

Parish of Uffculme
Parochial Church Council
Annual Report

For the year ended 31st December 2020

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community*

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Parochial Church Council 2020

The Parish is part of the Culm Valley Mission Community with St Mary's Willand, St Mary's Kentisbeare and All Saints Blackborough. The Parochial Church Council has maintenance responsibilities for St Mary's Uffculme, Square Corner and St Stephen's Ashill. Covid-19 affected PCC meetings in 2020, with the last pre-covid meeting in January, although the Standing Committee remained active. Zoom enabled a resumption, with meetings in August, October and December. We realise that this is unsatisfactory for those members who cannot use Zoom, and we look forward to restarting face to face meetings as soon as possible. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was postponed from April till October.

The following served as members of the PCC:

Mission Community Leader/Rector of Uffculme: Revd Simon Talbot

Curate: Revd Gudrun Thomas

Associate Minister: Revd Michelle Parton

Churchwardens: Tony Kidd, Richard Rutty

Deanery Synod Representatives: David Hollis (to October), Tony Kidd, Phil Mumby (from October), Richard Rutty (to October)

Elected members:

Stephanie Burtchaell, Jenny Miller, Alison Milne, Matthew Nichols, Mary Quick, Martin Rock-Evans (Safeguarding Officer), Lucy Statton (to October)

Supporting roles:

Treasurer: Tony Jackson

Electoral Roll Officer: Alison Milne

PCC Secretary: Tony Kidd

The PCC confirms that it has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Rector's Report

It will be no surprise that a report for 2020 will be significantly different to normal! From the middle of March, 2020 became a year of innovation, embracing digital opportunities and adapting to the various changes in rules relating to meeting people and the use of church buildings.

Rather than ask all our usual contributors to write about groups that were only able to meet for three months we have decided to shorten the report. That being said I would still like to highlight the many good things we have been able to do as a church family and to thank those who have helped us to keep going as we have adjusted to the situation we have lived through.

Church Services

Following the shock news that we would not be able to meet as a church family during March 2020 we decided to produce a service sheet that could be used for a personal time of worship with the invitation to read the sheet at the time you would normally worship. The service sheet was emailed to approximately 60 people with a further 20 or so people receiving a hand delivered paper copy of the service.

The service sheet proved to be a good basis to start from and three weeks later was complemented by our first attempt at filming a service for Easter Sunday. This service was filmed, edited and posted on YouTube for people to watch. It was clear from this that having a filmed service was very much appreciated by the members of our congregation, but that it was unsustainable to film and edit this each

week (it took roughly 2 full days of work to produce a 45 minute service). This led to the decision to embrace the Zoom format of the service we have maintained. The Zoom format was chosen as it enables people to join the service via the internet on a wide range of computers, tablets and smart phones as well as the option of joining via a landline telephone for those without the necessary technology. The feedback from this has been very positive. It has been lovely to be able to worship with others in our Mission Community, to be able to see that we are worshipping together, involve a number of people in the service to maintain the sense of us being a community as well as offer the chance to talk to people at the end of the service. Whilst the technology limits the quality of the music, the nature of the service being live helps to maintain a sense of togetherness and fellowship as we meet.

Across the Mission Community approximately 60 households joined us each week during lockdown periods for this service, representing around 100 people worshipping together via Zoom. This includes a number from Uffculme Baptist Church and Crossways Chapel (URC) who I am delighted have joined us. Alongside the Zoom service there are of course a good number of people who prefer to use the service sheets for their own personal time of worship. It has been my desire to provide options that help people to worship our Lord in a way that serves them as much as possible.

As we understood the ability of the technology on offer we were able to record the service to share with those unable to join us at 11am. One of the drawbacks of worshipping on Zoom is that those who are on the periphery of the church, or have had no previous contact with St Mary's are less likely to watch the service than if it is streamed on Facebook or YouTube. To help take advantage of this missional

opportunity a recording of the service has been put on Facebook each week.

As Government restrictions allowed we adapted the set up of the pews in St Mary's building to enable socially distanced "in person" worship to recommence. We had approximately 25 people each week take up this opportunity on Sunday as well as 8-10 for our Wednesday morning service. St Stephen's Ashill and All Saints' Bradfield have remained closed for regular services since March.

