

Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul Uppingham
Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Annual reports for the year ending 31st December 2021



Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul, Uppingham, Rutland

Annual report of the Parochial Church Council

Year ended 31st December 2021

Introduction

The reports below are submitted for approval and information at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting to be held in the Church on the evening of x May 2022.

So that all members of our Church are able to share in our vision for the growth of the Church within the community, our Mission Action Plan (MAP) and Inventory are available from the Rector.

Reports received

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Administrative Information

The Church of St Peter & St Paul, Uppingham, is located in the Market Place LE15 9TJ. It is part of the Diocese of Peterborough within the Church of England.

The correspondence address is: The Rectory, 43 Lime Tree Avenue, Uppingham LE15 9SS.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity currently registered with the Charities Commission.

Parochial Church Council

Members of the PCC who served from 1st January 2017 until the date of the approval of this report are shown at Appendix 1 (page 11).

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.

Objectives

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent Revd Canon Rachel Watts in promoting the mission statement of the Church and conducting the business of the Church relating to financial affairs and the maintenance of the Church buildings and possessions.

Vision statement

Serving God through love in action in Uppingham.

Energy Footprint & Net Carbon Zero

The Church of England is committed to an environmental programme to achieve a target of net zero carbon emissions by 2030; this was adopted by the General [Synod in a motion](#) passed in February 2020.

The Church has carried out a comprehensive national audit to establish our starting point so that action plans can be put in place to achieve the objective.

Christobel Price will be working with the Rector and PCC on this project.

On our behalf she submitted our "Energy Footprint" audit to the Diocese to calculate our carbon footprint. On completion, our church was given two energy efficiency ratings based on building size and attendance.

Our carbon emissions for year ended 2021 (calculated on church attendance per M2) were:

- CO₂ emissions 21.1 tonnes (the equivalent of 21 London buses)
- Energy rating E
- Net CO₂ places us in 60-70% percentile, ie with the majority of the Church of England at present

Average CO₂ emission per **person** is **8 tonnes** per year - to limit global warming to 2°C, the average level of CO₂ emission per capita on our planet must not exceed **2.1 tonnes by 2050**.

The Church of England has set itself stretching targets and the implementation of low energy lighting, efficient heating systems, solar energy etc will be challenging and require creative actions, significant funding and changes to planning approval.

However, there are many actions that all members of the church community can already start to adopt eg LED lighting, rain water capture, encouraging wildlife, recycling etc.

We must make a start.

Richard Cole
Deputy Churchwarden

Safeguarding

Uppingham church is committed to observing good safeguarding practice in order to provide a safe environment for people to thrive. As a church we have adopted the diocesan safeguarding policy, 'Promoting a Safer Church'. This is updated by me, and reviewed and agreed annually by the PCC.

A copy of our policy is kept at the back of the church, along with contact numbers for those with safeguarding roles and a list of useful contact numbers for a variety of agencies / support groups. This information can also be found on the parish website.

The PCC has agreed a list of activities that we run involving children or vulnerable adults and this will be reviewed in the next few months. I am working to ensure that anyone involved in running any of these activities has completed a DBS check and the relevant training required by the Church of England.

All members of the PCC are required to have a DBS check (renewable every three years) and to have completed the appropriate safeguarding training. We are not yet 100% compliant with this and I will be pursuing this over the next few months. I have alerted those whose DBS checks are up for renewal and those that still need to complete the training.

We recently hosted a safeguarding training event in the church which was also opened up to our neighbouring parishes. There was a good attendance and I am grateful to everyone that attended.

The training is available to anyone in the church. The more people who are aware and vigilant, the safer our community will be. Everyone involved in any church related activities with children or vulnerable adults is required to complete this training. Please talk to me if you would like to discuss this further. The training can be found via the following link: <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>

If you have any safeguarding concerns about a child or adult, do not hesitate to contact one of the clergy, myself or Nicky Jervis (deputy safeguarding officer).

Alternatively, you can contact the diocesan safeguarding advisors Christine Lamb christine.lamb@peterborough-diocese.org.uk or Angie Barber angie.barber@peterborough-diocese.org.uk.

