



**Annual Report & Financial Statements
of Account for the Central Telford Parish
Charity Registration No 1140301
for 2020**

**Incorporating the Churches of
Holy Trinity, Dawley
St. Leonard's, Malinslee
St. John's, Lawley
St. Mary's, Ketley
and Stirchley & Brookside Community**

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Team Rector Vacant

Clergy Team Rev. Janet Holmes (Stirchley & Brookside)
 Rev. Heather Page (Retired)
 Rev. Anne Roberts (Interim Minister) July 2020 – June 2021

Parish Wardens Mrs Doreen Dyson PCC Secretary Mrs Ann Broadhurst
 Mrs Jean Heighway

Readers Miss Margaret Cartwright Mrs Ronita Hicks

Holy Trinity Mrs Barbara Crawforth (District Churchwarden)
 Mrs Glenis Watkins (District Churchwarden)

St. Leonard's Mrs Jane Hill (District Churchwarden)

St. John's Mrs Eileen Robertson (District Churchwarden)

St. Mary's Ketley Mrs Doreen Dyson (District Churchwarden)
 Mrs Ann Broadhurst (District Churchwarden)

Principal, Dawley Church of England Primary Academy: Mr N Andrews

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Financial Co-ordinator - Central Telford Miss Margaret Cartwright

Treasurers

| | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Holy Trinity | Mrs Jean Heighway |
| Stirchley & Brookside | Mr Mike Clarke |
| St. John's | Mr Bill Robertson |
| St. Leonard's | Mr Dave Broome |
| St. Mary's | Mr Brian Richards |

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Bankers Lloyds Bank, Town Centre, Telford

1. Background

The Central Telford Parish is an Anglican Team Ministry working across about a third of Telford, seeking to bring the good news of Jesus into many varied communities. At the start of 2020 there were 4 traditional churches (St Mary, Ketley; St John, Lawley; St Leonard, Malinslee; Holy Trinity, Dawley) 2 churches meeting in secular locations (River and Springfield) and one pioneer ministry (Christian Presence in Stirchley and Brookside) starting to develop within the Team. 2020 has been a year of considerable change in the Parish, as it has been across our entire nation. More details can be found in the Minister's Report, but sadly the change included the closure of River and Springfield churches.

CTP is a member of the Central Telford Ecumenical Partnership, and seeks to work closely with our ecumenical neighbours, sharing services, mission activities, training courses, school outreach events and more. CTP staff engage with the Deanery via the Chapter and have enjoyed closer working relationships in recent months. CTP welcomes the arrival of Telford Minster into the town and has worked at building relationships with the Minster staff, to maximise the potential of working together in the future and seeing God's Kingdom grow in Telford.

2. Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or are elected by the District Church Councils for each of the member churches in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

3. Committees

Full meeting of the PCC take place usually monthly to discuss issues and determine policy. The separate DCCs meet 5 or 6 times a year, to focus on local issues, and to make recommendations to the PCC.

4. Church Attendance

The figures of Sunday attendance within the parish are as follows:

| | Electoral Roll Number | Average Sunday Attendance (+ children) |
|---------------|-----------------------|--|
| Holy Trinity | 54 | 28 (2019 - 32 + 2) |
| St. Leonard's | 31 | 24 (2019 - 27) |
| St. John's | 28 | 18 + 1 (2019 - 20 + 2) |
| St. Mary's | 25 | 16 + 1 (2019 - 16 + 1) |
| TOTAL | 138 | 86 + 2 (2019 - 95 + 5) |

| | Baptisms | Weddings | Funerals |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Holy Trinity | 4 | 0 | 47 |
| St. Leonard's | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| St. John's | 1 | 0 | 18 |
| St. Mary's | 1 | 1 | 18 |
| TOTAL | 6 | 1 | 90 |

Notes: 2020 was a year like no other so statistics will not follow usual patterns. Average Sunday attendance figures have been impacted by the Covid pandemic and the closure of our churches for many months. It is not easy to know how many have attended the live-streamed CTEP services on a Sunday, so figures can only be an estimate.

5. 2020 Interim Minister's Report

At the start of 2020, it was known that there would be significant changes in the staffing of the Team. But church life has a momentum of its own, regardless of staffing and all the churches had hopes and plans for 2020. Inevitably, the emergence of a pandemic changed everything. Tim and Lee's departures could not be marked by the usual gatherings, the 175th Anniversary celebrations for Holy Trinity had to be cancelled and very sadly decisions were made to close both Springfield and River churches. The national lockdown in March meant that proper pastoral support for these two hurting congregations was limited. The other 4 churches had to suddenly close their doors for Easter and would not reopen until August.

The buildings were shut but the church was active, in new ways. Pastoral care of congregations was divided between the DCC members, and renewed efforts made to support those living alone. The Food Bank supported many more local families. The Central Telford Ecumenical Partnership offered a joint Sunday service, initially via Facebook. Church members found other ways of worshipping online, connecting with services in the UK and overseas.

I was unexpectedly appointed as an Interim Minister to the parish, arriving in July, to support the churches in handling the Vacancy and in navigating the regulations around covid-19. It has been a privilege to work alongside the Staff, church officers and all the congregations as together we have coped with risk assessments, PPE, social distancing, Zoom and copious amounts of hand sanitizer. We have been back in the buildings for worship, when it has been safe to do so, and we have coped with change and new patterns of worship. Everyone has been touched by the ravages of Covid, some losing loved family members, others experiencing isolation and fear. No one has been immune to suffering and cost.

What I want to pay tribute to, is that in all of this, from July to the end of December, I did not hear a single moan. The scale of the epidemic put everything else into perspective. Of course, we all missed things... no Summer Parties, no Christmas Fairs, no large gatherings, no Crib services etc. Too many funerals, too many food parcels, too many cancelled weddings, too many missing faces from our lives, too many days inside our homes. But the good folk of CTP have adapted and been determined to get through it. By the end of 2020 we were offering services on Zoom as well as the CTEP service, now on YouTube. Zoom PCC in the winter was better than turning out in the cold. Christmas Experience was filmed and delivered to schools, activity packs went out to all the children connected with the churches and our Christmas Day congregations were the best for years. We were all discovering that worship can happen anywhere and at any time, because God is omnipresent.

So thank you CTP for your welcome. Thank you to each of you who has contributed in any way to making sure that church life continued, even when we locked the doors. Thank you everyone who has visited an older person and offered practical help. Thank you Wardens and others, who do so much behind the scenes. Thank you Heather and Janet, Margaret, Chris and Roni for your leadership of umpteen services during 2020. Thank you all the CTEP team, it has been so good to share in services with you and leave all the technology in your capable hands! Thank you to everyone who has given financially, and I still thank God for the miracle of allowing us to pay our Parish Share in 2020. Thank you Lichfield Diocese for sending us Jassica and Edith as Assistant Interim Ministers in January 2021.