Outreach in the Community

As the restrictions hit, all of our normal groups had to stop in their usual form. This led to moving as many as possible online either through Zoom or by uploading films to YouTube or Facebook.

Much of this work was undertaken by Claire Nichols in her two roles as "Children, Schools and Youth Development Worker" and "Square Corner Manager". Claire quickly adapted to the new situation and moved both "Bears and Prayers" and "Bible Story Club" online making films each week. These films proved popular for some time and were very much appreciated by those who watched them, both locally and some further afield. Later in the year the viewing of these films declined and the decision was made to reduce the regularity of making them before stopping them towards the end of the year.

Alongside this Claire and Gudrun, supported by others in the benefice, also started a Zoom based Parent and Toddler group called "Little Lambs". This was again appreciated by those who attended, but again towards the end of the year demand for the session dropped and the decision was made to stop it.

Social media provided the opportunity to also engage with our community in a different way, on the Square Corner Facebook page positive photos to “Brighten your day” have been posted and very much enjoyed. In Advent photos of a group of Wandering Wise Men helped to engage with people on our church Facebook page. These initiatives not only help to raise spirits but also raises the profile of our social media pages that in turn helps to build a larger platform for helping people to see other events, services and outreach material we produce.

Whilst social media provided a number of opportunities we were also keen to help engage with people and encourage them to be out and about in the village when they are able. This led to various displays around the village including the Community Arts Trail in October, displays in Square Corner windows including a special one around Halloween (that we had hoped would also be a larger event but the regulations at the time prevented this).

During advent our wonderful Christmas Tree display in church and “Journey to Bethlehem” walking advent trail with characters placed around the village also provided opportunities for people to engage with the Christmas story. The characters for the trail took a huge amount of time and skill to produce so thanks to Sue Leach (a member of our Willand congregation) for her help in developing them and Claire for painting them. The Christmas tree display was also a significant project with Sue Kidd and Alison Milne leading a team of people to help raise money for them, order, collect, decorate, oversee opening and clear them away. It was fantastic that a large amount of food was donated to support CHAT through this display, with thanks to Anne Trevelyan from Crossways Chapel for

taking the lead with CHAT. Huge thanks to Sue, Alison and all those involved in supporting this, both with time, financially or by coming to look at the display.

During the restrictions we have also endeavoured to do what we can to support those who are struggling as a result of the pandemic. In conversation with the Parish Council leaflets with helpful phone numbers and a simple suggestion to help people to be good neighbours were produced and delivered throughout Uffculme. Whilst safeguarding and GDPR (data protection) rules made it hard for us to formally run a scheme to help people a number of individuals in our congregation have been able to support the community efforts.

As we have looked to support people we have done all we can to keep the church building open as much as possible for private prayer and as a space to sit and be quiet which has been appreciated by many in our community. In this connection, we have also been very grateful through the year to our team of flower arrangers, who have put great efforts into maintaining lovely flower displays in the church, sometimes in the porch, as much as possible.

Significant markers and Thanks

As always I would also like to thank our churchwardens, ministry team and whole church family for all you have done. Tony and Richard have been a great support over this difficult period. Rev Gudrun Thomas, Claire Nichols, Rev Michelle Parton, Rev Paul Hockey, Rev Paul Snell, Rev Stephen Little, Rev Alan Dodds and Chris Russell have all been wonderfully helpful, patient and accommodating as we have written services each week, learnt how to

provide worship on Zoom and worked within the social distancing restrictions when we have been able to be in church, so thank you very much indeed. I would also like to thank Tony Jackson for all his work as PCC treasurer.

A particular thanks should be extended to Tony Kidd as he comes to the end of his time as churchwarden. Tony's support over the last 6 years has been hugely appreciated by me and the congregation as a whole. Tony's wisdom, thoughtfulness, and willingness to go the extra mile have been demonstrated time and time again. I am very pleased that Tony has agreed to stay on the PCC, but want to record my huge appreciation for all he has done as churchwarden.

As I have already mentioned in this report Claire's ministry both as our Schools and Family Worker and Square Corner Manager have been completely changed since March. During this time Claire has been wonderfully adaptable, embracing the challenges ministering online presents. Claire's ministry continues to be greatly valued by those she works with and I would like to add my thanks and gratitude for all she has done over the last year too.