Thank you to everyone for their support with helping to make our church a safe place for everyone to feel a part of.

Sue Saunders,
Benefice Safeguarding Advisor
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Stewardship & Giving

The various methods of parishioners and visitors giving to our church, coupled with Gift Aid tax refunds resulted in around £97,854 being received compared to £73,489 in 2020. That represents an increase of approximately 33%.

Our parishioners gave generously through 2021, which included a number of kind individual donations possibly prompted by the lack of opportunities to come to church in 2020 due to Covid.

We are very grateful to everyone who gives to support their church. There are three different ways in which we can give:

PETERBOROUGH SCHEME / PARISH GIVING SCHEME (£54,474 in 2020 to 53,555 in 2021)

We are nearly complete in transferring everyone from the old standing order "Peterborough Scheme" to the new Direct Debit "Parish Giving Scheme". Only 3 donors remain on the old scheme, most of these being parishioners with whom we have lost contact. The diocese delayed closing the scheme due to Covid and so we have continued to receive this income this year. However, the scheme was closed on March 31st 2022.

CASH COLLECTIONS / WHITE ENVELOPE SCHEME (£2,025 in 2020 to £ 1,853 in 2021)

This has been declining steadily over the last few years. Almost all regular donors have moved onto the Parish Giving Scheme. Most envelopes are from occasional visitors and the rise is due to the church being open much more in 2021.

LARGE AND ONE-OFF DONATIONS (£21,812 in 2020 rose to £25,664 in 2021)

Our parishioners continue to be very generous and give occasional or sometimes annual one-off donations. Across the year there were a number of significant one-off donations.

In the last two weeks of the accounting period, our new Dona machine was operating for

the first time. It recorded donations of £95.00 primarily over Christmas. The machine has come into its own since the turn of the year and in the first quarter received donations of £398.00. The Gift Aid on the donations will be claimed in the financial year 2022-23.

I would like to take this opportunity, on everyone's behalf, to thank Geoff Thompson for all the work he has done for the Church as Gift Aid Secretary since 2018. He made the handover to me very easy and I am trying to follow in his 'bank manager footsteps'!

Thanks to the generosity of our regular givers, our financial income from giving and Gift Aid has increased in the year under review. If this level of giving is maintained it should help us slowly restore our finances, now that church is fully open again.

However, we are all aware of costs of living increases, particularly in fuel, which will impact us when the heating goes on in the winter.

We remain very dependent on the large and one-off donations. Should those cease we would have a big problem. Please do all you can to encourage regular giving and legacies in wills to help us maintain a healthy church in the longer term.

Nick Clarke

Stewardship Secretary

NOTE THAT ALL AMOUNTS HAVE BEEN ROUNDED AND ARE APPROXIMATE

Most giving is for the General Fund which helps the church allocate funds to the greatest need, but some donors allocate their money to specific funds such as Fabric or Organ Fund.

Electoral Roll

Currently there are 65 members. The roll changes throughout the year as new members join the congregation, residents relocate and members are no longer able to attend due to infirmity. We also lose members who have gone before us to be with our risen Lord.

Jenny Harris

Church Property Register

Introduction

The Church Property Register is a requirement of Section 4 of the Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991 and relates principally to the fabric of the church, church buildings, the churchyard, furnishings and property (including plate etc.).

This report incorporates the inventory, the terrier of all lands appertaining to the church and the logbook of all alterations, repairs and additions to the church, its lands and property. It is required annually and relates to any events occurring during the reporting period which the churchwardens consider likely to assist the Parochial Church Council (PCC) in discharging its functions in relation to the church and its articles.

A log book noting all alterations, additions and repairs to the church and the location of documents relating to such works is held and maintained by the wardens.

The reporting period is 1st January 2021 – 31st December 2021 but in preparing the report it is sensible to reflect that the restrictions of the Covid pandemic mean that some previous audits were last completed in year ending Dec 2019.

Structural undertakings

None were undertaken during the reporting period.