Writing this early in 2021, we are still in a national lockdown, we still meet on zoom, twice on a Sunday and for midweek meetings and Bible study. We still get involved in weekly CTEP services and pray together as leaders each week. We have no idea what church will look like when we do return to face to face worship. We cannot go back to how it used to be, and perhaps we do not want to. This is a new era. The Deanery is exploring how all the churches can best work together for many more people in Telford to meet Jesus and choose to follow Him. We are all facing immense financial challenges. But looking back on 2020, God was faithful so we have no reason to believe that he won't be the same in 2021.

2020 will never be forgotten, but now as we look to the future, with hopefully a new Team Rector to join us on the journey in the summer, may we take with us the good things that we have experienced and learned during this tough year. We step into the future with a faithful God who does not change. May we too be faithful disciples of Christ, open to his calling and determined to share our faith with others in our communities, many of whom are searching for meaning after this world-shaking experience.

Revd Anne Roberts Interim Minister

6. Parish Wardens Report 2020

When we spoke of changes to come in last year's report, we had no idea of the greatness of the challenges we were to experience.

No one could have envisaged what the world has had to endure in 2020. A Corona Virus pandemic, a terrible virus which has affected every family in one way or another. Our country was placed into lockdown in March to try and stop the spread of the virus.

Restrictions were put in place; churches could hold services, two metre spaces had to be in place, hands sanitized, and face masks worn, among other things. No singing was the hardest, as singing is good for the soul. It was wonderful how everyone worked hard to support their church family, the community, the lonely, and the needy.

Our thanks to all Wardens and officers of the four churches for taking on the extra work and responsibility that has been involved.

Our thanks to Margaret our treasurer for keeping us informed and on track with finances. Not being able to fund raise was a worry and affected our income greatly. We are pleased to say the Parish Share has been paid in full thanks to generous donations received. Sadly, River Church, and Springfield closed in April.

During the summer we said farewell to Rev. Tim Storey, and Rev. Lee Plummer, also Pam Spellon although we hope to see Pam with her work with the Minster.

Rev. Anne, Rev. Heather. Rev. Janet have done a wonderful job of keeping our spirits up, and well informed of services, and help that is available to get us through a really difficult time, a big thank you to them.

Also, thanks to Lydia for her swift and accurate minutes of the P.C.C.

Throughout the year the rules kept changing, we were in and out of lockdown.

After discussions with P.C.C. it was decided in the interest of the vulnerable and age group of some of our congregations and a responsibility to keep them safe, we would close our churches.

Zoom was introduced and to many of us was a first, we were able to have Sunday services, meet and chat. We were able to hold P.C.C. and D.C.C. meetings, and most of all keep all our church family together. Our thanks to Rev. Anne, Heather, Janet, not forgetting Richard Page who has been a great help to everyone sorting things out when technology has gone wrong.

Restrictions were relaxed for Christmas morning and all four churches were able to have a very special service.

We are told the virus will be always with us like the flu, we will put our are faith in God and we know he will make us strong to cope with it.

Jean Heighway
Parish Warden

Doreen Dyson
Parish Warden

Parochial Church Council of Central Telford Parish

CHARITY REGISTER NO 1140301

Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds | Total funds | Prior year total funds |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Incoming resources | | | | | |
| Incoming resources from generated funds | 8.83 | — | — | 8.83 | 26.59 |
| Voluntary income | 62,368.58 | 1,850.00 | — | 64,218.58 | 151,383.13 |
| Activities for generating funds | 6,686.00 | 3.38 | — | 6,689.38 | 23,768.06 |
| Investment income | 17,445.19 | — | — | 17,445.19 | 605.62 |
| Other incoming resources | 89,939.49 | 250.00 | — | 90,189.49 | 110,966.69 |
| Total income | 176,448.09 | 2,103.38 | — | 178,551.47 | 286,750.09 |
| Resources used | | | | | |
| Cost of generating funds | 65.70 | — | — | 65.70 | 624.30 |
| Investment management costs | 118.38 | — | — | 118.38 | 211.00 |
| Charitable activities | 20,885.68 | 150.00 | — | 21,035.68 | 7,836.31 |
| Governance costs | 123,485.20 | 5,964.99 | — | 129,450.19 | 143,252.60 |
| Other resources used | 63,541.17 | 6,250.00 | — | 69,791.17 | 119,537.89 |
| Total expenditure | 208,096.13 | 12,364.99 | — | 220,461.12 | 271,462.10 |
| Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer | (31,648.04) | (10,261.61) | — | (41,909.65) | 15,287.99 |
| Other recognised gains / losses | | | | | |
| Gains / losses on investment assets | (70.56) | — | — | (70.56) | 305.76 |
| Net movement in funds | (31,718.6) | (10,261.61) | — | (41,980.21) | 15,593.75 |
| Reconciliation of funds | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | 107,669.07 | 78,513.33 | — | 186,182.40 | 170,588.65 |
| Total funds carried forward | 75,950.47 | 68,251.72 | — | 144,202.19 | 186,182.40 |

Parochial Church Council of Central Telford Parish

CHARITY REGISTER NO 1140301

Balance Sheet detailed

| | As at 31/12/2020 | As at 31/12/2019 |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Fixed assets | | |
| 6050: Hill & Smith Holdings Plc | 1,579.20 | 1,649.76 |
| Total Fixed assets | 1,579.20 | 1,649.76 |
| Current assets | | |
| 6500: War Stock | — | — |
| 6501: Bank Account | — | 897.27 |
| 6501: Bank current account | 58,401.52 | 72,429.09 |
| 6505: Bank deposit account | 5,216.49 | 14,727.10 |
| 6505: Restricted Fund Bank Deposit | — | — |
| 6510: CBF Deposit Fund | — | — |
| 6510: CBF deposit account | 77,673.95 | 88,304.66 |
| 6520: Nellie Lewis | — | — |
| 6521: Vicar and Church Wardens | — | — |
| 6590: CTP Share account | 31.33 | 4,486.24 |
| 6591: Compassion bank account | 396.77 | 537.27 |
| 6700: Bank current account | 2,977.94 | 5,270.02 |
| 6710: Easy Access Account | -0.01 | -0.01 |
| Total Current assets | 144,697.99 | 186,651.64 |
| Liabilities | | |
| 6699: Agency collections | 2,075.00 | 2,119.00 |
| Total Liabilities | 2,075.00 | 2,119.00 |
| Net Asset surplus (deficit) | 144,202.19 | 186,182.40 |
| Reserves | | |
| Excess / (deficit) to date | (41,909.65) | 19,266.22 |
| Z01: Starting balances | 186,182.40 | 166,610.42 |
| Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets | (70.56) | 305.76 |
| Z02: Other gains/(losses) | — | — |
| Total Reserves | 144,202.19 | 186,182.40 |

| Represented by Funds | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Unrestricted | 28,268.94 | 55,532.63 |
| Designated | 47,681.53 | 52,136.44 |
| Restricted | 68,251.72 | 78,513.33 |
| Endowment | — | — |
| Total | 144,202.19 | 186,182.40 |