This has also been a significant year for Rev Gudrun Thomas our curate. Having successfully completed her first year of ministry Gudrun was ordained as a priest in September. This is a significant marker in her ministry enabling her to conduct a wider range of services as she continues her training with us. Despite the restrictions Gudrun has continued to flourish in her ministry and has been a real blessing to our church family supporting people pastorally as well as through the services and events she has been able to lead. I am sure this will only continue over the coming year and look forward to

seeing how the Lord will continue to use her in his service in the future.

As we celebrate Gudrun's priesting, we also heard that Sarah Rock-Evans has been accepted to train for ordination from September 2021. Whilst it is with great sadness that this will probably mean we will see a lot less of her in St Mary's as she trains, it is clearly an exciting time for her and the family as they follow the Lord's call to serve him in this way. Sarah is clearly a very gifted lady so I am sure she will be a great blessing to whatever church she is led to be part of in their future.

Vision for the future

As we think about the many activities that have needed to stop, and the opportunities that we have discovered over the last year I am very keen that we take some time to discern how God is calling us to minister and live out our call to share the good news of the Lord Jesus with those in our community in the future.

To help this the PCCs of each of the parishes in our Mission Community have all decided to join together in reviewing our outreach ministry. This will be a big exercise to prayerfully work together to see how we can support and encourage each other as well as thinking practically about which groups to restart or if there are any new ways to reach out to people. We had hoped to begin this process in November, but the second lockdown put paid to this plan. We are now waiting for a time we can gather people together again so that we can share thoughts and ideas. Tony Jackson, our PCC treasurer, has kindly offered his services in leading this exercise. Tony has professional experience leading companies and organisations in

this kind of review and planning process so we are very blessed to have his offer of help.

As we look forward to the future I hope that we will all be looking to play our part in engaging with our missional call to share the gospel message with our friends, family and neighbours. The way we go about it might change, but we never retire from being people who are called to be part of God's mission in our community.

To God be the glory!

As we reflect back on the last year, I hope you can see some of the many ways we can give thanks to God for His blessing, even though it might have been a challenging and difficult year in many other ways. I also hope that as we come out of a time of unprecedented restriction we will be people who are able to share the love of God, the confidence He gives us in our eternal future, and the hope and peace that gives us in our everyday lives.

Rev Simon Talbot (Rector)

Facts and figures

During 2020 there were 3 weddings at St Mary's, plus 1 at Bradfield Chapel. There were 5 funerals in St Mary's and 2 at St Stephen's, and 6 funerals at the crematorium only. There was also 1 baptism, at St Stephen's.

Electoral Roll Report for 2020 for Uffculme Parish

84 (2019 79), with 14 living outside the parish.

Treasurer's Report

Total receipts on the General (unrestricted) Fund were £67,360. This included a £10,000 UK government Covid-19 support grant used to sustain the Square Corner facility and community outreach work of its manager throughout the year. Payments from the General (unrestricted) Fund totalled £56,572, giving a surplus of £10,788.

It is encouraging to note that Income from Planned Giving increased by 9.4% over the figure for 2019. This increase is so welcome as regular Planned Giving provides a significant degree of stability to our income. Nearly 32% of our General (unrestricted) Fund income arises from Planned Giving and when the benefit of reclaimed Gift Aid tax is added this figure rises to 40%. However, collections and donations were significantly less than in 2019 (2019 £8,035, 2020 £6966) because of the restricted attendance at church due to Covid-19.

We urge you to consider how you might support our mission in either regular giving or one-off donations, The Parish Giving Scheme, now covering 82% of our planned giving, provides a useful method of giving and has the benefit of allowing us to reclaim gift aid monthly.

During 2020 the overhaul of the heating system was completed. The final costs of this project, less VAT we were able to reclaim, were approximately £11,300, which was funded from the Fabric Fund. It was anticipated that repairs to the church clock would be undertaken during 2020. However, this project has been delayed of the Covid-19 pandemic and will now be deferred to 2021. We are grateful to Uffculme Parish Council for a grant of £400 allocated to the clock repair.

