



Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2020

The Parochial Church Council of St Mary the Virgin,
Wootton, Bedfordshire
Registered Charity 1150817

Towards 2024 *(adopted March 2020)*

St Mary's 2020-2024:



Our vision is unchanged: to be a church family of disciples of Jesus Christ, rooted in the Bible and prayer, committed to making disciples, to holiness of life and to every-member service; a family of loving welcome, passionate proclamation, glad service, global heart and sacrificial change.*

Our five year goal is simple: to double in size

Our priority is clear: to develop our life as a church towards this goal.

Our strategy is threefold:

- to develop our facilities for growth
- to establish PCC-led teams to support ministries for growth
- to launch at least one new congregation
all in dependence on the Lord in prayer

Values Statement (what matters to us)

We believe that we are reconciled to God the Father through faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, and therefore we value:

The Bible as the written word of God and our supreme authority in following Jesus in the whole of life.

Prayer as the prime expression of faith in Jesus and of our dependence on God's loving grace and sovereign power in all things.

Church as a family of wholehearted worshippers and disciples of Jesus Christ committed to mutual encouragement, care, and accountability.

Evangelism as the proclamation of the good news of God's salvation in Christ for all people

Service as a family of God's people caring for people in Wootton and Stewartby and beyond with the love of Christ.

Identity Statement



We are...

Christ's church: the church is the bride and body of Jesus Christ; it is through him alone, revealed to us by the Holy Spirit in the Scriptures, that we know God; it is through the power of the Holy Spirit that we worship and serve Christ; and it is Christ's future return which is our hope and motivation for life.

A local church: a full and authentic expression of the universal church, called into being and sustained by God's word. We have a specific responsibility to proclaim and demonstrate the love of God in Christ among the people of the parish of Wootton. We are also called to involvement with the world-wide mission of the whole church.

An Anglican church: while we welcome Christians of all backgrounds, our permanent and most visible connection is with the Church of England. We accept and uphold its founding documents (The Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion, the Book of Common Prayer, and the Ordinal) as authentic expressions of orthodox Christian belief. We are committed to supporting and encouraging biblical faith and practice in the Anglican Communion, both within and beyond the diocese of St Albans.

An evangelical church: we recognise the convictions of historic evangelicalism as crystallising and expressing the kernel of orthodox Christianity, including: the supreme authority of Scripture; the universal nature of human sin; the grace of God, seen above all in the substitutionary atoning death of Jesus Christ; and the gift of justification and new life in Christ, received and enjoyed only through repentance and faith. We value the examples, among others, of the sixteenth-century reformers, the eighteenth-century evangelists, and the nineteenth-century social reformers. We are committed to gospel partnership with evangelical mission agencies, as well as with our patron, the Martyrs' Memorial and Church of England Trust, and the Church Pastoral Aid Society.

* Vision Statement (what we aim to become)



One body of wholehearted worshipping disciples, ever more deeply rooted in the Bible & prayer, growing together in holiness and every-member ministry to become a family of:

- **loving welcome**, caring for one another with the love of Jesus Christ nurturing, teaching and training one another for lives of holiness and love
- **passionate proclamation**, committed to reaching the people of Wootton, Stewartby and beyond, with the vital good news of Jesus Christ for a lost world
- **glad service**, dedicated to being salt and light for Jesus Christ in the world
- **global heart**, BOTH prayerfully and practically engaged in the worldwide mission of the church, AND training and sending men and women into gospel ministry within and beyond the parish
- **sacrificial change**, giving generously of ourselves, our money, and our talents to realise this vision

Aims and Purposes

St Mary's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, Canon Peter Ackroyd, in promoting the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in the ecclesiastical parish of Wootton, which comprises the two civil parishes of Wootton and Stewartby. The PCC is also responsible for maintenance of the Church, Church Hall, and an investment property.

Objectives and Activities

The primary objective of the Parochial Church Council is the promotion of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. To this end the PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship in the parish church, to providing opportunities for adults and young people to hear the gospel and grow in discipleship, to caring pastorally and practically for people in need, and to supporting Christian mission within and beyond the parish, indeed globally. The PCC regularly reviews the effectiveness of the church's ministry in the light of both its own Mission Action Plan, and the three themes of the Living God's Love vision of the Diocese of St Albans: Going Deeper into God, Transforming Communities, and Making New Disciples. In planning and overseeing the mission of the church, the incumbent and PCC consider the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

As the pages of this report record, the shape of the life and mission of the church during 2020 was dramatically altered by the coronavirus pandemic. At the beginning of the year, the PCC had anticipated renewing its Mission Action Plan for a further five years, with a prayerful aspiration to see a doubling in the size of our worshipping congregations. The impact of the pandemic on every area of church life quickly made apparent the need to pivot to supporting members of the church and community through the isolation and trauma of a public health emergency which dramatically curtailed both individual freedoms and communal life, including public worship. In the circumstances, MAP renewal was deferred until long-term planning could sensibly resume.

