



St. Michaels  
Church,  
Galmington.

2020 Report and Accounts for the  
Parochial Church Council of St  
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**St Michael's – bringing the presence of Christ to all.**

**The Parochial Church Council of St Michael's, Galmington, Taunton**

# 2021

## **ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**Year Ended 31 December 2020**

**Charity Number 1137270**

**St Michael's Church, Galmington,**

**Taunton TA1 4TP**



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## Legal Objects

St Michael the Archangel is part of the Diocese of Bath and Wells within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Pitts Close, Galmington, Taunton, TA1 4TP. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011) and a charity currently registered with the Charity Commission.

St Michael's is a registered charity, and observes the Church Representational Rules 2020.

## Strategic Report

### Aims and Objectives

St. Michaels Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Church Wardens (incumbent when not in vacancy), in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church of St. Michael the Archangel, Pitts Close, Galmington, Taunton. TA1 4TP.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St Michael's. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

Through other activities we aim to reach the needs of other groups in the community to fulfil our mission statement and bring others into the presence of Christ. Although this was complicated by the onset of COVID 19 restrictions, some outreach projects did go ahead such as the outdoor book sales, displays on the front garden, and other special events.

### Mission and Evangelism

At St Michael's all of our Sunday collections are given away to charity. We have many links with mission at home and overseas including:

- Bishop Henderson Chaplaincy
- Taunton Team Chaplaincy
- Open Door
- Children's Society
- Children's Hospice
- A Rocha
- Royal British Legion
- Food Bank
- Water Aid
- Christian Aid
- Leprosy Mission
- Mind



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## Vicar's Report

Well! At least this year, this meeting, is occurring a bit closer to the end of the previous financial year!

May not October and that means that the time scale fits. WE CAN reflect on the year prior to now, and also on the month that proceeded it. And that is all. But that is enough also. Does anyone feel that April 2020 to May 2021 has flown by? And yet has equally, dragged on forever?!

Last year (in October) my reflection within this report centred on an area in which we had spent much of that first lockdown, during an uncommonly warm April, May, and June. My reflection found its basis in the garden. This time around after subsequent full lockdown, in November through early December and partial in lockdown in late December through to May 17th, uncommonly dreary months, we focus on home and what that means to us.

Church and home, certainly merged in those early days. Worship moving to the Mailchimp enabled interactive emails being sent out to 98 homes and paper copies going to 28 homes in total (Thanks' go to Michelle Hamilton for delivering these each week). Ann Goddard rose to the challenge of preparing sermons to be delivered through various new formats and for this I am truly grateful, as did Sue Dunn as she felt able to engage. People watched on YouTube or Facebook, and once when I forgot to mention that I was preaching Sue's sermon someone said she couldn't believe that I was 66! Much was learned at this time concerning communication. Services were available throughout the week, as well as Sundays. We began zoom coffee mornings on both Sundays and Tuesdays. At first much my day was spent between a computer and phone also, walking about, and chatting, yielding newcomers to our online worship and email/snail mail community.

We are all grateful to Merv Deer for managing the bookstall outside of Church and the Foodbank too, providing a lifeline for so many people and forging alliances between The Church and the wider community by way of the Comeytrowe Coronavirus community support group. Further bonds being formed by ourselves and folk of other churches and indeed none.

At this point too The Galmington News was taken online, allowing them and us to reach a different audience. As did the incredible Holy Week display, culminating in the Easter Garden, on the church steps, we knew that this was the beginning of a big venture in bringing our inside, outside. Thank you to Pam, Rog and the others involved.

We were then allowed back in the building in July. We began to worship again, together in person on Thursday mornings (initially Morning Prayer) and on Sunday evenings at 6pm. This allowed us to regather, without the expectations of regular morning worship, for worship still looks quite different, even now.

These continued in various guises as we returned to 8 and 10 am worship on a Sunday. But still the overlap between worshipping at home and in the church remained. We had returned to Church, but many of us stayed away. Fear and health, along side new habits, making our return difficult. That alongside the fact that refreshments, singing, the common cup and the peace remained distant memories to us.



