

ST.PETER'S CHURCH, WAVERTON
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
23rd May 2021

ANNUAL REPORT

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Parish Church Council Membership (2020)

Ex-officio:

Rector	Reverend Jules Beauchamp
Churchwardens	Mr Peter Williams Miss Lorraine Booth
Reader Emeritus	Mrs Kath Wentel
Deanery Synod Rep.	Miss Lorraine Booth
Deanery Synod Rep.	Mr Peter Williams

Elected members:

Mr Andrew Bate (2017)
Miss Lorraine Booth (2017)
Mr Richard Gomersall (2017)
Mrs Diana Hill (2019)
Mrs Judith Moulds (2016)
Mr Paul Shannon (2017)
Mrs Alison Roberts (2020)
Mrs Rosie Warburton (2018)

Co-opted members:

None

Officers:

Treasurer	Mrs Diana Hill
External examiners	Mr Mike Brereton
Secretary	Mrs Rosie Warburton
Electoral Roll	Mrs Eveline Davies
Health and Safety	Mr David Andrews
Safeguarding	Mrs Judith Moulds
Child Protection	Mrs Judith Moulds

Churchyard

Mr Andrew Bate

Burley Memorial Hall

Mr David Andrews

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Mr David Andrews

Rector's Report

Since we had the last APCM not so long ago, there is very little to report, so let me just mention some of the key things from the last few months.

Closing churches.

In January the PCC took the very painful decision to close the church. It was taken with great regret, and should never happen under normal conditions. There were strong pastoral reasons on both sides of the argument. So my particular thanks to the PCC for making that decision (and all those other decisions along the way as the rules have changed) with great grace and understanding.

And it was with great joy, therefore, that we were able to return on the 5th Sunday of Lent. It was lovely to see each other again even behind masks.

Holy Communion

We have also been able to re-introduce Holy Communion, but with careful preparation of the elements and using tongs to dip the bread into the wine before administering to communicants.

Lent and Summer Course

We hosted Lent and Summer Courses this year by Zoom. The theme of the Lent Course was "Lamenting in Loss, Worshipping in Hope" looking at some selected biblical laments to show us how we can grieve and respond to God in times of loss and also look forward with hope on the basis of God's promises. We had 17 attend in total. In the Summer course we are looking at the theme of Building a Healthy Church looking at selected passages from 1 Corinthians 12-14.

Marriage Registration

As of 4th May 2021, the law changed for registering marriages. All the preliminaries (like the publishing of banns) will stay the same, but it is no longer the responsibility of clergy to register marriages, issue Marriage Certificates, or send quarterly Marriage returns. Instead, we will produce a 'Marriage Document' to be filled in and signed by both parties on the day of the wedding, and sign a new Church Marriage Book (an informal record of weddings). The Register Office are responsible for issuing the Marriage

Certificate to the couple. Both the large green Marriage Register books have been formally closed (all blank entries have been crossed out). One has been taken to the Chester Register Office, and the other will be kept in the church safe or sent to the Archives.

Deanery Pastoral Advisor

The system has recently been updated for people wanting to investigate ministries within the Diocese (whether it be reader training, or pastoral work or ordination). The first step in the discernment process is to have 3 conversations with a Deanery Pastoral Advisor (usually from another church within the deanery) to talk about what has brought them to this point, what they're doing at present, and future possibilities. I am the Deanery Pastoral Adviser for this Deanery. The role existed before but very informally. I've already had the joy of meeting one enquirer.

The Consecration of the New Churchyard Extension

Let me also mention the consecration from just last Sunday, because it was such a lovely day, with the Bishop of Chester preaching for us and then walking round the area to be consecrated, signing it with the sign of the cross, and praying that it would be a place of peace and prayer.

"Where do we go from here?"

Even in the secular world, the last few months have been an opportunity to re-evaluate life and make life-changing decisions. And as the church begin to come out of lockdown and adapt to the new world, it gives us similar opportunities. I'm not suggesting we make any major changes, but how we can respond to the needs that lie before us, and rebuild after a period of disconnection. And because there's been a great deal of loss, fatigue, disorientation and confusion over the last 15 months I think we need to do so with care, and not to go charging in with grandiose ideas or projects.

I have to say, there's been a sense of joy just to be back even without being able to sing! We've been deprived for too long. Online services are a poor imitation of the real thing (but encouraging nonetheless for those watching at home). We've realised how much we need each other. We need those chats over coffee, we need the handshakes and hugs. Why? Because God has made us to be part of a redeemed community. And my prayer is that this joyful enthusiasm will not evaporate too quickly, but be the thing that generates a deeper love and commitment to Christ and his Church as we see how precious and wonderful it is.