The PCC Vision Statement continues to be:

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To facilitate the ministry of the church the PCC makes a priority of maintaining the fabric of both the church building and the church hall, which is on a separate site. Maintenance of the churchyards, which are closed, is the responsibility of Wootton Parish Council.

Achievements and performance

Worship and Prayer

At the outset of 2020 the church offered two Sunday morning services, at 9am and at 10.30am, and a monthly Sunday evening Prayer Service.

Following the announcement of a national lockdown in early March, public worship in church buildings – including weddings and funerals – was prohibited by law. From Sunday 22 March, a weekly recorded service was broadcast on YouTube. Public worship was permitted to restart in July and on 16 July a weekly morning service resumed, including a monthly observance of the Lord's Supper, subject to significant limitations on numbers and activity in order to comply with government and Church of England guidance on 'social distancing' and infection control. Although congregational singing was not permitted, refreshments could not be served, and space did not permit youth and children's activities within the church building, the autumn saw up to around fifty attending church in person. Online recorded services continued each week, and once again became the sole opportunity to share in local worship during a further month-long lockdown in November.

Sunday ministry online also included 'Zoom Coffee' at 11.30am weekly and a regular evening online Prayer Gathering, initially weekly and then fortnightly.

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Newcomers to church continued to be welcomed both physically and online. And though large-scale services in person were precluded by the need for social-distancing, with Christmas and other significant events such as Harvest and Remembrance hence significantly reduced in scale, opportunities to connect in new ways were devised. In the autumn, a Harvest Scarecrow Trail in the church yard enabled families safely to view display and poems by church members, while at Christmas a Churchyard Nativity Trail was provided. A further much appreciated community venture was Christmas Windows, with over sixty households across the village of Wootton volunteering to decorate and illuminate a window of their home with inspiration from the words of Christmas songs and carols.

Zero adults and two children were baptised during the year. Two weddings were celebrated in church and St Mary's clergy officiated at seventeen funeral services for present or former parish residents at St Marys, Stewartby United Church, or Bedford Crematorium.

For a while over the summer, the church was open weekly for private prayer.

Families, children and young people

From March to September face-to-face children and youth work, either in church or mid week groups, was not permitted due to Covid-19 but the PCC oversaw several other initiatives. Restrictions were eased slightly from September meaning some face to face activities could resume.

Initiatives during 2020/21:

- Weekly Church at Home resources with activities, teaching, game and prayer suggestions emailed to approximately 30 families.
- All age online services and all age slots within the online services.
- Virtual Holiday Club including aerobics, memory verse, prayer crafts, songs, jokes and frolics, bedtime stories with 3 videos a day averaging 90 views per day plus a Facebook group
- Special event services online for Good Friday and Christingle.
- Jesse Tree family devotion.
- Zoom Pathfinders, J@M and Sunday groups.
- StoryTime Zoom.
- Daily reading plan for families-Day by Day (Jesus Storybook Bible & Meals with Jesus.)
- Offered 1:1 Bible Study to young people.
- Scarecrow Trail in the Churchyard.
- Interactive Walkabout Nativity Trail-Journey to Bethlehem.
- In person socially distanced Pathfinders and J@M in the church.
- In person Sunday Children's groups, socially distanced, Explorers & Pathfinders together outside.
- Weekly email to families with encouragement, signposting to resources and material for families to use.
- Church at Home YouTube playlist for all age worship songs.
- Encouraged engagement with outside events such as Sorted Nano & Sorted, Keswick Convention, Getty Family Hymn Sing, Worship for Everyone-Family at 4 and Virtual Ventures.



Youth and children's ministry has been delivered flexibly in a variety of ways. With many families unable to attend church and face to face youth work not permitted, we developed Church at Home and encouraged and equipped parents in discipling their children. Technology was utilised in new ways such as Zoom for virtual mid-week and Sunday groups, pre-recorded videos for a virtual Holiday Club presenting different elements of our usual Holiday Club. At Christmas a walkabout interactive nativity was held in the churchyard bringing the nativity story to families in the community in a very different way.

