

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS



of the Parochial Church Council,
St Mary Magdalene, Wandsworth Common
for the year ended **31st December 2020**
(incorporating a report on the proceedings of
the Tooting Deanery Synod)

*Cover photo: a 'thank you' banner for all key workers during the pandemic.
This remained in place throughout the year.*

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Annual Report for 2020 on PCC Proceedings and Parish Activities

Introduction - Revd Philippa Boardman MBE

Who could have imagined at the beginning of the year, the world changing events which were soon to be upon us with COVID-19 and the first lockdown which started on 23rd March? Since then, there has been so much suffering with millions of lives lost across the world. There have, however, also been amazing responses of compassion, care of neighbour and community and sacrificial service not least in the NHS, emergency services, residential care homes, schools and those whose often “hidden” work is essential to keep our society functioning.

As a church community, although the church doors were closed for a significant part of 2020 on Government advice, the bonds of care and compassion, prayer and communication remained strong. Zoom meetings and WhatsApp groups developed, pre-recorded sermons and then “livestreaming” of services on Facebook began. Close to 100 “mail chimp” messages were sent, and thousands of newsletters and pew sheets were delivered to those not on the internet. Help with shopping, cards and phone calls – even the church railings were transformed, as ways of staying in touch.

Our regular activities did not stop, rather they “changed shape”. Since March 2020, our volunteer teams have not been allowed to go into HMP Wandsworth, Springfield Hospital or Ronald Gibson House. Instead they have met for prayer and Bible study on Zoom, undertaken training for telephone support and sent outline services, so that RGH staff can lead Easter and Christmas worship for residents themselves. Collections have also been made in response to specific requests from books, jigsaws and beanie hats for prisoners to toiletries for RGH residents.



The Vicar's Christmas sermon

Christian Aid week collecting took a new shape with a very successful Just Giving page. While the Christmas Tree Festival team used all their ingenuity with an online prize draw, the socially-distanced sale of wreaths and decorations, as well as beautifying the church with trees for the online Christmas services. An incredible £4,148 was raised for Welcare.

Governance was strengthened through weekly Zoom meetings of the Standing Committee, which comprises our Churchwardens, PCC Secretary and Treasurer. This was an incredible support to the Vicar, as we sought to respond diligently to changing Government advice, including risk assessments and making our buildings COVID-19 secure, as re-opening became possible. Our finances suffered a heavy blow with the loss of bookings income, but (as the accounts show) the generosity of the congregation has been outstanding in response.



It was a joy to welcome the Revd Shavaun Shodeinde as our curate in early July with her family, and many were able to watch her livestreamed ordination as a Deacon at the Cathedral. Other “new arrivals” in 2020 included a new website, and the accessible toilets and tea point, following successful grant applications to the

Revd Shavaun Shodeinde is welcomed as deacon

National Lottery, Viridor-Credits and the Allchurches Trust, plus the monies raised by the church from the 2019 John Rutter day and a number of donations.

2020 was a year of great sorrow but as we look into 2021, we stand ready with our strong volunteer base and improved facilities to engage with the emerging needs of our post-pandemic society and play our part in “building back better” in the love and light of God.

PCC report on its proceedings and the activities of the parish

The Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene, Wandsworth Common (PCC) presents this report on its proceedings for the calendar year to 31st December 2020 and on the activities of the parish generally in that year. Details of how the PCC works, its meetings and membership, its officers, the electoral roll, church attendance and other matters are set out at the end of the report.

Objectives and activities

The PCC has the duty, amongst other things, to consult with the vicar on matters of general concern and importance within the parish and to work with her to promote the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in the area.

The PCC is committed to enabling regular public worship at St Mary Magdalene, open to all, and to the provision at the church of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation.

When planning our activities, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer
- Teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish

- Outreach work in the local community

To continue this important work, it is also vital that we maintain the fabric of the church of St Mary Magdalene, including its Parish and Vestry Halls.

Mission Action Plan

In January 2016 we adopted a Mission Action Plan (MAP) to direct the mission and ministry at St Mary Magdalene from 2016 - 2020. This was the PCC's second MAP, building on the work we had done in past years and providing us with an opportunity to continue to grow our church, our faith and our profile in the local community. Further details of the principal elements of our current MAP are set out at the end of this report.

The COVID-19 pandemic made it difficult to take forward items in the plan during 2020, although there were successes, further details of which are set out in this report.



Notwithstanding the pandemic, early in 2020 we began to consider the creation of a new five year Mission Action Plan for 2021 - 25. In early March, with thanks to the hospitality of Tom and Sally Roberts, the PCC met with Katherine von Schubert to start this process and to help make us think how our work on a new MAP should be centred around our vision and wider objectives for the church. Katherine is a freelance writer, editor and speaker and helps churches in the Diocese to think through their local role and calling, and their engagement with the locality.

Katherine also produced a paper later in the year considering churches' response to COVID-19. This provided the basis of a PCC discussion, as members considered what the church had lost; what we were fearful about; what we had had to do differently; and the best thing we were doing as a church as a result of the pandemic. This thinking will enhance our understanding of what "church" might look like in a post pandemic world and in the creation of our new MAP.

Later in 2020, the PCC once again turned its mind to the new MAP, looking at achievements in the three areas of faith, compassion and sustainability over the last few years; identifying initiatives for each of these three areas we could take forward; and considering how we could consult with, and get input from, the wider congregation. This provided a strong basis for extending the conversation to the congregation in early 2021.

How we achieved our objectives in 2020

Worship, prayer and the teaching of Christianity

A new curate

During the year we were blessed to welcome our new curate, Revd Shavaun Shodeinde, to St Mary Magdalene and she immediately began to make an impression on the work of the church and, by telephone and Zoom, to get to know a large number of congregants.

Organising for Revd Shavaun's arrival had presented challenges in itself. A search for suitable accommodation for her family, thanks to the persistence of Jane Cooper, eventually was rewarded with success, notwithstanding the difficulties of getting estate agents to focus on our needs during lockdown. Fortunately, everything came together in the end.



Our new Curate!

On 27th June, Revd Shavaun was licensed by the Bishop (a first on Zoom!) and joined us for her first Sunday at St Mary Magdalene on 5th July. Regrettably, plans to celebrate with a socially distanced picnic on Trinity Fields had to be abandoned. Her ordination had to wait until 19th September and it was also a shame that, under the COVID-19 restrictions, members of the congregation were not permitted to join her for the service at the Cathedral, although we were able to wish her well with messages on the church railings.

Regular services

The ringing of the church bell before all services continued throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. It remained an important reminder to the parish that prayer continued at the heart of Wandsworth Common for the needs of the community and the wider world, whatever the prevailing circumstances and challenges in the world.

In planning services, we were, of course, primarily concerned to ensure the safety of our church family and were careful to review and apply the relevant Government and Church of England guidance in relation to opening the church.



A vicar in a visor!