In our mission we have once again supported three main causes – Karen Action Group, CHAT, and the work of the Thika Diocese in Kenya (linked to the diocese of Exeter).

The PCC has resolved to keep a General (unrestricted) Fund reserve of at least £25,000. At £52,972 our General Fund balance comfortably exceeds this. Significant areas of expenditure relating to the fabric of our buildings are provided by the Fabric Fund restricted reserve.

It is our policy to invest surplus funds with the CCLA, CBF Church of England Deposit Fund and their investment funds.

As in previous years, Marie Johns of Batchelor & Co in Cullompton has examined our accounts with her usual efficiency, for which we thank her.

Tony Jackson (Treasurer)

Churchwardens' Fabric Report

There is not much of consequence to report under this heading for 2020, given covid-19 restrictions. The renovation of the boiler and heating system was completed in the early part of the year, although monitoring of the boiler pressure continued through 2020.

Frustratingly, the church clock remained stopped through 2020, as we waited for our horological engineer, faced with a lengthy backlog due to covid-19, to undertake a major overhaul. We were very grateful to Uffculme Parish Council for a grant of £400 towards the cost of this overhaul.

Towards the end of the year, we started considering the work for St Mary's recommended via the 2018 Quinquennial Inspection. This will be a priority in 2021. Investigations are also beginning on the best way forward for repairing the chimney at St Stephen's.

We also considered ways to enhance the churchyard environment, following a grant of almost £2000 via the Co-op Community Fund. When lockdown permitted, we held a successful churchyard clean-up morning, and significant tree maintenance work is scheduled for 2021. We also hope to develop an informal seating area, provide information boards, develop wild planting areas, and possibly replace existing benches.

Regular servicing of various kinds – lightning conductor, PAT testing, mains electrics inspection (for St Mary's and Square Corner, with St Stephen's due for 2021), boiler maintenance (for Square Corner and St Stephen's), fire extinguishers – was undertaken during 2020.

Tony Kidd/Richard Rutty (Churchwardens)

CREATE (Centre for Rural Training and Excellence)

2020 will certainly be a year that I remember for a very long time! Throughout the year, amid all the change, it is wonderful to be able to see what God has continued to do through CREATE in our village, Mission Community and further afield.

In January we restarted Bears and Prayers, Bible Storyclub and Afterschool café and made plans for Good Friday Explorers. These groups were much loved by the children and families we served, providing a great way of sharing something of the love of God. Particular thanks for the support of Sue Apps and Helen Steele who ran the Uffculme primary group.

In March as Lockdown restrictions stopped face-to-face children's groups we made the move to online working. I am very grateful for the technical help provided by Matthew and Ruth Nichols who helped me create a film studio in our living room, a youtube channel "Create From Home With St Mary's Church" and helped me to learn far more than I ever thought possible about video editing, zoom, social media and reaching out in a new way. Over the course of eight months we uploaded 58 videos to our channel creating new content each week for Bears and Prayers, Diddy Disciples, Bible Storyclub, Bible Story Walks, Teddy Horsley Bible Stories, Preschool Easter, Harvest and Christmas services, plus an online version of Good Friday Explorers. Using social media these videos were shared widely and reached a huge number of families as well as helping to keep links with the families locally.

Over the summer it became clear that children's work was going to look very different for at least the next six months. Having spent time in prayer and reflection Rev Gudrun and I decided to plan for Covid safe events that would be online or outdoors from September to

Christmas. The first of these began as a trial in the summer - a new online toddler group “Little Lambs”. Supported by story books from Uffculme library, with a social media advertising and a new facebook page we ran during the autumn term. It was great to have Clair Tancock, Rev Gudrun and Sarah Rock-Evans as part of the team which provided a way for families to interact with each other safely.

The autumn term saw the launch of Uffculme Arts Trail which helped to unite the village in creating art on the theme “Explore” to display in their windows or front gardens. There was a lot of positive feedback and learning which we used later in the year. Square Corner was transformed into a beacon of light and hope for Halloween just as the Prime Minister announced another Lockdown. The timing was incredible and the messages of love really resonated with people. We were astonished by the comments in the wider community as well as from families who had come out trick-or-treating.