Because I know how some have suffered during these months. To me, at least, it seems that while we've been largely protected from COVID itself, it's the other trials we've been facing that have been all the harder to deal with. And I want us to remember that Jesus is the gentle shepherd of our souls and deals with us with tender care. And because of that, such rebuilding must take place with care. Care for where people are at.

How do we go forward without rushing back into great activity, but avoiding complete inertia and inactivity? I think the answer lies in us all playing our part, however small, and being sensitive to God's leading. And when we think of the kinds of gifts God has given to the church, it's good to think not just of the *formal* visible gifts or offices of the Church (like wardens, admin, safeguarding, finance, flower-arranging, preaching, cleaning, etc), but the informal invisible *relational* gifts (like caring, encouraging, good humour, positivity, etc) or the *internal* Christian qualities (wisdom, faith, servant-heartedness, generosity, joyfulness, trustworthiness, godliness, etc). Perhaps more than ever, it's these relational and inner qualities that are going to help us rebuild church life in God's time and in God's way. Praying, perhaps, each Sunday before we set out for church that God would use our words, and our actions to build people up. That he would give us the right words to use at the right time.

And so let me end by expressing my thanks – especially to our 2 churchwardens, Peter and Lorraine, for their hard work and service to the church in so many ways often behind the scenes, and to the PCC. To all those who have those visible and practical jobs – taking care of the appearance and maintenance of the church, the Church Hall, and churchyard. And to all of you, for every time you use the relational gifts and internal qualities that God has given you to serve one another in love for the building up of the church family.

Revd Jules Beauchamp

Treasurer's Report

St Peter's Waverton Financial report APCM 2021

Financial position

- At the end of December total funds stood at £30,311 compared with £29,631 at the end of December 2019.

Please see Financial Statements for year to 31st December 2020

Accounts independently examine by M.E. Brereton CPFA

This is not as healthy as it might seem for the following reasons

- A claim for the Gift Aid for April to November 2020 been made already (This is normally made in January). We therefore have already received the April to October 2020 payments amounting to £6,705.
- The amount received from HMRC was £12,827 for period April 2019 to end of October 2020.
- Amount received from HMRC during 2019 was £8410 for period April 2018 to April 2019.
- All parishes received a payment of £2,000 from the Diocese in June to boost funds. We did not pay the full parish share last year. The parish share for 2021 is £50,412.34
- We currently pay £3600 per month towards the Parish Share (about 86% of the 2020 amount of £49,913). We paid around 85% in 2019 too.

Therefore, not including the Parish share arrears, this represents an overall decline in funds during 2020 of around £9,000.

The 2020 Christmas Challenge raised over £1,000 (£525 for Chester Aid to the Homeless the remainder to St Peters). As donations were gift aided we were able to claim back 25% of this through HMRC.

Sale of notelets in Spring 2021 raised £250.

Although funds continue to decline generally we are indebted to all the members of our church family who continue to give generously to St Peters throughout the current pandemic.

I would also like to thank Richard Morgan-Jones for his assistance in preparing the year end balance sheets.

Diana Hill (Treasurer)

Churchwarden's Report

Well my first official year as a fully-fledged Church warden has been a fun one with a steep learning curve, all whilst wearing a mask. The usual challenges with any new job were made a little stranger with services being held online, plus all meetings. Not being allowed to enter church and hold services has made it a very strange start to my Church wardenship. A learning curve for all but it has brought us together as a church family. I was sworn in as a Churchwarden along with 50 others on a Zoom meeting which was fun and quite moving to see all the faces across the diocese. My Church Wardens handbook has no mention of pandemics and how to handle church services in them!

Having said that it's been great, and I have enjoyed it. I have learnt a lot and been able to, when services allow, to chat to our Congregation before and after services. It's a good way to find out their views and ideas. I like to think I'm getting the hang of all the behind scenes rituals and jargon. I am helped along by my fellow church warden Peter; many thanks go to him for trying to steer me in the right direction. His wit, wisdom and all things Quinquennial are a great inspiration to me.

I await next year's challenges, the Bishops visit, Churchyard consecration and keeping our congregation happy and in the right pew.

Lorraine Booth

Fabric, Goods and Ornaments

The 2020 Quinquennial Inspection.

Every five years all church buildings must be inspected by a qualified architect appointed after consultation with the Diocesan Advisory Committee. St Peter's Quinquennial Inspection was duly conducted in March 2020 by Graham Holland and his Report was submitted on 26th March.

His main findings on the condition of the church are as follows:-

"Much remains as previously reported.

Local areas of settlement appear to be inactive to the main body of the church except possibly minor areas of loose mortar and shaling; some details are worn and damaged especially on the tower and north aisle.

