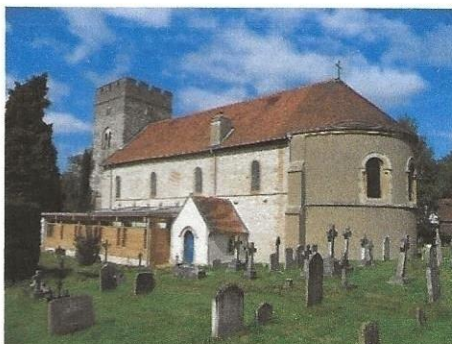


**GORING PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**  
**ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY CHURCH**  
**GORING ON THAMES, OXFORDSHIRE**



**Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020**



Registered Charity Number: 1152514

This parish is a part of the Benefice of Goring and Streatley with South Stoke

## Overview of Parish activity 2020

St Thomas of Canterbury Church is situated in Goring village near the banks of the river Thames. It has been a place of worship since before the 11th Century. It is one of three parishes forming the Benefice of Goring and Streatley with South Stoke, the other parishes being St Mary's, Streatley and St Andrew's, South Stoke, and part of the Henley Deanery within the Diocese of Oxford.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is registered with the Charity Commission since 20<sup>th</sup> June 2013  
Charity number 1152514.

Church members who have served on the PCC in 2020:

### Clergy:

Vicar	Revd Ben Phillips	
Assistant Curate	Revd Jo Allen	(from 5 <sup>th</sup> July)
Assistant Curate	Revd Wendy Middleton	
Associate Priest	Revd Liz Dowding	

Licensed Lay Ministers	Mrs Judith Aguda
	Mrs Judith Hogg

Wardens	Mrs Brenda Kerr Muir	Lay Vice-Chairman
	Mr David Beddall	Also Deanery Synod Representative

Elected members	Mrs Judy Crawford	Also Deanery Synod Representative
	Mrs Sue Hookway	(resigned 29 <sup>th</sup> July)
	Mr Rob Howard	
	Dr Jill Kirby	
	Mr Simon Merritt	Co-opted 4 <sup>th</sup> November
	Dr Sarah Morton	
	Mrs Helen Northrop	
	Mrs Diane Paddick	
	Mrs Elizabeth Parkinson	
	Mr Peter Purdie	Honorary Secretary
	Mr Don Shrimpton	Honorary Treasurer
	Mr John Wilby	Also Deanery Synod Representative

Mrs Brenda Kerr Muir is also an elected member of the Diocesan Synod.

In July we welcomed our new Curate Jo Allen and her family.

2020 marked the 850<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the murder of our patron saint, Thomas Becket on 29<sup>th</sup> December 1170 in Canterbury Cathedral. This had been highlighted as an auspicious year by our previous curate, Steve Johnson. A small committee, including a member of the Goring History Society, had met throughout 2019 and plans were well advanced for a series of events to mark the anniversary and involving many members of the village community. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 pandemic, several of the events were not able to go ahead. However, those that did were a huge success and one or two events may still be held in 2021 or 2022.

The first event which did take place to mark the 850<sup>th</sup> anniversary was a production of Murder in the Cathedral performed at the end of January by a group of actors drawn from members of the Church family. The performances were held in the Church building which together with some simple scenery was used to great effect. Also, near the start of the year, a course on the theme of pilgrimage and relating that to the Christian journey through life was held. In early March, there was a very enjoyable and interesting Parish Pilgrimage to Christ Church, Oxford.

A Creative Arts and History Exhibition, originally planned to take place the week of the GAP Festival, was postponed until the start of September. The timing was perfect and the exhibition, which reflected on the life of Thomas Becket, was a wonderful celebration of local talent – textiles, history panels, artwork and flower arrangements. The proceeds were shared with a local food bank charity.

The final event marking Thomas Becket was a quiet morning communion service held under Covid restrictions on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> December on the 850<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death. A beautiful and fitting end to the anniversary commemorations.



The structure, governance and activity of the PCC is regulated under the *Church Representation Rules* (2020 revision). Members of the Church community are encouraged to join the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. Responsibility for the compilation of the Electoral Roll was held by Judith Aguda. The number on the Electoral Roll reported by Judith at the 2020 Annual Parochial Church Meeting was 124.