We knew that Christmas would look very different in 2020 so we ran two parallel projects: a social media story online and an outdoor nativity trail. The Wandering Wisemen journeyed from Advent Sunday to Epiphany looking for the new Messiah, having quite a few adventures on the way and bringing joy and playfulness to our Facebook feeds. They were so loved that people were genuinely sad when this came to an end. Journey to Bethlehem our nativity trail really engaged the local community as well as providing an opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus’ birth in a creative way. The day before the second Lockdown saw Sue Leach and I design huge wooden nativity characters and cut them out of donated plywood. She did an amazing job and I am so grateful for her help and enthusiasm. Each character was hosted by a different organisation which included Bridwell's Orangery, The Ostler, URC, Baptist Church, St Mary's and Kingwood. At each site there were two laminated

sheets which explained more about that part of the trail and gave a short Bible reading which linked to the character. There was also a QR code link at each location which took you to some super resources from Muddy Church. We moved the characters back to St Mary's on Christmas Eve to form the crib scene.

We finished the year with two zoom Christingle services, Rev Gudrun worked hard to create bags of resources for families to create their own Christingles at home during the service. Along with volunteers she made 300 kits to give away in each village! I think a particular highlight was recording the song "Show me the way to Shine for Jesus" amid much laughter, thanks to Paul Snell, Alan Dodds and Paul Hockey for their musical and tech expertise and a particular thank you to Rev Gudrun for her encouragement, support and enthusiasm this year.

Looking back we have taken risks in 2020, explored new opportunities and creative ways to reach out to our communities, but what an adventure it has been! My prayer would be that we have the courage to continue to try new things and be open to where Jesus might be leading us.

Claire Nichols (CREATE Support Worker)

Square Corner

- **To enable us grow in faith, help grow communities and to be more effective in serving, supporting and engaging people in the local community;**
- **To be a generous gift to the local community;**
- **To create a sustainable building which is fit for purpose for the next 40 years;**
- **To leave a Christian legacy for future generations.**

Having begun the year hosting a wide variety of groups and with a new tenant in the meeting room we were beginning to explore different ways of using the building. As March arrived and forced us to close our doors we have had time and space to think about how we want to use Square Corner in the years ahead, it has helped us to develop our online provision. We have redeveloped the Square Corner website and invested in an online bookings system called Hallmaster which will be launched in 2021. Over the course of the year there has been a lot of government guidance to read and put in place, to make the building covid secure, many thanks to Tony Lane for his advice and help with this. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Theresa Maunder for all her hard work keeping the building spotless, she is an integral part of the team.

Just prior to the first Lockdown, when we decided to create a window display in March with the word HOPE, we hadn't realised how relevant that word would be to us all! The feedback from that image made us realise how visible the shopfront is and over the course of the year we developed a range of displays which engaged the community and started conversations. Prompted by a local family in the early weeks of Lockdown we took on the *#brightenyourdayUffculme* tag and created a community collaborative positive photo a day on the Square Corner Facebook page. There was a plan to have a display of the photos later in the year, due to continuing restrictions we hope to do this in 2021 instead!

Claire Nichols (Square Corner/Community Mission Development Manager)

Wednesday evening home group, Nut Tree Barn-or Zoom!

[Many groups found it difficult to meet in 2020, but we're pleased to include this report from a home group that did keep going].

2020 began quite normally for our group, looking at the Bible Society Lyfe series, and in January we welcomed Lesley Salter back after her 3 month trip to Palestine with the Eccumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI).

During Lent we followed a Bible study on the film Chocolat which had themes around the wisdom and acceptance of change. It was refreshing, interesting and along the way we enjoyed some delicious hot chocolate! We managed to complete the study just before the first Covid-19 lockdown in March and after Easter we started meeting online using Zoom. Our simple meetings, with just a short reflection and time to pray were a source of nourishment to the group in the uncertainty of that season.

The majority of the group continued meeting via Zoom through the Spring and into summer...and the rest of the year! We had a brief opportunity for a few of us to meet indoors in the early autumn which was great for those who did not use Zoom. We followed a variety of material including the 24-7 Pray Course, a study by Tom Wright on Romans, and a booklet produced by LICC called The One About looking at a range of testimonies from Christians in the UK. We finished the year with a four-part advent study called Unsettled Advent, focussing on the story of Elizabeth and Zechariah and written during the pandemic and our own time of being unsettled.