Parochial Church Council of Central Telford Parish
CHARITY REGISTER NO 1140301
Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

| | Unrestricted | Designated | Restricted | Endowment | Total This year | Total Last year |
|--|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Incoming resources | | | | | | |
| <i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i> | | | | | | |
| 1041 - Investments income | 8.83 | — | — | — | 8.83 | 26.59 |
| 0101 - Gift Aid Envelopes/Donations | 30,191.02 | — | — | — | 30,191.02 | 39,798.30 |
| 0102 - Gift Aid Tax Refund | 362.50 | — | — | — | 362.50 | 2,195.00 |
| 0110 - Direct Giving Envelopes - non gift aid | 6,938.18 | — | — | — | 6,938.18 | 9,757.70 |
| 0160 - Youth Fund | 1,000.00 | — | — | — | 1,000.00 | 1,780.00 |
| 0301 - Plate Collections | 2,973.06 | — | — | — | 2,973.06 | 11,454.91 |
| 0303 - Sundry Donations | 4,124.23 | 600.00 | 350.00 | — | 5,074.23 | 25,059.63 |
| 0550 - Donations appeals etc | 140.00 | — | — | — | 140.00 | 104.05 |
| 0601 - Recoverable Income Tax | 11,129.59 | 3,000.00 | — | — | 14,129.59 | 13,260.50 |
| 0850 - Grants | 1,900.00 | — | 1,500.00 | — | 3,400.00 | 47,875.19 |
| 1212 - Christian Aid income | 10.00 | — | — | — | 10.00 | 89.59 |
| 1230 - Children and young people | — | — | — | — | — | 8.26 |
| 1206 - Sale of items | — | — | — | — | — | 259.20 |
| 1210 - Gross income from fund raising | 1,143.00 | — | — | — | 1,143.00 | 10,568.52 |
| 1211 - Special Appeals gross fundraising income | 981.00 | — | — | — | 981.00 | 1,540.70 |
| 1213 - Special Restricted Projects income | — | — | 3.38 | — | 3.38 | 3.64 |
| 1240 - Church Hall lettings and rent | 4,562.00 | — | — | — | 4,562.00 | 11,396.00 |
| 1020 - Bank/Building Society Interest | 361.46 | 1.40 | — | — | 362.86 | 238.26 |
| 1040 - Dividends & Trust Income | 17,082.33 | — | — | — | 17,082.33 | 35.62 |
| <i>Incoming resources from generated funds Totals</i> | 82,907.20 | 3,601.40 | 1,853.38 | — | 88,361.98 | 175,451.66 |
| <i>Other incoming resources</i> | | | | | | |
| 0150 - Payments received from other CTP accts | 68,814.29 | — | — | — | 68,814.29 | 79,300.05 |
| 1101 - Fees received | 13,583.92 | — | — | — | 13,583.92 | 19,513.30 |
| 1102 - PCC local fees | 1,140.00 | — | — | — | 1,140.00 | 1,229.00 |
| 1215 - Income adjustment | 1,256.31 | — | — | — | 1,256.31 | 7.61 |
| 1310 - Other Income | 4,807.61 | — | 250.00 | — | 5,057.61 | 10,164.68 |
| 1402 - VAT and other Refunds | 37.36 | — | — | — | 37.36 | — |
| 1402 - VAT and other refunds | 300.00 | — | — | — | 300.00 | 752.05 |
| <i>Other incoming resources Totals</i> | 89,939.49 | — | 250.00 | — | 90,189.49 | 110,966.69 |
| Incoming resources Grand totals | 172,846.69 | 3,601.40 | 2,103.38 | — | 178,551.47 | 286,418.35 |

Resources used

Cost of generating funds

| | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|--------|---|---|---|--------|--------|
| 2401 - Costs of fund raising | 65.70 | — | — | — | 65.70 | 624.30 |
| 2202 - Bank Charges | 118.38 | — | — | — | 118.38 | 211.00 |

Cost of generating funds Totals

| | | | | | |
|--------|---|---|---|--------|--------|
| 184.08 | — | — | — | 184.08 | 835.30 |
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Charitable activities

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|---|--------|---|-----------|----------|
| 1871 - Christian Aid donations | 50.00 | — | — | — | 50.00 | 416.39 |
| 2100 - Donations/Gifts | 20,611.99 | — | 150.00 | — | 20,761.99 | 7,094.82 |
| 2600 - Cafe Church/Special Events | 223.69 | — | — | — | 223.69 | 325.10 |

Charitable activities Totals

| | | | | | |
|-----------|---|--------|---|-----------|----------|
| 20,885.68 | — | 150.00 | — | 21,035.68 | 7,836.31 |
|-----------|---|--------|---|-----------|----------|

Governance costs

| | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|----------|----------|---|-----------|-----------|
| 2201 - Training | 695.00 | — | — | — | 695.00 | 585.78 |
| 2232 - Other working expenses | 1,003.21 | — | — | — | 1,003.21 | 3,788.02 |
| 2303 - Housing costs / Rents | 570.00 | — | — | — | 570.00 | 2,770.90 |
| 2304 - Clergy Working Expenses | 4,361.44 | — | — | — | 4,361.44 | 8,286.86 |
| 2305 - External Clergy Expenses | 75.00 | — | — | — | 75.00 | 529.56 |
| 2306 - Lay Parish Working Expenses | 3,024.05 | — | — | — | 3,024.05 | 1,640.30 |
| 2320 - Payment of parish share to the Diocese | 57,866.00 | — | — | — | 57,866.00 | 75,272.00 |
| 2330 - Running cost(inc Gas,water,electric) | 3,505.40 | — | — | — | 3,505.40 | 2,548.08 |
| 2330 - Running costs(inc Gas, Water, Electric) | 7,719.28 | 1,006.31 | 642.00 | — | 9,367.59 | 6,897.97 |
| 2331 - Repairs/replacements/new items | 9,977.83 | — | 5,200.99 | — | 15,178.82 | 5,710.61 |
| 2340 - Church Hall costs | 525.06 | — | — | — | 525.06 | 1,857.67 |
| 2345 - Churchyard maintenance | 2,359.49 | — | — | — | 2,359.49 | 1,741.70 |
| 2350 - Salaries/Wages/Honoraria | 4,691.70 | — | — | — | 4,691.70 | 10,571.59 |
| 2351 - Administrators Salary | 2,684.98 | — | — | — | 2,684.98 | 2,020.82 |
| 2355 - Insurance | 9,133.51 | — | — | — | 9,133.51 | 10,422.99 |
| 2365 - Flowers | 45.00 | — | — | — | 45.00 | 530.44 |
| 2370 - Children and Young People | 1,372.71 | — | — | — | 1,372.71 | 5,204.34 |
| 2411 - Printing / Copying / Publicity | 1,074.35 | — | — | — | 1,074.35 | 1,245.93 |
| 2520 - Audit Fees | 500.00 | — | — | — | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| 2535 - Licence Fees | 1,044.88 | — | 122.00 | — | 1,166.88 | 948.28 |
| 2601 - New Building or other major works | 10,000.00 | — | — | — | 10,000.00 | — |
| 2620 - Decoration Scheme | 250.00 | — | — | — | 250.00 | — |
| 2650 - Hospitality Expenses | — | — | — | — | — | 178.76 |