The roof slating has been renewed and remains in good order; one missing to the south. The main rainwater pipes are sound and well painted. Doors and windows are in good order; guarding is poor to the north aisle east.

Internally, the walls and roofs are in good condition. Some damage from previous fittings. The settlement cracks noted externally are repeated. A number of aisle trusses have pulled away from the bearings and caused splitting in the stonework. Dampness is a problem at low level, affecting the floors adjacent to the external walls.

The heating is good but there is some corrosion on the distribution pipework and valves; the electrical installation is in good order.

The churchyard is well kept and general maintenance good; a number of the table tombs and section of the boundary wall have settled, shaled and are now open jointed.

Facilities for the less able are good."

The work to address the few issues raised in the Report has not yet begun but as the current lockdown is hopefully eased, we shall begin the process of identifying contractors to undertake the work.

Faculty Application

Although a Faculty to extend the churchyard was submitted in December 2017 and subsequently granted, there remained a requirement to submit a further Faculty Application to identify the area to be set aside for the burial of cremated remains. Authorisation of this Faculty Application was a prerequisite to the Instrument which the Bishop will sign at the time of the Consecration.

The Faculty Application was submitted on 15th December 2020 and the Faculty granted on 20th April 2021.

Church Safety during the pandemic

In addition to the regular weekly cleaning undertaken by Barbara and Mike Fellows, the church has been thoroughly cleaned and sanitised following each Sunday service by Chris Sadler and Fiona Smith.

We are extremely grateful to them for their careful efforts during this difficult time.

Peter Williams

Pastoral Care

“Everything and nothing has changed. Even if the world feels uncertain, it is reassuring to know things that were important before still matter today. The power of human connection hasn’t changed - connecting people, sharing ideas, and solving problems will always be in our DNA.”

Surprisingly, the above is actually from publicity for a logistics company, but this quotation seems to reflect exactly the confusing world in which we now find ourselves, and it provides an apt description of what we look to provide in our pastoral care at St Peter’s! Because our aim within the church has always been, and continues to be, to connect and communicate with all - to ensure that everyone within our congregation knows that they are loved and valued, thought about and prayed for, and that there is a helping hand and support available should they need it.

In the Pastoral Care report for the APCM in April 2019 it was recognised that things were already in a process of change. Demand for assistance had reduced, and, inevitably, over the years since the Pastoral Care group started many who originally volunteered their services had themselves aged, and encountered health problems. With that in mind a small sub-group of the PCC was formed to find new, additional, ways of providing both practical and spiritual help to all within our Church family.

Firstly, a ‘WhatsApp’ prayer group was formed for all to join, with the aim of providing prayer and spiritual support for those in need. It has proved highly successful, and soon became an important means of channelling prayer, and highlighting needs. Over time, however, it has also begun to play a secondary role in providing social contact for those contributing to it, and with the coming of ‘lockdown’, it provided not just the spiritual support, but also an important social link for the vulnerable and those shielding at home. Our numbers have grown considerably, and it is used very regularly for prayer, for encouragement, and for friendship.

We also looked at ways of introducing more social events, focusing particularly on those who, through age or mobility, were limited in their social life. We held a very successful ‘posh sandwich’ Christmas lunch for those attending our midweek Communion services, and had planned to do more.

Sadly, however, all our plans and activities have had to be curtailed as a result of the pandemic and the subsequent ‘lockdown’, including regular home communions, home visiting and other social assistance, as well as the midweek communions and our regular worship in church. In order to continue social contact, a new ‘phone ministry’ was formed, with a network of ‘phoner uppers’ from the congregation making regular contact with those church family members who would benefit from having regular contact and a friendly voice during lockdown. The purpose of the calls was to have a friendly chat, at a time of isolation and loneliness, and an update on St Peter’s church news, but the calls also provided an important contact if more help was needed. This ministry has

worked very well, and has been well received and appreciated. Huge thanks go to all those involved, and especially to Lorraine for her time in organising this.

At the time of writing we are still in a situation of flux and uncertainty, and it is with sadness that the decision has been made to cancel our All Souls' memorial service this year. Although we look to support those bereaved from our own congregations at this annual service, the service has also served as a significant outreach ministry for the bereaved living in the benefice and beyond, and seems to be highly valued. We hope that we can return to normal in 2021, if Covid protocols are no longer required.

We are, however, delighted that our Sunday morning worship has now resumed, albeit in a limited way, and we so enjoy not only the shared worship, but also renewing our social contacts and strengthening connections. However, we do recognise that many still feel unable to join us, and it is important to remember them, and reassure them that they are still important members of our congregation. We keep them in our thoughts and prayers, and hope that they can be back with us soon.

Kath Wentel

Burley Memorial Hall. Report.

