

# **St. Mary's Church, Ash Vale**

## **Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31st December 2020**



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# Background

## Introduction - Legal Requirements

This report is presented by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and reflects the organisation, financial situation and activities of St Mary's Church throughout the year 2020.

This Annual Report conforms to the requirements of the Church Representation Rules and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006. St Mary's PCC is a charitable body in law and subject to the conditions of the Charities Act 2011. PCC members are legally held to be Trustees of the Charity.

The PCC is required by law to present *'an annual report on its proceedings and on the activities of the parish generally'*, which will be received by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

This report has to contain certain Statutory Information, and must be adopted by the PCC before presentation at the APCM. It must also be seen by the Independent Examiner when s/he is given the Annual Accounts for examination. The Report may also contain other information that may be presented and discussed at the APCM at the discretion of the PCC and Incumbent.

## The PCC - Aims, Definitions and Organisation

The basic function of the PCC may be defined as: *"having the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical."*

Membership of the PCC is made up of those who are ex-officio (*licensed Clergy and Readers, the elected Churchwardens, and Diocesan and Deanery Synod Representatives*), those elected (*up to a maximum total of 16 members*), and those co-opted because of special responsibilities they hold in the Church (eg Staff).

Elected members serve initially for three years. The PCC meets at least six times a year to conduct its business and pray together.

Various sub-committees (see Statutory Information) assist the PCC in addition to this, and members and others serve on them according to the skills and interests they can offer.

# Statutory Information and Statistics

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## PCC Membership

Due to the Covid pandemic, all trustees were asked to extend their membership without election for 6 months until the APCM could be held in October 2020.

### Ex-Officio members:

Vicar:	The Revd Neil Lambert	(Chair)
Churchwarden to April 2021:	Mr Martin Lindsay	(Lay Chair) from April 2017
Churchwarden to April 2021:	Mrs Nicola Glover	(Lay Chair) from July 2017
Lay-Reader:	Mrs Jane Cox	

Deanery Synod:  
from April 2013 to April 2020 extended to October 2020: Caroline Johnson

### Elected members:

from April 2015 to April 2018; re-elected from April 2018 - April 2021: Mr Patrick Brown;  
April 2017 to April 2020 extended to October 2020; Mrs Karen Pugh  
April 2017 to April 2020 extended to October 2020; re-elected October 2020 - April 2023: Mr Peter Wickwar  
April 2017 to April 2020 extended to October 2020; re-elected October 2020 - April 2023: Mr Charles Lusty  
from October 2020 to April 2023: Mr Ben Philpot  
from October 2020 to April 2023: Mr Jono Retallick  
from October 2020 to April 2023: Mr Peter Scott

### Co-opted members:

Alexandra Sanderson (Project Manager - Staff) Jackie Scott (Parish Administrator - Staff)

## Sub-Committees of the PCC

The **Standing Committee** is the only legally required sub-committee. It is made up of the Vicar, Churchwardens, Treasurer, Secretary and a PCC member. The PCC member who volunteered for the standing committee was Ben Philpot

**Finance and Governance Committee:** A Sanderson, P Brown, N Glover, P. Wickwar

**Premises Committee:** M Lindsay (Chair), J Retallick and N. Lambert with support from R Elsey – Verger and Daniel Adamson – Assistant Verger

## Summary of PCC meetings 2020

The PCC met on 9 occasions on Wednesday evenings, mainly on Zoom due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. All the meetings were quorate. At each meeting members led opening prayers. Regular reports were received from the Vicar, the Project Manager including activities at the Chapel, the Churchwardens and the Finance and Premises Committees.

After many years service to the PCC as our Deanery Synod Representative, Caroline Johnson stepped down in October 2020, and Karen Pugh also stepped down from the PCC in October as her extended 3 years ended. St Mary's recognises their contribution to the continuing work of St Mary's in the Community and to the congregation.

2020 was particularly challenging for St Mary's due to two national lockdowns and the government requirement for churches to close from March – July. In the most part, all activities halted unless they were online. The decision was made to furlough the Church Cleaner.

The PCC continued to support the work in Uganda by Neil and Amaha We Uganda through the outward giving from Sunday offerings; in addition the PCC agreed to support the work with young people at Haslemere by the Limsfield Trust and the work at the Chapel by Matt Weeks.