Governance costs Totals

| | | | | | |
|------------|----------|----------|---|------------|------------|
| 122,478.89 | 1,006.31 | 5,964.99 | — | 129,450.19 | 143,252.60 |
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Other resources used

| | | | | | | |
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| 2150 - Payments made to other CTP accts | 55,014.29 | 7,050.00 | 2,250.00 | — | 64,314.29 | 69,935.05 |
| 2302 - Fees paid to the Diocese | — | — | — | — | — | 828.00 |
| 2601 - New building or other major works | — | — | — | — | — | 36,399.20 |
| 2630 - Other Payments | 1,208.88 | — | 4,000.00 | — | 5,208.88 | 11,962.64 |
| 2640 - Returned Fees | 268.00 | — | — | — | 268.00 | 413.00 |

Other resources used Totals

| | | | | | |
|-----------|----------|----------|---|-----------|------------|
| 56,491.17 | 7,050.00 | 6,250.00 | — | 69,791.17 | 119,537.89 |
|-----------|----------|----------|---|-----------|------------|

Resources used Grand totals

| | | | | | |
|------------|----------|-----------|---|------------|------------|
| 200,039.82 | 8,056.31 | 12,364.99 | — | 220,461.12 | 271,462.10 |
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Independent Examiner's report to the trustees/members of The PCC of Central Telford

Registered charity number 1140301

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees/members of The PCC of Central Telford

Registered charity number 1140301

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020 which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below:

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the with the accounting records
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed: 

Date: 21/6/21

Jonathan Hill FCMA CGMA
Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance
St Mary's House, The Close, Lichfield WS13 7LD

Parochial Church Council of Central Telford Parish
Fund movement by type
Charity Registered No 1140301
Notes to accompany the financial statements for the year ended 31 Dec 2020
Fund Movement by Type Selected period: 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

| Fund and type | Fund balances brought forward | Incoming Resources | Outgoing Resources | Transfers | Gains and Losses | Journal Entries | Fund balances carried forward |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| CAid | | | | | | | |
| Restricted | (31.50) | — | — | — | — | — | (31.50) |
| Sub-totals | (31.50) | — | — | — | — | — | (31.50) |
| CBF | | | | | | | |
| Designated | 2,634.86 | — | — | — | — | — | 2,634.86 |
| Sub-totals | 2,634.86 | — | — | — | — | — | 2,634.86 |
| CTPShare | | | | | | | |
| Designated | 4,486.24 | 3,601.40 | 8,056.31 | — | — | — | 31.33 |
| Sub-totals | 4,486.24 | 3,601.40 | 8,056.31 | — | — | — | 31.33 |
| Closed | | | | | | | |
| Designated | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Sub-totals | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| EAA | | | | | | | |
| Designated | 1.88 | — | — | — | — | — | 1.88 |
| Sub-totals | 1.88 | — | — | — | — | — | 1.88 |
| General | | | | | | | |
| Unrestricted | 55,532.63 | 172,846.69 | 200,039.82 | — | (70.56) | — | 28,268.94 |
| Sub-totals | 55,532.63 | 172,846.69 | 200,039.82 | — | (70.56) | — | 28,268.94 |
| Hosp | | | | | | | |
| Designated | 956.96 | — | — | — | — | — | 956.96 |
| Sub-totals | 956.96 | — | — | — | — | — | 956.96 |
| Inactive | | | | | | | |
| Designated | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Sub-totals | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| LDBF | | | | | | | |
| Designated | 2,116.00 | — | — | — | — | — | 2,116.00 |
| Designated | 41,940.50 | — | — | — | — | — | 41,940.50 |

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| Sub-totals | 44,056.50 | — | — | — | — | — | 44,056.50 |
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| Lewis | | | | | | | |
| Restricted | 80.98 | — | — | — | — | — | 80.98 |
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| Sub-totals | 80.98 | — | — | — | — | — | 80.98 |
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| Outreach | | | | | | | |
| Restricted | 10.00 | — | — | — | — | — | 10.00 |
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| Restricted | 28,782.19 | 250.00 | 4,000.00 | — | — | — | 25,032.19 |
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| Sub-totals | 28,782.19 | 250.00 | 4,000.00 | — | — | — | 25,032.19 |
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| Spec-BLDG | | | | | | | |
| Restricted | 40,176.00 | — | — | — | — | — | 40,176.00 |
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| Sub-totals | 40,176.00 | — | — | — | — | — | 40,176.00 |
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| Special | | | | | | | |
| Restricted | 9,545.14 | 1,853.38 | 8,364.99 | — | — | — | 3,033.53 |
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| Sub-totals | 9,545.14 | 1,853.38 | 8,364.99 | — | — | — | 3,033.53 |
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| Vicar | | | | | | | |
| Designated | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
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| Sub-totals | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
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| ZReval | | | | | | | |
| Restricted | (80.98) | — | — | — | — | — | (80.98) |
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| Sub-totals | (80.98) | — | — | — | — | — | (80.98) |
| <hr/> | | | | | | | |
| Grand Totals | 186,150.90 | 178,551.47 | 220,461.12 | — | (70.56) | — | 144,170.69 |

Parochial Church Council of Central Telford Parish
Notes to accompany the financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2020

Notes to the Accounts

- 1a.** The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP) and applicable accounting standards (FRS102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements 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 nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Cashflow Statement

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS102 from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement on the grounds that the income does not exceed £500,000.

- 1b.** The Parochial Church Council of the Central Telford Parish has approved the format and layout of these accounts. The PCC is made up of representatives of all the member churches.
- 1d** You will see from the accounts that the balance held at the 31st December 2020 was £144,697.99. That is made up as follows

| | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Central Accounts | £45,663.52 |
| Stirchley & Brookside | £2,559.18 |
| Chapel of Christ the King | £0.00 |
| Holy Trinity | £28,062.90 |
| River Church | £0.00 |
| St Johns | £56,725.00 |
| St Leonards | £6,528.00 |
| St Marys | £5,159.39 |

Team Consolidation

The accounts also show a total income of £178,551.47 and a total expenditure of £220,461.12. Please bear in mind these figures are the gross income and gross expenditure and include the monies which move across the parish between the various accounts. These amounts total £68,814.29 income and £64,314.29 expenditure. The difference includes £5,500 which relates to income received from Springfield Fellowship which is a limited company operating within the parish.

The net income was £109,737.18 and the net expenditure was £156,146.83

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for the year ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

- 1e** For information we have set out below the details of the income and expenditure of each of the churches which may help the understanding of the overall position

| Church Name | INCOME | EXPENDITURE |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Central Accounts | £89,370.32 | £78,407.61 |
| Stirchley & Brookside | £129.33 | £793.93 |
| Chapel of Christ the King | £0.00 | £897.27 |
| Holy Trinity | £24,216.51 | £26,824.09 |
| River Community Church | £3,452.50 | £32,895.15 |
| St Johns | £21,192.63 | £19,184.31 |
| St Leonards | £23,538.79 | £32,564.94 |
| St Marys | £16,651.39 | £28,893.82 |
| TOTALS | £178,551.47 | £220,461.12 |
| | | |
| Difference | | £(41,909.65) |
| Gain/Loss on investment asset | | £(70.56) |
| B/F from previous year | | £186,182.40 |
| Carried forward | | £144,202.19 |

2. Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the Council. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

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 nor those that are informal gatherings of church members. They do include the transactions, assets etc. of each of the six churches, which make up the single parish of Central Telford. The names of those churches are listed elsewhere within this document.

3. Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy and there is certainty of receipt.

Voluntary Income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.

Income Tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is received.

Grants and Legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

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31 December 2020 (continued)

Funds raised from fetes, fairs and similar events and the sale of books and magazines are accounted for gross.

Other ordinary income

Rental income from the letting of Church premises is recognised when the rental is received.

Income from Investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable. Any tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments.

Realised gains and losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

4. Resources Used

Expenditure is included on the accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the SOFA category. Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is conveyed to the recipient except in those cases where the offer is conditional on the recipient satisfying performance or other discretionary requirements to the satisfaction of the Board. Grant offered subject to such conditions, which have not been met at the year end, would be noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The Diocesan quota or Parish share is accounted for when payable. Any quota unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and shown as a creditor in the balance sheet. As the Parish Share was again paid in full in 2019 no entry under the heading of creditor is shown this year. This has been the situation for many years.

5. Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by s.10 (2)(a)&(C) of the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on movable Church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property.

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Notes to accompany the financial statements for the year ended
31 December 2020 (continued)

All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure within the Statement of Financial Activities and separately disclosed.

The Parish has overall responsibility for one other building, the Church Hall at St John's Lawley.

The hall at St. John's is run and maintained by the District Church Council at the church and was valued at £216,000. It is in a good state of repair as it has been recently refurbished. This value is below expected market value.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December £1,579.20 (2019 £1,649.76), and held within Hill & Smith Holdings Plc.

6. Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees or other income are shown as debtors less provision for any amounts that may prove uncollectible. No such amounts are due for 2020.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the Bank or Building Society. At present monies are held in a deposit account with the Central Board of Finance by three District churches as well as an amount held centrally.

Investments are held as a part of the Central Accounts. These include shares in Hill & Smith PLC. Details of this are held centrally.

All dividends and interest received on these investments are included in the accounts under the heading of "Investment Income".

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | 2020 Total £ | 2019 Total £ |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Bank Current Accounts | 21,927 | 39,452 | 61,379 | 78,596 |
| Bank Deposit Accounts | 652 | 14,075 | 14,727 | 14,880 |
| CBF Deposit Accounts | 56,518 | 21,155 | 77,674 | 88,305 |
| CTP Share Account | 31 | - | 31 | 4,486 |
| Compassion Bank Account | 397 | | 397 | 537 |
| | | | | |
| Total | 84,091 | 60,607 | 144,698 | 186,652 |

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31 December 2020 (continued)

7. Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern

8. Post-balance sheet events

The worldwide outbreak of the COVID-19 virus represents a significant event since the end of the financial year. The Charity has reviewed its cash flow forecasts and considered the impact on going concern, concluding that the going concern basis remains an appropriate basis of preparation for these financial statements given the likely cash flow impact of operations for 12 months from the date of signing this report. COVID-19 is considered to be a non-adjusting post year end – for accruals) event and therefore has not been taken into account in preparing these Financial Statements as at 31 December 2020.

9. Public Benefit

The trustees of the Charity are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity.

The trustees believe that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical the parish of Central Telford it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:-

Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers: and

Promoting Christian values, and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

9. Staff costs

| | 2020 | 2019 |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | |
| Wages & Salaries | £8,832 | £12,592 |
| | | |
| Average no. of employees | 2 | 2 |

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During the year, the PCC employed 2 part time employees, and no payments were large enough to attract social security costs.

There were no employee benefits to key management personnel in the previous or current year.

10. Related Parties

5 trustees were paid £2,569.17 in respect of reimbursement of travel and phone expenses during the year.

Donations from related parties (PCC members) totalled £7,036 for the year 2019.

11. Creditors due within one year

| | 2020 £ | 2019 £ |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Other creditors | 2,075 | 2,119 |

12. Summary of Assets by Fund

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | 2020 Total £ | 2019 Total £ |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Fixed Assets | - | - | - | - |
| Investment Assets | 1,579 | | 1,579 | 1,650 |
| Current Assets | 84,091 | 60,607 | 144,698 | 186,652 |
| Current Liabilities | - | (2,075) | (2,075) | (2,119) |
| | | | | |
| Total | 85,670 | 58,532 | 144,202 | 186,183 |



Central Telford Parish

Parish Safeguarding Policy

Dated: 10th March 2020 (Reviewed)

The Parochial Church Council of Central Telford Parish will take all reasonable care to ensure the safety of the children, young people and vulnerable adults for whom it bears responsibility.

1. Pam Spellen is our approved Safeguarding Co-ordinator for the calendar year 2020 and she is the point of contact through which concerns about child protection will be channelled. (From November 2020 our Safeguarding Co-ordinator is Helen Vellacott.)
2. She is responsible to the PCC for ensuring that these procedures are implemented.
3. The PCC will work towards adopting the recommendations of the House of Bishops as published in the Policy for Safeguarding Children

Protecting All God's Children (2010)

and *Promoting a Safe Church (2006)*

<https://www.churchofengland.org/media/37405/promotingasafechurch.pdf>

4. The PCC will ensure full compliance with Health and Safety Guidelines.
5. The PCC is directly responsible for the following groups which include children and young people:
 - *Messy Church*
 - *Telford Youth Fellowship*
 - *Lawley Smallies*
 - *Little Fishes*
 - *Jolly Tots of Malinslee*
 - *Trinity Tots*
6. Community groups who use Church buildings in the Parish or hire the Church Hall will be required to satisfy the PCC that they have a Safeguarding policy, if they do not have their own policy, the PCC will present their own Safeguarding policy for group to adopt and implement. These currently (Updated for early 2020) include
 - Slimming World
 - Tai chi
 - Scouts association (scouts, cubs, beavers)
 - Rhythm time
 - Rainbows
 - WI
 - Tae Kwondo
 - Pilates

7. Validation: Leaders must be aged 18 or over working with children and young people, under 18s may assist with leadership roles but must be supervised at all times. Community groups who use Church buildings in the Parish or hire the Church Hall will be required to complete the Parish Building Hire Verification Form.

- Applicants will be required to complete the Lichfield Diocesan declaration.
- Applicants will be required to provide two references using the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy form.
- Before appointment or the continuation of any appointment, appointees may need to apply for and supply clearance from the Disclosure & Barring Service.

8. Only suitable and responsible people may become key holders, references will be taken up in accordance with the Safer Recruitment policy and they will be required to complete the Lichfield Diocese Declaration. Access and Usage of Church Buildings will be monitored as far as is reasonably possible.

9. Completed declaration forms and references will be confidential to and securely held by the Incumbent or, in the event of a vacancy, by the Rural Dean or Archdeacon.