Discipleship, Pastoral Care and Training

During the pandemic Growth Groups continued to be the main vehicle for the pastoral support of congregation members, meeting on Zoom. Five Growth Groups met during the year, weekly in the evening, to study the Bible, pray, and support one another. Leaders met termly to receive training and support, and to pray together. One of our groups for older members was unable to meet online, but a small group of people have kept weekly contact by telephone.

The PCC continued to prioritise training in the understanding and skills of Christian ministry attending Zoom training courses where possible.

The monthly Men's Breakfast met in person when permitted and on Zoom, and regularly attracted up to eight men for mutual support and encouragement.

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A number of church members attended the Virtually Keswick Convention in July.

A Pastoral Coordination Team was set up early in 2020 and consists of five members. This group has met fortnightly to support the clergy in caring for church members and their families at times of sickness, hospitalisation, infirmity and isolation particularly during the pandemic, when we have been unable to meet as a congregation face to face.

Mission and outreach

St Mary's mission is summarised on its publicity, website and noticeboards as 'Knowing Jesus; making Jesus known to all'. PCC pursued this mission through a range of activities.

Since March we have been producing YouTube weekly Sunday services which regularly attract an average of two hundred views. At Remembrance there were three hundred and seventy views, as the community was unable to remember together in person. At Christmas, again, an average of two hundred viewed our online Christingle, Carols by Candlelight & Christmas Eve Family Carol services. We have sought to keep in touch with the village through social media and at Christmas we saw increased traffic due to our 'Christmas Windows' Facebook page.

Our monthly Lunch Club for the over 50's was unable to run from March. However, Norma Smith and Jenny Roffey have continued to keep in touch with members.

Other outreach events that took place in 2020 included a virtual summer holiday club and a Harvest scarecrow trail. We were also able to provide a bedtime Christmas story video 'The Christmas Promise' by Alison Mitchell to Wootton Lower School read by our Youth and Children's Worker, Emma Hearn.

Mission Partnerships

The PCC tithes its income from regular giving to support Christian mission beyond the parish according to its agreed Global Mission Policy.

In 2020 mission funding was given to:

- Festive - for the ministry of Karen Jones working with sixth forms and further education colleges to spread the gospel.
- IMPACT – Christian workers supporting local schools.
- Jude and YP Gayet involved in church planting and youth ministry in Belgium.
- Bishop Alf and Hilary Cooper with CMS in Chile.
- Speak Life – UK evangelistic ministry (Director: Glen Scrivener)
- The Church Pastoral Aid Society

A donation of £1000 was made to Open Doors (UK) in support of it's work with the persecuted church. Church members contributed to the ministry of Operation Christmas Child at Christmas (Samaritan's Purse) and donations were encouraged for SMART Prebend Centre for the homeless. Throughout the year church members supported the work of Bedford Foodbank through a collection point in the church.

Church buildings

One of the objectives of the PCC is to maintain the church, church hall and grounds as well as a house which has in past years accommodated the curate.

Many works were required this year to ensure the church and church hall remained safe when being reopened after closure, and when open to ensure they were Covid safe.

Equipment was installed in church to enable live streaming of church services. Approval was sought for installing a phone line into the church for a broadband connection. It is hoped this will be installed in 2021.

Progress towards the restoration of the North Porch, was further delayed awaiting a bat survey, this was a condition of the faculty and could not be completed due to Covid restrictions. Works are hoped to commence in 2021.

The PCC-owned property at 9 Studley Road was let for this year in order to support the renting of a more suitable property for the curate and his family.



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Ecumenical Relationships

The PCC aims to strengthen Christian witness and service in the community through membership of Wootton and Stewartby Churches. A Lenten Prayer service was hosted by St Mary's on the 8th March.

Clergy attend bi-monthly prayer meetings for leaders of Bedford Churches in sympathy with the doctrinal basis of the Evangelical Alliance, of which St Marys is a corporate member.

St Mary's Preschool

On account of the coronavirus pandemic, 2020 proved to be one of the most challenging of the more than fifty years since the PCC opened a daily Play Group (now Preschool) to serve the local community.



