

**Parish of Uffculme**  
**Parochial Church Council**  
**Annual Report**

For the year ended 31st December 2021

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## **Parochial Church Council 2021**

PCC met six times over the course of the year on 9 February, 23 March, 18 May (all on Zoom), 20 July, 14 September & 16 November (in person).

Each meeting has reviewed our current situation with Safeguarding of vulnerable adults and young people and has discussed the implementation of our health and safety responsibilities. This has included risk assessments undertaken in response to the risk of spreading & contracting the COVID virus.

The PCC has also discussed various items of business including the safe use of Square Corner and church as the regulations changed, the financial implications of the pandemic, our Mission Community wide review of our outreach ministry, church services and general maintenance issues. Full minutes of the meetings are available by contacting our PCC Secretary Tony Kidd.

### **The following served as members of the PCC:**

Mission Community Leader/Rector of Uffculme/Chair: Revd Simon Talbot

Curate: Revd Gudrun Thomas

Associate Minister: Revd Michelle Parton

Churchwardens: Tony Kidd (to April), Alison Milne (from April), Richard Ruddy

Deanery Synod Representatives: Tony Kidd, Phil Mumby

### **Elected members:**

Stephanie Burtchaell, Jenny Miller (to May), Alison Milne (to April, thereafter Churchwarden), Matthew Nichols

### **Supporting roles:**

Treasurer: Tony Jackson

Electoral Roll Officer: Alison Milne

PCC Secretary: Tony Kidd

Health & Safety Officer: Tony Lane

Safeguarding Officer: Martin Rock-Evans

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**

As we look back on 2021 it was another year of adapting and overcoming the various challenges put our way.

As a result this year's Annual Report will be a bit different again. Rather than ask our usual contributors to write about groups that were only able to meet from September 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**

At the beginning of the year we were required to close our buildings for services, however having the system to meet on zoom enabled us to quickly adapt to the lockdown situation.

As we gradually reopened in the spring it was good to welcome back those who were able to join us for our monthly 8am Sunday service, our 11am service as well as our Wednesday Holy Communion.

Alongside this we have kept the zoom service, although in the autumn we decided that the process of putting together service at home sheets and then delivering them was becoming too great a challenge with the other demands on time as groups, meetings and other services started to pick up again. The zoom service has been maintained with two preprinted service booklets that have been printed and delivered to all those who have asked for them.

As always we are greatly helped by a team of lay leaders and preachers. Their continued help and flexibility is very much appreciated, we are so blessed to have so many gifted people as part of our congregation.

We decided to hold our Remembrance Sunday service as normal this year and I was delighted the uniform groups and a good number from the community were able to join us.

At Christmas time we were able to hold our normal Christmas services although numbers attending were affected by the worry around the omicron variant. Rev Gudrun, Claire Nichols and Rachel Tucker helped us enjoy some wonderful services for young and old alike.

### **Community Engagement**

As the guidance changed over the year we were very conscious of the number of people who felt isolated and missed meeting other people. To help address this Rev Gudrun and Claire Nichols devised and organised a series of events aimed at helping the older members of our community and those with younger families meet for a variety of activities during a week in August. Under the name “Holiday at Home” we welcomed people to enjoy crafts, games, refreshments, a film and an afternoon of music and dancing. This was a wonderful way to kick start our outreach into the community through face-to-face events and was thoroughly enjoyed by a wide range of people in our community.

During the autumn we were also able to restart our coffee mornings, film club as well as a new toddler group in the church building all of which have gone from strength to strength.

To help with our community engagement PCC decided to alter Claire Nichol's post to be focused on a broader range of people in our community from September. The aim of the post is to "work alongside those in our local community who have been adversely impacted by COVID lockdown restrictions and in doing so develop opportunities for individuals to rebuild and strengthen relationships within the community, experience the love of God and explore or develop their faith."

Our annual 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 and money was raised to support CHAT through this display as well as the large number of people coming into church on the light's switch on night and throughout the period. Huge thanks to Sue, Alison and all those involved in supporting this, both with time, financially or by coming to look at the display.

Our flower team has also continued to arrange beautiful, creative displays throughout the year. Thanks to Mary Tebbey for your leadership of the team and for all the members who help the church to be so beautifully decorated.

We have also been able to continue our social media engagement with a daily photo during Advent and various other posts over the year. Our Advent nativity trail of angels sent people around the village with the opportunity to scan a code on each angel helping to tell the Christmas story.