10. The PCC will use the Disclosure & Barring Service for checking leaders' criminal records where appropriate. This will be done via the Safeguarding Office, St Mary's House, The Close, Lichfield. WS13 7LD

11. The PCC requires groups listed in 5 to provide, in writing, at least the following:

- A list of its current leaders and details of their roles, provision for training and support
- When and where the group meets, its normal working pattern and the age range it covers.

12. The PCC require groups that are working with children and young people:

- To agree clear roles for leaders
- Set up structures to train and support their leaders in their roles
- Agree statements of working practice.

13. The PCC reserves the right to decline a request for use of a church building when it considers the suggested activity is incompatible with the Christian faith.

14. The PCC will provide leaders and those working in Safeguarding access to guidance and training in the understanding of child/vulnerable adult abuse.

15. The PCC will issue clear guidelines for avoiding situations where children or young people could be in danger.

16. The PCC will publish on the notice boards at the back of the church and in the Church Hall, a copy of the Diocesan Safe Guarding Flow Chart (available on the Diocesan website) In addition, all validated leaders and key holders will be given a copy.

17. The PCC will carry public liability insurance and will insure all leaders and staff for personal accident.

18. The PCC will implement a plan to monitor annually that the procedures are being followed.

19. The PCC will make a copy of this policy and its procedures available, if requested, at The Archdeacon's visitation.

20. This Policy and its procedures will be monitored by the Safeguarding Co-ordinator who will report to the PCC annually.

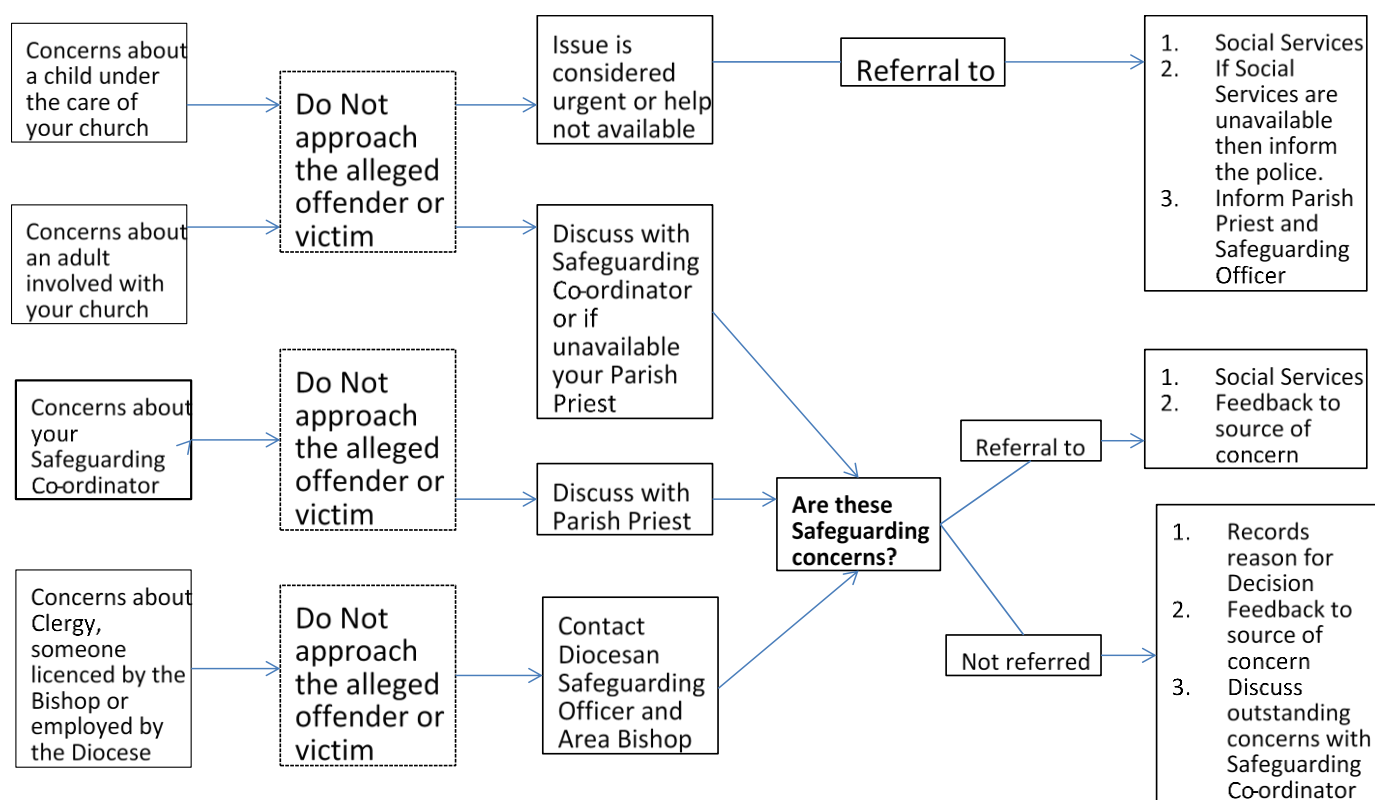
21. The PCC will review the policy and its procedures annually in the month of November for implementation the following calendar year.

Agreed at the CTP PCC Meeting on Tuesday 13th June 2017

Reviewed at CTP PCC Meeting on Tuesday 10th March 2020

In June 2020 Rev Tim Storey (Rector) left the Parish, as did Pam Spellen (Safeguarding Co-ordinator) On arrival in July 2020. Revd Anne Roberts became the Safeguarding Lead, until the PCC agreed for Helen Vellacott from St Mary's Church to be appointed as Safeguarding Co-ordinator in November 2020.

IN THE EVENT OF A SAFEGUARDING ISSUE IN YOUR CHURCH



Contact Numbers

Safeguarding Co-ordinator: **Pam Spellen**. From November 2020 **Helen Vellacott** (07311409209)

Parish Priest: **Rev Tim Storey** (07986 862292) until June 2020. From June Interim Minister Rev. Anne Roberts (07470400301)

Diocesan Safeguarding Officer (Children): **Kim Hodgkins** (01543 306030)

Diocesan Safeguarding Officer (Adults): **Neil Spiring** (01782 266066)

Shrewsbury Area Bishop **Rt. Revd. Sarah Bullock** (01743 235867)

Telford & Wrekin Safeguarding Children: 01952 385385

Police: Call 101



Central Telford Parish

Parish Building Hire Verification Form

Dated: June 2020

| | |
|---|---|
| Name of Person or Company | |
| Church or Building being hired | |
| Date of Booking | |
| Start Time of Booking | |
| End Time of Booking | |
| Nature of Booking | |
| Agreed fee for Booking | |
| Is This a Regular Booking | Yes/No |
| I have read and agree to abide by the terms of the Lichfield Diocesan declaration | Signed (On Behalf of the Hirer) |
| Own Risk Assessment for Covid Secure Procedures | |
| Complying with all procedures as identified on Parish Risk Assessment for Coronavirus | |
| Reference 1 Name | |
| Reference 1 Address | |
| Reference 1 Telephone | |
| Reference 1 Email address | |
| Reference 2 Name | |
| Reference 2 Address | |
| Reference 2 Telephone | |
| Reference 2 Email address | |
| DBS Clearance for those involved in the event has been seen by the Parish | Signed (On Behalf of the Parish) |
| Confirmation of Booking | Signed (On Behalf of the Parish) |

PCC of Central Telford Parish – June 2017

Appendix A

Holy Trinity Church, Dawley – District Churchwarden's Report 2020

The year 2020 was Holy Trinity's 175th anniversary. We had planned to hold several events to celebrate it, culminating in a joint Partnership service with the Bishop of Shrewsbury attending. Of course, it was not possible to hold any celebrations and I don't know when will be possible to meet together again. I think it's a waiting game at the moment.