There was a long period during the first lockdown of 2020 in which all churches were required to close their doors. As soon as we were permitted (and it was safe) to do so, we welcomed back our parishioners, at first for individual prayer on Wednesday and Sunday mornings. When public worship was then allowed to resume, we provided a shortened Eucharist service on Wednesday mornings and two on Sunday mornings. These were, of course, very services - ensuring we had the correct social

distancing, one way system, test and trace, personal hygiene and cleaning regimes in place. Holy Communion was only permitted in one kind and required the clergy to wear face coverings. Furthermore, there was no singing allowed by the congregation and the relaxation of the rules later in the year only allowed a limited choir to perform. Coffee after services ceased immediately, as did Junior Church. All very strange!

Soon livestreaming of our services on Facebook became the norm. We believe that this, at least, meant we were able to reach out to those in our community who had access to the relevant technology. The circulation by mail chimp of service sheets and prayers also helped people engage in our services from home. For those without the necessary technology at home, or unable to access it, a system for personal delivery of materials was soon put in place.

The church team quickly rose to all the challenges and thanks are due to everyone, including the sidesmen, choir, organists, cleaning team, sound and live streaming technicians, as well as the clergy team.

Special services



Even without a congregation, the Church still looked wonderful at Easter

Lent and Easter: Lent began with the traditional Ash Wednesday Eucharist with ashing, complemented by moving singing by the choir. A huge labyrinth canvas was borrowed from the Diocese as an imaginative aid to prayer. Little did we realise that within a month, the church doors would be closed. For the first time in the 150 year history of St Mary Magdalene, there were no Holy Week or Easter services in the church. So “church” went outside, thanks to Jane Cooper, with laminated prayers on the railings and a wooden cross as a creative seasonal focus.

All Souls: A poignant and uplifting late afternoon service was held with reading of names of loved ones who have died. This was attended not only by church members, but also by members of the wider local community who had been bereaved.

Remembrance weekend: Sadly, for the first time since 2017, we were unable to welcome pupils from Ernest Bevin College for their Remembrance event. However, we were open for Remembrance Sunday with the observance of the Two Minutes’ Silence.

Advent and Christmas: On Advent Sunday, a well-attended service saw the choir provide an inspiring choral lead in the continued absence of congregational singing. A small and dedicated team launched a ticketing and seating system for Christmas services. Sadly, all Christmas services eventually had to go online only, as COVID-19 infections increased. But good numbers were still able to share in Christmas worship in this way.

Christmas Tree Festival

Once again, the fantastic team of Rowan and Phil MacCarthy, Ann Carrington Brook and Charlotte Flowers swung into action, although it was evident from the start that this year's Christmas Tree Festival would be very different to past years. Essentially it became a virtual festival. Whilst the number of trees was slimmed down – 15 instead of last year's 31 - they formed a beautiful backdrop to the live streamed services. There was also a splendid and eye catching 17ft tree outside the church. The raffle became an online prize draw and people were very generous both donating prizes and buying tickets. Rosemary Birchall made beautiful wreaths and flowers for the festival.

In the end, despite COVID-19, just over £4,000 was raised for Welcare.

Enormous thanks are due to the organising committee and their fantastic army of helpers – including the tree builders, tree decorators, tree fellers, cleaning team – and generous sponsors and supporters.

Baptisms, weddings and funerals

We were able to continue offering these services, always careful to observe the latest Government and Church of England advice to keep everyone safe.

We welcomed two children in Holy Baptism in 2020 (with a number of families preferring to postpone to 2021). It was a joy to conduct the wedding of a couple who had had to postpone their wedding twice beforehand due to lockdowns. Two funerals took place at St Mary Magdalene and six at local crematoriums, as bereaved families bore the additional burdens of COVID-19 restrictions.

Church music

Musically, like most church activities, 2020 was the year of adaptation, of patience, of being pleased to present something and of being grateful for singers sufficiently confident to sing solo or in smaller numbers than they might have liked.

Pre-lockdown the regular choir list settled at 35 members, and withstood the loss of some good singers by dint of new talent emerging. The standard Sunday morning choir size ranged typically from 12 – 18 and they were able to offer suitable 4-part harmony anthems to an encouraging standard. The warm appreciation the congregation always shows for the choir is a stand-out aspect of our parish.

The choir was not able to continue its rehearsal schedule at all after the beginning of the first lockdown, so they were not able to grow their repertoire. During the lull between lockdowns, a small choir was permitted with due social distancing: this stretched all choristers to maintain their own singing parts independently without the benefit of other singers nearby.

Choral Evensong did not happen in 2020 for obvious reasons, but there are plans to reinstate as soon as circumstances permit. It is a part of our worship, which is relevant and right for our church and it brings additional singers into the choir, attracting 24 – 34 singers each time.

Looking forward, it would be exciting to develop a series of concerts to use our space.

Teaching

Lent talks: Another series of stimulating Lent talks were arranged. Speakers were to include Roger Royle (“Is God directing you?”), our own Debbie Whitworth (“Is the rehabilitation of offenders possible?”), Huda Nassar (“What future for the children of Syria?”) and Michael Savage (“What death can teach us about living fully”). Sadly only the first two of these talks could take place before the first lockdown began.



The vicar and Revd Roger Royle



Debbie Morgan, the Vicar and Mark Sillery of the Clink

Advent Course: “Exploring themes of the environment and care for creation”, an inspiring Advent course was led by Susanne Mitchell on four Wednesday evenings in Advent on Zoom. Sessions were a mix of reading, discussion and a simple activity based on the book “Go to the Ant - Biodiversity and the Bible” by Ghilleen Prance who is Scientific Director of the Eden Project in Cornwall and formerly Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. Topics included the theology of insects and trees! The course was well attended and appreciated by all participants. An Eco-Church group is now up and running at St Mary Magdalene and making plans for 2021.

Junior Church: Unfortunately, the COVID-19 lockdowns meant that Junior Church activities had to cease at the church. Our team of dedicated leaders, however, endeavoured to send activity ideas out to families and colouring sheets were available for those attending services. The team kept abreast of the ever changing regulations, prepared to recommence with the relevant safeguards, as soon as was permitted.

Families and young people: 2020 was a particularly tough year for families and young people with home-schooling and many schools, colleges and out of school activities being closed. Due to safeguarding, contact via social media with young people was not possible, but Revd Shavaun sent a card and letter of introduction to the teenagers and, towards the end of the year, set up a Zoom network to stay in touch with parents. At Christmas, church families designed and put posters in their front windows to create an Advent Trail. A Christingle-making workshop (with families booking in for separate 'slots' to ensure social

distancing) was offered and it was wonderful to welcome seven families who were also able to say prayers at the Crib and enjoy the sparkling trees.

Home Groups: The five established home groups continued during 2020, albeit in a morphed existence due to COVID-19. The groups continued to be led by members of the congregation with an aggregate of up to 30 attending (each group varied from 5 - 10 members). There were a handful of new members joining established groups, which was encouraging. These groups of mixed ages met at different times of the day or evening; with frequency varying from every other week, once a month or to once every half term. The largest group met once a month during the afternoons and, during “normal times”, would include tea and cake! Zoom meetings provided welcome video contact and the various WhatsApp groups were the perfect way to share prayer requests or messages, photos and links of encouragement during the various lockdowns.