Extraordinary surveys

The Quinquennial Inspection was completed in May 2019.

The fabric of the church continues to be in relatively good condition for a building the age of ours, we are fortunate to have the guidance of our architect John Barker who knows our church well.

Due to Covid few recommendations could be implemented but a review has been carried out with our architect to identify / prioritise key areas to action specifically the category A items to be agreed by the PCC considering costs and appropriate faculty or authorization from the Diocese.

In compliance with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, which was effective from 1st October 2006, risk assessments were carried out by the buildings committee at that time using the procedure laid out in Guide 6 (small and medium places of assembly) and visitor and user safety guides updated accordingly

– these are reviewed at least annually by the church wardens and others.

Routine surveys

The church wardens and others carry out audits of the church, church hall and their environs making recommendations to the PCC and update visitor and user safety guides as necessary.

Health & Safety Audit

An annual health and safety audit is normally carried out prior to each annual meeting. An interim audit was carried out once Covid easing allowed and a full audit completed prior to the AGM and approved by the PCC.

An annual access audit is also carried out at the same time, light levels are an issue within the church building and initial investigations have begun and will be reported on at the next AGM.

Our insurers also carry out their own periodic inspections assisted by the wardens; none was carried out by during this reporting period.

No accidents, incidents or near misses occurred in either the church or the hall.

Rutland County Council has responsibility for the maintenance of the churchyard and its boundary walls including for the inspection and maintenance of trees. During 2021 they carried out work in the lower churchyard pollarding trees and clearing ivy – we are grateful to the County Council and their contractors for their work.

Future

All legal requirements and appropriate guidance will be followed to ensure that we comply and continue to improve access to our church.

Subject to funding availability and appropriate faculty approval work envisaged in 2022 relates to that work required from the 2019 Quinquennial inspection.

Terrier of church lands

Peter Lane carried out a thorough audit of parish lands; his report dated 6th May 2003 remains an accurate record and our primary reference document. For information Scott Murray act on our behalf managing land rentals from local farmers.

Inventory

The church is blessed by a fine collection of silver, brass, art works and furniture which is maintained in good condition by all those who

so kindly give their time to their cleaning.

The inventory is reported separately and presented at the AGM acceptance and signature by the Rector.

New acquisitions and disposals during the reporting period

Disposals None

Acquisitions None

Richard Cole
Deputy Churchwarden

Bell Ringers

Again, the year started with restrictions on activity due to the coronavirus pandemic and it was late Summer before ringing could recommence.

But before the end of the year the bells had rung out for two weddings and four funeral services. On two occasions visiting teams came to Uppingham to enjoy ringing our bells.

We managed a full team of 8 to ring on Remembrance Sunday in November, for the town's late night shopping event at the beginning of December and again for the carol service.

On 7th October a band comprising local ringers from Rutland and surrounding area came to ring a peal. This is an amazing feat that only the best ringers achieve, as it takes around three hours of continuous ringing to complete. Each sequence is never repeated and all is performed from memory.

We have at Uppingham, a bell simulator, which makes us an ideal venue for teaching bellringing to new learners. It facilitates ringing with the sound via a computer and only heard from inside the church. No sound is heard by the public outside. On Saturday mornings during November, December, and January, we had eight learners from Gretton and two from Ayston learning "the ropes". We plan to hold further recruitment events and hope we will eventually have a full home band.

Practice nights are Thursday's 7.30pm -9pm.

Sue Webster
Tower Captain

Choir

This report covers a two-year period, during which church music has faced an unprecedented challenge.

I am immensely grateful to our singers, and it is pleasing to note how the range of repertoire and the technical standards of singing have been maintained. The choir made a bold decision to embrace weekly lateral flow testing to build our collective confidence, and during the earlier severe phases of Covid we remained infection-free. The latest phase of Covid, this year, has caught several of our members infected in the community, happily not with severe outcomes, and the policy of weekly testing and judicious absence from choir has ensured we have not spread it amongst ourselves.