We had two- and a-bit months of normality before lockdown, and in that time, we were able to hold a jolly pancake party and our Mothers' Union held its AGM (with Bingo after the business was completed.) During lockdown we could only meet via Zoom for meetings and services and we were grateful that we could join in with the CTEP Sunday worship organized mainly by the Baptist church. It was lovely during the autumn to be able to meet together in church even with all the restrictions of distancing and cleaning (ourselves and the church), no singing and responses, except quietly behind our masks, no possibility of fellowship over a cup of coffee – but it was still very much appreciated. At Christmas we really missed all the normal celebrations, especially the Crib service and the children visiting for the Experience Christmas activities and the Messy Church party. Although it wasn't the same the Zoom Carol service meant we could at least sing some of the well-known carols, even if it was in our homes. I'm also glad that we could actually go to church on Christmas morning and wish each other Happy Christmas in person – although distanced.

We made sure that all church members were contacted regularly by members of the DCC to check that everyone was coping and to exchange news. In the few months between lockdowns when we were able to hold socially distanced services, congregations held up well. I suppose people were eager to get out and see friends and experience worship together, even if distanced, with which Zoom services just couldn't compare. Some felt unable to attend, for whatever reasons, and we sympathise and hope it won't be too long before we are all happy to come to church.

Lots of fundraising activities were cancelled, there were no fairs, which are HT's main moneymaker. However, we paid our share in full and the insurance and utility bills as well as honouring our commitment to our two sponsored African children.

We sadly said goodbye to Tim, Pam and Lee, their farewells had to be via Zoom, plus staggered visits to Tim's house. However, we were delighted to welcome Anne as interim Rector and her husband Kevin. Anne is a kind, caring person and seems to have settled into the unusual situation really well and we appreciate the worship she and Kevin share. All involved in preparing and ordering services have shown themselves really versatile in the ways they have kept worship going. They have helped us all adapt to new ways of doing things.

As well as the uncertainty of Covid plans we of course are wondering what is going to happen to our parish. The document advertising the Rector's position has been prepared and we are just waiting for the time when it can be publicized. We need to pray that the right person will be drawn to Telford.

We must remember those who are finding circumstances hard to bear, those who are or have been sick and are still dealing with the results and especially we must remember those who have died and those mourning their loss. We ask God's strength and comfort for all. We should also be so grateful to all those who have worked selflessly for others during the pandemic. I should like to add a personal note of thanks to those who not only offered help during Lockdown but who showed such practical kindness when I had an accident in the summer.

God has guided this church for 175 years and for nearly a thousand the Norman church which stood here before. There must have been some difficult or bewildering times in all those years. We know if we ask Him He will guide us through this strange time and hopefully we will emerge stronger, better able to serve the people of Dawley.

Glenis Watkins
District Church Warden

Barbara Crawforth
District Church Warden

Appendix B

St. John the Evangelist Church, Lawley – District Churchwarden's Report 2020

What a strange year we had in 2020 and it's not over yet!

2020 started with plans for fundraising and drawing new families into St John's with baptisms, story sacks, and lots of Fairs etc. However, all plans were cancelled after the start of the Coronavirus which went round the world in a very short time.

The last service before we were locked down was 15th March 2020 and there was no Sunday service in the church again until 9th August 2020. We managed to hold 6 services there on a fortnightly basis until the end of October when lockdown came again. We held the Remembrance service outside the church and we had a service on Christmas day before we were locked down again. Some of the congregation were unable to attend church after March as they were very vulnerable and high-risk people. They were **very** missed people. Zoom has come to the forefront during this time and DCC, PCC and services have been run online since the lockdown.

Only one baptism managed to get in before the first lockdown and all weddings were cancelled.

Funerals continued and services for 8 burials were held in church or by the graveside. 5 services were held at the crematoriums.

The hall which helps us with fundraising went from 13 regular weekly bookings to 3 occasional bookings between lockdowns. This has made it very difficult to cover all expenses for the church and hall including the parish share.

On the good side, although Rev. Tim and Rev. Lee left the parish in May and June, we had the support of Rev Anne Roberts who **whooshed** in like Mary Poppins to fill all the gaps. She has been exceedingly helpful in all areas and has with Heather, kept the parish working.

We are in the process of preparing to advertise for a new Team Rector when the lockdown eases and hope this will be sooner rather than later.

Eileen Robertson

District Churchwarden
St John the Evangelist Church, Lawley

Appendix C

St. Leonard's Church, Malinslee – Deputy Church Warden's Report 2020

Jolly Tots report St. Leonards Church, Malinslee

The year started off really well. We had 6 regular Mums and a few that would pop in now and again. We had some enquires about the group for parents to start after Easter, but we never got there due to Covid-19. Once we were able to meet again outside in church grounds, it was great. We would meet about 10.30am and take our lunch with us, or go for a walk to the Town Park. In the sunshine it was wonderful to see the little ones again, they grow so much when you don't see them all of the time.

Some of the parents would meet up to go for walks, 4 of them have built up a really lovely friendship. We have a messenger group and speak to each other often and at the time of writing this we are waiting for Beatrice to be born. Let's hope in 2021 we will be able to all come together again in church.

We did a sponsored walk and raised just under £400 for church funds. We have other ideas for fundraising but at the moment it's not possible to do anything.

Jane Hill

District Churchwardens Report for St. Leonards Church, Malinslee 2020

We started 2020 with a quiet January. February, we held our pensioners party, with our Christmas dinner as we had to cancel it in December due to the weather. We had 15 people attend and it was followed by a game of bingo. In March we started our Lunch and Bingo up again with 12 attending.

We then started planning for our Easter Fair with new ideas, e.g., selling clothes and inviting outside stall holders to join us, but that's as far as we got as COVID-19 halted everything. We all missed each other so we all tried to keep in touch with each other as much as possible. It was great to be able to open church again in July. Graham carried on with the food bank, he picked up from Aldi and took half of it to Morton Court then half to church on Sunday, as we only had fortnightly services. I would then pick up from Graham and go around to members and Jolly Tots Mums, this was a great success.

In December we made up 60 small Christmas hampers for all our members, Jolly Tots, and other people who we delivered our food bank parcels too.

And that was 2020.

Jane Hill
District Churchwarden

Appendix D

St. Mary's the Virgin, Red Lake – District Churchwarden's Report 2020

To complete our report for 2020 is not good news for anyone, as the Covid virus is still a major problem for the nation. At the time of writing this report we are now in lockdown 3.