Each group mutually decided what to study and how to lead each session. Areas of discussion over 2020 included Philippians, Psalms, prayer reflections and Theology books (Revd Nadim’s book continued to be popular). The groups provided an informal and varied way for members of the congregation to develop their faith and understanding of Christianity, as well as get to know others outside the traditional service setting. Sermons and current affairs were also often discussed and personal reflections shared. The year was not short of world events to challenge and probe our Christian faith!

As a broader congregation we are always working towards encouraging more people to get involved in home groups and frequently share notices and reminders about current home group activity. There are key home group contacts within the congregation which are available to discuss current activity and help new members find a group which would suit their personal Christian journey of exploration.

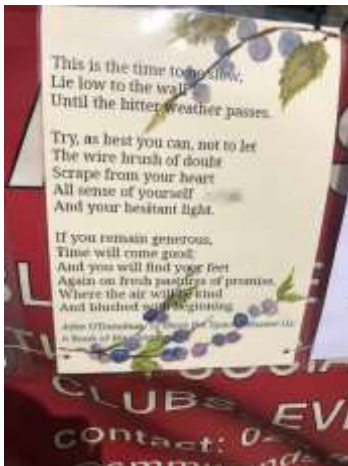
Online Sunday gathering: This group was started by close supporters of Jill Clark and her family, when as a result of her illness she could no longer get to church. Its start coincided with the first lockdown and initially provided a forum for sharing faith while the church was closed. It took place on Sundays at 4.30 pm. Lead by Sally Roberts it lasted about 25 minutes during which the Collect and Readings of the day were read by those present. Prayers were said and spiritual readings, prayers and a blessing were included. Typically, it was followed by ten minutes of open conversation. There were a wide variety of participants with numbers ranging from 6 to 25. After Jill died in early 2021, it was decided to keep the group going.

Men’s Bible Briefing: This small group of dedicated men met fortnightly by Zoom on Thursdays. Lockdown allowed us to move the start to 8.00 am. It remained a thriving group much enjoyed by those who attend.

Prayer

With church buildings closed for much of the year, church members explored new ways of prayer at home - online and with apps such as Daily Prayer. The Daily Hope phone line of the Church of England provided 24/7 prayers and hymns for those unable to access the

internet. A major initiative was the use of the church railings to reach out to the community with prayers (see below) and in November the church bell was rung at 6.00 pm every evening as part of a national call to pause and pray.



Church Railings: During lockdown, an innovation was to use the railings outside the front of the church to display prayers, banners and to create a colourful, visual presence in the parish that showed we were still “open for business”:

For Palm Sunday, we covered a Cross made from Christmas trees used at the Christmas Tree Festival with palm Crosses.

For Good Friday, we left the Cross bare. For Easter, we covered the Cross with flowers. At Pentecost there were red, orange and yellow ribbons on the Cross, and lots of prayers spanning along the railings.

A prayer on the railings

- The Child family painted a “thank you” banner for all key workers during the pandemic. This remained in place throughout the year. (See cover photo)



Palm Sunday Cross

- Then we turned the railings into a "We'll Meet Again" display to celebrate VE Day and we displayed experiences of the congregation during wartime.

- Revd Shavaun's welcome was celebrated with a banner. For her ordination rainbows and doves were put along the railings, and a message was placed over her welcome banner.

- In July, we put red and green ribbons on the Cross for St Mary Magdalene's day, with lots of prayers from women all around the world, including prayers from the past.



Sunflowers and Faith

- In August, we celebrated Sunflowers and Faith. Sunflowers turn their faces to the sun, and Christians turn their faces to the Son. The railings were decorated with sunflowers coloured in by some of the congregation.
- Remembrance Day came next. As building works were going on in the Church, poppies went along the railings and the hoardings. These were very striking on their black background.
- Finally, Christmas: the large Christmas Tree from the Festival was lit up outside. In late December, Susanne Mitchell also masterminded the display with prayers for the Nativity.

Pastoral care

Pastoral care was more important than ever in 2020 and needed to “change shape” with the ever-changing circumstances of the pandemic. Phone calls, cards, Zoom meetings and WhatsApp calls, outdoor walks, and garden gate conversations with social distancing all became part of pastoral care. When allowed, the clergy met with people in church to support and pray with them. Pastoral care is also given in a myriad of ways through volunteering by members of the congregation in often hidden acts of kindness and compassion both within the church and wider community.

A new initiative in autumn 2020 was to host three Death Cafés – a national movement which seeks to bring people together of all faiths or none, to talk about death in a supportive and non-judgemental setting. These sessions were facilitated by the Revd April Keech, who runs Death Cafés in the East End of London, and hosted by Sally Roberts. We would like to offer further Death Cafés and bereavement support in 2021.

Safeguarding

The diocese takes the view that every member of the congregation has a safeguarding responsibility. At St Mary Magdalene, the PCC, Churchwardens, Clergy and Safeguarding Officers are committed to ensuring that the church and its various events comply with safeguarding best practice. This goes further than ensuring up to date DBS checks on all in authority or who have contact with children and vulnerable adults. We aim to develop a culture where everyone is aware of the issues at stake, have the relevant training and where they know whom to contact and where to look to find helpful information.

The year was like no other in that, since part way through Lent 2020, the church was frequently closed, had a reduced socially distanced congregation or periods only of private prayer. Regrettably too, Junior Church sessions were on pause. During this time the Safeguarding Officers kept up to date the remit of DBS checks and online safeguarding courses as required. Sadly all “live” safeguarding courses were cancelled.

In relation to its safeguarding arrangements, the PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to the House of Bishops’ guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

During 2020 we received a new updated version of A Safe Church (the newly revised safeguarding guidelines as laid down by Southward Diocese) and adopted a new Domestic Abuse Policy. A particular challenge was the new online streaming of services - because these were organised at such speed, Safeguarding Officers across the Diocese had to run to catch up with the safeguarding implications of appearing online. We remain in the process of creating our own church online protocols around this very new area for our church. In the interim, we agreed that children should not appear in any videos online under the St Mary Magdalene headline until we can create a satisfactory set of guidelines approved by the Clergy and the PCC.

Safeguarding challenges for 2021:

- Create a set of protocols for online services and outreach – mostly those in which children might appear – and have them approved by the PCC.
- Encourage new sides persons and interested members of the congregation to attend safeguarding courses, when resumed, or complete them online.
- Keep all DBS checks up to date and renew them where necessary, plus ensure newly updated disclosure forms are completed.
- Ensure all children attending Junior Church are registered when they are back with us at services.
- Check that all major events are risk assessed and that the assessments go on file.
- Publicise the need for safeguarding awareness among the congregation and keep them informed about guidelines, protocols and the help available from the Safeguarding Officers and the Diocese.
- Recruit two new Safeguarding Officers, because Lynn Tilling and Richenda Tonge plan to step down, when replacements can be found, after several years dedicated service.