## **Vision for the future**

Over the summer and autumn the PCC conducted a review of our Outreach. This started with some sessions for the whole mission community sharing thoughts and ideas in a Vision Evening in August. We held two sessions, one in the hall and one on zoom. The ideas have since been considered by the PCC and we have decided our focus should be on wider Community Engagement, Children and Families work, and Hospitality. Each year we will be making a plan to help us engage with each of these themes so we have flexibility and a clear focus. We hope this will also help us use the time, gifts and skills of those who can help us appropriately.

## **Thanks**

As always I would also like to thank our churchwardens, ministry team and whole church family for all you have done. Richard and Alison have been a great support over this difficult period. Rev Gudrun Thomas, Rev Michelle Parton, and Rev Alan Dodds have all been wonderfully helpful, patient and accommodating as we have continued to adapt to the different requirements, so thank you very much indeed.

## **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)**

## **Curate's Report**

I can't quite believe how quickly my time here in this Mission Community is passing.

I began 2021 as a fully ordained Minister able to preside at Communion and carry out the full duties of a priest. Sadly, the year began with the churches being required to close again and so I returned to supporting the Zoom services alongside the rest of the team.

I was very much looking forward to leading my first in person Easter services but sadly just before Mothering Sunday I had a nasty fall whilst out running resulting in a broken shoulder and 6 weeks away from church in an official capacity. My thanks go out to all from the church family and community who supported my family and me during those very difficult few weeks.

I eventually returned to leading services in May and was very grateful to Simon for leaving me to lead services in St Mary's Uffculme until I was able to drive again in the July.

Once again it was great to be able to lead the Christingle service, to support Rachel Tucker with the Scratch Nativity, and to lead the main Christmas services this year.

As part of my professional development Simon has allowed me to chair the Uffculme PCC Meetings and this has been a valuable learning experience for me.

### **Community engagement**

Once I felt more able to throw myself into events after recovering from my shoulder injury it was great to work alongside Claire Nichols

and get my teeth into a mission outreach project in the form of Holiday at Home. The events that week brought myself and other church members into contact with a wide range of people from our local community and beyond, and it is great to see that other opportunities for us as a church have come together as a result of conversations at many of those events. I loved seeing the church full of people at some point each day.

My lasting memory of that week will be Claire saying to me as we set up for the rock and roll tea that she hoped we would have enough cups as she laid out 100 cups. As she did, I said I would faint if we needed a 100 cups. I was shocked when she told me we were up to 98 people as the music began.

It has been great to be part of the team as we launched Uffculme Film Club and we enjoyed Mamma Mia 2, The Holiday and Nativity.

During the late Autumn I worked alongside a volunteer from the community to organise relaunching the community lunches which are planned to restart in early 2022.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many members of the church family who regularly support my work and the work of the church here in Uffculme. It is a privilege to work here as we seek to grow the Kingdom of God and to love and serve those in the community around us.

**Rev Gudrun Thomas (Curate)**



## **St Stephen's Ashill**

In the past year, St Stephen's has gone from strength to strength. In August 2021 we started a monthly coffee morning in the church, which has continued to sustain a regular attendance each month. This provides the village community an opportunity to meet together socially – something which was much lacking during the period of lockdowns.

We also hold a friendly and informal Morning Prayer once a month, which has a small but consistent attendance, and provides a much-welcomed regular opportunity to pray and reflect on the Bible together.

In November 2021 we started a course called Starting Rite, which is a 5-week course for babies under 12 months and their parents/carers. This wonderful course is full of multi-sensory play activities, songs, stories, and the gentle exploration of the Christian faith. The participants who came in November gained so much from it – not least from the opportunity to meet with other parents and share tips on sleep, feeding, etc. (which they did not otherwise have the opportunity to do due to lockdown). The School Room at St Stephen's offers the perfect space to provide a warm and friendly environment to meet in, which suits this course very well. We plan to run the course twice a year, in May and November.

In September 2021 we engaged a local builder to start work on the repairs that were identified in the most recent quinquennial report. He has done an excellent job so far, and expects to complete the work in 2022. Everyone at St Stephen's is very grateful to the anonymous donor who has funded this essential work.

As our congregation is quite small, we have taken the decision to put our energies into special services for the major festivals, rather than having regular Sunday services. In 2021 we had services on Easter Day, for Harvest Festival (followed by a free buffet lunch), a short Act of Remembrance on Armistice Day, and a Carol Service in December (followed by mulled wine and mince pies).

