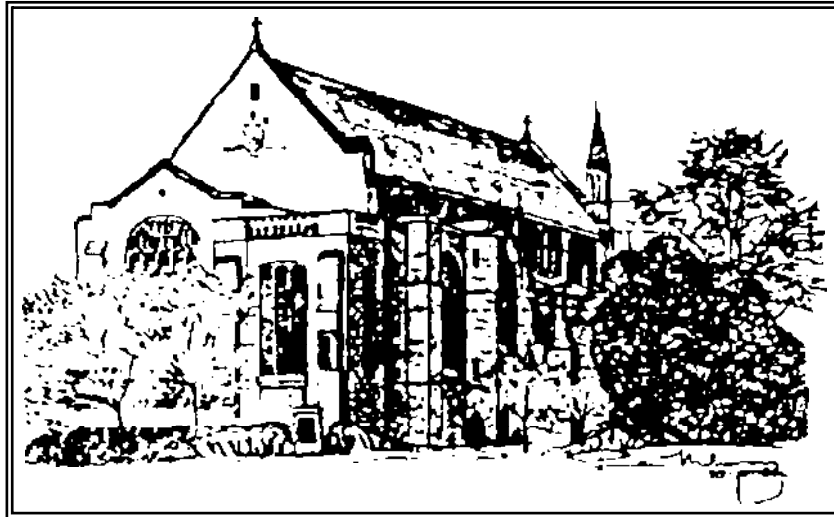


The Parish Church of St John the Baptist Greenhill

(The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John, Greenhill, Harrow - a registered charity)



Annual Report (Pages 1 to 10) and Accounts (Pages 11 to 17) for 2021

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The Parish Church of St John the Baptist. Greenhill

The Annual Reports of the Parochial Church Council of Greenhill and of the Parish Activities Generally for 2021

A Note from the PCC Secretary

Covid-19 Lockdown continued in 2021 and as a consequence parish organisations have reported where they have been able to.

Parochial Church Council (PCC) Report

Administrative Information: The Church is situated in Greenhill, better known today as the central shopping area of Harrow, and is located at the junction of Station Road and Sheepcote Road. It is part of the Diocese of London within the Church of England and is in the Willesden Episcopal Area of that diocese. The correspondence address is St John's Church, Sheepcote Road, Harrow, Middlesex, HA1 2JE.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under the title of "The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John, Greenhill, Harrow" (number 1138108) and it was registered in 2010. The Victoria Hall, which was next to the

Church in Sheepcote Road and was demolished in 2018, is a registered charity (number 207730) with a new registered charity taking over (number 1174963) and both are legally independent of the PCC. A new hall was opened on 25th September 2021.

PCC members who have served from the 1st January 2021 to the date this report was approved are as follows. The initials 'APCM' stand for Annual Parochial Church Meeting and that meeting for 2021 took place on Sunday, 9th May 2021. Dates of expiry of membership do not preclude the person concerned from standing for re-election. If no date of appointment or election is given, the person concerned was a member of the PCC at the 1st January 2021.

		<u>Office Held on PCC</u>	<u>Notes</u>
The Revd Barry Hingston*†	Ex Officio (Vicar)	Chairman (Ex Officio)	Until he leaves or retires from office. A member of the Deanery Synod (Ex Officio)
Mr Peter Polkinghorne*†	Ex Officio (Churchwarden)		To Archdeacon's Visitation 2022
Mrs Catherine Still†*	Ex Officio (Churchwarden)	Vice Chairman	To Archdeacon's Visitation 2022
The Revd Ajay More	Ex Officio (Associate Vicar)		Until he leaves or retires from office. A member of the Deanery Synod (Ex Officio)
The Revd David Byrne	Ex Officio (Honorary Assistant Curate)		Until he leaves or retires from office
Mr Peter Hawkins*	Ex Officio (Deanery Synod Representative)	Secretary	Elected to the Deanery Synod by the Parish) To 31st July 2023

-		<u>Office Held on PCC</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Mr Tim Mackenzie	Ex Officio (Deanery Synod Representative)		Elected to the Deanery Synod by the Parish to 31st July 2023
Mr Derek Biddle	Elected to APCM 2022		
Mrs Claire Cook*	Elected to APCM 2024		
Mrs Maggie Dawson	Elected to APCM 2022		
Mr Gary Morris	Elected to APCM 2023		
Mr Simon Patrick*	Elected to APCM 2022	Treasurer	
Miss Patricia Roney	Elected to APCM 2024		
Miss Vicki Swinchatt*	Elected to APCM 2023		
* A member of the Standing Committee of the PCC † The Vicar and Churchwardens are ex officio members of the Standing Committee			

Structure, Governance and Management: The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All those who attend Church are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives and Activities: The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Vicar in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish of Greenhill the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Parish Church of St John the Baptist Greenhill, Sheepcote Road, Harrow, Middlesex, HA1 2JE. The PCC has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, in relation to having due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Review of the Year: The PCC met formally 6 times during the year with an average attendance

of 84.5% against 82.1% in 2020. The last meeting was in November after the lockdowns ended and was in person. The other five were by Zoom Videoconference. To the extent it was viable Committees met or corresponded within themselves between meetings and their reports were received by the PCC and discussed where necessary. The PCC itself also did some of its business by correspondence between meetings, the details of such transactions being reported to the following PCC meeting so they appeared in the minutes.