Safeguarding is a central and essential part of the church's life and, as always, we offer our thanks to Lynn and Richenda for all they do, most often behind the scenes.

Outreach



HMP Wandsworth

HMP Wandsworth Bible Study Group: During 2020 our activities were constrained by the limitations of the COVID-19 lockdowns. Despite a small glimmer of light in October, we were not able to go into the prison or communicate with the prisoners in person. We continued to hold studies by Zoom each week, which had the benefit of bringing the team closer together and improving the quality of their studies.

Periodically, a synopsis of the study was sent to the prison for inclusion in a Chaplaincy weekly newsletter. Very sadly two members of the team, Costa Boamah and Jill Clark, died, Costa during the year and Jill in early 2021. Their insight, energy and contribution will be much missed by all of us, including the prisoners.

Springfield Hospital Our team was able to start visiting the hospital in January 2020 and continued to do so throughout February, but was halted at the first lockdown in March and did not resume for the rest of the year. The chaplain at Springfield set up a telephone helpline for those service users who are in the community, but unable to access direct support. Two of our volunteers took the training modules required to support this. The whole team remains ready to support visiting once Government guidelines allow.

Ronald Gibson House During 2020 sadly we were not able to provide the usual monthly communion services. These have always provided a happy, relaxed atmosphere in which everyone enjoys the service, the singing and the chat! Hopefully we will be back there soon to support both staff and residents.

In 2020 our fundraising efforts were also stalled somewhat as the pandemic made life at care homes more difficult than ever with a complete lockdown. However, in tandem with the RGH League of Friends, we did manage to stay in touch and make a difference to the lives of the residents and carers. During lockdown we:

- Organised a delivery of relaxing bath salts for every one of the 80+ members of staff at RGH as a treat when they came off shift.
- Set up a collection box outside the home to receive donations of toiletries, gifts, cakes and more.
- Created dozens of laundry bags for care staff to transport and wash their uniforms safely. These were sewn from donated fabric, duvet covers and sheets.
- Responded to the shout out for toiletries for residents whose families were unable to deliver them personally. The church congregation donated enthusiastically.
- Donated money from the League of Friends' reserve to buy Christmas Cards and individual, carefully chosen Christmas gifts for every resident.
- Raised funds by organising a sale of designer knitting yarn donated by a local resident with links to the yarn industry.
- Introduced an online plant sale, rather than the usual plant sale held in the church hall.

Currently care homes are still in lockdown but we are hoping there is a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel. When life does return to normal, we shall have to re-establish our relationship with the home and re-introduce ourselves to the residents. Hopefully they won't have forgotten us!

Relationships with local schools and organisations We also sought to reach out into the community through the church's work with local schools and other organisations.

Schools: Due to the lockdown and school closures, many annual "favourites", such as the Ernest Bevin College Remembrance event, the Finton House carol concerts and Beatrix Potter performances at the Christmas Tree Festival, were not able to happen in 2020. Marmalade Bear Nursery, however, continued to flourish in the Parish Hall. We were sad to say goodbye to Miss Suki, longstanding Headteacher at Marmalade Bear, at the end of 2020. Revd Philippa continues to serve as a Governor at Ernest Bevin College. All the schools, staff and families continue in our prayers.

We hope that the accessible toilet facilities, now installed in the church, will enable us to offer the space to these and other local schools in 2021 for a host of educational and arts activities.

8th Upper Tooting Girlguiding Units There has been a long association between St Mary Magdalene and the 8th Upper Tooting Girlguiding Units, who regularly use the church halls for their meetings and join us for services on certain Parade Sundays throughout the year. A number of the Units' leaders are regular members of the church congregation.

The year started as usual with weekly meetings, a trip to Clip 'n' climb for the Guides, an escape room for the Rangers and the annual Spring Fair was just squeezed in before lockdown started in March. Brownie and Guide meetings at the church then moved onto Zoom. The Guides really embraced the meetings and continued through the summer. The Brownies found it harder. The Rainbows and Rangers elected to take a break, as neither group were comfortable with Zoom. The Trefoil Guild held monthly "paper meetings".

In September, the Brownies and Guides were offered a blended approach of Zoom meetings and outdoor meetings, capitalizing on their links with the Scout Group to use the Scouts' facilities at the Romany. Sadly, plans to return to indoor meetings at the church in November were thwarted with the second lockdown.

It is widely recognized that children's mental health suffered during 2020 and that regular social contact and continuity with familiar activities was very important in alleviating this. The girls and leaders both had to adapt to meeting in new ways and learning new skills, but feedback from the parents and girls was very positive.

The Unit were saddened at the start of 2021 to hear of the death of Jill Clark (AKA Flamingo), who had been a dedicated volunteer with Brownies for 14 years.

Support for charities and other causes

Welcare: In May 2018 the PCC voted to support Welcare as our chosen charity of focus for the next two years.



Welcare is dedicated to helping children and families overcome challenges and build towards a better future. Its work reflects its Christian foundations and it supports and

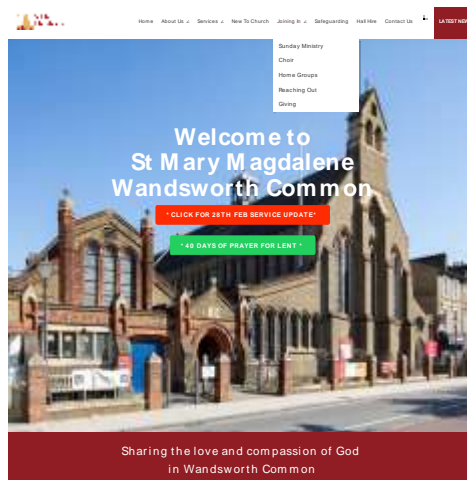
works with those in need – of all faiths or none. Operating within the Diocese of Southwark, Welcare has “been there” for children and families in times of need and crisis for over 120 years. It aims to build on the positive elements of family life, working with families, children and young people to prevent challenges from developing or escalating.

Other causes: The church continued to support a number of other charities and causes, including:

- Royal Trinity Hospice (usually through the proceeds of Sunday after church coffee, but without coffee during most of 2020, through direct donations from church funds).
- Wandsworth Foodbank stopped receiving food items after March 2020 and church members gave individual financial support instead. Earlsfield Foodbank continued to receive food donations which we collected during the times the church buildings were open.
- Christian Aid – thank you especially to Richenda Tonge and all those who participated in the online giving campaign as street collections were not permitted in 2020 – notwithstanding the limitations of this £2,815 was raised online, plus cash, cheques and Gift Aid tax rebates.



Foodbank donations



Redevelopment of St Mary Magdalene

The first place of worship (a tin tabernacle) was built on the church site in 1870. Now one hundred and fifty years later, we continue to work hard to re-imagine and renovate the church and halls for the next one hundred and fifty years.

Like many things in 2020, work on this project slowed down, but there were some important advances:



Welcome to our website!

We are living in ever-changing days and we wish you and your loved ones God's strength and peace in all that you are facing.