The Preschool opened the year with forty children on the roll. Following the introduction of a national lockdown towards the end of March, Preschool closed and most staff were furloughed (under the UK Government Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme). Support for families and children was maintained through email and social media. Educational provision restarted on site on 16 June, and continued in the autumn, with an initial thirty-five children attending. The Preschool manager is Tracey Kerins. Oversight of the Preschool is delegated to a management group was appointed by PCC comprising the Preschool Manager and her deputy Lina Rosato, and three members of PCC: Peter Ackroyd, Pauline Kendall and Dorothy Teh. In October, Amanda Newton succeeded Dorothy Teh as a PCC member on this group.

Holywell Church of England School, Cranfield

The PCC nominates a number of governors at Holywell School. Continuing Wootton PCC Foundation Governors were: Pauline Kendall (Chair of Governors), Martin Sanders, Fiona Frossell and Isabel Turner.

Deanery Synod

St Marys was represented in Deanery Synod by its licensed clergy and three representatives of the laity. Pauline Kendall served throughout the year as Lay Co-Chair of the Synod. During the year the Synod met four times; except for its February meeting, all these were held online. As well as reviewing progress in implementing the Deanery Mission Action Plan, and engaging with proposals for the re-organisation of ministry in the south of the deanery, Synod heard presentations from external speakers on the following topics: Modern Slavery (Kevin Wollmer, priest-missioner St Peter de Merton & Bedford Town Centre), Supporting Christians in FE & VI Form colleges (Karen Jones, Festive), and Faith and Artificial Intelligence (Canon Tim Bull, Director of Ministry and Diocesan Director of Ordinands). Reports were given on the proceedings of the Diocesan Board of Finance and Diocesan and General Synods. During the year Canon Richard Hibbert's second term of office as Area Dean came to an end; he was succeeded by Revd Sam Cappleman. Ann Mason stood down after many years service as Secretary to the Synod; her successor is Kathryn Hughes.

Volunteers

The PCC would like to record its thanks to all those who serve in the church as volunteers in different capacities in particular, including the church wardens Hazel Sanders and Ant Hall who have worked tirelessly in serving the congregation in the last twelve months. The PCC would also like to thank the Treasurer Phil Wainwright for his financial advice to the PCC and ably supported by Alison Reed Thomsett the Book Keeper. The ability of the PCC to offer a varied programme of activities to meet a diverse range of people is only achieved by the generous giving of time, talents and funds from many members of the congregation.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a registered charity. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Mary's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (the vicar), licensed clergy, church wardens, the reader and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll of the church and stand for election to the PCC. A revision of the Electoral Roll took place in September 2020. Following the revision the roll numbered 124. At the end of the year, the total was 123.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The Treasurer (Phil Wainwright) gives a monthly update on the current finances. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

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The PCC met 9 times in the year. Sub committees are formed that deal with particular aspects of parish life. Training on safeguarding arranged by the Diocese have been attended by members of the PCC, as well as by leaders of young people's groups and others as required under the church's safeguarding policy and by the Church of England.

During 2020 Tomira Nawrocka retired as Parish Safeguarding Officer and Kate Wilson took over the role, with Emma Hearn and Pauline Kendall as deputy safeguarding officers. Safeguarding is a standing item on each PCC agenda.

The Standing Committee meets once a month this is made up of the vicar, wardens, treasurer and secretary. The role of the Standing Committee is to prioritise items for the PCC meeting, discuss and make decisions on items of a confidential nature or look in more detail on matters that have been brought to the PCC.

The PCC employs a part-time administrator, part-time Youth and Families Worker, the staff of the Preschool, and a church hall cleaner. The PCC and staff work in partnership with teams of volunteer helpers, appointed by the PCC and the vicar.

St Mary's continued to have responsibility within the diocese of St Albans as a training parish for first-post curates. Revd Phillip Young, with his wife Louise and sons Teddy and Wilfie, is the current curate in training.

Jim Hignett serves as a licensed Reader and attends regular diocesan events.

The PCC and Administrator comply with the recent General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) regarding the privacy of church member's information.

Financial Review

Total receipts of unrestricted giving and income amounted to £138,751 and restricted giving totalled £22,309. We were able to reclaim £21,764 from Gift Aid eligible donations. These combined with other receipts gave the church a total income of £161,061. This was approximately £35,000 less than in 2019 but this was largely due to a large one off donation (£45,000) received in 2019. The level of income was extremely encouraging bearing in mind the pressures put upon the congregation as a result of the Covid19 pandemic.

