthrie

# **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St David with St Michael and All Angels PCC**

**Year ended 31 December 2021**

I report on the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Statement of Financial Position and the related notes.

## **Respective responsibilities of the PCC and Examiner**

The PCC is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The PCC 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;
- ☐ to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- ☐ to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

## **Basis of Independent Examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

## **[Independent Examiner's statement**

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- ☐ to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, and
- ☐ to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met, or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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*29 April 2022*

# St David with St Michael and All Angels PCC

## Statement of Financial Activities

31 December 2021

		Unrestricted funds £	2021 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
	Note				
<b>Income and endowments</b>					
Voluntary Income	3a)	103,862	236	<b>104,098</b>	106,426
Activities for generating funds	3b)	2,996	-	<b>2,996</b>	608
Church activities and other income	3c)	23,761	-	<b>23,761</b>	12,124
		130,619	236	<b>130,855</b>	119,158
Income from Investments	4	<u>6,220</u>	<u>1</u>	<u><b>6,221</b></u>	<u>6,333</u>
<b>Total income</b>		<u>136,839</u>	<u>237</u>	<u><b>137,076</b></u>	<u>125,491</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Church Activities	5	110,503	1,069	<b>111,572</b>	116,491
Raising funds		<u>235</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>235</b></u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>110,738</u>	<u>1,069</u>	<u><b>111,807</b></u>	<u>116,491</u>
<b>Net income /(expenditure) before investment gains</b>					
		26,101	(832)	<b>25,269</b>	8,550
<b>Net gains and (losses) on investments</b>					
	6	<u>25,709</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>25,709</b></u>	<u>19,833</u>
<b>Net Income/ (expenditure)</b>		51,810	(832)	<b>50,978</b>	28,383
<b>Transfers between funds</b>					
		-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>					
		<u>51,810</u>	<u>(832)</u>	<u><b>50,978</b></u>	<u>28,383</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		397,749	20,921	<b>418,670</b>	390,287
Net movement in funds (as above)		<u>51,810</u>	<u>(832)</u>	<u><b>50,978</b></u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>					
	13	<u>449,559</u>	<u>20,089</u>	<u><b>469,648</b></u>	<u>418,670</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements.

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## Balance Sheet

31 December 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible	9a)	16,371	16,371
Investments	9b)c)	<u>302,629</u>	<u>267,149</u>
		<b>319,000</b>	283,520
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors and prepayments	10	7,255	3,933
Cash at bank	11	<u>162,425</u>	<u>154,291</u>
		<b>169,680</b>	158,224
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	12	<u>19,032</u>	<u>23,074</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>150,648</u>	135,150
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>469,648</u>	<u>418,670</u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Restricted funds		20,089	20,921
Unrestricted funds		<u>449,559</u>	<u>397,749</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	13	<u>469,648</u>	<u>418,670</u>

These financial statements were approved by the PCC on 26/04/22 and are signed on their behalf by:

*Nigel Guthrie*

The Reverend Prebendary N Guthrie

The notes on pages 8 to form part of these financial statements.



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## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

**For the Year ended 31 December 2021**

### **1. Statement of compliance**

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

### **2. Accounting policies**

#### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

#### **Going concern**

Although there are no material uncertainties about the PCC's ability to continue, the PCC has reduced costs in the light of the Covid 19 outbreak and continues to keep expenditures under review so that long term cash reserves, which are principally intended for future fabric repairs are not affected.

#### **Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

#### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the PCC to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the PCC for a particular future project or commitment or for the preferred (but not exclusive) use of a particular church. The PCC may at its discretion resolve to amend these allocations if appropriate.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor through specified objects or through the terms of an appeal -if that appeal makes no provision for alternative use. Should there be a surplus after the objective of the fund is achieved then if appropriate such funds may be re-designated by the PCC.

Whilst individual funds may be held for the primary purpose of a Church they remain PCC funds.

#### **Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when entitlement has passed to the PCC; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the PCC and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable, and its amount can be measured reliably.



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- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable, and entitlement is established.

#### **2. Accounting policies (continued)**

- Income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.

#### **Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- ☐ expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- ☐ expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by the PCC in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the PCC apportioned to charitable activities.
- ☐ other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the PCC nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.
- ☐ listed places of worship grants based on VAT costs incurred are recognised as grant income and are not netted off against the relevant expenditure.

#### **Tangible assets**

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at re-valued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Due to the recent refurbishment of the Organ at St Michaels, which is the only tangible asset, a depreciation charge has not been made.