St Mary's continues to be the charity governing the Syrian Refugee project so that donations can be gift-aided. During the year the PCC discussed and agreed to support Revd. Neil Lambert in his protest to the Synod regarding the Church of England's lack of action on climate change. (The synod has now agreed to go Carbon Neutral by 2030) and also his stance on keeping Ash Ranges open.

Green issues have been discussed in some way at most PCC meetings, including how St Mary's can go paperless, reduce waste, reduce heating needs and possibly install an electric vehicle charging point and a bike rack to encourage greener transportation in the community. Through the work of Lesley Murphy our eco-champion St Mary's has been awarded a bronze award. A final decision about the church printer has not yet been made due to the pandemic, but because the building has been closed and out of necessity we have reduced our consumption of paper because we have been unable to print and deliver the Parishioner magazine.

The PCC discussed the Black Lives Matter movement and supported work by Martin Lindsay to encourage further discussion and consideration within the congregation.

Challenges faced in 2020 included the work among our young people – several initiatives were encouraged including informing young people about opportunities to meet with others at Haslemere and Danehill.

PCC has also spent a considerable amount of time looking at how the Halls are hired following the resignation of the previous booking secretary, Audrey Lefevre, after many years of faithful service. The PCC has not been able to pay public recognition to Audrey due to the pandemic.

Recognising the need for greater coverage by Wifi within the church, a grant was applied for to aid the work needing to be done. The application was successful and £1000 was given by All Churches Trust for this to happen. The work to achieve this goal started at the end of 2020.

## Electoral Roll and Church Attendance

At the belated APCM on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020 the revised Electoral Roll was presented by Irene Cummings. As of 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020, there are 91 names on the electoral roll, of these 68 are resident in the Parish.

Irene Cummings  
St Mary's Electoral Roll Officer

The usual Sunday attendance numbers were taken over four Sundays in October – made more difficult due to very small numbers allowed in Church in October. These numbers include those worshipping on zoom as well as those worshipping in Church. The figures for a 'normal' Sunday were recorded as: 20 adults and 1 under-16s in church with approximately 60 adults and 9 children online (Zoom).

There was 1 baptism, and 2 funerals were conducted by the clergy elsewhere.

## **Safeguarding (Denise Weaver, Parish Safeguarding Officer)**

St. Mary's continues to be committed to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. We have a safeguarding policy which is reviewed and renewed annually.

Guildford Diocese also strongly recommends that all members of the PCC do a basic online safeguarding training course every year. PCC members are given the information in order to complete this as soon as possible after the APCM.

The Church Safeguarding Policy is clearly displayed in the foyer by the front doors. It is updated and signed by the PCC every year. This is then forwarded on to the Diocese as a record of our commitment to safeguarding. The Church Policy is also now visible on the Church Website (as required by Church of England Policy)

During the last year, changes have been made to the way we worship due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and much of our worship has been online. Zoom services have been held and St Mary's has endeavoured to ensure the safety of all, especially children. All children who appear on Zoom services are accompanied by their parents or carers. St Mary's is mindful that online is not always a safe place and all meetings that are held online require a password. Those attending Zoom services and activities are welcomed as they arrive in the meeting. Notices to parents have been sent acknowledging the safety issues of online services and asking parents to feedback if there are concerns.

Due to the Pandemic, the local Food Parcel Programme started running from the Chapel and has been sending parcels to vulnerable individuals and families; Alex Sanderson has ensured that the Safeguarding guidelines have been followed by all volunteers and any concerns have been dealt with according to the Church of England Safeguarding policy.

St Mary's Health and Safety Officer is Nicola Glover and she ensures that our Risk Assessments are up to date. They are available in the Church Office should anyone wish to see them.

## **Review of Progress and Achievements in 2020**

### **Churchwarden's Report (Nikki Glover)**

Well, my 4th term as church warden to St Mary's has been a little different than the previous years! Firstly the APCM was due to take place just after lockdown started, so the meeting and official meetings with the archdeacon etc were postponed until later in the year, but I was still extremely grateful to be nominated for the position again.

The change that COVID-19 brought to our church, our community and our country has been extreme and has been felt everywhere, but I will just focus on how I feel it affected my role within the church and the running of the church as a whole from my perspective.

Initially, with the first lockdown, everyone was in unknown territory, but we put our faith in God and the fantastic team we have here and stepped forward into the unknown world of zoom and social distancing, learning as we have moved forward about keeping people safe as the church opened back up, changing how we interact with our church family and the greater community.