The opening-up of services has been successfully managed, with incremental steps building confidence, although one final step, the common cup, is still awaited. Our Christmas, Epiphany and Candlemas candlelit services were well received; once again we used the screen to display suitable pictures accompanying the readings at the Christmas and Epiphany services. Monthly Choral Evensong has begun to attract a significant congregation, once again, and some interesting additions to the repertoire have featured. We were delighted to be able to offer the service of Tenebrae once again, after an absence of two years, on Good Friday evening.

It has been lovely to sing the occasional Evensong at Belton this year. We have received two other exciting invitations to sing services outside the bounds of our parish – in August, a BCP Choral Communion at the Royal Naval College Chapel in Greenwich, and on New Year's Day 2023, Eucharist and Evensong in our home Cathedral of Peterborough. The support of the PCC in accepting these invitations has been welcome.

Congratulations to Vivian Anthony who, on 1 May 2022, completed 76 years of choristership since his boyhood days in the diocese of Llandaff, and was presented with the RSCM Loyal Service medallion and ribbon. Thanks to all our members for their energy, loyalty, and willingness to go the extra mile in pursuit of musical excellence. New singers will always be welcome, of any age, and in any and all of the voice parts; and we look forward to our continuing musical ministry together during the coming year.

John Wardle
Director of Music & Organist

Church Hall Report

The first lockdown that started on 23 March 2020 meant a sudden stoppage to all activities in the church hall, and it was not until the end of October 2020 that a few bookings started again.

The break in the use of the hall over the summer of 2020 enabled some jobs to be done, which included the installation of the paper towel holders, and hand sanitising equipment, the fireproofing of the curtains, and the washing of the carpet. Thank you to Ian and Sue Cripps for installing the towel holders and hand sanitising stand, and for their work and vigilance in ensuring the children's gate is safe and secure, as this is most important where young children are concerned.

During 2021 more activities opened up, although it was not possible to retain a successful children's play group which had been running for four years up to the pandemic. This was due to the lack of space for the many little children to be socially distanced from each other. It has therefore been a pleasure to see other children enjoying themselves at private birthday parties, and amazing to see how their families can lay out the room imaginatively. Over the last few months it has been a pleasure to liaise with those who are running Rutland First CIC, a youth group for older children and teenagers, where marvellous work is being done with young people after their school day.

The use of the hall is now back to where it was before the pandemic, and I would like to thank Mr Nick Kennedy who cleans the hall regularly, and those who continue to take an interest in the hall. It is very much appreciated.

The income from lettings and donations can be seen in the church accounts.

Hilary Dawe
Church Hall bookings

Mothers' Union

Membership.

Our membership remains steady at around 42 members, some of whom are very active, others who sadly are no longer fit enough to take an active role.

We have enrolled four new members: Sue Dixon, Georgina Glaze, Anne Brooke and Elizabeth Sargeant and welcomed Valerie Bowron who has transferred from Ashby de la Zouche. We mourn the loss of four longstanding and faithful members: Margaret Demaine, Pat Taylor, Stephanie Pattinson and Shirley Harris.

Fundraising.

Despite the limitations imposed by Covid, we were able to distribute over £500 to MU concerns; we were effective in fundraising for only six months of the year. We are always looking for new ways to raise money and would welcome any ideas – it doesn't need to be large sum at any one event.

The committee.

The committee remains the same this year, with the addition of Claire Dixon, who has taken on the role of Membership Secretary. We are about to welcome Sue Dixon who will be our 'treasurer in training', ready to take over from Joy at the end of the year. I would like to thank all the members of the committee most sincerely for all their support and hard work over the year; everyone contributes and has a special role to fulfil.

Branch meetings

We were able to resume our monthly Eucharist from April 2022, and held our first meeting on a beautiful August afternoon at the home of Joy and Chris Sworn, celebrating Mary Sumner Day with a cream tea! At first, some members were apprehensive about going out in public, but confidence has gradually returned and most members are happy to join in.