In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of 'charity' by Section 10 (2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011, such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements. Costs associated with the maintenance or improvement of such property will be written off in the year that it is incurred.

#### **Financial instruments**

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the PCC becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs. Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not. Discounted Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

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### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair market value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

### 3. Income and Endowments

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
<b>a) Voluntary income</b>				
Planned Giving:				
Gift Aided donations	60,443	-	60,443	62,464
Tax recovered	16,589	-	16,589	17,643
Other planned giving	8,985	-	8,985	8,541
Collections	4,736	-	4,736	5,121
	90,753	-	90,753	93,769
Non-recurring donations	4,011	-	4,011	4,242
Grants- general	664	-	664	1,505
Donations – St David's chairs	976	-	976	2,390
Other donations	-	-	-	29
Donations soup kitchen St David's	-	236	236	1,216
Donations Music	200	-	200	770
Donations for specific causes St David's	880	-	880	505
Legacies	6,378	-	6,378	2,000
	<u>103,862</u>	<u>236</u>	<u>104,098</u>	<u>106,426</u>
2020 total figures	<u>105,210</u>	<u>1,216</u>	<u>106,426</u>	
<b>b) Activities for generating funds</b>				
Events and other fundraising	920	-	920	-
St Michael's Lectures	30	-	30	184
Summer fete and draw	1,766	-	1,766	-
Newspaper collections	280	-	280	424
	<u>2,996</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,996</u>	<u>608</u>
2020 total figures	<u>608</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>608</u>	
<b>c) Church activities and other income</b>				
Hall lettings	13,890	-	13,890	2,441
Book sales /magazine	553	-	553	756
Coffee and edibles	954	-	954	1,866
Fees including ceremony income	8,225	-	8,225	6,991
Other income	139	-	139	70
	<u>23,761</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,761</u>	<u>12,124</u>
2020 Total figures	<u>12,124</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,124</u>	

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	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
<b>4. Investment income</b>				
Dividends on investments	1,879	-	<b>1,879</b>	1,641
Bank interest and interest on investments	4,341	1	<b>4,342</b>	4,692
	<u>6,220</u>	<u>1</u>	<u><b>6,221</b></u>	<u>6,333</u>
2019 Total figures	<u>6,325</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6,333</u>	

### 5. Costs of Church activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
Common Fund contribution	62,813	-	<b>62,813</b>	59,872
Statutory Fees to Diocese	2,712	-	<b>2,712</b>	2,492
Clergy expenses	2,052	-	<b>2,052</b>	1,360
Church general and administration	2,600	-	<b>2,600</b>	4,134
Governance costs	2,108	-	<b>2,108</b>	1,860
Altar supplies, service sheets, gowns	1,353	-	<b>1,353</b>	2,077
Music	2,890	-	<b>2,890</b>	1,917
Organ maintenance	2,228	-	<b>2,228</b>	-
Church utilities	11,251	-	<b>11,251</b>	11,449
Insurance	10,090	-	<b>10,090</b>	10,527
Repairs	7,385	-	<b>7,385</b>	18,262
Specific causes expenditure	880	-	<b>880</b>	505
St David's Soup kitchen outreach	-	1,069	<b>1,069</b>	295
Missions and other outreach	2,141	-	<b>2,141</b>	2,191
	<u>110,503</u>	<u>1,069</u>	<u><b>111,572</b></u>	<u>116,941</u>
2020 Total figures	<u>116,646</u>	<u>295</u>	<u>116,941</u>	

### 6. Net gains and (losses) on investments

Realised gains	-	-	-	-
Unrealised gains	25,709	-	<b>25,709</b>	19,833
	<u>25,709</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>25,709</b></u>	<u>19,833</u>
2020 Total figures	<u>19,833</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,833</u>	

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### 7. Governance: Independent examination fees

	2021 £	2020 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>2,108</u>	<u>1,860</u>

### 8. Staff costs, Trustee remuneration and expenses and Related party Transactions

The PCC had no employees in either period. Trustees are not remunerated.

As of 2021 no current member of the PCC or DCC or office holder or person connected to them had benefitted from any related party transaction in the current or previous year.

Donations by PCC members are not disclosed.