At all meetings during the year the PCC discussed its finances and also progress on the Cumberland Hotel Project - a development, by a developer, that would involve the re-building of the Victoria Hall and the replacing of two of the PCC's properties with new flats. The Cumberland Hotel itself (now demolished) would also be replaced with flats. As at the end of 2021, construction of the new building was complete. The new Victoria Hall was opened on the 25th September 2021 and is on the ground floor of Moore House (the name of the new building) and our two new flats are above. The PCC has let both of these

flats. Other matters discussed at these meetings were generally of a more routine nature including finance. We were able to agree our Common Fund offer for 2022 at the same level as 2020 and 2021. We also agreed to install a roof alarm to deter metal theft and to keep our insurance premiums at a reasonable level. Another matter we spent time on was arrangements for re-opening the church. This was a little "up and down". As mentioned in the PCC report for last year (2020) the church was reopened in July 2020 but closed for worship for most of November 2020 (a legal requirement) and again from mid-January 2021 onwards (as the covid level was particularly high in Harrow). Suffice to say the church re-opened in 2021 (Easter Sunday) and by the end of the year we were holding a 10.00am communion service each Sunday in one kind only (distribution of the bread). By this time the old arrangements for Church at Home services on Sundays had ended and had been replaced by live streaming on Zoom for those who still felt unable to attend church in person (please see Vicar's Report immediately below). Other items discussed by the PCC on a regular basis included safeguarding a matter which is expected to remain ongoing.

Vicar's Report: Last year was an extraordinary year of ups and downs. Having had a very disrupted 2020 Christmas (no carols, no candlelight, and very limited services), we started the year in lockdown amidst arguably the worst that Covid 19 could throw at us. The Delta wave proved to be the most deadly of all. In fact, we did not recommence meeting until Easter Sunday, so our usual Lent activity was online as well. We started to embrace more "normal" worship only in September, which was when we recommenced singing in church. Even as I write in March 2022, we still retain distanced seating plans, communion in one kind, and voluntary face coverings in worship.

The net outcome is that we now worship regularly at 10:00 a.m. in church and have a community of church members who attend online. Sadly, I think from looking at our church attendance register, that we have lost around a dozen members from pre-Covid days. Of course, some passed away in the year, but we have lost others who, for whatever reason, have decided not to resume their attendance. However, the percentage for St John's is well below that which

applies elsewhere, according to anecdotal feedback. Please pray for the church, both locally and nationally, because Covid-19 hit it very hard in all sorts of ways.

I feel I need to thank and pay tribute to many people for their special efforts in the time from March 2020 to the close of 2021. My thanks especially go to Gary Morris and Godfrey Mott, who laboured week in week out to ensure that the online service not only happened but was as good as we could make it. There was an enormous amount of editing, collating, e-mailing and chasing involved in this process and it was unrelenting. So, we are grateful to them. I would also like to thank all those that contributed material to these services - those that read scripture, did intercessions, and sermons, and their willingness to embrace the technology and all its challenges.

A special mention here to Dominica Parry and the gospel choir who even managed to provide recorded sung contributions (I still don't know how they did that) despite the difficulties. I also acknowledge the people at St Martin-in-the-Fields who provided pre-recorded worship material, free of copyright for Zoom use, and still do to this day. We were also able to do Alpha online (well done to Ajay) and in so doing explore new ways of discipleship, using the internet, which we had not done before.

As we reopened for sung worship in September, a tremendous amount of work was undertaken to upgrade the church audio system, install cameras and control system, so that we can stream our services to those that still wish to worship from home. Huge thanks to Godfrey Mott and John Cuthbert in particular for this work and for their continued faithful work in manning the system each week. The improvement in audio is wonderful and has transformed our worship in church, as well as the online benefits. As a result of this, we have been able to stream baptism services to far-away relatives, and funerals, and will in the future do school services that include relatives and friends who cannot physically attend the church.

My thanks also to the wardens, Cath and Peter, and to Simon Patrick our Treasurer, who did their work cheerfully and diligently; these are the "without whom" department, and I am very

grateful to them. One final mention, that of Mrs Tina Last, our administrator, who partnered me in difficult days as we alternated between opening up, and closing down, with unstinting administrative and personal support; much was achieved between us that needed to happen swiftly and efficiently.

During the year we said farewell to the Chinese Church who were our guests before the pandemic and then reopened with us, prior to the Victoria Hall reopening. I'm happy to say that they are now relocated to the Hall where they had been for many years prior to its closure for rebuilding. We were blessed during our time hosting them. We have welcomed our lace group who meet in the vestry on Wednesdays and who recommenced in 2021. Harrow Mencap deserve a mention as a support group that met non-stop against all the odds right the way through the pandemic; they met outdoors in the park when the church was shut and indoors when able to do so.

The Victoria Hall was, I am delighted to say, reopened in 2021. We have a new manager, Mrs Ophelia Chambers-Henry, and I am enjoying working with her. As the community slowly finds its way with renewed group activity, we look

forward to seeing the Hall thrive.

So, as we negotiate new challenges in 2022, we survey a church that has survived and is beginning to get on its feet again. We still need to get our building project through the Church of England's faculty system (basically get "permission"). I had hoped this would be a 2022 completion, but it now looks as if it will go into 2023. Our finances are sound but under pressure; we, like everyone else, will now experience a major challenge in our fuel bills without the protection of the domestic price cap. Combined with loss of income from hirers this is likely to place it under some pressure over the next 18 months. I realize this will greatly affect faithful parish donors as well, so it is in my prayers for St John's.