I would like to thank all members for their support in running the Branch; everyone is very willing to 'do their bit', whether taking part in our services, serving refreshments etc. We are particularly blessed at present to have Rachel and Debbie to lead our Eucharists. I hope 2022 is a more stable year and that our programme can take place uninterrupted!

Janet Wardle

Social and Outreach

Thank you to you all for supporting our events over the past year, even though we have had to postpone many events due to the pandemic.

Our usual Soup lunch and Pancake tea had to be put on hold and unfortunately we had to cancel a pantomime in January this year, which was to be staged by the Rutland Arts Theatre Company. This was due to cast going down with Covid.d.

In Summer of 2021, Nicky and Stewart Jervis organised a team of helpers to raise funds for our Church at the Social Sundays in the Market Place. Nat and the young people also ran children's activities and we raised over £800 which was a tremendous amount. During those Sundays we were able to hold a Fashion Sale which raised in excess of £200. Due to the ongoing pandemic, we were not able to hold a Fashion Show but hope to do so in the following months ahead as this had proved a very good fundraiser.

In Autumn 2021, Andy Harris and Fergus Black gave a short concert in church which raised over £140 and they are pleased to be able to put on another short lunchtime concert on June 1st and details will be circulated.

Huge thanks go to Sue and Ian Cripps who once again dedicated so much of their time in gathering wonderful prizes from the town's businesses and selling raffle tickets at many events for our annual Grand Prize Draw. This raised in excess of £1000. A superb result. Thank you Sue and Ian for your splendid effort to raise much needed funds for our beautiful church.

In April of this year, members from our Church Choir entertained at Alec and Caroline Crombie's 50th Wedding Anniversary and were given a donation of £100 for Church funds. It was a privilege and pleasure and the afternoon was enjoyed by all.

We desperately need offers from our congregation to lead just one fundraising project. This does not have to be a big undertaking. All small or large projects would be welcome. You would have a willing and hard working committee behind you. Please do think about it as we shall need lots of fundraising ideas and people to lead them, in the years ahead.

Jenny Harris
Social and Outreach Committee

Children's Families & Youth Work

I have been working with Rutland council Youth Workers and the community to start a community youth group for young people in Uppingham. This is a group which has been started from scratch and has been steadily growing. It is held in the church hall every Monday from 3.15 pm for ages 11-16 years. It has proved the need for provision for young people in Uppingham, some weeks we have seen nearly 30 young people coming along. I went along to a town council meeting last month with a young person to ask for funding, this was successful. The extra funds will be going towards developing the community youth group further.

Our Come Rejoice service on a Saturday afternoon and a Sunday are continuing to go well. We have been able to make contact with new families. It is one of the highlights of my month to all join together for communion on the Sunday. Seeing the children and young people engaging with the service, and each other and really starting to feel at home in church.

We have held a number of activity days as Churches Together. Which has seen an increase in children taking part. Our next activity days will be in the summer.

I am now coming to the end of the second year of my apprenticeship and studying for my degree. Each year of my apprenticeship changes how my time is divided between my time at Uppingham and Whissendine and the Rutland Deanery.

Nat Stiles

Deanery Synod

For many years our faithful representatives on Deanery Synod have been Shirley Harris and Margaret Jennings. I took over from Margaret, and for a couple of meetings it was a joy to give Shirley a lift to meetings. They are held every 2-3 months. As a result of COVID winter meetings were held on Zoom and in the better weather we met at different churches around the deanery. This pattern will continue. Meetings are attended by clergy in the Deanery and lay representatives. Coordinated by the Rural Dean, the Revd. Canon Jane Baxter and chaired by John Tomalin meetings provide the opportunity to find out what is happening in the diocese and deanery and to share views. We had an interesting and well structured meeting talking about the impact of COVID on our services. There were many challenges for all, but evidence of flexibility and innovation. Speakers during the year have included the Dean of the Cathedral, and Peter Botherton, environmental officer. I hope that someone will join me to represent our church at these meetings.

Uppingham C of E Primary School

Our school has had a very difficult couple of years, with Covid causing havoc to staff and children. From September to Christmas 2021 there wasn't a single day when all staff were in. Add to that the ban on non-staff adults coming in, plus operating in 'bubbles' it has been very challenging for everyone.