The Parish Mission Statement is:

*To understand more fully the Good News of our faith and to be more active disciples of Christ in our own community. To make our church a welcoming and relevant place in the life of the village and to take seriously our responsibilities to the wider world.*

At the beginning of the year the monthly pattern of worship continued unchanged with the main Sunday morning service following the pattern: First Sunday - Family service preceded by Church family breakfast, Second and Fourth Sundays - Sung Holy Communion Common Worship, and third Sunday - Good News, Service of the Word format. The 8am BCP Holy Communion on Sundays alternated with St Mary's, Streatley. There was a monthly afternoon Choral BCP Evening Prayer on the first Sunday. On Wednesday morning there was a midweek service of BCP Holy Communion. There were also other services on occasions such as Ash Wednesday.

However this pattern was interrupted by the arrival, in Britain, of the Covid-19 pandemic declared as worldwide by WHO on 11<sup>th</sup> March. On 17<sup>th</sup> March a directive came from the two archbishops that our usual pattern of Sunday services and other mid-week gatherings must be put on hold. Then, on 23<sup>rd</sup> March the Prime Minister said that churches should be closed completely even to the incumbent for private prayer. Funerals were to be for a very limited number of mourners and at the crematorium or graveside only. Bishop Steven signed a statutory instrument on 19<sup>th</sup> March enabling APCMs to be delayed until the Autumn and PCCs were to meet using remote technology. On 23<sup>rd</sup> March Lockdown 1 started. **'stay at home, protect the NHS and save lives'**

Church members were quick to engage with other organisations in the community to set up a network of Street Champions who would assist those required to shield and any required to self-isolate. Goring Primary School was closed except to a small number of children who were vulnerable or whose parents were keyworkers.

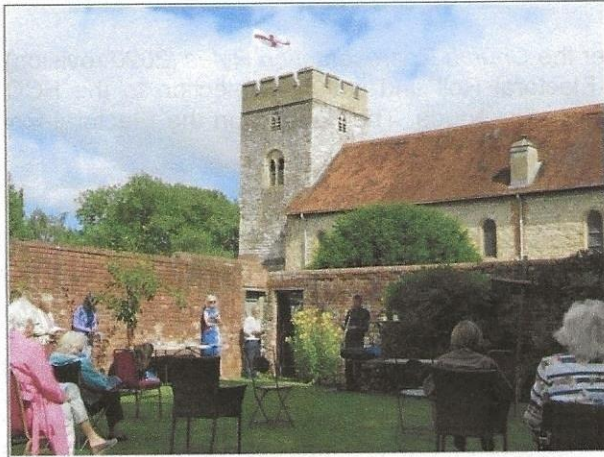
The PCC met on 4 occasions during the year under the chairmanship of Revd Ben Phillips - in February in person, the March meeting was cancelled and the Standing Committee met instead using virtual technology (Zoom). The full PCC met in June with an extra meeting in September to address Covid specific issues and again in November all using Zoom. In between these meetings the Vicar, Churchwardens, the PCC Secretary and PCC Treasurer corresponded as a Standing Committee, mostly by email, to consider urgent business and formulate the PCC agenda. The Vicar and Wardens of the Benefice also met approximately every 4-8 weeks using virtual technology.

The life of the parish and of the many group activities run to enhance and further the aims of the Mission Statement were also put on hold from 23<sup>rd</sup> March including the Prayer Space at Goring Primary school which had been planned for that week. However a marriage preparation course and a session for the training of intercessors were held in February. Lent groups were planned but gathering in people's homes sadly was considered too risky and then forbidden.

The weekly newsletter became a vital support and communication channel to church members for the rest of the year. Often there would be a short video message from the Vicar and always a form of service to use at home when we would have been gathering in church. Many more people were added to the circulation list and a paper copy was delivered to homes for those without internet. A Prayer tree of volunteers calling others, particularly those living alone, was set up trying to ensure that no-one was forgotten. The midweek BCP Communion service moved on to Zoom at the beginning of April with clergy broadcasting from their homes and continued for the rest of the year. The numbers joining increased considerably during Lockdown 1 enabling people to 'meet', worship together, see each other and have a chat afterwards. Church at Home services for the Oxford Diocese also commenced in April using various types of technology. It was a joy to join in singing the hymns at home.