Like all churches at this juncture, we need to commit our future to Jesus Christ our Lord. It is his church, and He will build it. We give thanks for new people, and also for the long term faithful. We give thanks for three dedicated and excellent clergy and a sound building. As we seek to grow in Christ and glorify God in our lives this year, let us give thanks to God and worship him in love that points others to him.

Yours in Jesus, Rev. Barry Hingston, Vicar

Worship

Church Attendance: The mean average October weekly attendance was 91 as against 93 for October 2020. For 2021 this included attendance in person in Church, at the Church at Home Zoom presentations and direct downloads from YouTube of the Church at Home service. The Electoral Roll reported at the APCM was 100 members the same as 2020. - *Peter Hawkins*.

Choir: We were again unable to hold our annual performance of Stainer's Crucifixion in April, but we were able to sing at Rosemary Lanning's funeral on the 3rd September and sing for every Sunday after that, reverting to full sung services on the 19th September. We took part in the Harrow Deanery Choirs Festival in October at Pinner Parish Church and sang for our usual Carols by Candlelight (with a few extra singers) on the 19th December. I am grateful to Dominica Parry for playing for part of this service and to her and Cath Still for various musical contributions during the year. - *Simon Patrick*.

Gospel Choir: The Gospel Choir aims to worship God and share the good news of Jesus through joyful singing, in church and in the wider community. While restrictions were in place we continued to meet regularly on Zoom and to record songs for the online services. In the autumn we were finally able to enjoy singing together again, and since then we've had a mix of in-person and online activities.

In December we joined Ajay, members of St John's and a group from Alperton for carol-singing outside the church in English and Hindi. It was a lively event, attracting interest from shoppers passing by. We raised £176.30 which has been shared between Harrow Foodbank and Firm Foundation.

Special thanks to Doris Duesbury who started the Gospel Choir over twenty years ago. Doris has inspired and encouraged us all with her leadership and we're glad that she continues to take part. Thanks too to everyone who has supported us

through another challenging year.

If you like singing or play an instrument and would like to get involved with the Gospel Choir, we'd love to hear from you. Also, if anyone can offer to give lifts, this would enable more people to take part. - *Dominica Parry*.

Servers: Our effective numbers remain at six. We resumed serving on 19th September but are currently having only two servers on duty instead of three as there is less to do in the sanctuary at the moment. - *Simon Patrick*.

Sidesmen: Because of the Covid Lockdowns the Church was again closed in parts of 2001. Once we were able to seriously run services in the Church again and had moved the Sunday morning service back to its old time of 10.00am (from 9.00am) with live streaming on Zoom now available only two sidesmen on duty were needed to look after those who attended in person and enough sidesmen were so attending to create a rota. This remains the position as I write (March 2022). However, more sidesmen will be needed when we return fully to normal or a new normal. There is only one requirement to be a Sidesman - your name is on the Electoral Roll of the Parish Church. If any person is interested (male or

female), please see me. From 2020 Sidesmen are no-longer appointed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting but by the Parochial Church Council and this means we normally have at least six opportunities per annum to appoint Sidesmen as opposed to one in past years. - *Peter Hawkins*.

Guild of St. John (The): Owing to the Covid-19 lockdowns and the sad passing of their leader, Mary Patrick there is nothing to report this year. However the PCC is looking at the matter of church cleaning and hopefully there will be something better to report next year. - *Peter Hawkins (PCC Secretary)*.

Flower Team: Unlike last year I am glad to report that the Flower Team has been back in action since late summer.

My grateful thanks go to all the regular arrangers, and also to those who help on special occasions, we couldn't do without you.

Thank you too to those who donate money for flowers, or supply us with greenery for special occasions.

If anyone would be interested in helping with the flowers we'd love to welcome you to the team. - *Jill Polkinghorne*.

PCC Committees' Reports

Events: Owing to the Covid-19 lockdowns there is nothing to report this year. - *Peter Hawkins*.

Missionary: Owing to the Covid-19 lockdowns there is nothing to report this year. - *Esther Roberts*.

Mission Links

Children's Society (The): We were again unable to conduct the annual opening of the boxes at Easter 2021, but I am hoping to do this in 2022 and am still looking for a new box secretary, to replace my late mother. - *Simon Patrick*.

Christian Aid: Christian Aid week collection was slightly up this year at £336.25. This year we ran an online collection which mainly came from the congregation. Please consider helping at this year's Christian Aid week 15-21 May and suggest to me what you might like to do - *Peter Polkinghorne*.

Leprosy Mission (The) (TLM): Elaine Luk

retired in 2019 after 10 years as our representative. At present we have no representative. If anyone is interested please speak to Barry (our Vicar) or me. - *Peter Hawkins (PCC Secretary)*.

Mission to Seafarers (The): The work of the Mission to Seafarers is support all the seafarers around the world of whatever faith, by providing centres, chaplains and visitors in ports, often ecumenically. Seafaring is still a hard and dangerous job these days, with piracy and unscrupulous owners. We depend greatly on them for a lots of the food and goods we buy.

So I would like to thank all those who helped, in particular Hannah Hatcher for co-ordinating the knitters who supplied balaclavas and scarves. So if you would like to help either by knitting or collecting, please contact. - *Peter Polkinghorne*.

Mothers' Union, St John's Branch: This organisation is now closed. - *Peter Hawkins (PCC Secretary)*.

Poppy Day Appeal: Thanks to collectors and

a box in church, we did have a collection for the Poppy Appeal this year, despite difficult circumstances. We raised nearly £1,000. Thanks also to Sandra Broad (President of South Harrow branch) for support. - *Peter Polkinghorne*.