We have a number of children in the lower age group who have significant special needs, requiring 1:1 supervision. This is expensive, and consequently budgets are under great pressure. All schools are finding there is a real problem getting supply or temporary teaching staff, and even lunchtime supervisors (anyone interested?), so the pressure on all members of the school community is great. Close to the school is a Women's Refuge, and we receive children at short notice from all parts of the country, often making good use of donated quality second-hand uniforms.

However, our fantastic staff are rising to the challenge and working hard to help children catch up with what they've missed due to THE virus. This includes hoping to develop the outside areas too, so those with little access to outdoor space have more opportunities. The school is seeking funding for this so is hoping for matched funding from the Town Council. Add musical possibilities with 'Rock School' and themed days we see everyone developing new skills.

We need another Foundation Governor, three is the minimum. Olivia Linnel did an amazing job and has decided the time has come to focus on other matters, so thank you Olivia. Would you like to find out more? We have also added two teachers from Uppingham School to our governing body.

Please keep the staff, children and the Trust in your prayers.

Liz Clarke
Chair of Governors

Curate

This year has been full of so many ministerial experiences for which I am most thankful - most especially to Canon Rachel who continues to be my guide through this curacy.

I arrived in June 2020 with my family and it has been good for us all to settle down to life here in Uppingham. Everyone has been very welcoming and encouraging. The pandemic has been a backdrop to all that has taken place during my curacy, yet has also led to further experience. In September 2020, I was deaconed at the cathedral with only one guest, in June 2021, I was priested and happy for my 6 family guests to be there also. It was a great joy to then experience my first celebration of the Eucharist with all our church family at a benefice service for the Patronal festival. It is good to train with SS Peter and Paul in mind and all that those two great pillars of the church received in terms of forgiveness and grace.

In prayer and worship we gather in church, online or in groups to share in our faith. Leading in worship, preaching and serving in all the different services and through the church's year brings all kinds of opportunities, experience and reflection. It has been good to experience something of the breadth of Anglicanism in our benefice as well as the opportunity to connect with people from the congregation and community in many and varied ways. Something I love about the Church of England – we are all included whether we like it or not! Across the wider ministry team we have an abundance of experience and talent and it has been good to be involved in all manner of services and projects, including...

- Mission groups and Housegroups meeting and growing together
- PCC - Awayday
- Review of services and activities ; of our church electoral roll and data systems and methods of giving; our outreach into the community around us and the upkeep of our building. Church responsibilities and officers.
- Churches Together – working with our friends in the Methodist and Congregational church. The Covenant service and joint Harvest, Advent and Lent groups shared, supporting Foodbank and Christian Aid and Kids Days run in the holidays.
- Life Events: Funerals, Weddings and Baptisms – each one unique.
- Care Homes , Home Communions and

Pastoral Care with my particular interest in Dementia care and in meeting people where they are at.

- Training programme provided by the diocese which has included looking at rural churches, working with Children & Youth, self evaluation and team building, meeting and reflecting with other Curates and colleagues about all matters of ministry and benefitting from times of retreat.
- As well as being here in Uppingham our benefice includes the church in Belton, and we enjoy other services and events there too.
- Deanery Synod (Rutland Deanery) and Diocesan Synod (Peterborough Diocese)
- Mother's Union; Wednesday Prayer Group; Choral Evensong
- Being involved in the committee of St John & St Anne Almshouses in Uppingham & Oakham both as part of the Governing body and meeting residents.
- Involved in the Bereavement Help Point now offered twice monthly in the Falcon Hotel in cooperation with hospice charities.
- Collective Worship in schools and hosting church visits for pupils
- Christingle and Nativity services, Kids Days in the holidays and our Come Rejoice activity services. Social Sundays and late night shopping event at Christmas.

The life of a curate is never dull and no two days are the same – as we have moved on from the time of the pandemic, I know we can look forward to all that the coming year brings in terms of growing the Kingdom of God in this place.

it is truly a privilege to serve amongst you in this ministry and I look forward to the continuing adventure.