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Opened for a Season and then in November shut down again, this time around it was just in time for Remembrance. We were not going to be beaten Pam, Rog, Heather, Janice, Pat, Mollie, Jackie and Dot, sprung into action, creating a most exceptional war memorial, of gates, fences, barbed wire, a field of remembrance and a net covered in 100s of poppies knitted by Mollie throughout the 12 months after Remembrance 2019. This year 100s of people used that installation alone to take time to remember lives lost in battle, including each and every single child at Bishop Henderson School, each of them engaging in prayers and their own silences. We even managed to gather and yet not gather on Armistice Day itself.

I guess through the winter months our Church and our homes combined even more, the phone calls, organised by Heather Bray and the other members of the Pastoral Care committee and PCC continued and indeed so did the Zoom Coffee's, A new homegroup emerged, led by Carol Harley and Jill Bryan. And, Ann Goddard's Homegroup went online.

Then when we couldn't sit on the walls or in the gardens for chats, irrespective of the regulations, as it was just too darn cold. And we retreated to our sitting rooms or beds for Sunday worship. We came out in the second week of Advent and began a confused and painful leadup to Christmas. Isolated from one another and for many of us, our families too, our physical worship, in many ways became an act of obligation. We were low numbers and no singing, we managed a cheeky and impromptu glass of mulled wine after the 10am communion on Christmas eve, smuggled into church by 'X'. Many of the things we attempted were thwarted by the weather. Quietly Christ came into a broken world. And for many of us, we welcomed him into our homes.

I for one did put up the Christmas Tree and Decorations early, in November. I used the excuse that I needed to lead online worship for both Bishop Henderson and Parkfield Schools from the dining room and it had to look like a grotto, light in the darkness. Michelle knew that it was to ramp up my excitement as we approached Christmas itself, and indeed to ward off the blues that the deep winter months hold. But she let me pretend it was 'a work thing' all the same.

Then we were shut, for a long time, or what seemed like a very long time, being forced to journey through Epiphany and Lent alone. With no real national guidance, just strong advice. It was with great deliberation that we opened the Church doors again for Easter. Our displays outside continued to remain a focal point for the community, Mothering Sunday and then Good Friday-Easter were stunning. Pam and Rog, then at lightning speed turned Easter into a fitting Memorial to Prince Philip as the nation mourned his death.

The need to celebrate the resurrection was great. We were determined that if it was safe to worship that Sunday that it was safe to worship from there on in. No shutting our doors again. It has been a joy to be back together, with moments of difficulty but we are back now, Alison and Christine have put our rotas in place. Tea and Coffee began last Sunday. Mikey's returned the Friday before that, and Toddler Church the week before that. People are back in roles which they have fulfilled before, some for many years. I thank you. Others find themselves holding new positions, giving a go that which they never had before, indeed thank you also. If you wish to be more involved, please let us know, for many hands make light work.



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As we return to church, we do as a family returning home. Acutely aware of those of our company who have not re-joined us, having journeyed on to their heavenly home this past year:

Lily Magnal

Mena Dyer

Tony Bryan

Sheila Parish

Ann Sweetland

Clem Pryor.

We are desperate in some ways to begin again our times of sharing our food and fellowship together. We are mindful to that as we have put our homes in order, we now must do the same for our church.

2021 shall see us working together to restore the fabric of the building. The ladies' loos look lovely, but we now need to fix the roof and renew the heating system so the fabric stays good, so as we have a gathering place for family and new friends to be. I guess just as we noticed all the bits of our own homes in need of repair throughout the winter lockdown, we also noticed this in our church. Our building needs to be fit for purpose, a tithe barn ready for the gathering in of our church family, new and old.

The PCC passed a resolution to join The Inclusive Church Network, to make known that all are welcome in this place. The coming year shall be, we pray, a year of restoration.