The Burley Hall closed for the second time on Nov. 5th 2020 because of Government restrictions and was kept in a frost proof condition over winter.

In accordance with the Government's Road Map for easing Covid restrictions the Hall reopened mid-April to eligible categories of user. In our case this was for a children's ballet group only.

The Treasurer (Richard Gomersall) was successful in obtaining a second Business Support Grant which will go some way to defraying the costs of unavoidable expenses until hirings pick up again.

There is interest from a handful of clubs and societies in restarting meetings from mid-June when it is hoped restrictions will be further lifted. Other groups are expected to restart in the early autumn.

The Hall operates within a Covid secure environment with strict conditions imposed upon users which includes sanitisation at the commencement and conclusion of each booking.

Currently only the Main Hall is in use and the kitchen cannot be included.

In the meantime we have kept up with internal and external maintenance and taken the opportunity to review hiring conditions.

David Andrews

Sunday Club *(Report from 2020 APCM)*

Sunday Club has 5 children on the books with an average of 3 children attending regularly. This shows a drop again of the children attending but is still good if you read the news, where some parishes have no children/families attending.

We learn about God, Jesus and the Bible through craft, bible study and worksheets, using various teaching books. We have one class with mixed ages and continue to tailor the lesson sheets for each child. This works well challenging the older ones stimulating the younger ones.

Morfudd teaches along with me. Judy Moulds continues to help out and keep us on the straight and narrow guidance wise. Plus we have a rota of willing volunteers to help out when Morfudd or I can't make it. This has worked out well and has enabled them to see how it all works.

We participated with the Harvest festival; our Nativity play was even more unusual than last year when we only had 3 children this year no children at all! Morfudd and I managed to deliver a thought-provoking nativity narration that was very well received by the congregation, who bless them never quite know what to expect. The Easter workshop 2019 was slightly down in numbers but the children who did come made some lovely crafts and listened to the Easter message. My thanks to everyone who comes along to help and who make/provide activities, especially Jan Rae. Our 2020 Easter project was cancelled due to you know what!

It's been lovely to see our young folk in church each week, a testament to them in these difficult times.

My thanks as always go to St Peters family for all your support over the past year and a half. You listen to the children, take an interest in their crafts, supporting us through prayer and enjoying our feedback in church! Thank you also to all the

lovely people who come along to help at Christmas, and Easter I couldn't do without you.

I pray for a better year.

Lorraine Booth

Little Fishes *(Report from 2020 APCM)*

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it". Proverbs 22 verse 6.

As with many groups this year, we have not had that many weeks that we have managed to get together. However, we did of course have all of the Autumn term and then some of the Spring Term before lockdown came and closed us down. During these mornings we had our usual play time, followed by snack time, a bible story, singing and a craft relating to the story for the children to take home, often to show Daddy, and sometimes Mummy too! On our morning before lockdown, even at that stage we were giving children their own plates to eat from, but none of us could quite believe that the virus was in fact heading our way!

However, we had a good time meeting in the Autumn (2019) and Spring (2020) and the Dads, Mums, grand-parents and carers seemed to have a good time getting together and sharing their lives with each other as well as us. In the Autumn we had one morning that everyone came to the Rectory as the hall was being used and though some of the children were confused they seemed to have a good morning.

As ever, the team of helpers coordinated by Maureen are a real blessing. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them so much for coming to help. We wouldn't be able to do Little Fishes without them. Those who come along appreciate their presence and help during the mornings so much. In fact some have specifically asked to send their best wishes to the helpers during this lockdown period. They too have a really positive impact on the whole experience.

At the beginning of lockdown we began to meet over Zoom but quite early on it soon became obvious that it was not something that the Mums could sustain when getting children to sit still at a particular time of the morning. However, we do look forward to getting together again at a time when the Church of England gives us the go ahead and when it would be safe to do so.

Best wishes to all those who come to and are involved with Little Fishes. We do look forward to welcoming them back in due course together with any additional members of the family there may be by then!

Julia Beauchamp

Safeguarding Report

Safeguarding is at the heart of the Christian faith and the Church of England House of Bishops 'Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance ' details these policies.

The Parish Handbook, under the title of Promoting a Safer Church has been prepared to give day to day guidance of the parish requirements to fully support safeguarding work in our parish.

Key Messages -adopted by the PCC are :

- The welfare of the child, young person and vulnerable adult is at all times paramount and takes precedence over all other considerations
- The Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) must be consulted whenever a safeguarding concern of any kind arises in the Parish
- Safeguarding is part of our core faith and an integral feature of Christian life in our parish

Policy and Procedures

We now follow the Policy and Procedures set out in the Parish Handbook issued by the Diocese of Chester in January 2019.