St Luke's Hospice: Mel Green, who was our representative, moved away in 2018 to retirement accommodation up north. At present we have no representative. If anyone is interested please speak to Barry (our Vicar) or me. - *Peter Hawkins (PCC Secretary)*.

Community Engagement

Nave Café: This organisation is now closed. - *Peter Hawkins (PCC Secretary)*.

Welcome Centre: The Welcome Centre is an open-door drop-in that St John's runs in collaboration with our local Roman Catholic parish of Our Lady and St Thomas of Canterbury. The Welcome Centre re-opened at the end of October on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. Compared with pre-Covid levels we saw around a third the number of guests and we ran the Centre with around half the number of volunteers - *Kim Parry*.

Open Church: Open Church (formerly known as Church Watch) resumed in August, opening the church for private prayer, the volunteer stewards also act as a point of contact with the church. Initially opening on Wednesday lunchtimes. Open Church moved to Fridays with the re-opening of the Welcome Centre at the end of October. - *Kim Parry*.

Church Garden: This year has been a productive time in the garden. The new shrubs planted along the Sheepcote Rd side of the garden have taken root, and are growing quite vigorously. The roses on the Station Rd side of the garden put on a wonderful display, and were much admired.

A large compost box has been purchased, so soft cuttings etc. can now be composted. It is hoped that there will be compost to use in future years.

A firm of professional gardeners was hired to cut back the hedges, and it intended that they will come annually to continue this work.

The benches around the war memorial have been repaired, and the Council has provided new bins, although sadly not all who sit on the benches seem able to use the bins for their empty bottles etc.

The part of the new garden opposite the Victoria Hall and alongside the church, has been planted with various shrubs. - *Linda Clark*.

Concerts: We resumed our fortnightly Thursday lunch-time concerts on 9th September (after the separately organised summer concerts finished) and were able to hold eight by the end of the year. Unfortunately the average attendance was only 44 (in more normal times it has been around 75) and we have not yet been able to make our usual overall surplus for parish funds. But we are keeping going in 2022 and hoping for better attendances then. I am grateful to the (somewhat reduced) concert team for their support, without which we could not have re-started. - *Simon Patrick*.

Firm Foundation Night Shelter: In 2021, as in 2020, due to Covid there was no community involvement other than fund raising, with the night shelter. However if you are interested in helping in the future, please contact me. - *Peter Polkinghorne*.

Christian Growth

Locusts and Wild Honey: Did not meet in | 2021 (Covid 19) so there is nothing to report -

Simon Patrick.

Women's Breakfasts: We started the year in the same way as most of 2020, meeting monthly on Zoom. When summer came with warmer weather & easing of restrictions we started to meet in person in the vicarage garden. It felt so good to be able to meet again in person. In the Autumn we were able to meet a couple of times indoors again.

There are smaller numbers of us than before the pandemic but there are usually at least five or six of us and it's always good to be able to share and pray for each other.

We are planning to do a course on 'Learning to Hear God's Voice' in 2022 as we feel it would be good to do some learning together on a specific topic. We look forward to all that God has for us as we move into this new season. - *Jill Hingston*.

Culturewatch: We began our 2021 programme with "Apostasy" (2017), a British film about tensions within a tight-knit community of Jehovah's Witnesses. Sticking with tight-knit

communities we travelled to Amish country in America with crime drama "Witness" (1995). Moving a little left-field we then sampled the comic-based TV show "Lucifer", in which the devil has become bored in Hell and relocates to a Los Angeles night club. In July we had spiritual awakening in Poland with "Corpus Christi" (2019), a film about a newly-released young offender who impersonates a Catholic priest, winning over his parishioners with his unorthodox methods. Moving from Poland we travelled to 15th Century Russia and Tarkovsky's masterpiece "Andrei Rublev" (1966), a biopic charting the life of the great icon painter. To end the year we returned to good old Britain for "Nativity!", a Christmas musical that aims to bring Hollywood to Oakmoor primary school. Culture-watch has been held online, with members organizing their own screenings and then meeting for "virtual" discussions. We aim in 2022 to move back to in-person meetings but with a more hybrid approach. If you would like to join us please get in touch for further details. We look forward to seeing you. - *Paul Hunneyball and Gary Morris*.

Children's Work

Explorers (and Extreme Explorers): This was a very challenging year for our children's work. The church was closed for so long, and when we did re-open, it was difficult to find child-friendly but COVID-safe activities. However, we made good use of our children's area with pre-prepared family activity packs that could be used in church and taken home. Since things have eased, we are now offering paper activities, themed to the service, in the children's area. We have not been able yet to raise a team to run a regular Sunday programme taking the children out to the Choir Vestry, and we would value your prayers as we try to make this happen. We would also welcome anyone who could offer one Sunday a month to

help with this work.

However, despite these hurdles, we are delighted that there are a few children in church most Sundays, and we were even able to participate in the Nativity Service this year - gosh, those nativity figures are heavy! - *Cath Still*.

Messy Church: Messy Church continued online for the first part of the year on Facebook, with a monthly mix of stories, songs and activities. It became difficult to sustain this as the summer approached and we were quiet for the rest of the year. We look for ways to revive the Messy Church ministry as 2022 progresses and would very much value your prayers. - *Cath Still*.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care: Pastoral Care at St John's (providing the members of St John's with care and support, both practical and spiritual) is primarily carried out without formal organisation. Throughout the pandemic members stayed in contact with each other and looked out for each other's needs. - *Kim Parry*.