### 9. Fixed Assets

#### a) Tangible Assets

	2021 £	2020 £
St Michael's Organ	<u>16,371</u>	<u>16,371</u>

#### b) Investments

	St David's 2021 £	St Michael's 2021 £
Market value as at 1 January 2021	106,710	160,439
Disposals	(20,080)	(23,442)
Purchases at cost	29,852	23,441
Net gains/(loss)	<u>13,982</u>	<u>11,727</u>
Market value as at 31 December 2021	<u>130,464</u>	<u>172,165</u>
 <b>Total Investments at market value</b>	 2021 £	 2020 £
	<u>302,629</u>	<u>267,149</u>

During the year a number of investments were sold and reinvested in more ethical funds, with surplus cash balances accumulated from past dividends reinvested. In the case of the pastoral fund grants to the value of £1,417 made to those in need in the parish (expensed under mission and other outreach project) financed by the sale of £1,000 of investments and cash from dividends.

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### c) Investments by fund

	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
<b>St David's designated funds</b>		
Organ fund	22,730	19,373
Fabric fund (curate's house)	28,740	24,496
Pastoral fund	9,459	9,277
St David's Institute	69,535	53,564
	<hr/> 130,464	<hr/> 106,710
<b>St Michael's general reserve and designated funds</b>		
Valpy French: general reserve	157,626	145,292
Shared interest society: general reserve	2,000	2,000
Fabric fund (Haldon Road): designated reserve	12,539	13,147
	<hr/> 172,165	<hr/> 160,439
Total investments at fair value	<hr/> 302,629	<hr/> 267,149

The shared interest society account arises from a donation from a past parishioner and is held with the Shared Interest Society in the form of withdrawable share capital. Funds are used by that Society to provide loans to disadvantaged fair trade producers who are unable otherwise to obtain finance. No interest is paid on such deposits and although, these are repayable, they are at risk to adverse movements or defaults in the underlying loans.

Other investments are held in various funds giving exposure to equity and bond markets. Funds are selected for their performance and ethical approach and are managed by M and G, COIF and CBF. All investments are subject to market fluctuations.

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### 10. Debtors and prepayments

	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
St David's		
Gift aid	1,128	1,094
Other debtors	<u>1,505</u>	<u>1,505</u>
	<u>2,633</u>	<u>2,599</u>
St Michael's		
Gift aid	3,790	1,334
Other debtors	<u>832</u>	-
	<u>4,622</u>	<u>1,334</u>
<b>Total debtors and prepayments</b>	<b><u>7,255</u></b>	<b><u>3,933</u></b>

### 11. Cash at bank

	note	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
<b>St David's</b>			
Main account	i)	114,062	98,448
Pastoral fund deposit account	ii)	407	571
St David's Institute deposit account	ii)	1,238	10,380
Transformation fund	iii)	19,511	19,510
	iv)	<u>135,218</u>	<u>128,909</u>
<b>St Michael's</b>			
Main account		27,172	25,251
Deposit account		<u>35</u>	<u>131</u>
		<u>27,207</u>	<u>25,382</u>
<b>Total Cash at bank and in investment fund deposit accounts</b>	v)	<b><u>162,425</u></b>	<b><u>154,291</u></b>

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### 11. Cash at bank (continued)

#### Notes

- i) The St David's main account includes funds from the following reserves which are restricted and therefore reduce free cash:

	2021 £	2020 £
Roof fund (designated)	25,000	25,000
Soup kitchen (restricted)	2,127	2,960
Free cash	<u>86,935</u>	<u>70,488</u>
	<u>114,062</u>	<u>98,448</u>

- ii) The pastoral fund and St David's Institute deposit accounts are held in Deposit accounts lodged with the respective fund managers

- iii) The St David's Transformation fund account is a restricted fund. The associated bank account retains these funds and also holds £1,549 of free cash (2020 £1,549).

- iv) All of the cash at St Michael's is free of restriction or designation.

### 12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>St David's</b>		
Common Fund	8,719	5,000
Other creditors	1,855	1,975
Accruals	<u>2,639</u>	<u>12,449</u>
	<u>13,213</u>	<u>19,424</u>
<b>St Michael's</b>		
Common fund	2,873	-
Other creditors	2,031	1,215
Accruals	<u>915</u>	<u>2,435</u>
	<u>5,819</u>	<u>3,650</u>
<b>Total creditors falling due within one year</b>	<u>19,032</u>	<u>23,074</u>

Amounts due to the common fund include amounts due to the level of contribution authorised by the PCC as appropriate in the circumstances of Covid-19. These amounts are less than the parish share payments that would have been in more normal circumstances.