Approximately £106,000 was spent on the Christian ministry at St. Mary's. This figure includes £62,335 in Parish Share which was paid in full and which pays for clergy salaries, pensions and housing costs as well as supporting the mission of the diocese. Our total expenditure for the year totalled £151,292, a decrease of just over £20,000 from the previous year.

Overall, the church finished 2020 with a surplus of income over expenditure of £9,769. This surplus was made possible by a receipt of £11,000 restricted income into the Choir & Organ Fund. Our income exceeded our budget and our expenditure was close to the 2020 budget of £150,600. Some savings were made possible as a result of the pandemic and this enabled us to invest in the infrastructure to facilitate the future live streaming of church services.

Reserves Policy

Throughout 2020 we maintained our reserve fund at £10,000. This allows us to meet our obligations in terms of staff salaries and church running costs for a period of three months. Our cash reserves remain strong with a total of £254,105 on deposit at the end of 2020, with approximately £195,000 of this being restricted to expenditure on the fabric of the church building. During 2020 we have continued to operate two current accounts with our Metro account becoming the main account while we continue to maintain the NatWest account to ensure no account has funds exceeding £85,000 (Financial Services Compensation Scheme limit). In terms of a deposit account we continue to invest in the CBF Church of England Funds.



Parochial Church Council

The PCC met nine times, including online meetings using the Zoom platform for most of the year. Some of the work of the PCC is carried out through the following sub-committees: Standing, Finance, Youth Council, Pre-School Management.

Following the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic, PCC oversaw the substantial challenges which this brought to mission and ministry. Decisions made in online meetings were subsequently ratified by electronic correspondence.

In addition to PCC finances and maintenance and development of church buildings, the safeguarding of young people and vulnerable adults was a standing item on the agenda of every meeting. The Parish Safeguarding Officer has the right to attend whenever they deem it necessary, and is invited to attend at least three meetings every year as a matter of course.

Issues discussed during the year included: Vision for Growth 2019-2020; evangelism & outreach; administration of the communion cup by growth group leaders; proceedings of deanery and diocesan synods, and meetings of PCC committees; support for mission partners, mission and relief agencies, and the persecuted church; a bi-monthly church family magazine; attendance at training and other events including a ReNew St Albans meeting hosted by St Marys on 8 March; the relaunch of bell-ringing; arrangements including risk assessments for the opening of church for private prayer (June) and resumption of in-person services in July; provision of equipment and broadband access to enable services to be livestreamed; recovery from coronavirus restrictions; pastoral support for isolating congregation and community members; establishment of a hardship fund; re-organisation of the prayer chain; Christmas ministry & outreach; appointment of PCC officers & working groups following the APCM; 2021 PCC & Preschool budgets.

PCC policies reviewed during the year included: Safeguarding, Health and Safety; Livestreaming; Global Missions

The revision of the church's detailed Mission Action Plan, including the establishment of PCC ministry teams, and consideration of launching further services/congregations was suspended.

Support of Stewartby United Church

Ministry at Stewartby United Church, a local ecumenical project, is provided under the terms of a Sharing Agreement in which the Church of England and the Methodist Church are the remaining active partners. Licensed ministers and congregation members from St Mary's have continued to support Stewartby in leading services when Stewartby church has been able to meet in person during 2020. At Christmas two Carols by Candlelight services were held on successive weekends led by Peter Ackroyd & Phillip Young.



St. Mary's Playgroup
Income and Expenditure
January to December 2020

EXPENDITURE January - December 2020	
Salaries January - December 2020	72081.26
Pension	3021.48
Employers National Insurance/TAX	12370.99
Church Hall Rent + Floor Donation	5281.25
PLA Membership Fee + Ofsted	35.00
Equipment and supplies	3372.16
Uniform	1044.41
Milkbar	671.22
Photo developing	195.92
Staff Training	63.00
Petty Cash	1.50
DBS	52.60
Fee refunds	534.00
Cash in Hand - 31 December 2020	9.05
Balance in Bank - 31 December 2020	28839.84
TOTAL	127573.68
INCOME January - December 2020	
Cash in Hand - 1 January 2020	10.55
Balance at Bank - 1 January 2020	26048.83
Received from Fees	11897.45
Received from Early Years Funding LEA + SEN	82981.46
Government Grant	6419.83
Donations	215.56
TOTAL	127573.68