There have been highs and lows along this year's journey, particularly not being able to worship together as years gone by, but we have found new ways to connect. Led by Rev Neil's enthusiasm and ability to create extraordinary ideas, we have all still been able to feel connected to each other and God. I was particularly pleased with our Christmas celebrations. They were very different to previous years but the love and devotion that went into each advent Sunday service, the work put into the stir up Sunday service by Jackie and Alex putting together all the packages that got sent out to people in the community were evident. It was all very different but we could still all worship and celebrate together.

I would particularly like to praise the work of Alex Sanderson and Jackie Scott for all the extra work they have put in this year in very difficult and different circumstances. Grateful appreciation also to Dick Elsey for continuing to organise the sound system and other duties within the church, to Martin Lindsay for being such a supportive church warden partner and sounding board and to Rev Neil, who continues to inspire through the hardest of times. I feel very privileged to be a part of such a wonderful group of people.

So to finish my report, it has been a challenging year, with more to come, we have adapted and even flourished in some ways, but I look forward to all of us being together again to worship in church.

## Management

**Dick Elsey** has been invaluable in his role as **Church Verger**; ensuring that the Church Terrier is up to date and ensuring the smooth running of services and the building when there have been problems with some of the fabric of the building such as leaky taps, faulty smoke alarms etc.,

Despite the lock down:

- **Sally Lowe** continued to lead the Pastoral work of the church.
- **Denise Weaver** continued in her role as **Parish Safeguarding Officer** and
- **Peter Wickwar** continued as **Safeguarding Officer for Vulnerable Adults**.
- **Patrick Brown** continued as **Covenant Secretary**, in addition to his role as **Treasurer**,
- **Barbara Stevens** continued as **Stewardship Recorder**.
- **Nikki Glover** has continued in the role of **Health and Safety Officer**.
- **David Voller** continued to manage St Mary's **insurance**.
- **Jane Cox** continued as **Lay Reader** to the parish.

## Administration

Jackie Scott continued in the post of **Parish Administrator** and Alex Sanderson continued in her role as **Project Manager** for St Mary's and the Chapel.

The iKnow App was purchased in 2019, and is designed to enable smoother running of contacts and resources. This programme has been invaluable during lockdown. It has enabled the administrator to keep all Church members who have a computer informed about what has been happening at St Mary's during the lockdown. We are still only using a fraction of its capacity, however. It is slowly being implemented in the administration of the Church – from storage of personal information in a GDPR compliant form, production of rotas, and room booking to being able to have a current diary for Church events and soon to be able to function alongside the Church website.

Last year's APCM was unable to be held in April as planned but was reconvened in October 2020 held both on Zoom and in Church.

Much of the administration for 2020 was, out of necessity, carried out away from the church, with both the Administrator and Project Manager working remotely from home. Staff have regularly met on zoom or by phone call to ensure that all facets of church life have been addressed during lockdown.

Arrangements were made for all services to take place on Zoom during the first lockdown and all regular attendees were contacted as regularly as possible to keep them up-to-date with the latest information. Most communication to church members was through electronic means or phone calls, since accessing the church was not possible for 3 months (from March to June) and following this contact with other people had to follow social distancing guidelines.

Ben Philpot has spent some time updating the Church website in 2020 and this now has the correct information regarding Safeguarding; the Parishioner can now be accessed and read from the website.

## Premises Report (Martin Lindsay on behalf of the Church Wardens)

As in previous years, the normal regular checks were carried out (under Covid compliant restrictions) – servicing of fire extinguishers, the two boilers and the Lightning Conductor. The lightning conductor had repairs made in August. PAT Testing was also carried out as required in September.

Before lockdown started in March, the Gents toilet was fixed and sonic devices were fitted in the Kitchen areas to deter rodents.

Despite lockdown some urgent work has been carried out externally including repair of the flat roof above the corridor to the Large Hall and repair of the outside lights at the entrance to the Large Hall. These lights were also upgraded to include a new PIR sensor floodlight. Smoke alarms have been replaced as needed.

Other necessary work that has been carried out has all been Covid related. Hand sanitiser stations have been installed at the two entrances and in the Halls, and deep cleaning took place as needed prior to the return of the Nursery who continued to hire the Hall during lockdown.

Maintenance at the car park entrance and to the main steps still needs to be completed but this has proved difficult to co-ordinate during lockdown.