On 15<sup>th</sup> June churches were allowed to re-open for private prayer - requiring a Risk Assessment, a number of notices about behaviour and provision of hand sanitiser for use on entry and exit. Later that same week, the church was closed again for a couple of days as a deep clean was performed with the use of a tower scaffold on loan (with thanks to the Paddick family) by the Vicar and many volunteer church members. Cobwebs and spiders which had been undisturbed since the re-ordering in 2008 were cleared and it was a joy to be back seeing one another face-to-face again even in a socially-distanced way.





Open air service in the Vicarage garden

From 4<sup>th</sup> July we were allowed to gather for services and we welcomed our new Curate, Jo Allen, and her family the next day. Most Sundays in July and August the weather was glorious so we gathered in the Vicarage garden – with thanks to the Vicar and his wife for giving permission. The church made a wonderful backdrop behind the makeshift altar as we rejoiced in breaking bread together again in person. Although the congregation were not permitted to sing, a small choir was allowed accompanied by our organist, Michael Howell on keyboard. Services were streamed to those at home. Special thanks go to Robin Middleton for setting up the technology required and to David Beddall who set up the public address system each week. As we progressed into September we moved inside. Face-coverings had been made mandatory indoors on 8<sup>th</sup> August, and more Risk Assessment required.

Our new Curate, Jo Allen, was ordained Deacon by Bishop Colin on 26<sup>th</sup> September in a wonderful service streamed from Dorchester Abbey, one of his last services before retirement.

We continued to meet together through the autumn doing our best to follow the many directives coming from Church House Oxford. Cases of Covid-19 started to rise again sharply and most of November we were in Lockdown 2. However, a service of Remembrance was allowed outside by the War Memorial and many people came together to remember and honour those who fell in two World Wars and conflicts since. Single representatives of the uniformed organisations laid wreaths.

A number of plans were made for Advent and to celebrate Christmas but some had to be cancelled at a late stage due to changes in restrictions. However there were two Traditional Carol services, one for the adult choir and one for the youth choir. The music was exceptional especially as Michael Howell had had to limit the number of practices for both choirs. On Christmas Day the beginning of the service was held outside to allow more people to attend and we rejoiced together on a crisp but very sunny morning.

Thanks are expressed here, on behalf of the PCC, to all those church members who voluntarily assisted as sidespeople taking names and contact details for Test and Trace, ensuring sanitised hands on arrival and departure as well as putting out Orders of Service and cleaning surfaces before and after services. Special mention goes to Rob Howard for preparing socially distanced seating plans.

Statistics in the Service Register during 2020 were largely meaningless as many people were reluctant to attend even when it was permitted. The Advent Carol service and Christmas services were ticketed and limited to 50 total to ensure social-distancing and all were streamed on Zoom. A Christmas video was prepared for children at Goring Primary School to view in their class 'bubbles' and was also available for parents to see at home. In addition, we celebrated two Baptisms, two people were Received into Communion (as Confirmation services were not happening), three Weddings, and held seven Funerals or Thanksgiving services in church plus a funeral service streamed from South Africa.

**Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and signed on its behalf by**

**Ben Phillips**

**Brenda Kerr Muir**

*B. C. M. Phillips*

*B. Kerr Muir*



## **FINANCIAL REVIEW for 2020**

### **Unrestricted Funds**

Despite Covid restrictions receipts were at a similar level to the previous year (£111,970 in 2020 compared to £112,068) which was a magnificent outcome and thanks are due to the regular donors who continued to contribute to the Church in difficult circumstances. Regular running costs reduced marginally from £100,709 in 2019 to £99,795 in 2020.

A significant legacy was left to the Vicar and Wardens of St Thomas's in 2020 (£150,000 received during the year) and this is held in a separate fund to be used for the benefit of the Church at the Vicar and Warden's discretion.