Manager/Treasurer: Tracey AHS Date: 24/01/2021
TRACEY KERINS

Deputy Manager: L. Rosato Date: 24/01/2021
LINA ROSATO

Auditor: L. Rees Date: 1.2.2021
LESLEY REES

St. Mary the Virgin Parochial Church Council Independent Examiner's Report of accounts for January to December 2020

Independent Examiner's report to the Parochial Church Council
of St Mary the Virgin, Wootton, Bedford
Charity Commission no. 1150817

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended **31 December 2020**, which are set out on pages 1 to 4 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and **s.145 of the Charities Act 2011** ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and **s.144(2)** of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under **s.145(5)(b)** of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- i. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - ☐ to keep accounting records in accordance with section **130** of the Act; and
 - ☐ to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or
- ii. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed  Independent Examiner – L. Richardson FCCA

Date _____

Signed on behalf of PCC  Incumbrant – P.M. Ackroyd

Date 15/3/21

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Balance Sheet detailed To 31st December 2020

		As at 31/12/2020	As at 31/12/2019
Endowment assets			
	1509: Wootton Armstrong Fund	1,513.06	1,415.32
	1510: Wootton Church Cottages	24,331.57	22,759.94
	Total Fixed assets	25,844.63	24,175.26
Current assets			
	1501: NatWest Current	117,884.30	119,687.42
	1503: CBF Capital Fund	124,095.69	111,853.60
	1504: CBF Studley Road	1.71	1.71
	1508: Cash Book	—	—
	1511: Metro Current	12,123.73	12,744.38
	Total Current assets	254,105.43	244,287.11
Liabilities			
	1650: Loans for Stonework	—	—
	6699: Agency collections	197.50	148.59
	Total Liabilities	197.50	148.59
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	279,752.56	268,313.78
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	9,769.41	23,899.90
	Z01: Starting balances	268,313.78	240,601.15
	Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets	1,669.37	3,812.73
	Total Reserves	279,752.56	268,313.78

Represented by Funds		
Unrestricted	29,835.39	35,611.69
Restricted	224,072.54	208,508.11
Endowment	25,844.63	24,175.26
Total	279,752.56	268,313.78

St Mary's Church, Wootton
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Donations, Legacies and similar incoming resources	119,699.55	15,386.90	—	135,086.45	169,341.66
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects	19,088.25	—	—	19,088.25	17,331.12
Activities for generating funds	—	—	—	—	—
Investment income	—	1,203.88	—	1,203.88	1,507.84
Other incoming resources	(36.00)	5,718.33	—	5,682.33	7,611.50
Total income	138,751.80	22,309.11	—	161,060.91	195,792.12
Resources used					
Grants payable in furtherance of charity's objects	9,720.00	—	—	9,720.00	11,000.00
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects	128,477.12	7,062.53	—	135,539.65	145,864.84
Support costs	3,210.06	—	—	3,210.06	12,344.00
Expenditure on managing-administering the charity	2,821.79	—	—	2,821.79	2,683.38
Total expenditure	144,228.97	7,062.53	—	151,291.50	171,892.22
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(5,477.17)	15,246.58	—	9,769.41	23,899.90
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	9,369.77	6,842.18	—	16,211.95	32,032.04
Gross transfers between funds - out	(9,687.62)	(6,524.33)	—	(16,211.95)	(32,032.04)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	1,669.37	1,669.37	3,812.73
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	(5,795.02)	15,564.43	1,669.37	11,438.78	27,712.63
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	35,630.41	208,508.11	24,175.26	268,313.78	240,601.15
Total funds carried forward	29,835.39	224,072.54	25,844.63	279,752.56	268,313.78