Home Communion: Sharing communion with members of St John's unable to attend church resumed in the summer with the Eucharistic Ministers taking appropriate anti-Covid precautions. - *Kim Parry (Lay Pastoral Assistant)*.

Other Pastoral Care: The Prayer Ministry Team once again offers prayer at the end of the

10.00am Communion Services, providing welcome support for those who appreciate this form of ministry. Training is given if you are interested in serving in this way.

The Bereavement Service was held as usual but

on line in May, offering comfort to the bereaved .

The Light of Lights Tree proved to be a welcome focus for those missing loved ones at Christmas time, leaving names on the tree in remembrance. - *Sundry Contributors*.

Collections for Other Charities

In past years, before the introduction of the new regulations under the Charities Act 1993, it was traditional to show a list of monies collected for other charities through the efforts of the people of St John's, where we were acting as agent, in the notes to the Financial Statements. Under the new regulations, the PCC does not account for these monies, as they belong to the charities concerned

and consequently this list was lost. In the early years after the change there were some rumblings, and although some of these figures may be found in the reports above, I have listed them below again this year in order to maintain this old tradition. It must be understood that they do not form part of our Financial Statements and that some of the figures may be approximate.

Christian Aid	336.25
Firm Foundation (50% Carol Singing Donations)	88.00
Harrow Care Plus	500.00
Harrow Food Bank (50% Carol Singing Donations)	88.00
London Diocese Lent Appeal	620.00
Poppy Day Appeal	About 1,000.00
St Luke's Hospice (including recovered Gift Aid)	1,061.00

Total	About £ 3,693.25
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It is understood that some of these monies have been passed, or passed in part, through our books on an "in and out" basis. Please see note 7 to the accounts (Agency Accounts). Also some of these donations may have been increased by Gift Aid and the Mission Giving of the PCC and its Missionary Committee (not active in 2021 (Covid 19) explaining the reduced number of donations) is now included in these figures where they exist (again Covid 19). - *Peter Hawkins, PCC Secretary.*

Finance

Financial Review: Total receipts for the General Fund were £118,278 (2020: £126,280) and total payments were £112,171 (2020: 100,891), giving a surplus, before transfers, of £6,107 (2020: £25,389) although the 2020 figure was inflated by the receipt of five (instead of four) quarterly payments of £6,250 as compensation for lost income from the Victoria Close maisonettes. Other decreases are caused by a fall from £52,988 to £48,759 in planned giving (£4,229 or 8%, taking gift-aided and non-gift-aided giving together) and from £15,470 to £12,309 in income tax recovered (£3,161 or 20%), and an increase in expenditure on the three properties from £4,244 to £14,873, caused partly by £6,376 of non-recurring expenditure on acquiring the new flats at 76 and 77 Moore House and preparing them for letting.

A roof alarm was installed in February: its cost (£7,810) was offset by a grant (£2,500), a rebate of the VAT (£1,212) and the fact that the resulting

reduction in insurance premium will mean that the remainder of the cost is recouped in about one year. The main expenditure from the Mission and Outreach Fund was the initial cost (£6,367) of the video streaming and new audio system.

We paid the full contribution of £75,200 (the same amount as in 2020) to the Diocesan Common Fund, as agreed with the Diocese.

Transfers from the General Fund were £10,000 to the Fabric Fund, £1,000 to the Organ Fund and £1,600 to the Boiler Fund. We did not transfer any money to the Vicarage Maintenance Fund this year because the balance appears to be adequate for now. We closed the Nave Café Fund and transferred the balance of £247 to the General Fund (see Note 15 to the accounts).

At the end of the year the General Fund held £40,300, and all funds together held £1,585,865 (2020: £1,164,285), including the legacy of

£106,878 and the updated valuation of the three properties of £1,325,000.

For our reserves policy, see Note 12 to the accounts on page 13 - *Simon Patrick, PCC Treasurer.*

Planned Giving (Stewardship): The Planned Giving Scheme is available to all who are willing to commit a regular sum to the work of the church and enables the church to claim a 25% refund of income tax, paid by the donor, from the Inland Revenue.

Unfortunately 2021 did not live up to the expectations of an increase in the level of income from the scheme because of the enforced closure of the church at times, due to the fluctuating level of the pandemic and the lower level of attendance at services when the church was open. Nevertheless, membership of the scheme did not

diminish although some members were unable to keep to their promised level of contributions because of reduced income or other covid-related reasons. Income from the scheme at £48759 was £4229 lower than in 2020.

In October at the Harvest Festival Service when the collection was donated to St Luke's Hospice some members of the congregation gift aided their contributions with the result that with the recovered income tax we were able to send a total of £1061.00 to the Hospice.

As always I wish to thank all members of the Planned Giving Scheme for their contributions and this year especially, in my absence, those members of the congregation who have counted and recorded the contributions and kept me informed of the details which are necessary for my records and, eventually, for the claims I submit for the refund of the appropriate tax. - *Brian Lanning, Planned Giving Recorder.*

Conclusion to the Reports

The foregoing reports, as far as they can in 2021, give an insight into the work of the Parochial Church Council, its committees, its representatives, the parish organisations under its aegis and other associated organisations within the wider church.

For all this work we must be grateful, and we thank all those who have made these things possible. Also, we thank all those who have

taken the time and trouble to write these reports - no easy task.

Finally, on behalf of us all, I extend my grateful thanks to our Vicar the Revd Barry Hingston, our Associate Vicar the Revd Ajay More and the Revd David Byrne (Chaplain of the London North West Healthcare University NHS Trust), who assists us in an honorary capacity, and the Churchwardens, and their families for sacrifices they make for us. - *Peter Hawkins, PCC Secretary.*

On behalf of the Parochial Church Council, The Revd Barry Hingston, Chairman.