The Parish Safeguarding policy and the requirements below were last approved by the PCC in March 2020 and shall be placed before the PCC again on 27th May 2021. In so doing the PCC has complied with the duty to have 'due regard' to the House of Bishops guidance in relation to safeguarding.

The Parish Safeguarding Checklist is completed by myself as Parish Safeguarding Officer(PSO), Rev Beauchamp (Incumbent) and Peter Williams (Churchwarden). There are no outstanding matters.

The Principles of Safer Recruitment are adopted .

Information is displayed in Church, Burley Hall and on the parish website of how to contact the Incumbent, Diocesan Safeguarding Officer, myself as PSO and how to get help outside the church with matters relating to child and adult safeguarding issues.

Safeguarding arrangements are on the front page of the Parish website.

Training

Much of the training has moved online and all PCC Members are now required to complete the Basic Awareness training and all those involved in work with Children and young people and vulnerable Adults are required to also complete level 2 -Foundation- which is also online. This is on-going.

Those running groups are required to attend a level 3 course- Leadership- although these courses have been suspended during lockdown.

This equips us to be alert to any issue of Safeguarding and to be responsive and appropriate in the actions we take in response.

Risk Assessments

Annual assessments have been completed for each activity involving children and young People – Sunday Club, Little Fishes and Junior Bellringing. These will be reviewed prior to the groups restarting after the pandemic.

DBS

DBS checks are up to date based on the 5 year renewal requirement of the Diocese.

Safeguarding incidents

There have been no reported incidents of Safeguarding concern through the year from the last APCM in October 2020 to this APCM in May 2021

Judith Moulds

Parish Safeguarding Officer

Tower Master's Report

It's been a strange year when we could only manage to ring for a few Sunday services in November and to toll one bell for all other services that were held. We

were able to commemorate V.E. and V.J. day, the sad 23rd March 2021 commemorating a year on from lockdown and the lives lost to Covid 19 in this country. Also, tolling a single bell at the sad death of HRH Duke of Edinburgh in April.

Peter Barker has been busy in the tower installing and adapting speakers and a wireless system to enable us to ring the bells silently whilst practicing methods. This will enable teaching practices to take place outside of our normal practice nights. Learners will be able to enjoy their ringing, seeing and hearing their bell strike without the noise outside. This was partly funded with a grant from the Chester Diocesan Guild. We have yet to use this to its full capacity due to the ringing restrictions, maybe next year.

The Chester Ringers Guild and Central Council have been good at issuing guidelines and practical information to assist in getting back to ringing in 2021.

Lorraine Booth

Mother's Union *(Report from 2020 APCM, plus 2021 addition)*

Since the last APCM we carried on as normal but since March 2020 it has been very different due to the impact of the Covid19 virus. We have twelve members and meet in the Burley Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 2pm. All our meetings begin with a short service.

In March 2019 Revd. Karl Jones officiated at Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel followed by our Lent Lunch in the Burley Hall. In April we met in Aldford Coffee shop at 10.30 for coffee and then went to St. John's Church Aldford for Holy Communion taken again by Revd. Karl Jones.

At our May meeting Elaine Dunham came to speak to us about the 5 Objectives of the Mothers' Union when we welcomed members of Farndon MU. This year we had our summer lunch in June at The Egerton Arms at Broxton attended by eight of our members.

Our Deanery Festival was held in July at St. Oswalds Church, Malpas and the Revd. Trevor Davies was the preacher. The numbers attending our Deanery Festivals has been dropping for the last few years and we need to give some thought to this for future years.

After our summer break we commenced meetings again in September when Ruth Clarke took the meeting. October we welcomed Revd. Canon Ian Davenport

our Rural Dean and also Chaplain to the Queen. Ian gave a very interesting and informative talk on his duties as Chaplain. November we had handbells for the afternoon and again members from Farndon joined us. The Advent Lunch sadly had to be cancelled in December for various reasons. We held our AGM in February but unfortunately since then we haven't been able to meet due to Covid 19 and we have decided not to consider any meetings until the beginning of next year.

Last year we made Christingles in Advent and posies for Mothering Sunday and continue to knit scarves for the homeless and baby blankets. Keeps us busy during the winter months!

New members are always very welcome, so why not come and join us, we are a very friendly group and enjoy the fellowship we have together.

(Additional Report, May 2021)

It hasn't been possible to have face to face meetings since the last Report but I have had regular contact with our members.

MU subscriptions were paid at the beginning of this year but unfortunately owing to ill health two of our members decided not to renew. The current membership now stands at ten.

It is hoped that monthly meetings will be able to commence again this autumn.