Looking ahead to 2022, we will be celebrating the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the St Stephen's Church building on the weekend of 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> July. A full programme of celebrations is being planned, including a service led by Bishop Jackie.

**Rev Michelle Parton (Ashill)**

## **Facts and figures**

During 2021 there were 4 weddings at St Mary's, plus 1 at St Stephen's. There were 6 funerals in St Mary's and 1 at Bradfield Chapel, and 4 funerals at the crematorium only. There were also 3 baptisms and 2 thanksgiving services for children at St Mary's, and 1 baptism at St Stephen's.

## **Electoral Roll Report for 2021 for Uffculme Parish**

85 (2020 84), with 14 living outside the parish.

## **CREATE (Jan-Aug) & Community Outreach report (from Sep)**

Throughout all the change and turbulence in 2021 God's love remained a constant. Looking back, I am astounded by how much we were able to reach out with the Good News into our local community and further afield. Let's thank God for that!

In the early part of the year as restrictions tightened, I worked on developing the Churchyard plan, reimagining how we could use the outside space as well as working on a set of Faith at Home Bags funded by a grant from Scripture Union. They provide a creative way of finding out more about faith, prayer and special services. Square Corner's window was filled with creative displays of hearts, an Easter scene, a wonderfully varied flock of sheep looked after by the Good Shepherd, Holiday at Home, Harvest, Light Party before Remembrance and our Advent display. Many thanks to Mel Hector for her creative input.

During Lent we were introduced to a family of knitted mice who helped us explore 40 acts of generosity on St Mary's Facebook page. We distributed 150 craft bags for Good Friday Explorers across three villages and shared a special family friendly service on zoom. Many thanks to Sarah Rock-Evans for all her help with this! During Lent I was also asked by the diocese to record a film explaining how to bake hot cross buns. Following on from the surprise success of this, I was asked to be part of a second baking video for stained glass window biscuits at Christmas.

As the summer term began it was a complete delight to be able to restart some face-to-face activities! As part of Thy Kingdom Come we welcomed families to a special Messy Church session in Willand and enjoyed painting prayer rocks followed by a teddy drop. There was an

enthusiastic welcome from Kentisbeare CoE School as we restarted Bible stories. A huge thank you to the Uffculme Primary School Team for their faithful work too - Sue Apps and Helen Steele.

Uffculme Holiday at Home was a wonderful week in August. The community embraced the idea and came together in a way that we couldn't have imagined when we planned it. During the week St Mary's Church offered hospitality and a practical welcome to all ages from 1-90yrs old, from sharing popcorn at film club through to crafts, games and finally the rock and roll tea, it was community at its best and provided a springboard to restart activities. Thank you SO much to all of our wonderful volunteers, the musicians and everyone who came along!

We ran a Light Party in St Mary's Uffculme on 31st October with volunteers from Willand and Uffculme Churches and welcomed 28 children. Gudrun and I then set up at Square Corner which was illuminated with the words "Light has come into the world" and we gave away party bags with sweets and a booklet to families out trick-or-treating. I bought 75 booklets but we ran out and had to make another 20 bags of just sweets, next year we'll need 100!

Two days after the Light Party we started Uffculme Baby and Toddler group in St Mary's Uffculme. Many thanks to the former toddler group, Crossways and Uffculme Trust for donations towards the new group, I am very grateful to Alison for her hard work organising storage cupboards. The group has been very popular and is steadily increasing in number

We have built on links with the Green Team Community Larder and they are now bringing ambient foods to Coffee and Chat to be distributed. Film Club has been a roaring success and is such a

wonderful use of the building once a month on a Saturday night! We ran three Nativity Trails across the Mission Community, each telling the Christmas story with a QR code of additional activities at each station. The Wandering Wisemen returned to our social media and we were delighted to be able to follow their progress in December.

Thanks for your prayers and practical support, I honestly couldn't do this without you!

**Claire Nichols (Community Outreach Worker)**

## **Treasurer's Report**

Unrestricted General Fund receipts for 2021 were £57,102. Although receipts in 2020 were £67,360 these included a £10,000 UK Government Covid-19 Support Grant, when this is considered, receipts for 2021 are broadly the same as 2020.

Receipts to restricted funds in 2021 were £21,179 (£11,914 in 2020). A generous donation of £8,000, from a parishioner, requesting that it should be applied towards the cost of significant repair works to St Stephens church, Ashill was received during the year. These repairs were carried out during the year amounting to £7,950. £50 has been applied to the St Stephens Restricted Fund (i.e. £8,000-£7,950).