Rev'd Debbie Smith-Wilds



Debbie's first Communion service 29th June 21

Appendix 1

PCC Members 2021-22

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**St. Peter & St. Paul Uppingham
The Parish of Uppingham-with-Ayston**

Accounts for Year End 31 December 2021

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St. Peter & St. Paul with Ayston, Uppingham.

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St. Peter & St. Paul with Ayston, Uppingham.

Independent Examiner's Report

The report on the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 2 to 5, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ('The Act').

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and examiner

The church's trustees, the PCC, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The PCC considers that an audit is not required and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of an independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the church 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 the church's 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 accounts.

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
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Signed:



Date: 3 May 2022

Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2021

Receipts and Payments Account

		Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Designated Funds (£)	Endowment Funds (£)	Total 2021 (£)	Total 2020 (£)
Receipts							
Voluntary Receipts							
Planned Giving		53,555	0	0	0	53,555	54,474
Collections at Services		1,853	0	0	0	1,853	2,025
Other Voluntary Income	5c	23,507	2,011	146	0	25,664	2,131
Gift Aid Recovered		16,783	0	0	0	16,783	14,859
		95,698	2,011	146	0	97,854	73,489
Activities for Generating Funds	5d	3,597	0	0	0	3,597	1,438
Income from Investments	5e	4	5,487	0	14	5,505	5,663
Church Activities	5f	4,858	4,246	640	0	9,744	9,435
Total Receipts		104,157	11,743	786	14	116,700	90,026
Payments							
Parish Share and Clergy Expenses		70,431	0	0	0	70,431	70,177
Worship		5,120	0	0	0	5,120	4,374
Faith Development & Outreach	5g	5,246	1,100	100	0	6,446	5,508
Church Running Costs & Maintenance	5h	8,067	4,292	436	0	12,795	15,534
Administration		23,658	17	6	0	23,682	13,671
Governance and Stewardship		0	0	0	0	0	0
Fundraising		283	0	0	0	283	20
Total Payments		112,806	5,409	542	0	118,757	109,284
Excess of receipts over payments		(8,649)	6,334	244	14	(2,058)	(19,257)
Transfers between funds		15,000	(15,000)	0	0	0	0
		6,351	(8,666)	244	14	(2,058)	(19,257)
Cash at bank a 1st January		19,108	124,041	4,565	26,618	174,331	193,588
Cash at bank a 31st December		25,459	115,374	4,809	26,631	172,273	174,331

Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2021

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

		Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Designated Funds (£)	Endowment Funds (£)	Total 2021 (£)	Total 2020 (£)
Cash Funds							
Bank Current Account		21,210	25,979	2,692	0	49,881	40,800
Deposit Fund		4,249	89,395	2,117	26,631	122,392	133,530
		25,459	115,374	4,809	26,631	172,273	174,331
Other Monetary Assets							
Income Tax Recoverable		791	0	0	0	791	545
Land rental		0	270	0	0	270	270
		791	270	0	0	1,061	815
Investment Assets							
Investment Fund Shares at Market Value	5a	0	0	0	141,215	141,215	123,579
Land Holdings	5b	0	0	0	204,000	204,000	204,000
		0	0	0	345,215	345,215	327,579
Liabilities							
Utility Bills		574	0	0	0	574	483
Other		0	0	0	0	0	0
		574	0	0	0	574	483

Notes

- The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and the Charities Act 2011, using the Receipts and Payments basis.
- Unrestricted funds** are general funds available for the general objectives of the church (**General Fund**). **Designated funds** are unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the PCC for particular purposes (**Bell Fund**). **Restricted funds** can only be used for the purposes for which they have been given, within the objectives of the church. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against those specific funds (**Fabric, Church Hall, St Thomas' Charity and Mission legacy**).
- Endowment funds are given to the Church with the specific instruction that only the income gained from investing the money can be spent (**Clifford Pugh** deposit account and also see note 5a).
- The movements in designated and restricted funds during the year were:

	Balance B/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfer	Balance C/fwd
Restricted					
Church Hall	19,289	2,918	2,518	(15,000)	4,688
Church Fabric	22,694	5,202	1,791	0	26,105
Organ Fund	17,416	2,375	0	0	19,791
St Thomas Charity	3,498	1,216	1,100	0	3,614
Mission & Ministry Legacy	61,144	32	0	0	61,176
	124,041	11,743	5,409	(15,000)	115,374
Designated					
Bell Fund	4,565	786	542	0	4,809
	4,565	786	542	0	4,809

5. Further analysis of Financial Statements

	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Designated Funds (£)	Endowment Funds (£)	Total 2021 (£)	Total 2020 (£)
a) Investment Funds						
Uppingham Church Lands [Charity of Richard Pateman]	0	0	0	14,895	14,895	13,045
Uppingham Parish Lands and Stock Charity	0	0	0	579	579	507
J Pretty Charity	0	0	0	1,541	1,541	1,349
C E Thorpe Charity	0	0	0	21,430	21,430	18,768
Mrs M B Fowler for a Poor Woman	0	0	0	2,283	2,283	1,999
Uppingham St Peter and St Paul PCC [Charity of Richard Pakeman]	0	0	0	50,911	50,911	44,539
Uppingham Church Rooms	0	0	0	49,576	49,576	43,372
	0	0	0	141,215	141,215	123,579
b) Land Holdings						
16 Acres at Hallaton	0	0	0	64,000	64,000	64,000
15.196 Acres	0	0	0	60,000	60,000	60,000
Landfill Site	0	0	0	80,000	80,000	80,000
	0	0	0	204,000	204,000	204,000
c) All other giving / voluntary receipts						
Donations	17,789	2,011	146	0	19,946	790
Wall Safe	2,744	0	0	0	2,744	1,342
Choir Robes	2,974	0	0	0	2,974	0
	23,507	2,011	146	0	25,664	2,131
d) Activities for Generating Funds						
Church Fund Raising Events	2,642	0	0	0	2,642	595
Concerts	215	0	0	0	215	348
Magazine	740	0	0	0	740	495
	3,597	0	0	0	3,597	1,438
e) Investment Income						
Dividends on Investment Funds	0	3,597	0	0	3,597	3,489
Deposit Account Interest	4	49	0	14	68	604
Land Rental	0	1,840	0	0	1,840	1,570
	4	5,487	0	14	5,505	5,663
f) Income from Church Activities						
Fees (includes organ, choir)	3,222	2,590	640	0	6,452	7,397
Charity Fund Raising Events	1,636	0	0	0	1,636	250
Church Hall Lettings	0	1,656	0	0	1,656	1,789
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
	4,858	4,246	640	0	9,744	9,435
g) Donations Made (included within Faith Development and Outreach)						
Xmas lunches	298	0	0	0	298	0
St Luke's Hospital	20	0	0	0	20	0
Christian Aid Appeal	560	0	0	0	560	20
British Legion Poppy Appeal	256	0	0	0	256	0
Caldecott Tower	0	0	0	100	100	0
Local Charities and Causes	0	1,100	0	0	1,100	158
	1,134	1,100	0	100	2,334	178
h) Church Running Expenses						
Utilities	4,020	30	0	0	4,050	6,080
Insurance	3,695	554	0	0	4,249	4,194
Maintenance	242	1,794	436	0	2,473	1,830
Organ repairs	0	504	0	0	504	480
Cleaning	110	1,410	0	0	1,520	2,950
	8,067	4,292	436	0	12,795	15,534

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf by:

Chairman: _____ Date:

Rev Canon Rachel Watts

Treasurer: _____ Date:

Mr Russ Garley ACMA

St. Peter & St. Paul with Ayston, Uppingham.

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St. Peter & St. Paul with Ayston, Uppingham.

Independent Examiner's Report

The report on the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 2 to 5, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ('The Act').

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and examiner

The church's trustees, the PCC, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The PCC considers that an audit is not required and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of an independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the church 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 the church's 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 accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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