The net result for the year can be summarised as follows:

	2020			2019		
	In	Out	Net	In	Out	Net
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Church Running Costs	111,970	(99,795)	12,175	112,068	(100,709)	11,359
Other items - Legacy			150,000			0
	111,970	(99,795)	162,175	112,068	(100,709)	11,359
Opening Reserves Jan 1			38,902			27,543
Closing Reserves Dec 31			201,077			38,902

### **Restricted and Endowment Funds**

**Restricted Funds** are held for specific purposes and cannot be used for general running expenses. They increased during the year from £76,515 at the end of 2019 to £108,035 on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020:

	Opening	In	Out	Transfers	Closing
	£	£	£	£	£
General Repair Fund	20,571	230	0		20,801
Church Room Trust	6,820	3,130	0		9,950
Bell Ringers Fund	5,661	218	(77)		5,802
Choir Fund	1,952	163	(118)		1,997
Organ Repair Fund	41,511	29,337	(1,363)		69,485
Mission Giving	0	444	(444)		0
	76,515	33,522	(2,002)	0	108,035

The General Repair Fund and Church Room Trust can only be used for major repairs and renovations and the Choir Fund is for choir expenses only. The Organ Repair Fund increased although fund raising efforts were hampered by Covid-19 pandemic

Mission / Charity Giving raises money for CMS to support the work done by Steve Poulson and also, in 2020, for the DEC Covid appeal, Marie Curie and Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.

**Endowment Funds** During 2020 endowment funds increased in value from £157,359 to £167,847 reflecting changes in the stock market generally.

There are three endowments:

The Smallbone Bequest and Church Room Trust are endowments which are held in perpetuity.

Goring PCC Income Fund was established from the PCC's share of the proceeds of sale of the curate's house in Westway, Goring and the income is paid into the General Fund.

**The Audited Accounts are attached on pages 5 to 9**

Signed : D Shrimpton Treasurer



Date 19/3/2021

**Parochial Church Council of St Thomas of Canterbury, Goring on Thames**  
**Statement of Financial Activities For the year ending 31 December 2020**

Income & Expenses for the Year		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming Resources</b>						
Voluntary Income	2(a)	103,144	29,647		132,791	130,470
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	7,256	159		7,415	14,600
Income from investments	2(c)	1,570	3,716		5,286	4,835
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>111,970</b>	<b>33,522</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>145,492</b>	<b>149,905</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>						
Parish share & Deanery exs	3(a)	60,192			60,192	60,481
Charitable giving	3(b)	500	444		944	2,925
Church activities	3(c)	38,593	195		38,788	39,879
Church project costs	3(d)		1,363		1,363	1,164
Governance costs	3(e)	510			510	510
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<b>99,795</b>	<b>2,002</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>101,797</b>	<b>104,959</b>
<b>Net incoming resources before exceptional items, gains and losses on investments and transfers</b>						
		12,175	31,520		43,695	44,946
Exceptional Items	3(g)	150,000			150,000	0
(Loss) / Gains on investments during the year				10,488	10,488	24,796
Transfers between funds					0	0
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<b>162,175</b>	<b>31,520</b>	<b>10,488</b>	<b>204,183</b>	<b>69,742</b>
<b>Balances brought forward 1 January</b>		<b>38,902</b>	<b>76,515</b>	<b>157,359</b>	<b>272,776</b>	<b>203,034</b>
<b>Balances carried forward 31 December</b>		<b>201,077</b>	<b>108,035</b>	<b>167,847</b>	<b>476,959</b>	<b>272,776</b>

Balance Sheet at 31st December 2020		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>						
Office Equipment	7	0			0	0
Investments	7			167,847	167,847	157,359
		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>167,847</b>	<b>167,847</b>	<b>157,359</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>						
Debtors	8	2,788			2,788	7,552
CBF Deposit Funds		200	64,318		64,518	61,153
Cash in hand and at bank		206,145	43,717		249,862	54,320
		<b>209,133</b>	<b>108,035</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>317,168</b>	<b>123,025</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>						
Accruals - audit fee	9	(550)			(550)	(550)
Creditors	9	(7,506)			(7,506)	(7,058)
		<b>(8,056)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(8,056)</b>	<b>(7,608)</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<b>201,077</b>	<b>108,035</b>	<b>167,847</b>	<b>476,959</b>	<b>272,776</b>
<b>Funds of the Church</b>						
<b>Unrestricted Fund</b>						
General Fund	10(b)	51,077			51,077	38,902
Vicar & Wardens Fund		150,000			150,000	0
<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
Repair Fund	10(a)		20,801		20,801	20,571
Church Room Trust			9,950		9,950	6,820
Bell Ringers			5,802		5,802	5,661
Choir Fund			1,997		1,997	1,952
Organ Repair Fund			69,485		69,485	41,511
Tower Repair Fund			0		0	0
Mission Giving			0		0	0
<b>Investment Funds</b>						
				167,847	167,847	157,359
<b>TOTAL FUNDS OF THE CHURCH</b>		<b>201,077</b>	<b>108,035</b>	<b>167,847</b>	<b>476,959</b>	<b>272,776</b>