It is encouraging to note that Planned Giving increased by 5.4% between 2020 (£21,437) and 2021 (£22,587). This is very welcome as Planned Giving provides a significant level of stability to our income.

We urge you to consider how you might support our mission through either regular giving or one-off donations. Within the total received from Planned Giving 75% relates to giving via the Parish Giving Scheme. When taken together, Planned Giving, and associated

reclaimed Gift Aid, contribute over 50% of our total unrestricted General Fund income.

On the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 the CREATE (Centre for Rural and Training for Excellence) project came to an end. The PCC agreed that any costs over and above the remaining CREATE restricted fund balance would be covered from the General Fund. This amounted to £2,131.

From 1<sup>st</sup> September a new Community Outreach Worker role was created. It was agreed by the PCC that funding for this post together with associated programme costs would be funded from the General Fund. In 2021, for period 1<sup>st</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> December this amounted to £4,019.

We are grateful to the Uffculme Trust for their kind donation of £1,000 towards the provision of storage cupboards for St Mary's as well as their donation of £500 towards the Christmas Tree Lights Festival in the church.

The Spotlight magazine generated a small surplus of £217. We are grateful to Uffculme Parish Council for their kind donation towards the magazine. We are already aware that the costs of printing will increase early in 2022 so our thanks go out to all our advertisers and donors, whose support ensures the magazine remains available to those in our community.

Overall, there was a deficit on the general fund (unrestricted) of £8,251 and a slight surplus on restricted funds of £439.

As in previous years, in our mission giving we have supported three main causes – Karen Action Group, CHAT, Thika Diocese in Kenya (linked to the diocese of Exeter).

**Tony Jackson (Treasurer)**

## **Safeguarding Report**

Safeguarding has been busy with the resumption of some activities after lockdown and with a tightening up of the diocesan safer recruitment processes.

### **Safer Recruitment Process**

This year the Diocese of Exeter has put renewed emphasis on the Safer Recruitment process, requiring that all parishes fully apply and document the safer recruitment process to all roles that involve more than incidental contact with either children or vulnerable adults. Any role that is expected to have any contact with children or vulnerable adults must be recruited using the Safer Recruitment process.

The safeguarding leads from all 3 parishes of the mission community, together with the clergy and Claire met at the beginning of the year to agree how to ensure that we are applying the Safer Recruitment process correctly within the Mission Community.

### **Safeguarding Training**

The Diocese recommends that people refresh their safeguarding training every 3 years. As part of the renewed emphasis on Safer Recruitment and ongoing safeguarding support for volunteers I will be reviewing training requirements. Basic Awareness and Foundation, as well as Safer Recruitment and People Management, courses are available online: <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>.

### **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](mailto: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)**

## **Churchwardens' Fabric Report**

We were finally able to move ahead with the work to St Mary's identified as being necessary by the 2018 quinquennial survey. Although this work will continue through 2022 a start was made in repointing the North tower. As part of this work it has been identified that the window sill (and possibly the entire frame) on this tower will need replacing.

Sadly the restoration work on the clock is still to be done. Contact was made with the restorer who advised that he hoped his Covid backlog would be cleared by the spring of 2022 when work on the clock would begin. We are hopeful this will be the case.

Thanks to the generous contribution from the Co-op Community Fund we were able to undertake some necessary tree work in the Churchyard. This being part of our plan to develop the churchyard for more recreational purposes providing an informal seating area and developing a wild flower area.

Following a generous offer to fund repairs to St Stephen's various works to the building were carried out.

A project to enhance and upgrade the coffee area was begun and work on this will continue into 2022.

Following the start of the Baby and Toddlers group it became clear that additional storage for equipment needed was needed. Shelving and cupboards were purchased with shelves being erected in the Vestry and cupboards situated in the Brice area. This, together with a substantial throw out of unwanted material has helped create a much tidier church space.

Regular servicing of various kinds relating to St Mary's, St Stephen's and Square Corner – mains electrics inspection, boiler maintenance, fire extinguishers, asbestos survey – was undertaken during 2021.



The brass plate with details of incumbents was updated and replaced on the wall in the Walrond Chapel.

A number of regular routine inspections of the NET communications equipment in the spire were made.

We are grateful to the volunteers who help to keep Square Corner functioning ensuring that the property continues to be maintained at a high standard.