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### 12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (continued)

Accruals for St Michael's include £535 (2020: £605) monies advanced for organ and music scholarships to be paid in the following year due to covid only modest costs were incurred in 2021.

### 13. Reserves

#### a) General and designated funds

PCC funds	At 1 January 2021 £	Income £	Expenses £	Transfers £	Gain/ (loss) £	At 31 December 2021 £
St David's: General reserve	55,212	97,153	(75,877)	1,417	-	77,905
Organ Fund	19,373	-	-	-	3,356	22,729
Fabric Fund	24,496	-	-	-	4,244	28,740
Pastoral Fund	9,848	252	-	(1,417)	1,182	9,865
St David's Institute	63,944	1,630	-	-	5,200	70,774
Roof fund	25,000	-	-	-	-	25,000
	<u>197,873</u>	<u>99,035</u>	<u>(75,877)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,982</u>	<u>235,013</u>
St Michael's: General reserve	41,437	33,467	(34,861)	4,337	-	44,380
Valpy-French	145,292	4,042	-	(4,042)	12,334	157,626
Haldon Road	13,147	295	-	(295)	(607)	12,540
	<u>199,876</u>	<u>37,804</u>	<u>(34,861)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,727</u>	<u>214,546</u>
	<u>397,749</u>	<u>136,839</u>	<u>(110,738)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,709</u>	<u>449,559</u>

#### b) Restricted Funds

PCC funds						
St David's:						
Transformation	17,961	1	-	-	-	17,962
Soup kitchen	2,960	236	(1,069)	-	-	2,127
	<u>20,921</u>	<u>237</u>	<u>(1,069)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,089</u>
Total	418,670	137,076	(111,807)	-	25,709	469,648

Other than the transfer of income from the Valpy French and Haldon Road investment Funds to St Michael's General reserve and the transfer of £1,417 from St David's pastoral fund to St David's general reserves to allow the payment of grants, there were no other transfers in the year.

#### c) Purpose of funds

Of the PCC funds held in the general and designated Funds, some amounts either in respect of capital and income or income alone are primarily used or an individual church. Designations of funds may be varied by the PCC from time to time.



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### **13. Reserves (continued)**

#### *PCC funds St David's:*

The Organ Fund is held in separate investments. The funds are held to meet the costs of organ repair costs.

The Pastoral Fund is held in a separate investment and a cash deposit. The funds are held to meet the needs of those in the parish suffering hardship. Applications for grants amounting to £1,417 were received and paid in the current year and approved by the Trustees, who are PCC appointees.

The Fabric Fund is held in separate investments. The funds are held to provide a reserve to cover ongoing costs of maintaining the church building.

The St David's Institute Fund is held in specific investments and a cash deposit. The funds relate to St David's; although both income, and more exceptionally capital, are available to PCC member Churches on application to the trustees who will consider the need, suitability, alternative funds available to that church and other courses of action that the applicant church ought to consider before sanctioning any disbursement. No applications were received in the period concerned. Notwithstanding their separate management the funds have the characteristics of a Designated General Reserve as they are able to be applied to any purpose should the Trustees, who are PCC appointees, consider appropriate. However, it is in the Trustees discretion to consider an individual application unsuitable for the Fund, notwithstanding any recommendation from the PCC.

The Designated Roof Fund arises from a donation by a parishioner in 2015 and is held in the main bank account pending commencement of refurbishment works on the flat roof which are now likely to occur in 2021, after delays due to Covid.

The Transformation Project restricted Fund is held in cash at bank. The funds are held to meet the costs of the ongoing programme of building works undertaken to the structure of St David's. On cessation of the Transformation project, it is intended that any residual funds will be held for the purposes of the church fabric and infrastructure.

The Soup Kitchen fund is held in the main bank account and its use is restricted to the purpose of providing food through soup evenings at the Church for the homeless and needy.

#### *PCC funds St Michael's:*

The Fabric (Haldon Road) Fund is held in separate investments. The fund is designated for the fabric of St Michael's. Income is distributed directly to the main bank account and reflected in general reserves.

The Valpy-French Fund is held in separate investments. Whilst a general reserve bequested to the PCC the primary use of income from the fund is for the general expenses of St Michael's as a daughter church of the parish, reflecting the wishes of the grantor. Income is distributed directly to the main bank account and reflected in general reserves.

### **14. Related Party transactions**

There were no related party transactions with Parochial Church Council members during the year, except for £108 paid to the wife of an ex-officio member of the Parochial Church Council, for administrative services.