As many reflections on 2020 will note, it was a year like no other. But despite the incredible challenge and change it brought we noted time and again that God still met with us and nurtured us through this group. The opportunity to meet and discuss faith and share our lives with others from a variety of backgrounds perspectives in a safe and open environment continues to be a blessing. We are grateful for God's leading, grateful for one another and grateful for technology!

If you would like to come along to our group occasionally or regularly please contact Sarah Rock-Evans on 01884 840776.

Safeguarding Report

Safeguarding in lockdown has thankfully been very quiet; however some safeguarding training has lapsed and some reviews of displayed information in building have not happened.

With no recruitment in the last year I have not completed any new **disclosures** since the last PCC Safeguarding Report early in 2020. As disclosures are renewed every five years, a number of roles have people who will require their disclosure to be renewed during 2021.

For the same reason – no recruitment – there has also not been any new **safeguarding training** required this year. However, as safeguarding training should be renewed every three years, several of our volunteers are now out-of-date and will need to renew their safeguarding training in 2021.

Towards the end of 2020, the Exeter Diocese rolled out a new Online **Parish Safeguarding Dashboard** to all parishes and we signed up to the dashboard in October 2020. The online tool has been designed to display a clear and simple dashboard showing the compliance state for the numerous church safeguarding requirements. The website will allow the church safeguarding officer, vicar, curate, churchwardens and other authorised users to see the current status of compliance at a glance. The dashboard has highlighted a number of areas that require attention: these will be progressed in the next few months.

Contacts

Should you need to contact the diocese safeguarding team or DBS co-ordinators directly, please try the group email address: dsa@exeter.anglican.org. Alternatively, thirtyone:eight are commissioned by the diocese to provide support and their advice line is on 0845 120 4550: mention that we are part of the Exeter diocese.

Martin Rock-Evans is the safeguarding officer for the Uffculme Parish - all DBS requests and queries should go to him in the first instance.

Safeguarding is on the agenda of each PCC meeting, complying with safeguarding guidance. **Martin Rock-Evans (Safeguarding Officer)**

Health and Safety Report

In short there are no significant issues to be addressed. I have not received any serious accident reports and the first aid kits have been kept under review. The pandemic has meant that Square Corner, St Mary's and St Stephen's have been subject to significant changes in terms of use and making all three buildings 'COVID' safe where use has been allowed. I am pleased to report that Revd Simon, Revd Gudrun and Claire Nichols together with the churchwardens and their team have implemented a range of controls as the situation has changed.

My general observations are that the controls we have in place regarding fire and building access are being observed, and remain adequate for the risk posed. The 'Risk Management Report' from our insurers has raised a number of relatively minor issues which do not require urgent redress or any further action at present.

The H&S Policy, Statement and Fire Risk Assessment are all due for review in 2021 but are currently up to date. The risk assessments for St Marys & Square Corner are up to date and in force. Checks for the fire alarms, emergency lighting and extinguishers are up to date thanks to Claire. The Square Corner risk assessment has been augmented with a Legionnaires Disease Assessment which has also been completed.

Tony Lane (Health & Safety Officer)

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PARISH OF ST MARY'S, UFFCULME

Receipts and Payments Account

Year Ended 31 December 2020

(Register Charity No. 1146940)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	2019 £
Receipts					
Planned Giving		21437		21437	19590
Collections		2784		2784	4798
Special Giving			7	7	1205
Donations		3782	400	4182	3237
Tax Recovered		5568		5568	6006
CREATE	1		2186	2186	2007
Church Fundraising		0	0	0	644
Interest & Dividends	2	300	9321	9621	9978
Spotlight Magazine		6659		6659	6475
Churchyard Rents		235		235	225
Grants	4	0	0	0	4500
Church Fees (net)		2713		2713	2344
Square Corner	3	16982		16982	6887
Community Lunches			0	0	449
Church Hire		200		200	0
Sundries		0	0	0	0
NET Mobile Mast		6700		6700	6700
Uffculme Bellringers		0		0	387
Total Receipts		67360	11914	79274	75432
Payments					
Common Fund		25772	0	25772	29977
Clergy Expenses		789	0	789	835
Maintenance		1049	11359	12408	26536
Insurance		5919	0	5919	5811
Upkeep of Services		344	0	344	355
Heat & Light		2044	0	2044	2567
Square Corner		11621	0	11621	10776
Spotlight Magazine		5660	0	5660	6775
Music			921	921	628
CREATE			8412	8412	8402
Church Tithe	5	3000	464	3464	3447
Uffculme Bellringers		0		0	0
Print, post, Stationery		26	0	26	54
Independent Examiner		288	0	288	285
Community Lunches			164	164	421
Bank Charges		60	0	60	60
Sundries			0	0	0
Total payments		56572	21320	77892	96929
Accumulated fund b/fwd 01.01.20		54690	44558	99248	120575
Transfer between funds	6			2698	0
(Deficit)/Surplus		10788	-9,406	1,382	-21,327
Accumulated Fund c/fwd at 31.12.20		65478	35152	100328	99248