**Richard Rutty/Alison Milne (Churchwardens)**

## **Health and Safety Report**

As a church family we continue to embody the Gospel message of 'Loving your neighbour as yourself' *Mark 12:31* in seeking to maintain the health, safety and wellbeing of all those the work of our church affects. Simon, Gudrun and Claire, assisted by our churchwardens and many others, have navigated the challenging path through the pandemic with its changing restrictions. As we emerge from this time of challenge, we need to be mindful of supporting vulnerabilities and anxieties that remain despite the reduction in actual risk from the virus.

St Mary's, St Stephen's and Square Corner have maintained the necessary compliance requirements regarding risk assessment and fire. The asbestos re-assessments for both churches have been completed without major issue. I continue to be in Claire Nichol's debt for her conscientious maintenance of the fire and general safety check in Square Corner, particularly following her change in job role.

The H&S Policy, Risk Assessments and Fire Controls will be reviewed in 2022 and PCC members will be briefed on their collective responsibilities in respect of these as required. No reported accidents or incidents have been reported to me since the last APCM.

**Tony Lane (Health & Safety Officer)**

## Deanery Synod Report

Deanery Synod met once in 2021, in September, following a long Covid-enforced break (the previous meeting was in March 2020). A new Rural Dean was appointed during the year, Andy Humm, vicar of St George & St Paul Tiverton, replacing our own Simon Talbot, following his period of office.

Brigit Kiyaga, Diocesan Mission Resources Adviser, talked at the September meeting on sharing and giving, and the importance of gratitude and generosity, illustrated by a video of how the churches in Mizoram, a poor part of India, are able to be self-supporting. There was also sharing of covid experiences, and plans for the future as we emerge from lockdown and restrictions.

Phil Mumby and Tony Kidd continue to be parochial lay representatives on Deanery Synod.

### Tony Kidd (Deanery Synod Representative)

Painted rocks around  
Uffculme May 2021



## **Square Corner**

2021 was a transitional year for Square Corner for two reasons.

Firstly, Covid restrictions meant that for much of the first part of the year Square Corner remained closed. The second part of the year saw the gradual reopening of the building to commercial and community hirers.

Secondly, in September, Claire's role as Square Corner Manager came to an end as she took up her new role as Community Outreach Worker. Working with Claire the Square Corner Management Group was able to find ways to ensure that the orderly running of Square Corner continued. An essential part of ensuring a smooth transition related to the booking of rooms and invoicing customers. Hallmaster, an online booking and invoicing facility, was purchased and, thanks to Tony Kidd and Phil Mumby, this was successfully implemented. Conversation Space continued to hire the Office room. At the end of 2021 we were encouraged to hear that Cambian indicated they would like to begin hiring Square Corner again as a training facility. Green shoots were beginning to show signs of new life for Square Corner post Covid.

I am very grateful to Claire for helping with the transition and to each member of the Management Group (and Tony Kidd) for taking on the various tasks that are needed to ensure the smooth running of Square Corner. I would also like to record the Group's thanks to Theresa Maunder who works tirelessly to keep Square Corner clean and tidy.

**Richard Rutty (Chair, Square Corner Management Group)**

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The Parish of St Mary the Virgin,  
Uffculme