Eveline Davies (Branch Leader)

Churchyard Report

2020 September - 2021 May has for the greater part been back to the old normal.

Tom Arden's Jacob sheep, affectionately known as 'Rosemary and Thyme' have moved off and may well be replaced by some of Tom Bramall's young stock, that is on the southerly half of the new area. The sheep did a good job of keeping broad leaf weeds (mostly buttercup) from competing with the grass while it established. The part to the north, which is the area we will be using first, has had some sapling trees planted at the Church end. These trees have been gifted by the family of Ray Hill, tree warden of Waverton, Molly Plante and other members of our wider Church family. The burial areas in the north end were consecrated at a special service on the 16th May this year. The southern boundary is planted with volunteer holly sprigs salvaged from the gravel paths round the Church; they will need protection from any cattle grazing there. There are some areas we are leaving un-mown for 'habitat'

reasons. We are assessing the potential of 'mulching' mowers and hopefully we can get a wheely bin to handle un-compostable waste from the churchyard.

It still reduces the load on our workforce if people will take home the remains of what they brought once it is over. See below.

I would like to thank the Waverton Parish Council for their recent contribution towards new equipment; it is quite motivating to feel that the work of St. Peter's volunteers **is** valued by other than just the immediate Church family. It would be prohibitively expensive to employ outside contractors to do it.

The usual closing remarks –

The 'green tips' are really for the grass mowings. Please take withered floral and other finished-with decorations back home with you to dispose of, particularly post Christmas.

Anything which reduces the workload of the workers/carers is welcomed.

As always a big thank you is due to our band of volunteers (listed below) who keep the whole Churchyard looking as it does. It is far easier to keep the mowing machines working like new than keeping the workers feeling like new! It only needs a willing pair of hands.

We have also used the renewed flagpole and I thank again those who helped to get it up there. As yet we have had reason to use it only once, to mark the passing of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

Andrew Bate.

Roll of voluntary workers in 2018 - 2020

Joyce Day, Mike Neild, Gareth Evans-Jones, Alan Muir, Wendy Lloyd ably assisted by her son Ewan, Roger Morris, Harry Pearson, Martin Warburton, John Harding, Freda Downes, Roy Willis, Simon Bate, Ann Bate, Andrew Bate and (new in 2020) John Burgess.

Deanery Synod Report

The Synod normally meets three times a year but the meetings scheduled for March 2020 and thereafter were cancelled because of the current situation. A Zoom meeting was held on 14th April 2021 to recognise the retirement of the Rural Dean, Rev. Canon Ian Davenport and to make a presentation to him.

The New Rural Dean is Rev Tim Hayward, Vicar of St. Boniface, Bunbury.
The Lay Chair, Marion Randles, has advised that her term of office has concluded
so nominations are being sought for a new Lay Chair.