Change has inevitably occurred. Ann and Sue have led worship, administered home communions, and supported the community both pastorally and spiritually, for many years and recently Sue stepped down into the position of Reader Emeritus, ironically this has not stopped her from continuing to provide sermons for us to enjoy over the last few months.

Pam and Bob have over a turbulent period led the church through a time of conflict, resolution, vacancy and now Pandemic. Pam stepping into the breach 4 years ago - she has really been a little like a war time warden, she has ministered without ceasing in this time. She has stepped down from this roll as of this meeting. She shall be difficult to replace. She and Bob have provided exceptional leadership through testing times, each playing to their strengths. They are a great team.

Some individuals are leaving the PCC:

Barbara Deer

Martin Bray

Kay George

Vote of thanks for everyone!



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## Financial Review

The audited 2020 St Michael's accounts show a significant drop in incoming resources compared to 2019.

Incoming Resources	2020	2019
	60,371	78,832

This drop in income is primarily caused by a reduction (due to COVID 19 restrictions) in our ability to earn income through the normal church fund-raising activities. For example, income from events fell from £7.6K to £4.5K, and income from hall lettings fell by £12K.

Efforts were made to reduce expenditure where possible, and our expenses decreased by £32.7K. However, it should be noted that we did not pay £28K of our Parish Share for 2020, and it is not clear if we will be expected to pay the full amount.

Resources Expended	2020	2019
	52,047	84,747

This leaves an overall surplus of £8,324, but this could change based on the pending decision concerning the balance of the 2020 Parish Share.

We continue to make donations to charities throughout the year, and a concert was held that raised additional charity funds.

The overall balance carried forward was £81,622, compared to £73,298 in 2019.

## Reserves Policy

It is the PCC policy to maintain a balance of unrestricted funds that equates to 4 months of day-to-day running costs. This equates to £28,000, and is covered by the balance in Kingdom Bank.

Money on deposit with the Lloyds account is sufficient to cover fluctuations in the average monthly spending.

The building is in relatively good condition, but urgent work is needed on the roof, and the PCC would like to improve the heating system.

## Structure, Governance and Management

St Michael's Church appoints Parochial Church Council (PCC) members in accordance with the Church Representational Rules. The PCC is chaired by our Vicar, and attended by the Church Wardens, the Lay Readers, and the Church Administrator in addition to the PCC representatives elected by the membership. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern to the parish, including how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The PCC met six times during the year.



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The PCC has identified areas of responsibility to several sub-groups, and considers the groups' advice when making decisions:

- Church Management Team (CMT): This group is convened under the Church Representational Rules as a standing committee of the PCC. This group meets more frequently than the full PCC, and has delegated authority to make day-to-day decisions concerning the church building and activities.
- Facilities Action Team (FAT): The PCC appointed this group to oversee building issues, particularly the need for work on the roof and the heating system.
- Finance Sub-Group (FSG): This group is appointed to oversee the church finances and make recommendations on financial policy and budget to the PCC.
- The Ministry Action Team (MAT): This group maintains an oversight of worship throughout the parish and ensures that our services put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and sacrament.
- Pastoral Care Team (PCT): This group addresses the special and individual needs of the parish.
- Social Activities: The PCC appoints members throughout the year to organise social and fund-raising activities.

## Trustees' Responsibilities

The elected members of the PCC are the Trustees of St Michael's Church. They are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The full PCC meets six times during the year. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC from time to time will appoint sub-groups or action teams with defined levels of decision making. All of these groups are responsible to the PCC and report back at each PCC meeting with minutes of any decisions taken, and recommendations for the PCC to act on areas outside the specific remit of the appointed group.