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Analysis of income and expenditure Selected period: 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Incoming resources						
<i>Donations, Legacies and similar incoming resources</i>						
101 - Gift Aided	79,910.00	—	—	—	79,910.00	70,814.56
102 - Tax recovered	21,606.12	—	157.50	—	21,763.62	28,299.37
103 - Other giving	8,322.48	—	—	—	8,322.48	11,001.00
104 - Loose Collections	1,462.76	—	—	—	1,462.76	2,150.73
105 - Gift days- Sundry giving	7,319.25	—	—	—	7,319.25	42,133.82
201 - Given for specific projects	334.30	744.64	15,229.40	—	16,308.34	14,942.18
<i>Donations, Legacies and similar incoming resources Totals</i>	118,954.91	744.64	15,386.90	—	135,086.45	169,341.66
<i>Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects</i>						
302 - Rent for church buildings	16,918.25	—	—	—	16,918.25	13,176.60
401 - Monies for books	252.00	—	—	—	252.00	489.52
404 - PCC fees Weddings/ Funerals	1,918.00	—	—	—	1,918.00	3,665.00
<i>Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects Totals</i>	19,088.25	—	—	—	19,088.25	17,331.12
<i>Investment income</i>						
301 - Interest	—	—	1,203.88	—	1,203.88	1,507.84
<i>Investment income Totals</i>	—	—	1,203.88	—	1,203.88	1,507.84
<i>Other incoming resources</i>						
106 - Wootton Charities	—	—	2,000.00	—	2,000.00	2,000.00
405 - Assigned fees	(36.00)	—	3,718.33	—	3,682.33	5,111.50
601 - Insurance claims	—	—	—	—	—	500.00
<i>Other incoming resources Totals</i>	(36.00)	—	5,718.33	—	5,682.33	7,611.50
Incoming resources Grand totals	138,007.16	744.64	22,309.11	—	161,060.91	195,792.12

Resources used

Grants payable in furtherance of charity's objects

1001 - Overseas Mission	4,200.00	1,000.00	—	—	5,200.00	6,100.00
1003 - Home Mission	3,400.00	1,120.00	—	—	4,520.00	4,900.00

<i>Grants payable in furtherance of charity's objects Totals</i>	7,600.00	2,120.00	—	—	9,720.00	11,000.00
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Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects

2001 - Diocesan Quota	62,647.00	—	—	—	62,647.00	64,441.00
2002 - Working Expenses of Incumbent	2,361.15	—	—	—	2,361.15	4,613.80
2004 - Assistant Staff	23,417.66	—	937.20	—	24,354.86	35,487.25
2005 - Church Running expense	4,729.49	—	—	—	4,729.49	5,785.65
2006 - Church Maintenance	1,897.12	—	—	—	1,897.12	741.26
2007 - Upkeep of Services	5,904.38	596.16	200.00	—	6,700.54	1,445.18
2008 - Upkeep of Churchyard	—	—	—	—	—	152.00

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
2009 - Costs relating to books	505.93	—	—	—	505.93	807.54
2010 - Church hall	7,841.98	—	2,500.00	—	10,341.98	7,471.57
2012 - Major Works	—	—	—	—	—	4,323.55
2016 - Honoraria, Assigned fees	116.95	—	3,425.33	—	3,542.28	5,122.04
6000 - Studley Road	672.64	—	—	—	672.64	4,274.00
6001 - Folkes Road	17,786.66	—	—	—	17,786.66	11,200.00
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects Totals	127,880.96	596.16	7,062.53	—	135,539.65	145,864.84
Support costs						
2017 - Support Costs	2,186.03	1,024.03	—	—	3,210.06	12,344.00
Support costs Totals	2,186.03	1,024.03	—	—	3,210.06	12,344.00
Expenditure on managing-administering the charity						
4000 - Administration	2,821.79	—	—	—	2,821.79	2,683.38
Expenditure on managing-administering the charity Totals	2,821.79	—	—	—	2,821.79	2,683.38
Resources used Grand totals	140,488.78	3,740.19	7,062.53	—	151,291.50	171,892.22



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Administrative Information

St Mary's church is situated in Wootton village, Bedfordshire. It is part of the Diocese of St Albans within the Church of England. The correspondence address is : The Vicarage, Church Road, Wootton, Bedford MK43 9HF.

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PCC members who served during the year were:

Revd Peter Ackroyd (chair), Hazel Sanders (churchwarden), Ant Hall (churchwarden), Revd Shaun Atkins, Revd Phillip Young, Philip Wainwright (Treasurer), Dorothy Teh (PCC Secretary), Jim Hignett (Reader; Deanery Synod), Pauline Kendall (Deanery Synod), Tim Dillistone (Deanery Synod), Charles Ashbrook (Deanery Synod), Rob Hamilton, Amanda Newton, Jenny Yang, Jenny Roffey, Annette Hart, Derrick Lowe (retired Sept 2020), Margaret Greenhalgh (retired Sept 2020), Allyson Cable (Electoral Roll Officer) (retired Sept 2020), Matt Hearn (elected Sept 2020), Abi Holyoak (elected Sept 2020)

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