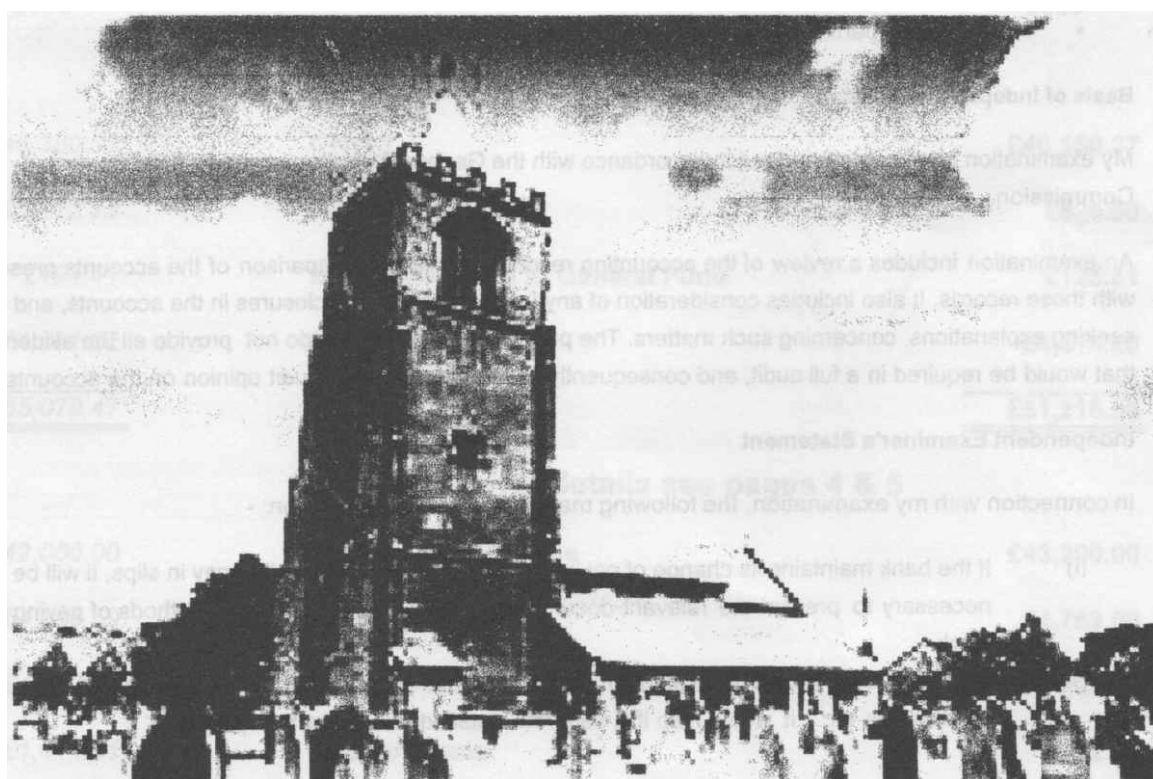
Peter Williams

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St Peter's Church, Waverton

Registered Charity no. 1135962

Financial Statements for the year to 31st December 2020



Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by
the Rev'd Julian Beauchamp, PCC Chairman and Diana Hill,
Treasurer

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council of St Peter's

Waverton I report on the accompanying accounts for the year ended 31st

December 2020 **Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and**

Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:-

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- Follow the procedures laid down by the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner's Section 145(S)(b) of the Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

My examination has been carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items of disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, the following matters came to my attention: -

- (i) If the bank maintains its change of paying in protocols by not accepting pay in slips, it will be necessary to present the relevant documentation to evidence the other methods of paying in to bank.
- (ii) Given the different items included in the Sundry Income item of "Weddings, funerals, monuments etc.", it would help if a separate detailed statement was prepared.

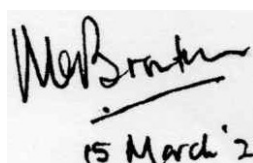
(1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the

requirement To keep accounting records in accordance with Section

130 of the 2011 Act: or

To prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or

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



15 March '20

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St. Peter's Church, Waverton

General (Unrestricted) Fund Receipts and Payments Account Summary Financial Statements **as at** 31 December 2020

2019		2020
RECEIPTS - for details see page 3		
£46,380. 31	Giving	£46,150.3 7
£3,913.7 3	Fundraising	£526.50
£194.41	Interest credited to General Fund	£125.51
£4,591.0 2	Sundry income	£4,414.20
<u>£55,079. 47</u>		<u>£51,216.5 8</u>
PAYMENTS - for details see pages 4 & 5		
£42,000. 00	Deanery and Diocese	£43,200.00
£4,806.5 9	Clergy expenses	£4,769.06
£4,433.0 8	Church running costs	£3,225.19
£1,414.0 1	Support costs	£712.45
£1,525.6 5	Donations	£80.00
<u>£54,179. 33</u>		<u>£51,986.7 0</u>
£900.14	Surplus/-Deficit for the year	-£770.12

St. Peter's Church, Waverton
Financial Statements as at 31 December 2020

2019			2020
	CURRENT ASSETS		
£144.98	Cash in hand		£47.46
£7,633.53	Barclays Bank accounts		£5,263.77
£22,000.00	Central Board of Finance Deposit account		£25,000.00
<u>0</u>			
£29,778.51	TOTAL		£30,311.23
General Fund	Balance as at 1 January 2020	£4,358.82	
£4,358.82 <i>Unrestricted</i>	Expenditure		
	Excess of expenditure over income		£3,588.70
		-	
		<u>£770.12</u>	
Fabric Fund	Balance as at 1 January 2020	£11,796.75	
£11,796.75 <i>Designated</i>	Income		
	Donations received	£200.00	
		<u>£11,996.75</u>	
	Expenditure		
	Flagpole	-£221.88	£11,774.87
Churchyard Fund	Balance as at 1 January 2020	£4,975.57	
£4,975.57 <i>Designated</i>	Income		
	Donations received		
	Fees received	£1,721.00	
	<i>Sub total</i>	<u>£6,696.57</u>	
	Expenditure		
	Misc	-£14.98	
	Turners Landscaping - Equip maint	-£381.31	
	Total expenditure	<u>-£396.29</u>	£6,300.28
Organ Fund	Balance as at 1 January 2020	£5,518.89	
£5,518.89 <i>Designated</i>	Expenditure		
	Organ & Piano tuning and servicing	£0.00	
	Relief organists	<u>£0.00</u>	£5,518.89
FM Bate Memorial Fund	Balance as at 1 January 2020	£774.86	£774.86
£774.86 <i>Restricted</i>			
Parish Development Fund	Balance as at 1 January 2020	£2,353.62	
£2,353.62 <i>Designated</i>	Income		
		<u>£2,353.62</u>	
<u>£29,778.51</u>	TOTAL		£2,353.62
			<u>£30,311.22</u>