Details of our church services and activities can be found in the Covid19 update and latest news sections of this website.

You are most welcome to join us.

Every blessing,

Rev Philippa Boardman MBE (Vicar)

God of all, protect us and be with us especially those most vulnerable during this coronavirus crisis.

Move us to reach out in love to our neighbours near and far.

Grant us the courage not to rush back to our old ways, but to rebuild our world together, creating foundations of justice, with equality and peace for all. Amen.

(a prayer of CAFOD)

- Recognising that improving communications both externally and internally were a necessity to any development project, we commissioned a new website. This not only enabled us to give a fresh view of St Mary Magdalene and its work within the community, but also made it much easier to keep it up to date as the outside “window” into the church and its life. After the long process of deciding upon the right web designer, creating content, checking content (checking and checking again!), we launched the website in June.



- The accessible toilet project (more on which, see below) was also an exercise in “building capacity” so as to help enable us to open our doors and bring more people into the church, so that we can engage more with different groups within our buildings when lockdown restrictions permit.
- We continued to identify, and develop relationships with, potential charitable partners, whose work relates to the mission objectives of the church and who might make use of the spaces within the church buildings. Memoranda of understanding were signed with three such charities. Sadly, the pandemic hit many charities hard and they have had to reassess their own property needs, which made it difficult to advance our discussions with them. We did, however, keep in touch and hope to move forward when restrictions end and they are able to pick up again on their work and internal needs.
- The Standing Committee met on two mornings, suitably socially distanced, to discuss ways of revitalising the passion for the project, identifying a vision for it and establishing a pathway to taking the project forward. This led early in 2021 to the PCC being challenged to reflect on this vision and identify how we were going to meet this in practice, the next key steps and how we galvanised ourselves to make the whole project happen.

PCC's Financial Report for 2020

The accounts reflect the challenges of 2020 and the closure of the buildings due to COVID-19.

Income from the halls, collections, jumble sales, fees and donations all took a battering, but members of the congregation responded magnificently to an appeal to review their planned giving to the church. Stewardship and the associated tax rebate under the Gift Aid scheme increased by 28% (from £77,298 to £98,635). This is truly amazing.

We reduced our expenditure wherever possible and consequently report a small surplus for the year on general funds of £509. So good to be able to report a surplus. Further, we added £5,701 to the restricted funds, even with spending on the accessible toilet project and paying for the roof repairs completed over Christmas and New Year 2019/20, which totalled £57,736.

The general fund at the end of 2020 was £69,596 which underwrites our concern that 2021 will be another challenging year, due to COVID-19 having started with another closure of the buildings and suspension of congregations attending services in person.

Fundraising for other charities in 2020 was also reduced due to closure of the buildings, but an innovative approach to the Christmas Tree Festival raised over £4,000 for Welcare and we have managed to continue our regular support of Royal Trinity Hospice, as well as specific donations for a small number of other charities in the year.

Buildings

Work this year was dominated by the accessible toilet project. There was always, however, the usual need to deal with the plethora of general repairs arising during the year. In this respect, in 2020 we dealt with a number of consequential works to the replacement of the Parish Hall entrance and Flower Room flat roofs (for example, installing of new lights in the Flower Room and repairing the skylight windows above the entrance to the Parish Hall). We also installed Nest heater controls for the radiators in the Parish and Vestry Halls.



The accessible toilet project comprised the building of two toilets, one accessible, and a tea point in the south aisle of the church, including the provision of fresh water and drainage. The project was pursued vigorously during the year, not least in putting together applications for funding. We were grateful to receive grants from:

- Viridor Credits: £18,219
- Wandsworth Grant Fund: £10,000
- National Lottery Awards for All: £10,000
- AllChurches Trust: £2,700

The remaining costs were covered by proceeds from the John Rutter “Come and Sing” day in 2019 and by the PCC.

The new accessible toilet

Plans and specifications were discussed in detail and finalised with our architect (there were, in the end, ten versions of the drawings!), a detailed faculty application submitted and a tender for the lead contractor made. Having decided upon the contractor, Abbeyview Services Limited, building was finally started in October. By the end of November, subject to “snagging”, the works had finished. We are looking forward to the opportunities these new facilities will open up.

Cleaning: The cleaning regime in 2020 needed to take account of the pandemic restrictions and the Government and Church of England guidance. Under the guiding hand of Serena Perkins, however, the church cleaning team rose to the challenge and continued to keep St Mary Magdalene a clean and safe place in which to worship.

Church administration

Improving administration and efficiencies is the last of our MAP objectives. In 2020, we took the difficult decision to furlough our parish administrator under the Government Job Retention Scheme, as the need to manage the bookings for our two halls evaporated during the pandemic.

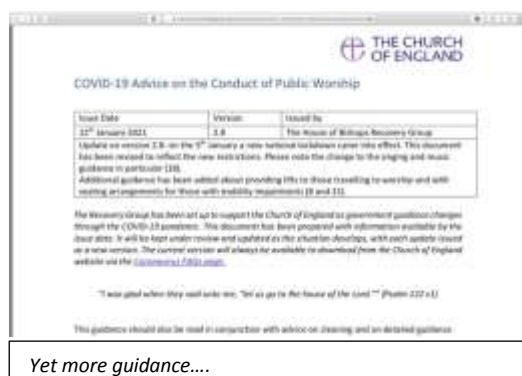
We have needed to respond to COVID-19 by making use of new means of communication. The new website is referred to above. Revd Philippa's regular mail chimp messages not only have provided information on forthcoming services, but also have served as a conduit of news and other matters concerning church life. As we began to learn the art of live-streaming



services, we were also able to increase our use of Facebook as a means of communicating with those using it. PCC meetings also became virtual for the first time, making use of the Zoom video conferencing facility, including its facility for break out groups, where some lively discussion ensued.

In February we reviewed our general and fire risk assessments, and a revised Health & Safety Policy was approved. Inevitably there were a number of action points arising from this exercise, but it was reassuring to know that our church and its two halls remained safe for all those who visit and use them. We also reviewed the church's accessibility audit during 2020 and reminded ourselves of the need to "think accessibility" in all we do.

Another victim of the pandemic was fixing a date for the APCM, which (under revised rules from the Bishop) was eventually held in October. Fortunately, during a period of more relaxed regulations, the meeting was able to be held face-to-face in church, avoiding the need to hold it by electronic communication. It did, however, mean the use of mail chimp messages and emails (in addition to the usual forms of communication) for the provision of information, such as the notice and agenda for the meeting and forms for the election of churchwardens, Deanery Synod Representatives and new lay members of the PCC. This served, however, to ensure a greater number of people were capable of being involved in the process with so many unable to attend the church in person. It may, in fact, become a model for future years.



The year could not go by without mention of risk assessments, particularly in relation to the pandemic. With each change in the Government regulations and Church of England guidance we needed to re-assess risk issues – at first, when the church buildings were closed, then when they were open for individual prayer and then for public worship, as well for the special occasions (such as funerals) which were conducted at the church. When restrictions were relaxed in July,

we considered the basis on which we would start to open up our halls for letting, only to have to stop the process when restrictions tightened up again. The Church of England website contains 37 COVID-19 FAQs and 28 different COVID-19 guidance notes (many of which have been updated several times) and all of which we have faithfully followed.