## Administrative Details

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### Current PCC members are:

#### Ex-officio

Rev Justine Richards, Vicar of Galmington  
Mr Bob Nicholls, (CW)  
Mrs Pam Bailey (CW)  
Mrs Carolyn Nicholls, (Dep CW)

#### Licensed Lay Readers

Miss Sue Dunn,





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Mrs Ann Goddard,  
**Deanery Synod Representatives**  
Mr Bob Nicholls  
Mrs Pat Whitworth  
**Treasurer and Secretary:** Mrs Susan Kaufman

#### **Elected Representatives**

#### **Dates**

1. Mrs. Kay George	2018-2021
2. Mrs. Pat Whitworth	2018-2021
3. Mrs. Barbara Deer	2018-2021
4. Mr. Martin Bray	2018-2021
5. Mr. John Vittery	2018-2020
6. Mrs. Pat Vittery	2018-2020
7. Mrs. Judy Cannings	2017-2020
8. Mrs. Andrea Nicholls	2017-2020
9. Mr. Simon Nicholls	2019-2022

#### **Church Management Team**

Rev Justine Richards, Mr Bob Nicholls, Mrs Pam Bailey, Mrs Susan Kaufman, Mrs Ann Goddard, Mrs Pat Vittery

#### **Sides people:**

Juliet Willey  
Wendy Webber  
Ann Watson  
Dot Boobier  
Molly Floyd  
Jean Sydenham  
Diane Hayes  
Sue Loosemore  
Jenny Moore

#### **Ministry Action Team**

Ann Goddard, Sue Dunn, Carolyn Nicholls, Sue Martin, Nick Anderson

#### **Pastoral Care**

Pam Bailey, Sue Dunn, Ann Goddard, Kay George, Christine Barnes, Rev Justine Richards, Janice Hewton, Heather Bray (Coordinator)

#### **Finance Sub Group**

Rev Justine Richards (from Sep 2020), Susan Kaufman, Bob Nicholls, Carol Lloyd, Linda Stockley, and Roger Bailey.

**PCC Secretary** Mrs. Susan Kaufman.

**Electoral Roll Officer** Mrs. Susan Kaufman.





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Signed on behalf of the PCC,

Rev Justine Richards  
Vicar of Galmington

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## Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	2020 Restricted Funds	Total	2019 Total
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
Voluntary income	2(a)	48679	2538	51217	55800
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	7699		7699	10050
Income from investments	2( c)	13		13	14
Church activities	2 (d)	1442		1442	12968
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>57833</b>	<b>2538</b>	<b>60371</b>	<b>78832</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
Charitable activities	3(a)	46803	5244	52047	84747
Cost of generating voluntary income	3(b)	0		0	0
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		<b>46803</b>	<b>5244</b>	<b>52047</b>	<b>84747</b>
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>11030</b>	<b>-2706</b>	<b>8324</b>	<b>-5915</b>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>11030</b>	<b>-2706</b>	<b>8324</b>	<b>-5915</b>
<b>BALANCES B/FWD 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY</b>		<b>67953</b>	<b>5345</b>	<b>73298</b>	<b>79213</b>
<b>BALANCES C/FWD 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER</b>		<b>78983</b>	<b>2639</b>	<b>81622</b>	<b>73298</b>

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## Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	2020 Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2019 Total Funds
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible	5	0		0	0
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	6	8650		8650	10816
Cash at bank and in hand		70451	2639	73090	64037
		79101	2639	81740	74853
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Current Liabilities					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	119		119	909
		119		119	909
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		78982	2639	81621	73944
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		78982	2639	81621	73944
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		78982	2639	81621	73944
<b>PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted	8	78983		78983	67953
Restricted	8		2639	2639	5345
		78983	2639	81622	73298

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on

2021 and signed on its behalf by

, (Chairman)

The notes on pages 3 to 6 form part of these accounts.