9th April 2022

The Accounts (Financial Statements) Follow

Financial Statements to the 31st December 2021

Church of St John the Baptist, Greenhill, Harrow Receipts and payments account, 2021

	Unre- stricted	Desig- nated	Re- stricted	Total 2021	Total 2020
RECEIPTS					
Receipts from generated funds					
Voluntary income					
Planned giving (by gift aid).....	46,509	600	—	47,109	51,571
Income tax recovered.....	12,309	150	156	12,615	15,786
Planned giving (not gift aided).....	2,250	—	—	2,250	2,017
Collections.....	2,113	—	780	2,893	1,907
Legacies.....	—	—	—	—	—
Donations.....	5,758	4,020	75	9,852	10,170
Sub-total: voluntary income.....	68,938	4,770	1,011	74,719	81,452
Activities for generating funds					
Fundraising.....	—	—	—	—	—
Saturday morning coffee receipts.....	—	—	—	—	147
Sub-total: activities for generating funds.....	—	—	—	—	147
Investment income					
Property rent.....	47,125	—	—	47,125	47,150
Interest and dividends.....	—	84	14	98	636
Sub-total: investment income.....	47,125	84	14	47,223	47,786
Total: receipts from generated funds.....	116,063	4,854	1,026	121,943	129,386
Receipts from charitable activities					
Wedding/Funeral fees.....	292	—	—	292	153
Concert income.....	1,923	—	—	1,923	1,598
Other income [notes 5 and 11].....	—	3,712	—	3,712	77,271
Total: receipts from charitable activities.....	2,215	3,712	—	5,927	79,022
RECEIPTS: GRAND TOTALS.....	118,278	8,566	1,026	127,870	208,408
PAYMENTS					
Cost of generating funds					
Fundraising expenses [note 6].....	—	—	—	—	—
Total: cost of generating funds.....	—	—	—	—	—
Charitable activities					
Diocesan Common Fund.....	75,200	—	—	75,200	75,200
Donations and subscriptions.....	936	—	2,861	3,798	2,901
Upkeep of building [note 5].....	396	7,810	—	8,206	3,312
Upkeep of Church services.....	289	87	—	377	797
Heating (gas) [note 5].....	2,795	—	—	2,795	2,984
Electricity.....	856	—	—	856	1,030
Cleaning [note 11].....	1,689	—	—	1,689	1,669
Insurance.....	5,194	—	—	5,194	4,904
Salaries [note 11].....	2,850	—	—	2,850	2,957
Vestry phone.....	540	—	—	540	626
Printing and stationery.....	364	268	—	632	754
Clergy expenses.....	1,171	—	—	1,171	1,341
Concert expenses.....	2,330	—	—	2,330	1,344
Flowers.....	—	—	45	45	68
Sundries.....	2,687	8,038	9	10,734	2,604
Property expenses.....	14,873	—	—	14,873	4,244
Total: Charitable activities.....	112,171	16,203	2,916	131,289	106,736
PAYMENTS: GRAND TOTALS.....	112,171	16,203	2,916	131,289	106,736
Surplus (before transfers).....	6,107	-7,637	-1,890	-3,419	101,672
Transfers.....	-12,353	12,353	—	—	—
Surplus (after transfers).....	-6,246	4,716	-1,890	-3,419	101,672

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2021

	As at 31.12.21	As at 31.12.20
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets [note 9].....	1,325,000	900,000
	1,325,000	900,000
Current assets		
Debtors [note 13].....	—	673
Cash at bank and in hand [note 10].....	265,051	271,588
	265,051	272,261
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in 1 year [note 7]....	4,186	7,977
Net current assets less current liabilities.....	260,865	264,285
Total assets less current liabilities.....	1,585,865	1,164,285
Total net assets less liabilities.....	1,585,865	1,164,285

Fund movement summary, 2021

Fund and type [note 2]	Balance brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Gains/ Losses	Balance carried forward
General fund (unrestricted).....	46,546	118,278	112,171	-12,353	—	40,300
Designated funds						
Church fabric [note 5].....	41,607	4,526	7,810	10,000	—	48,323
Legacies and Donations [note 5].....	126,520	—	701	—	—	125,819
Mission and Outreach.....	20,290	4,000	7,313	—	—	16,978
Organ.....	8,758	14	272	1,000	—	9,500
Vicar's discretionary fund.....	771	—	87	—	—	684
Vicarage maintenance [note 14].....	1,545	—	16	—	—	1,529
Children and Young People.....	951	—	—	—	—	951
Nave Café [note 15].....	231	20	4	-247	—	—
Boiler renewal.....	3,220	5	—	1,600	—	4,826
Properties [note 9].....	900,000	—	—	—	425,000	1,325,000
Sub-total (designated funds).....	1,103,893	8,566	16,203	12,353	425,000	1,533,609
Restricted funds						
Events Committee.....	3,114	—	—	—	—	3,114
Missionary Committee.....	1,434	—	1,400	—	—	34
Choir.....	1,580	3	9	—	—	1,573
Gospel Choir.....	800	1	—	—	—	802
Welcome Centre.....	375	1	—	—	—	375
Flower fund.....	643	51	45	—	—	648
Harvest Appeal (St Luke's Hospice)..	—	961	961	—	—	—
Dell Bequest fund [note 3].....	5,901	9	500	—	—	5,410
Sub-total (restricted funds).....	13,846	1,026	2,916	—	—	11,956
Grand totals.....	1,164,285	127,870	131,290	—	425,000	1,585,865

Figures have been rounded to the nearest pound independently, so may not sum exactly to the totals.
For details of receipts and payments for the funds other than the General Fund, see the Annex.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006. As the total income in 2021 did not exceed £250,000, the accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis.