In addition to COVID-19 regulations to get to grips with, a major revision of the Church Representation Rules came into effect in January 2020. The new concept of the “Model Rules” for parish governance now became our watchword.

How the PCC works and our congregational volunteers

Much of the day to day work of the PCC is delegated to various groups, but the PCC retains the responsibility for receiving reports from these groups and for taking all major decisions at its regular meetings. Until the new PCC for 2020/2021 started in November, the principal groups to which the PCC had delegated authority were:

- The Standing Committee (which prepares the agenda for PCC meetings and is authorised to transact the business of the PCC between meetings).
- The Mission, Worship and Spirituality Group
- The Buildings Maintenance Group
- The Redevelopment Group
- The Stewardship Group

From the first lockdown until the end of the year, the Standing Committee met almost every week to ensure the business of the church continued notwithstanding the restrictions imposed by COVID-19. The other groups were unfortunately only able to meet infrequently.

In November, the PCC considered how this structure could be improved, so that its business could be better run. In conclusion, in addition to the Standing Committee, the PCC agreed to change the existing committee structure into the:

- Mission Committee
- Finance and Risk Committee
- Buildings Management Committee.

The PCC also includes those appointed to represent it at the Tooting Deanery Synod.

Notwithstanding COVID-19, many other groups of people, however, contributed to the operation and vitality of our church as this report has shown. Collectively we owe enormous thanks to all those volunteers who contribute so much of their time and skills to the work of St Mary Magdalene in our community and further afield.



At the October APCM, Joan Taylor stepped down from membership of the PCC after an incredible period of continuous service since 1962. This included many years as a superbly efficient PCC secretary, Deanery Synod

representative and blazing the trail in 1976 as St Mary Magdalene's first female Churchwarden. On All Saints Day, Joan received the news that the Bishop of Southwark had awarded her the Lancelot Andrewes medal for 'godly service and zeal from the Gospel'. All Saints Day 2020 also happened to be Joan's 90th birthday. Bishop Christopher presented her with the medal in early 2021.

At the APCM Jill Jeffrey also stepped down from the PCC after over thirty years of dedicated service, either as an elected member of the laity or as a Deanery Synod representative. Another person who had given a considerable number of years' service to the PCC, Anthea Masters, retired from her position as Electoral Roll Officer.

Enormous thanks are due to each of Joan, Jill and Anthea, whose diligent service to the PCC spanning, in aggregate, over 100 years is quite extraordinary.

There are always opportunities to support the work of the church in many different ways and we continue to encourage every member of the congregation to consider prayerfully how they might contribute their "time, talents and treasure" at St Mary Magdalene and in the wider parish.

Further information

Constitution: The Parochial Church Council of the ecclesiastical parish of St Mary Magdalene, Wandsworth Common is a corporate body established by the Church of England. It operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and is a registered charity, registered with Charity Number 1140530.

Address: St Mary Magdalene, Wandsworth Common is situated on Trinity Road, London, SW17 7HP. It is part of the Diocese of Southwark (Kingston Episcopal Area) within the Church of England. The address for correspondence is the Parish Office at 10a Wiseton Road, London, SW17 7EE.

Electoral Roll: The number on the electoral roll as of 31st December was 162. Three people were removed from the roll during the year and 20 added.

Church attendance: When the church was open, people continued to attend in person in good numbers despite the pandemic, people shielding and no provision for Junior Church. In the month of October 2020, when the church was open for the whole month, 78 adults attended on a Sunday. As there was no Junior Church, we found that few children attended – sometimes only a family with a baby or a grandchild. Eighteen adults attended the midweek Eucharist (a significant increase).

PCC Meetings: During 2020 there were six ordinary meetings of the PCC (2019: 7), of which four were held by Zoom video conference. 82.5% of PCC members on average attended these six meetings (2019: 79%).

Members of the PCC: The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Mary Magdalene the membership of the PCC consists of (i) the

incumbent vicar, (ii) the churchwardens, (iii) the reader, (iv) the lay representatives of the parish elected to the Tooting Deanery Synod and (v) lay members; in the case of (iv) and (v) elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who worship regularly at St Mary Magdalene are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC.

During 2020, the PCC consisted of:

- **Chair:** Revd Philippa Boardman
- **Curate:** Revd Shavaun Shodeinde (from September)
- **Reader:** Richard Sweet
- **Churchwardens:** Tom Roberts; Jane Cooper
- **Deanery Synod Representatives:** Sophie Bull (from October); Jane Cooper (to October); Jill Jeffery (to October); Joan Taylor (to October); Nicola Pattinson; Lynn Tilling (from October)
- **Elected members of the PCC:** Christopher Bell; Alicia Birchall; Sophie Bull (to October); Ann Carrington Brook (from October); Carolyn Chambers (to October); David Coleman (from October); James Esdaile (to October); Charlotte Flowers; Nicholas Higton (from October); Barbara Littlechild (to October); Keith Mitchell (from October); Serena Perkins (to October); Jane Player (from October); Jake Stratton; and Michael Taylor (to October)
- **Co-opted to the PCC:** David Coleman; Keith Mitchell (both to October)

Officers elected by the PCC during 2020:

- **Vice Chair:** Tom Roberts
- **Treasurer:** Keith Mitchell
- **Secretary:** David Coleman
- **Electoral Roll Secretaries:** Georgina Child; Anthea Masters (to May); Carolyn Chambers (from June)
- **Deputy Churchwardens:** David Coleman, Nick Higton and Serena Perkins
- **Safeguarding Officers:** Lynn Tilling and Richenda Tonge

Members of the Standing Committee: Revd Philippa Boardman, Tom Roberts, Jane Cooper, Keith Mitchell and David Coleman

Sides people: Florence Acquaye (head sides person), John Ager, Alison Blair, Ruth Bowdage (to October), Lucinda Byron-Evans, Carolyn Chambers, Jill Clark (to October), Alex Cox, Graham Dick, James Esdaile (to October), Charlotte Flowers, Jill Gould, Matthew Heard (from November), Nick Higton, Jill Jeffery, Barbara Littlechild, Jane Ogram, Alice Ogunlana, Maha Nassar (from November), Nicola Pattinson, Serena Perkins, Clare Rees (to October), Gabrielle Richards, Chris Ryan, Jake Stratton, Joan Taylor, Michael Taylor, Lynn Tilling, Rosie Tilling and Nick Wood

Members of the Mission, Worship and Spirituality Group: Revd Philippa Boardman, Jane Cooper, Nicola Pattinson, Richenda Tonge, Jenny Esdaile, Jill Jeffery, Georgie Child and Lucinda Byron-Evans

Members of the Buildings Maintenance Group: Nicholas Higton, Serena Perkins, David Coleman and Hugh Birchall