The notes on pages 6 to 8 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 17th March 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Ben Phillips

Brenda Kerr Muir



# **Parochial Church Council of St Thomas of Canterbury, Goring on Thames**

## **Notes on the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020**

### **1.1) Accounting Policies**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, the Charities Act 1993, applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (revised 2005)

The Financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

### **1.2) Funds**

Perpetual Endowment Funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained in perpetuity; only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending on the purpose for which the endowment was established

Restricted Funds represent (a) income from trusts of endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objectives provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for the specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must normally be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, the interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

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

#### **Incoming Resources**

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

#### **Resources expended**

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for goods or services. Grants and charitable giving are accountable for when paid over or when awarded, if the award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

#### **Fixed Assets**

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993. No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the church wardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA. Equipment used within church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over five years. Individual items with a purchase of £500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

**Parochial Church Council of St Thomas of Canterbury, Goring on Thames**  
**Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020**

**Notes to the Accounts continued**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	<b>Total 2020</b> £	<b>Total 2019</b> £
<b>2. INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
<b>2(a) Voluntary Income</b>					
<b>Recurring Income</b>					
Gift Aid Giving	34,871			34,871	51,887
Tax recovered / recoverable	18,854			18,854	15,117
Collections (open plate)	2,928	444		3,372	11,078
Parish Giving	34,616			34,616	9,354
	<u>91,269</u>	<u>444</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>91,713</u>	<u>87,436</u>
<b>Non-recurring Income</b>					
Donations and legacies	8,018	26,072		34,090	30,269
Tax recovered	788	2,938		3,726	7,740
Bell ringers peal fees		193		193	243
Grants	80			80	80
Church Flowers	245			245	340
Pick a Flick				0	200
Non recurring collections	245			245	777
Other income	2,030			2,030	643
Collection for the curate				0	1,858
Ride & Stride				0	150
Photocopying Income	469			469	469
Sale of Faith Books, Mugs and History of Church				0	265
	<u>11,875</u>	<u>29,203</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>41,078</u>	<u>43,034</u>
<b>2(a) Total voluntary income</b>	<u>103,144</u>	<u>29,647</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>132,791</u>	<u>130,470</u>
<b>2(b) Activities for generating funds</b>					
Fees - weddings, funerals etc	2,874	159		3,033	3,934
Canterbury room fees	1,603			1,603	5,310
Social events, Concerts & Recitals	2,716			2,716	5,000
Sunday coffee contributions	63			63	356
	<u>7,256</u>	<u>159</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,415</u>	<u>14,600</u>
<b>2(c) Investment Income</b>					
Dividends	1,472	3,238		4,710	4,574
Deposit fund interest	98	478		576	261
	<u>1,570</u>	<u>3,716</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,286</u>	<u>4,835</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<u>111,970</u>	<u>33,522</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>145,492</u>	<u>149,905</u>
<b>3. RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
<b>3(a) Parish Share</b>	59,739			59,739	60,177
Deanery expenses	453			453	304
<b>3(b) Missionary &amp; Charitable Giving</b>	500	444		944	2,925
<b>3(c) Church Activities</b>					
Church running costs	7,946			7,946	9,692
Maintenance of Church and Churchyard	11,349			11,349	5,839
Service costs incl organist and choir	3,957	118		4,075	7,866
Clergy expenses	192			192	1,071
Parish Administrator's salary	4,847			4,847	4,547
Curate's house - council tax and water	5,584			5,584	4,325
Printing & photocopying	506			506	471
Support & administration	1,851	77		1,928	6,068
Social events & Misc. costs	2,361			2,361	0
	<u>38,593</u>	<u>195</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>38,788</u>	<u>39,879</u>
<b>3(d) Church Project Costs</b>					
Architect and professional fees		1,363		1,363	1,164
<b>3(e) Governance Costs</b>					
Audit & bank fees	510			510	510
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<u>99,795</u>	<u>2,002</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>101,797</u>	<u>104,959</u>
<b>3(g) Exceptional Item</b>					
Legacy	<u>150,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>0</u>