2. The General Fund represents the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions on their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted. The restricted funds may be used only for the purposes for which the money was given to them.

3. Following permission from the Charity Commission to release capital from small permanent

endowment funds, in August 2010 the Vicar and Churchwardens requested that the investments of the Dell Bequest be sold and transferred to a restricted PCC fund. The Vicar and Churchwardens still have responsibility for seeing that the funds are distributed in a way which reflects the intention of the original bequest and so annual donations of £500 are made to Harrow Care Plus (formerly Harrow Christmas Care).

4. The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body or those that are informal gatherings of church members.

5. The new church boiler and heating system installed in October/November 2019 involved £98,280 of expenditure in that year, of which £57,154 was met temporarily from the Legacies and Donations Fund. In 2020 there was further expenditure of £2,520 (the 2½% retention payment), offset by a donation of £3,250 and other receipts of £76,800, comprising a £16,800 VAT refund under the Listed Places of Worship Scheme, a payment of £50,000 by Hills, the developers of the Victoria Hall site, in lieu of providing a new boiler themselves as originally intended, and £10,000 from the Willesden Area (who have also given us an interest-free loan of £10,000, being repaid over 2½ years). This has enabled the amount borrowed from the Legacies and Donations Fund to be repaid. The remaining receipts were credited to the Church Fabric Fund in 2020.

6. Income from fundraising and other activities of the church is accounted for gross, with the associated expenditure appearing under “Fundraising expenses” or other relevant expenditure line.

7. The figure of “Creditors” in the balance sheet consists of the amount currently outstanding of the loan from the Willesden Area (£4,000: see note 5), plus £186 in agency accounts. Agency accounts exist for money collected on behalf of someone else. All funds remaining at the end of the year are shown as liabilities on the balance sheet as they are due to be paid in the new year to the charities for which they were raised. The £186 is £176 from carol singing on 18 December 2021, to be divided between Firm Foundation and Harrow Foodbank, plus £10 owing to St Luke’s Hospice. (There were no such outstanding amounts in 2020, but the “creditors” figure for 2020 had a deduction of £23 owing from subscribers to the Bible Reading Fellowship.)

8. Consecrated property is excluded from the accounts under section 96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993 (as it is not owned by the PCC). Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property, and are not included in the accounts. They are listed in the church’s inventory.

9. The PCC owns a flat at 20 Manor Court, which is let out, and until June 2018 maisonettes at 1 and 2 Victoria Close. In May 2014 each property was valued at £300,000. During 2021 the PCC received long leases of two flats (76 and 77 Moore House) in the development replacing Victoria Close. These flats are also let out. The properties have been revalued, as at 31 December 2021, at £425,000 for 20 Manor Court and £450,000 each for 76 and 77 Moore House.

10. The “cash at bank and in hand” as at 31 December 2021 includes £189,797 on the CBF Deposit Account. The Flower Fund and the Events Committee funds are held in separate accounts. (There were no transactions on the Events Committee account in 2021.)

11. Payments are made to the Administrator (under “Salaries”) and the Cleaner (under “Cleaning”). There are no discloseable transactions in respect of PCC members, persons closely connected with them or other related parties. During 2020 a total of £471 was received from the Government under the Job Retention Scheme in respect of the cleaner, when furloughed. This is shown under “other income”.

12. On 19 September 2007 the PCC agreed to a reserves policy, as follows: “It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on the General Fund and any legacies and donations (if possible) which equates to approximately six months’ unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. The balance of the Fabric Fund is retained towards meeting the cost of repairs to the church

building as and when necessary. It is our policy to invest our fund balances in the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.” The balances at the end of 2021 represent 15.5 months’ unrestricted payments (2020: 21.3). This is partly because of the £100,000 legacy received in 2017.

13. The figure of £673 on the balance sheet under “debtors” in 2020 was a balance with CNG, our then gas suppliers, covered by gas consumed in 2021.

14. On 7 July 2016 the PCC agreed to create a Vicarage Maintenance fund to comply with diocesan policy that PCCs should provide the cost of redecoration of one room in the vicarage per year (such costs are not covered by the Diocese). It was agreed to transfer £500 to this fund each year, but no transfer was made in 2021 as the balance is adequate.

15. The Nave Café has not reopened after the Covid closure and its fund balance of £247 has been transferred to the General Fund. The receipts of £20 and payments of £4 represent cash transactions between September 2019 and March 2020 not previously recognised in the accounts.

16. The analysis of the receipts and payments of the individual funds are provided as an annex to the accounts.

On behalf of the Parochial Church Council

The Revd Barry Hingston, Chairman and Mr Peter Hawkins, PCC Member.

9th April 2022

Independent examiner’s report to the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John, Greenhill, Harrow

I report to the trustees (the PCC members) on my examination of the accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2021, as set out on pages 11 to 14.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (‘the Act’).

I report in respect of my examination of the PCC’s accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner’s statement

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

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

John Cuthbert

26 Whitmore Road, Harrow, HA1 4AB

11th April 2022.

Annex to the Accounts

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, GREENHILL, HARROW ANNEX TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2021: FUND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

This Annex does not form part of the examined accounts.