Members of the Stewardship Group: Keith Mitchell, James Esdaile, Nick Higton, Tom Roberts, Alicia Birchall and Revd Philippa Boardman

Members of HMP Wandsworth Bible Study Group: Olivia Pethybridge, Peter Carpenter, Costa Boamah, Serena Perkins, Huda Nassar, Charlotte Flowers, Alicia Birchall, Veronica Milla, Eucharia Emeruwa and Tom Roberts

Members of the Springfield Hospital Visiting Group: Rosemary Birchall, June Brockbank, Mary Broderick, Ann Carrington Brook, Hilary Coulson, Katie Dick, Jill Gisby, Gill Gould, Nicola Martin, Sally Riley, Louisa Russell, Irene Sweet, Richard Sweet and Richenda Tonge

Monthly Wednesday Ronald Gibson House communion volunteers: Revd Philippa Boardman, Pat Crosswell, Marion Cahill, Jane Cooper, Lynn Tilling, Rosie Tilling, Dora Littlechild, Joyce Mason, Nell Wells, Anthea Masters, Carole Low and Doreen Bush

Mission Action Plan 2016 - 2020

The principal elements of our current MAP are:

- **Buildings:** To develop a plan to make sure that our buildings: make more effective use of our space for the needs of the congregation and the local community; provide facilities appropriate to 21st century use; establish a source of income to support the parish in its mission and ministry; and provide a community hub for our parish activities.
- **Vocation and discipleship:** To become a parish which encourages people to engage with their faith, allowing them to grow in their discipleship by building on the foundations established in our home groups so they can be a forum for discussion about discipleship; growing our worship leadership team; and identifying opportunities for lay participation, and leadership, in our services.
- **Ministry to families:** To grow a new ministry and outreach project for the substantial number of families in our parish and to engage parents and children of all ages who are not currently members of our congregation with faith and the life of the church.
- **Fresh expressions:** To develop at least one "fresh expression" of worship (i.e., a form of church for our changing culture, established primarily for the benefit of people who are not yet members of any church) complementary to our ministry to families.
- **Springfield Hospital redevelopment:** To make sure we are involved in the plans for the forthcoming redevelopment of the Springfield Hospital site, part of which is in our parish.
- **Stewardship:** To continue to focus on stewardship and, in particular, to increase our income from planned giving to enable us to continue to pay for the costs of running our own parish and, through our contribution to the Parish Support Fund, the costs of our own stipendiary ministry, but also by 2020 to increase our contribution to the Parish Support Fund to cover at least 50% of the costs of a stipendiary minister in another parish.
- **Outreach:** To continue to develop our outreach projects and consolidate the work we do with HMP Wandsworth, Springfield Hospital and the residents of Ronald Gibson House.
- **Administration:** To improve the administration and efficiency of the day to day running of our church.

Report on the proceedings of Tooting Deanery Synod 2020

The Deanery Synod met four times in 2020.

The first meeting of the year in January was held at the Ascension, Balham but owing to the pandemic, the other three meetings took place on Zoom. This meant that for the first time ever, the new Area Dean, Rev Marcus Gibbs, was commissioned by Bishop Richard online via Zoom rather than in person. On this occasion, Revd Sue Clarke was thanked for all her work as retiring area dean. As APCMs were delayed by the pandemic, it was not until December that newly elected lay members were welcomed. These new members included from St Mary Magdalene, Sophie Bull and Lynn Tilling, joining Nicola Pattinson. We thank those stepping down, Jane Cooper, Jill Jeffrey and Joan Taylor, for their many years of service representing our church on the Synod.

For 2020 our Deanery's focus was on climate change and exploring Eco Church possibilities. Speakers included Ian Christie (Senior lecturer in the Social Science of Sustainable Development at the University of Surrey), who told us *"As Christians, we should be engaged and we can make a difference...We should work cooperatively with people of other faiths and none"*. In September Laura Bagley (Environment Coordinator for the Diocese of Southwark) talked about becoming an Eco Deanery, explaining how individual parishes can help by registering with Eco Church (the A Rocha scheme) and by holding an annual Climate Sunday service. Since this time St Mary Magdalene has established an Eco Church group, we have registered and almost completed the Eco Church survey, held a Climate Change Sunday, run an Advent study course with an environmental theme and done an energy audit.

In an August newsletter we had an update about the Syrian refugee family of seven, being supported by the Deanery churches. They moved into the area in February and are settling in well with the support of the churches and the local Furzedown community. In spite of lockdown they are glad to be safely here after 8 years living in Lebanon.

At the December meeting we looked at the impact of the pandemic, in particular in relation to the important outreach work of our churches. There were speakers from two initiatives partnering with our churches: Sarah Chapman from Wandsworth Foodbank and Andrew Toynbee from Crosslight, a debt advice organisation. Other outreach activities were discussed, for example, dementia drop ins, supporting care homes and providing breakfasts for school children.

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

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Total 2019 £
Incoming Resources					
<i>(Notes 2&3)</i>					
Income from donors	100,979		63,437	164,416	114,011
Other voluntary income	1,381			1,381	6,282
Government grants	4,298			4,298	-
Income from operations	52,526			52,526	65,103
Income from investment	302			302	561
Total income	159,486		63,437	222,923	185,957
Resources Expended					
<i>(Notes 2&3)</i>					
Costs of generating funds	157			157	-
Activities directly related to the Work of the Church	128,455			128,455	128,813
Church Management & Administration	17,108			17,108	12,340
Other expenditure	13,257		57,736	70,993	37,525
Total expenditure	158,977		57,736	216,713	178,678
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	509		5,701	6,210	7,279
Balances at 1st January 2020	69,087	40,000	41,323	150,410	143,131
Balances at 31st December 2020	£69,596	£40,000	£47,024	£156,620	£150,410

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Balance Sheet at 31st December 2020

		2020	2019
		£	£
Fixed Assets	<i>Note</i>		
Tangible fixed assets	4	-	-
Current Assets			
Debtors	5	20,702	23,698
Short term deposits		101,198	70,896
Cash at bank and in hand		41,591	61,593
Petty cash		267	267
		<u>163,758</u>	<u>156,454</u>
Less:			
Liabilities			
Creditors falling due within one year	6	<u>(7,138)</u>	<u>(6,044)</u>
Net current assets		156,620	150,410
Total Net Assets		<u><u>£156,620</u></u>	<u><u>£150,410</u></u>
Funds			
Unrestricted Funds		69,596	69,087
Designated Funds	3A		
Maintenance Fund		30,000	30,000
West Window Fund		<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
		40,000	40,000
Restricted Funds	3B	47,024	41,323
		<u><u>£156,620</u></u>	<u><u>£150,410</u></u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 12th April 2021 and signed on its behalf by


 Thomas Roberts
 Churchwarden


 Jane Cooper
 Churchwarden

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Notes to the Accounts for year ended 31st December 2020

1 Accounting Policies

The Accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2015.

The Accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The Accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of other church groups that owe affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Funds

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given and any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward. The PCC does not invest separately for each fund.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for the PCC ordinary purposes.