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Notes to the Accounts continued

	2020	2019
<b>5 AUDIT FEE</b>	£	£
Audit fee for reporting on the accounts	480	480

**6. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES**

No members of the PC received any remuneration for their work on the PCC. The clergy who are ex officio members do receive a stipend but are not remunerated for their services on the PCC. No members claimed expenses

	2020	2019
<b>7 FIXED ASSETS</b>		
<b>General Fund - Office Equipment</b>	£	£
Cost Jan 1 - Fixtures & Fittings	5,544	5,544
Additions - Photocopier	0	0
Cost Dec 31 - Fixtures & Fittings	5,544	5,544
Depreciation Jan 1	5,544	4,436
Charge for Year	0	1,108
Depreciation Dec 31	5,544	5,544
Net Book Value Dec 31	0	0

Endowment Funds - Investments	Smallbone Bequest Endowment £ Perpetual Restricted	Church Room Trust Endowment £ Perpetual Restricted	Goring PCC Income £ Unrestricted	Total £
Opening capital 9 March 1967	200			
Opening capital 23 April 1985		17,885		
Unrealised gain prior years	4,554	85,532		
At 1 January 2020	4,754	103,417	49,188	157,359
Unrealised gain current year	317	6,893	3,278	10,488
At 31 December 2020	5,071	110,310	52,466	167,847

The Smallbone Bequest and the Church Room Trust Endowment are perpetual funds, the capital of which must be maintained in perpetuity.

The Church Room Trust is a charity registered under the Charities Act and called the Goring Ecclesiastical Charity (number 250803). It was established out of the proceeds of sale in 1985 of the building formerly known as the Church Room (and now known as Goring Village Hall). The income is restricted and can only be used for the repair of the fabric of the Church and the upkeep and repair of any church hall held by the parish.

The PCC Income Fund is the PCC's share of the proceeds from the sale of the curate's house in Westway, Goring.

8. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS	Unrestricted £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Tax refund due	2,200		2,200	3,265
Grants			0	0
Sundry Debtor	588		588	1,931
	2,788	0	2,788	5,196

**9. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS**

Professional fees creditor	0	0	0
Energy creditors	740	740	1,208
Expense creditors	6,766	6,766	200
Audit fee	550	550	550
	8,056	0	8,056
			1,958

No amounts were due after more than one year

**10. FUND ANALYSIS**

10(a) Restricted Funds	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming Resources £	Resources expended £	Fund Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Repair Fund	20,571	230			20,801
Church Room Trust	6,820	3,130			9,950
Bell Ringers Fund	5,661	218	(77)		5,802
Choir Fund	1,952	163	(118)		1,997
Organ Repair Fund	41,511	29,337	(1,363)		69,485
Tower Repair Fund			0		0
Mission Giving		444	(444)		0
	76,515	33,522	(2,002)	0	108,035
10(b) Unrestricted Funds	General Fund		Vicar & Wardens Fund		Total Unrestricted Funds
Fixed Assets		0		0	0
CBF deposit fund		200		0	200
Bank Balance		35,507		0	35,507
Debtors		6,902		0	6,902
Liabilities		(3,707)		0	(3,707)
Unrestricted Funds at 1 January 2020		38,902		0	38,902
Incoming resources		111,970		150,000	261,970
Resources expended		(99,795)		0	(99,795)
Transfers from (to) other funds		0		0	0
Unrestricted Funds at 31 December 2020		51,077		150,000	201,077

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,  
GORING-ON-THAMES PCC**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are attached to this report.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that an audit is not required under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an Independent Examination is needed

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under s145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under S145(5)b of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view and the report is limited to the matters in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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24 March 2021