For opening and closing balances see Financial Statements (Fund Movement Summary)

		2021	2020
CHURCH FABRIC FUND (designated)			
<i>Receipts</i>			
Donations	600	600	
Listed Places of Worship Scheme	1,212	12,896	
Willesden Area Grant (boiler)		10,000	
Grant towards roof alarm	2,500		
Income tax recovered on gift aid	150	238	
Interest	64	4,526	393
			24,127
<i>Payments</i>			
New heating system			2,520
Roof alarm	7,810	7,810	–
		(3,284)	21,607
Surplus (deficit) for year			
Transfer from General Fund		10,000	10,000
LEGACIES AND DONATIONS FUND (designated)			
<i>These are substantial legacies and donations for general purposes which the Council proposes to spend on items of lasting value (* received for heating: credited to this fund to repay loan)</i>			
<i>Receipts</i>			
Legacies	–	–	
*Listed Places of Worship Schm (part)	–	3,904	
*Hills contribution towards heating	–	50,000	
*Donations	–	3,250	57,154
<i>Payments</i>			
Office computer	701	701	–
Surplus (deficit) for year		(701)	57,154
MISSION AND OUTREACH FUND (designated)			
<i>Receipts</i>			
Donation from St Paul's Ealing	4,000	–	
Other donations	–	4,000	–
<i>Payments</i>			
Donation	–	110	
Zoom subscription/streaming licence	195	30	
Bible courses etc.	535	267	
Other outreach expenditure	216	47	
Audio-visual equipment	6,367	7,313	454
Surplus (deficit) for year		(3,313)	(454)
ORGAN FUND (designated)			
<i>Receipts</i>			
Interest	14	14	97
			97
<i>Payments</i>			
Servicing and repair	272	272	792
			792
Surplus (deficit) for year		(258)	(695)
Transfer from General Fund		1,000	1,000
VICAR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND (designated)			
<i>Receipts</i>			
	–	–	–
<i>Payments</i>			
	87	87	110
			110
Surplus (deficit) for year		(87)	(110)

		2021	2020
NAVE CAFE (designated) [note 15]			
<i>Receipts</i>	Donations etc.	20	20
		—	—
<i>Payments</i>	Food etc.	4	4
		—	—
Surplus (deficit) for year		16	
Transfer to General Fund (fund closed)		(247)	—
VICARAGE MAINTAINANCE FUND (designated)			
<i>Receipts</i>		—	—
		—	—
<i>Payments</i>	Vicarage maintainance	16	16
		—	—
Surplus (deficit) for year		(16)	—
Transfer from General Fund		—	500
CHILDREN'S FUND (designated)			
<i>Receipts</i>	Donation	—	—
		—	265
		—	265
<i>Payments</i>		—	—
		—	—
Surplus (deficit) for year		—	265
BOILER RENEWAL FUND (designated)			
<i>Receipts</i>	Interest	5	5
		—	20
		—	20
<i>Payments</i>		—	—
		—	—
Surplus (deficit) for year		5	20
Transfer from General Fund		1,600	1,600
EVENTS COMMITTEE (restricted)			
<i>Receipts</i>	Donations	—	13
	Social events	—	—
		—	13
<i>Payments</i>	Cost of social events	—	—
		—	—
Surplus (deficit) for year		—	13
CHOIR FUND (restricted)			
<i>Receipts</i>	Stainer's <i>Crucifixion</i>	—	—
	Income tax recovered	—	78
	Donation	—	—
	Interest	3	3
		—	20
		—	98
<i>Payments</i>	Music	9	—
	Stainer's <i>Crucifixion</i> expenses	—	9
		—	—
Surplus (deficit) for year		(6)	98
GOSPEL CHOIR FUND (restricted)			
<i>Receipts</i>	Donations	—	—
	Interest	1	1
		—	10
		—	10
<i>Payments</i>		—	—
		—	—
Surplus (deficit) for year		1	10

		2021	2020
MISSIONARY COMMITTEE FUND (restricted)			
<i>Receipts</i>	Saturday morning coffee receipts	–	147
	Interest	–	18
		<u>–</u>	<u>165</u>
<i>Payments</i>	Red Tribe	600	600
	St Luke's Hospice	200	200
	Honeypot Children's Charity	100	100
	Welldon Activity Group	200	200
	Angola,London,Mozambique Assoc (ALMA)	100	100
	Mission to Seafarers	100	100
	The Leprosy Mission	100	100
		<u>1,400</u>	<u>1,400</u>
Surplus (deficit) for year		(1,400)	(1,235)
WELCOME CENTRE FUND (restricted)			
<i>Receipts</i>	Interest	1	5
		<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>
<i>Payments</i>		–	–
		<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>
Surplus (deficit) for year		1	5
FLOWER FUND (restricted)			
<i>Receipts</i>	Donations for flowers	50	100
	Interest	1	1
		<u>51</u>	<u>101</u>
<i>Payments</i>	Flower purchases	45	68
		<u>45</u>	<u>68</u>
Surplus (deficit) for year		6	33
DELL BEQUEST (restricted)			
<i>Receipts</i>	Interest	9	74
		<u>9</u>	<u>74</u>
<i>Payments</i>	Harrow Care Plus	500	500
		<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
Surplus (deficit) for year		(491)	(426)
HARVEST APPEAL 2021 (restricted)			
<i>Receipts</i>	Donations	805	–
	Income tax recovered	156	–
		<u>961</u>	<u>–</u>
<i>Payments</i>	St Luke's Hospice	961	–
		<u>961</u>	<u>–</u>
Surplus (deficit) for year		–	–