Designated funds are general funds that have been set aside by the PCC for particular purposes. The aim and use of the designated funds is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Interest and all other income is recognised when it is receivable. All income resources including funds raised by sales and events are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when they are paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC. The parish support fund is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

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Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Moveable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens in special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected. For anything acquired before 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the Accounts.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Parish Hall

The Parish Hall is approximately 100 years old. It is an integral part of the church building and is not considered to have a separate identity which could have been consecrated or which can be individually valued.

Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31st December in respect of fees, rents, taxes due or other income are shown as debtors less provision for any amounts that may prove uncollectible.

Short term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

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Notes to the Accounts for year ended 31st December 2020 (continued)

2A Unrestricted Funds

	2020		2019
	£	£	£
Income from Donors			
Church open collections	2,344		10,945
Tax efficient giving (including stewardship)	81,272		64,098
Tax rebates received and due	<u>17,363</u>		<u>13,200</u>
		100,979	<u>88,243</u>
Other Voluntary Income			
Fees	678		1,287
Donations and bequests	<u>703</u>		<u>4,995</u>
		1,381	<u>6,282</u>
Government grants		4,298	<u>-</u>
Income from Operating Activities			
Trading			
Use of photocopier	22		16
Bookstall	<u>-</u>		<u>20</u>
	22		36
Fund Raising			
Jumble sales (<i>Note 2B</i>)	190		3,205
Calendars	332		-
Plant sale	-		72
Quiz Nights	2,340		1,060
Parish hall lettings	<u>49,642</u>		<u>60,730</u>
		52,526	<u>65,103</u>
Income from Investments			
Interest:			
On deposits		302	<u>561</u>
Total income		<u>£159,486</u>	<u>£160,189</u>

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Resources Expended

Cost of Generating Funds

	2020	2019
	£	£
Fund Raising (<i>Note 2B</i>)		
Jumble sales	157	-

Activities Directly Related to the Work of the Church

Parish Support Fund	100,593	100,000
Clergy expenses	5,997	1,238
	<u>106,590</u>	<u>101,238</u>
Church and services		
Choir and organ	2,812	3,311
Mission and Worship	935	2,969
Communication	416	-
	<u>4,163</u>	<u>6,280</u>
General running expenses		
Heat and light	2,398	3,374
Insurance	3,600	3,600
Repairs and maintenance	11,704	14,321
	<u>17,702</u>	<u>21,295</u>
	128,455	<u>128,813</u>

Church Management & Administration

Administration	7,340	1,318
Examiner's fee	360	360
Parish Office	8,562	10,154
Photocopier maintenance	457	346
Bank charges	139	162
Charitable donation	250	-
Depreciation (note 1)	-	-
	<u>17,108</u>	<u>12,340</u>
Resources expended carried forward	<u>145,720</u>	<u>141,153</u>

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Notes to the Accounts for year ended 31st December 2020 (continued)

	2020	2019
	£	£
Resources expended brought forward	145,720	141,153
Other Expenditure		
Parish hall expenses	13,257	29,475
Total payments	<u>£158,977</u>	<u>£170,628</u>
Surplus of receipts over payments	509	(10,439)
Transfers to/(from) Designated Funds (Note 3A)		
Transfer from Boiler Fund	-	10,000
Unrestricted funds at 1 st January 2020	69,087	69,526
Unrestricted funds at 31 st December 2020	<u>£69,596</u>	<u>£69,087</u>

2B Trading / Fund Raising

Net income from Jumble Sales £33.

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Notes to the Accounts for year ended 31st December 2020 (continued)

3A Designated Funds

Movement of designated funds

Fund	Balance at 01.01.20 £	Transfer from Unrestricted Fund £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31.12.20 £
Maintenance Fund	30,000			30,000
West Window Fund	10,000			10,000
Total Designated Funds	£40,000	-	-	£40,000

3B Restricted Funds

Movement of restricted funds

Fund	Balance at 01.01.20 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31.12.20 £
Roof and Fabric	29,414	9,984	10,613	28,785
Organ	560			560
Sewing	163			163
Chair	90			90
Rood Screen	1,160			1,160
Servers	937			937
War Memorial				
Maintenance	35			35
Liz Wintle Music Fund	2,000			2,000
Southwark IT Grant	-	647	479	168
Accessibility Fund	6,964	52,806	46,644	13,126
Total Restricted Funds	£41,323	63,437	57,736	£47,024

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Notes to the Accounts for year ended 31st December 2020 (continued)

4 Fixed Assets

All assets are now fully written off in accordance with the four year depreciation policy.

5 Debtors

	2020	2019
	£	£
Tax rebates due	17,233	20,650
Debtor re VAT	3,469	2,196
Debtor re PAYE	-	852
	<u>£20,702</u>	<u>£23,698</u>

6 Creditors

	2020	2019
	£	£
Marmalade Bear Nursery School	3,000	3,000
Payable re organ speaker	-	985
Payable re accessible loo	2,600	-
Rental deposits	960	1,060
Examiner's fee	360	360
Charity Fund	218	444
Sundry	-	195
	<u>£7,138</u>	<u>£6,044</u>

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Notes to the Accounts for year ended 31st December 2020 (continued)

7 Money held in Trust - Charity Projects Fund

The Charity Projects Fund does not form part of the accounts and is only included here to show monies received for and paid to other charities.

Charity Projects Fund income and expenditure:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Balance brought forward from prior year:	596	683
Specific collections	971	2,455
Christmas Tree Festival	5,001	8,450
less expenditure	<u>803</u>	<u>2,727</u>
Total available to distribute	<u>4,198</u> 5,765	<u>5,723</u> 8,861
Donations paid and payable		
Christian Aid (<i>Note 1</i>)	-	-
Children's Society	284	144
Clink Charity	250	-
Epilepsy Research	145	-
Earlsfield Foodbank	53	-
Trinity Hospice	461	512
DEC – Cyclone Idai Appeal	-	250
Awareness Foundation	-	573
Brendoncare	-	394
Welcare	4,148	5,500
Wandsworth Community		
Chaplaincy Trust	-	785
Royal British Legion	<u>27</u>	<u>47</u>
Total donations made	<u>5,368</u> 397	<u>8,205</u> 656
Less		
Bank charges	60	60
Balance carried forward	<u>£337</u>	<u>£596</u>

Notes

- 1 In addition, £2,320.50 (with Gift Aid, £2,795.50) was raised and sent directly to Christian Aid.

Independent Examiner's Report

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene Church,
Wandsworth Common**

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2020, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and associated Notes.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

As members of the Parochial Church Council, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and Regulations 3 (c) and 4 of the Church Accounting Regulations 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act and Regulations 3(c) and 4 of the Church Accounting Regulations 2011;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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

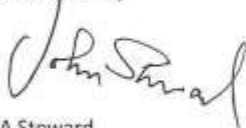
An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section s.130 of the 2011 Act and Regulations 3(c) and 4 of the Church Accounting Regulations 2011 or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act, as also contained in the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Yours sincerely



J A Steward
14 April 2021