with St Stephen's Ashill and All Saints' Bradfield



# PARISH OF ST MARY'S, UFFCULME

## Receipts and Payments Account

Year Ended 31 December 2021

(Register Charity No. 1146940)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	2020 £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Planned Giving		22587		22587	21437
Collections		2561		2561	2784
Special Giving			1188	1188	7
Donations		3720	8000	11720	4182
Tax Recovered		6197		6197	5568
Legacies	6	1000		1000	0
CREATE	1		2198	2198	2186
Church Fundraising		414		414	0
Interest & Dividends	2	7	9793	9800	9621
Spotlight Magazine		6041		6041	6659
Churchyard Rents		245		245	235
Church Fees (net)		1847		1847	2713
Square Corner	3	4585		4585	16982
Community Lunches		0		0	0
Church Hire		20		20	200
Sundries				0	0
NET Mobile Mast		6700		6700	6700
Uffculme Bellringers		55		55	0
Mission Outreach	5	1123		1123	0
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>57102</b>	<b>21179</b>	<b>78281</b>	<b>79274</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Common Fund		24807	0	24807	25772
Clergy Expenses		801	0	801	789
Maintenance		3154	13842	16996	12408
Insurance		5892	0	5892	5919
Upkeep of Services		248	0	248	344
Heat & Light		4216	0	4216	2044
Square Corner		10302	0	10302	11621
Spotlight Magazine		5824	0	5824	5660
Music		0	1025	1025	921
CREATE		0	5806	5806	8412
Church Tithe	4	3890	67	3957	3464
Print, post, Stationery		448	0	448	26
Independent Examiner		243	0	243	288
Community Lunches		0	0	0	164
Bank Charges		96	0	96	60
Sundries		290	0	290	0
Mission Outreach	5	5142	0	5142	0
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>65353</b>	<b>20740</b>	<b>86093</b>	<b>77892</b>
<b>Accumulated fund b/fwd 01.01.21</b>		<b>65478</b>	<b>35152</b>	<b>100328</b>	<b>99248</b>
<b>Transfer between funds</b>				<b>300</b>	<b>2698</b>
<b>(Deficit)/Surplus</b>		<b>-8251</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>-7812</b>	<b>1382</b>
<b>Accumulated Fund c/fwd at 31.12.21</b>		<b>57227</b>	<b>35592</b>	<b>92816</b>	<b>100328</b>

**PARISH OF ST MARY'S, UFFCULME**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**  
**As At 31 December 2021**  
(Registered Charity No. 1146940)

<b>Monies Held:</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank Current Accounts & Cash	4,968
COIF Deposit Funds	87,435
CAF Deposit Account	414
	<u>92,817</u>

**Permanent Endowments (see note 9)**

CBF Investment Fund (14184 units)	331,717
CBF Investment Fund (371.18 units)	8,681
M & G Dividend Income Fund (9220 units)	5,115
M & G Charifund (1223 units)	19,032
	<u>364,545</u>

**Represented by:**

	Note	Bal @ 1.1.21 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfer £	Bal @ 31.12.21 £
<b>Unrestricted</b>						
General fund		52972	50692	49034	-5796	48834
General Fund Suspense	8	2698	0	0	-2698	0
<b>Designated</b>						
Church Mission Fund		1269	0	3890	2900	279
Square Corner		8512	4585	10302	0	2795
Ashill		-612	1769	2127	612	-358
Uffculme Bellringers		967	55	0	0	1022
<b>Restricted</b>						
Fabric		28220	9057	5892	0	31385
Music		7035	737	1025	0	6747
CREATE	7	1477	2198	5806	2131	0
Community lunches		-153	0	0	153	0
Special Giving		90	1188	67	0	1,211
St Stephen's Ashill		735	8000	7950	0	785
Church Flower Fund		117	0	0	0	117
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<u>103327</u>	<u>78281</u>	<u>86093</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>92817</u>

**Permanent Endowments**  
(see note 6)

	Bal @ 1.1.21 £	Change in Value (£)	Bal @ 31.12.21 £
E Brice Endowment	290016	41,701	331717
T Brice Endowment	29001	3,827	32828
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<u>319017</u>	<u>45,528</u>	<u>364545</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>422344</u>		<u>457362</u>

**Notes:****£****1. CREATE Income**

Shares & donations	440
Tax recovered	272
Donations	1485
Interest	1
	<u>2198</u>

**2. Bank interest**

Fabric Fund	9056
Music Fund	737
General Fund	7
	<u>9800</u>

**3. Square Corner Income**

Hire of rooms	2220
Coffee mornings	300
Donations	2065
	<u>4585</u>

**4. Special/Mission giving**

Karen Action Group	930
CHAT	930
Thika Diocese	930
Pastoral Care	1100
	<u>3890</u>

**5. Mission Outreach**

Donations	460
Programme Income	663
	<u>1123</u>

**6. Legacies**

This item refers to a single legacy given for the general purposes of the PCC.

**7. CREATE**

The CREATE Programme ceased on 31st August 2021. The deficit accumulated during the year has been absorbed by the General Fund, as agreed by the PCC.

From 1st September 2021 the Mission Outreach Programme was established and will be funded from the General Fund.

**8. General Fund Suspense**

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

## 9. 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.

## 10. 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.

Independent Examiner.....

Chairman of the PCC.....

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I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021.

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### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

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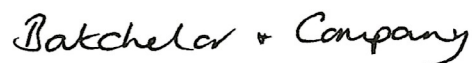
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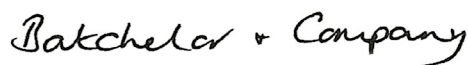
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