St. Peter's Church, Waverton

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020

1 RECEIPTS analysis

	2019	2020
Giving		
Plate	£1,715.64	£1,351.50
Plate - Remembrance Sunday - donated to British Legion	£386.53	
Non covenanted planned giving	£1,538.96	£1,611.80
Covenanted planned giving	£31,002.74	£29,330.52
Tax reclaimed on giving	£8,410.96	
Wall safe	£123.98	£1,482.78
Donations - bequests, funerals and miscellaneous donations	£3,201.50	£988.08
	<u>£46,380.31</u>	<u>£46,150.37</u>
Fundraising		
Lent lunch	£120.00	
Rectory Garden party (proceeds to Water Aid 2019)	£831.12	
Coffee morning	£507.00	
Gift Day	£320.61	
Christmas fair	£1,290.00	
Harvest Lunch	£145.00	
North Wales Rugby Choir	£700.00	
Quiz	£0.00	
Christmas walk challenge	£0.00	£430.00
Ann Cox Easter treats	£0.00	£96.50
	<u>£3,913.73</u>	<u>£526.50</u>
Interest earned		
Central Board of Finance & Barclays Bank	<u>£194.41</u>	<u>£125.51</u>
Sundry Income		
Fees - Weddings, funerals, monuments etc.	£4,433.00	£2,414.20
Diocesan Board of Finance	£0.00	£2,000.00
Money from postcard box	£11.12	
Surplus on Sunday coffee	£146.90	
	<u>£4,591.02</u>	<u>£4,414.20</u>

St. Peter's Church, Waverton

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020

2 PAYMENTS analysis

	2019	2020
Deanery and Diocese		
Parish share	£42,000.00	£43,200.00
		0
	£42,000.00	£43,200.00
		0
Clergy expenses		
Rector 's expenses	£980.68	£755.87
Council tax on Rectory	£2,669.93	£2,780.64
Water rate on Rectory	£217.18	£231.45
Relief clergy	£938.80	£1,001.10
Church running costs		
Insurance	£4,633.73	
less refund by Burley Trust	= £0.00	£0.00
	£4,633.73	
Gas	£639.82	£710.83
Electricity	£454.78	£386.15
Water	£65.57	£57.37
Cleaning including materials	£1,822.72	£1,367.74
Maintenance/repairs	£1,001.14	£654.60
Altar requisites	£449.08	£48.50
D Andrews honorarium	£6,929.28	
less refund by Burley Trust	= -£0.03	£0.00
£6,929.28		
	£4,433.08	£3,225.19

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St. Peter's Church, Waverton
Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020

**2 PAYMENTS analysis
(continued)}**

2019

2020

Support costs

Paper, printing, photocopying and postage	£166.10	£297.97
Subscription to RSCM	£105.00	£107.00
Bellringers' subscriptions	£56.00	
Burley Memorial Hall rent	£0.00	
Little Fishes	£297.92	£72.13
Sunday Club	£32.83	
Gift to External examiner	£0.00	£25.00
Chester Diocesan News	£60.00	£15.00
Holiday Club	£370.00	
Refreshments	£75.00	
Licences	£137.00	£161.47
Christingle service	£17.10	
Misc	£0.00	£68.80
Office phone and website	£307.24	
less 2019 costs paid by Burley Hall Cttee	-£342.16	£97.06
Burley Dinner	£0.00	-£34.92
less reimbursement from Burley Trust	£0.00	£0.00

£1,414.01

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Donations

£712.45

General

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£461.53
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£60.00

0

Sub total

£461.53

£60.00

0

From fund raising events

Historic Churches	£20.00
Holy Trinity Blacon	£0.00
All Saints Runcorn	£0.00
Agricultural Chaplaincy	£213.00
WaterAid	£831.12
	<u>£1,525.65</u>

£20.00

0

£80.00

Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council of St Peter's Waverton

I report on the accompanying accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:-

Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act

Follow the procedures laid down by the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner's Section 145(S)(b) of the Act; and

State whether particular matters have come to attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

My examination has been carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept 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 concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, the following matters came to my attention: -

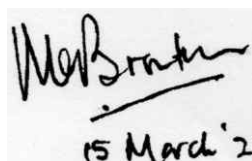
- (i) If the bank maintains its change of paying in protocols by not accepting pay in slips, it will be necessary to present the relevant documentation to evidence the other methods of paying in to bank.
- (ii) Given the different items included in the Sundry Income item of "Weddings, funerals, monuments etc.", it would help if a separate detailed statement was prepared.

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirement

To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; or

To prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have 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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