In September, although some restrictions were in place, places of worship were allowed to open. We were able to hold two services during the month, one of which was our harvest festival, (obviously keeping space restrictions and sanitization.) During this time of hardship and uncertainty, people gathered together, gave generously, and thanked God for His blessings.

In October two services took place, also we were able to hold our D.C.C. in church. It was nice to see people face to face.

We were pleased we were able to have the fire extinguishers annual check done.

In November, for Remembrance Sunday large gatherings were discouraged, so only a small group of approx. six were at the service around the memorial in the churchyard.

In one respect having the church closed made it easier to get the builders in to have repairs done on the roof of the church, inside and out. Also, a French drain was done alongside the west wall. This in time will stop damp coming through the wall. There are urgent jobs recommended in the quinquennial report. The money used to pay for this was bequeathed to the church.

Although on the second lockdown it was announced the churches were allowed to open P.C.C. held a Zoom meeting, and it was decided in view of our congregation being predominantly of an age that made them vulnerable, it was decided the safety of our parishioners must come first. The church was therefore closed for services, with the exception of Christmas morning, all four churches opened for a service which was special.

On December 16th Shropshire Radio encouraged doorstep carol singing. Mary kindly took charge and invited as many locals around the area to join us in singing carols outside the church gates. There was a good response and the Xmas spirit came alive. What better way to cheer people up than a good sing along. Many thanks to Mary.

They do say out of bad comes good. Because people have been advised to stay home and only to go out for essentials, we have tried to keep in contact with our church family. Thanks to all those who have phoned to chat to people who don't have internet, or just to say hello, do you need anything? Many thanks to Helen for sending all the information of church notices and services available on Zoom. Thanks to Ann and Mary for checking the church building and reporting back. Brian has been in church periodically and blew the cobwebs out of the organ, thanks to him for that.

Our thanks to Heather for all that she has done especially at St. Mary's. Although Heather was due to retire, she has agreed to stay with us until a replacement had been found. We thank God we have been blessed with Jassica and Edith now licenced for six months, until we have a permanent replacement. As all services at this moment in time are held on Zoom we look forward to the time we can meet face to face.

I must say I think it's been a learning curve for all of us one way or another. I myself learn something new about Zoom everytime I use it, and it enabled the four churches to interact more and chat and get to know one another a little better. Many thanks to Rev. Anne for her support, advice, and encouragement that she has shown everyone.

District Churchwardens: Doreen Dyson, Ann Broadhurst.

Appendix E

Stirchley and Brookside Community Annual Report for 2020



During January, February and March Christian Presence meet in the Sambrook Centre on the first Thursday of the month for the Songs Praise Service. In February we joined our friends at Lakeview Care Home for the regular sing along of favourite songs and hymns. We were also planning for our next season of celebration 'Easter', speaking with the community centres at Stirchley and Brookside and our community partners to work together. Dates had been set in the Diary for the Easter craft activity, the Easter Songs of Praise at St James and the Experience Easter in the primary schools with Pam Spellen and the team. This year was also to be a special year for the Stirchley Scouts whose turn it was to host a regional scout's event for St Georges Day on 23rd April. By early March plans were well under way, we had meet with the Scout leaders to look at the parade, the act of worship and the games and hospitality. The parish council had generously offered the Sambrook Centre and funding had been applied for to pay for the event. We were expecting over 75 people to spend the weekend with us in Telford and that was to include visits to the Blists Hill Museums.

On March 21st the announcement of the COVID-19 pandemic and the lock down meant our plans for the forthcoming season were cancelled. However, we were hopeful that by the summer months a normal pattern of events would resume. What was to follow was certainly not what we had expected. When the restrictions were relaxed and people were able to go to work and schools were beginning to re-open and churches were allowed to be used in a limited way, we were exploring ways in which the outreach work could continue. However, the community centres remained closed and the social distancing requirements meant we were unable to meet in the centres.

Brookside Community Centre



The Sambrook Centre Stirchley



St James Church could not be used as a building for regular worship as it was not possible to maintain the 2-metre distance and because the building had no running water.



Over the lockdown's months the Stirchley and Brookside community responded in partnership with the various groups and organisations to identify and meet the needs of the community delivering food supplies and prescriptions to those who were needing to isolate or shield family members.

The Facebook groups became essential methods of communicating what was happening or needed to happen on the ground. Most of the community groups were now meeting online the Big Local partnership met every Friday from April – July as some of the restrictions were lifted the meetings were scheduled fortnightly by September monthly meeting resumed. Between September and December Revd Janet Holmes was on sabbatical and during this time the Central Telford Team provided oversight for the ministry. It was hoped that we may have been able to offer a community carol event but this was not possible. On Christmas Eve we were however able to hold the food share event where donations from a local supermarket were collected from the Community Centre in Brookside or delivered to the door steps of families by volunteers.

To keep in touch with the people who previously attended the Songs of Praise service a telephone contact was made once a month and prayer resources were sent via the post or through e-mail. The community was also made aware of the various church online services and when the churches were open in between the lockdown times. Telephone contact and cards were sent to the Lakeview care Home and to Sandino Court complex to let the residents know we were still there for them.

Lakeview Care Home



Sandino Court Complex



As 2020 came to a close Christian Presence Community, the Brookside Partnership and the Parish Council, and the Local leaders reflected upon all that had happened throughout the year whilst having an eye on the future and being mindful of the uncertainty which still lay ahead. Issues relating to loneliness, poverty, mental wellbeing and environmental concerns were just a few of the conversation topics on the list. So, in the faith and trust of God we wait and watch for where God is leading us in the ministry and mission for this place and its people.

Rev Janet Holmes Community Minister Stirchley and Brookside 19/02/21

Appendix F

Central Telford Parish – Working with Schools

Over the last 4 years, with Pam Spellen's guidance, we have worked hard to develop our relationship with schools, increasing from initial contact with 4 to now having contact with all 15 Primary Schools in the Parish. Schools have been involved in a range of things from visits to church to support aspects of RE to celebrating festivals and inviting parents. Most notable has been the huge number of children who have attended churches across the Parish every festival season to take part in our Experience Christmas, Experience Easter and Experience Harvest. Some schools are not near to a local church and so we have taken the Experiences into their school.

A couple of years ago we also offered Experience Easter Outside, to link to the focus on outdoor learning. The response was overwhelming, and staff and children loved being able to walk the Easter story, journeying from Gethsemane all the way to the empty tomb, which we had built outside. Again, over 1200 children took part and the plan was to run this for Easter 2020 where we had all 15 schools booked in. Sadly, only one session was able to take place before Lockdown was announced and the pandemic halted all our Easter plans.

We were sad to say farewell to Pam, as she moved into a full-time role with Telford Minster, but we are glad she has still been able to continue supporting the schools in our Parish. Experience Christmas was filmed and taken into schools on DVDs with accompanying resources, for use at the end of term.

Cards and letters have been sent to the schools, saying thank you for all that they are doing and reminding them that the local churches pray for them.

Writing this in March 2021, and Experience Easter has just been filmed.....

Revd Anne Roberts, (on behalf of Pam Spellen and all the church members who have been involved in any way.)