PARISH OF ST MARY'S, UFFCULME
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As At 31 December 2020
(Registered Charity No. 1146940)

Monies Held:

	£
Bank Current Accounts & Cash	5,134
COIF Deposit Funds	95,029
CAF Deposit Account	3,164
	<u>103,327</u>

Permanent Endowments (see note 6)

CBF Investment Fund (14184 units)	290,016
CBF Investment Fund (371.18 units)	7,589
M & G Dividend Income Fund (9220 units)	4,625
M & G Charifund (1223 units)	16,787
	<u>319,017</u>

Represented by:

	Note	Bal @ 1.1.20 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfer £	Bal @ 31.12.20 £
Unrestricted						
General fund		44380	49470	40432	-446	52972
General Fund Suspense	6	0	2698	0		2698
Designated						
Church Mission Fund	5	4269	0	3000	0	1269
Square Corner		3152	16981	11621		8512
Ashill		-446	908	1520	446	-612
Uffculme Bellringers		967	0	0		967
Restricted						0
Fabric		30188	9391	11359		28220
Music		7626	330	921		7035
CREATE		7703	2186	8412		1477
Community lunches		11	0	164		-153
Special Giving		664	7	464	-117	90
St Stephen's Ashill		735	0	0		735
Church Flower Fund		0	0	0	117	117
Sub-Total		<u>99249</u>	<u>81971</u>	<u>77893</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>103327</u>

Permanent Endowments
(see note 6)

	Bal @ 1.1.20 £	Change in Value (£)	Bal @ 31.12.20 £
E Brice Endowment	271283	18,733	290016
T Brice Endowment	32940	(3939)	29001
Sub-Total	<u>304223</u>	<u>14,794</u>	<u>319017</u>
Total	<u>403472</u>		<u>422344</u>

Notes:

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1. CREATE Income

Shares & donations	710
Tax recovered	367
Programme Income*	1100
Interest	9
	<u>2186</u>

*£1100 contribution towards Youth Worker from Kentisbeare PCC

2. Bank interest

Fabric Fund	8990
Music Fund	330
CREATE Fund	9
General Fund	300
	<u>9629</u>

3. Square Corner Income

Hire of rooms	4123
Coffee mornings	382
Tax recovered	225
UK Gov't support grant	10000
Donations	2251
	<u>16981</u>

4. Grants

Uffculme Parish Council	<u>400</u>
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5. Special/Mission giving

Karen Action Group	1000
CHAT	1000
Thika Diocese	1000
	<u>3000</u>

6. General Fund Suspense

A sum of £2,698 was paid to Uffculme PCC in error by a third party on 30th Dec 2020. Repayment of this sum to the third party could not be made before the end of the the financial year ended 31st Dec 2020. A repayment will be made in Jan 2021 and the General Fund Suspense cleared.

7. Endowment Funds

The endowment funds represent capital invested arising from bequests. We are not allowed to use this capital but can spend the interest that arises from it.

8. Reserves Policy

The PCC has agreed a reserves policy which identifies a need for a reserve of £25,000 for use in the event of the Church losing one or more of its key donors, seeing a drop in individual levels of giving or the consequential capital expense due to property repair or renewal.

If you would like to see a full copy of this policy, please contact one of the Churchwardens.

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Chairman of the PCC.....

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Independent examiner's statement

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

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(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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