**Notes continued**

**2. INCOMING RESOURCES**

**2.(a) Voluntary Income**

Planned giving -  
Collections, donations and other giving  
Collections for Specific Funds  
Income tax recovered

Unrestricted Funds	2020 Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2019 Total Funds
36317		36317	35704
3360		3360	5847
	2538	2538	5313
9002		9002	8936
48679	2538	51217	55800

**2.(b) Activities for generating funds**

Events, coffee mornings  
Income from utilities

4544		4544	7668
3155		3155	2382
7699		7699	10050

**2.(c) Income from investments**

Bank Interest

13		13	14
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**2.(d) Income from church activities**

Hall lettings  
Fees

17		17	12099
1425		1425	869
1442		1442	12968

**Total incoming resources**

57833	2538	60371	78832
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**3. RESOURCES EXPENDED**

**3. (a) Church activities**

Mission and evangelism  
Parish share  
Clergy expenses  
Church running expenses  
Administration costs  
Cost of church activities  
Cost of raising funds  
Specific fund expenditure  
Publicity

4737		4737	2279
21844		21844	54352
1250		1250	1152
6436		6436	6601
10274		10274	12441
1965		1965	5200
40		40	1055
	5244	5244	1667
257		257	0
46803	5244	52047	84747

**3. (b) Cost of generating voluntary income**

Fund-raising costs

0		0	0
46803	5244	52047	84747

**TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED**

#### 4. STAFF COSTS

An administrator was employed, part-time, at a cost of £8134. (2019, £9059).

No employee benefits were paid to key management personnel in this or the preceding year.

#### 5. FIXED ASSETS

##### Tangible

###### At Cost

	Piano	Total
At 1st January 2020	3701	3701
Additions	-	-
At 31st December 2020	3701	3701

###### Depreciation

At 1st January 2020	3701	3701
Charge for the year	-	-
At 31st December 2020	3701	3701

###### Net book value at 31 December 2020

Net book value at 31 December 2020	0	0
Net book value at 31 December 2019	0	0

#### 6. DEBTORS (UNRESTRICTED FUNDS)

	2020	2019
Tax recoverable	7231	7392
Other debtors	1419	3424
	8650	10816

#### 7. Creditors

	2020	2019
Amounts falling due in one year    Unrestricted funds	119	909

Payment of the Parish Share was suspended during the year and £28,000 remains unpaid.

At the present stage it is not clear whether this amount or some smaller figure will be due and therefore no provision for future payment has been included in these accounts.

#### 8. Movement of funds

##### General funds

	Balance b/fwd	Income	Expenditure	Balance c/fwd
Reserve fund				
Opening Balance	65729			
Surplus for the year		11030		76759
Emergencies fund	1458			1458
Lighting fund	766			766

###### Total general funds

67953	11030	0	78983
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## Movement of funds continued

### Restricted funds - home

	Balance b/fwd	Income	Expenditure	Balance c/fwd
BishopHenderson Chaplaincy	883	192	883	192
Town Chaplaincy	348	192	348	192
Open Door	498	192	498	192
Childrens Society	653	192	553	292
Childrens Hospice	501	192	500	193
A Rocha	452	192	452	192
Royal British Legion	105	426	105	426
Food Bank	458	192	458	192
Mind		192		192
	3898	1962	3797	2063

### Restricted funds - overseas

Water Aid	694	192	694	192
Christian Aid	464	192	464	192
Leprosy	289	192	289	192
	1447	576	1447	576

### Total Restricted Funds

5345	2538	5244	2639
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### Summary of all funds

73298	13568	5244	81622
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## St Michaels 31st December 2019

### Voluntary Income

Planned giving

Collections, donations & other giving

### Activities for generating funds

Events, coffee mornings

Bank interest

### Income from church activities

Lettings

Fees

Other income

### Payments

Church Activities

Mission & Evangelism

Parish share

Cleergy

Running expenses

Admin costs

Church activities

Fundraising

Specific fund payments

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## **Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St Michael's, Galmington, Taunton**

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 1 to 6 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations and the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

This report is made solely to the PCC in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the PCC those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the PCC for my examination work for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

### **Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner.**

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements: you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and s.144(2) of the Act does not apply and that an independent examination is needed.. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

### **Basis of this report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes a consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

### **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 financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and Regulationshave 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.

Robert Clive Raisey FCCA

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Bicknoller  
Taunton  
16th April 2021