St Mary's recognises the diligent work of Dick Elsey and his team in maintaining the building - even during lockdown.

## Finance

In last year's Annual Report it was highlighted that we were facing a deficit for the next few years mostly as a result of a few sacrificial givers either leaving St. Mary's or have stopped regular giving as well as the ongoing increase in Parish Share. The PCC undertook to start giving weekly Stewardship updates of our financial position and once again ask church members to prayerfully consider increasing their giving. These Stewardship updates were started in Lent but after only two weeks had to be stopped as everything was thrown into the air by the Coronavirus lockdown. The lockdown and its sub-sequential financial impact made forecasting the extent of our deficit almost impossible and we had to move from a budget monitoring regime to a cash-flow monitoring regime.

During 2020 St. Mary's worked in partnership with the Ash, Ash Vale and Ash Green Coronavirus support group and as a charity we were able to apply for grant funding in support of this work. This has resulted in considerably higher income and expenditure in restricted funds during 2020 than in 2019.

**Our overall net worth at the end of 2020 was around £92,300** as compared with £82,700 the previous year – an increase of around £9,600. This increase was made up of increase in unrestricted, restricted funds as well a revaluation of our CBF shares of around £3,100, £2,600 and £3,900 respectively.

**Invested funds decreased in value by around £9,900 in 2020** as compared to an increase of around £6,500 in 2019. This £16,400 reduction in invested funds was mostly as a result of having to sell £15,500 worth of shares to pay our shortfall in parish share compared to the £5,000 in 2019 for our contribution to the Chapel West Wall. In addition there was a reduction in the revaluation of shares in 2020 of around £5,900 as compared to 2019 as a result of the turbulent market conditions during the 2020 lockdowns. The market value of our shares as at 31 December 2020 was around £50,900.

**Income** during the year was around £148,300 was £3,900 higher than the previous year. This was made up of a reduction in unrestricted funds of around £13,500 and an increase in restricted funds of around £17,400.

The reduction in unrestricted income was mainly as a result of reductions in planned giving and loose plate collections (including Gift Aid recovered) of around £10,500 and £3,300 respectively as well as a reduction in trading income, hall hire and Parishioner advertising of around £11,700. These reductions were to some extent compensated by increases in generous one-off donations (including gift aid) of around £10,800 and recovery of 80% of furloughed staff costs of around £2,600.

The increase in restricted income was mainly as a result of increases in donations of around £8,500, the Chapel paying half of the Project Manager's costs of around £5,600 and an increase in grant funding of around £7,600 (Covid-19, Foods Parcels Project and W-Fi grants this year totalling £16,000 as against Project Manager's grants totalling £8,400 the previous year). These increases were to some extent offset by reductions in planned giving and loose plate collections (including Gift Aid recovered) and fund raising of around £1,800, £1,100 and £1,400 respectively.

**Expenditure** during the year was around £142,500 was £6,300 lower than the previous year. This was made up of a reduction in unrestricted expenditure of around £18,800 and an increase in restricted expenditure of around £12,500.

The most significant reductions in unrestricted expenditure was in parish share of around £15,300 as a result of using restricted funds to pay the £14,300 balance owed to the Diocese for parish share as well as a reduction Parishioner costs of around £2,100. The two most significant increases in restricted expenditure were the £14,300 for parish share and £16,500 in food and prescriptions through the Ash, Ash Vale and Ash Green Coronavirus support group. These were to a large extent offset by reductions in Chapel and Uganda expenditure of around £13,300 and £3,400 respectively.

**The Community Centre** showed a loss of around £3,100 in 2020 as compared to a gain of £1,200 the previous year. The main reason for this was the reduction in hall hire income of around £8,400 as a result of the Coronavirus lockdown reduction which was to some extent offset by reductions in expenditure due to the lockdown. Once again it should be noted that the community centre fund usually covers the cost of utilities for the church and the rest of the church buildings.

This year **The Parishioner** made an overall loss of around £600 as compared with a loss of £900 in 2019. This loss was made up of the cost of the annual depreciation of £800 on the new duplicator which is applied to its value held on the balance sheet losses which was offset to some extent by a small surplus in running costs of £200.

Our policy on Investment did not change during 2020 and continued to be firstly to reinvest the interest from our restricted share account held with the Church of England Central Board of Finance (CBF) and secondly to donate to local church appeals the interest accumulated in the Memorial Fund without eroding the original capital (unless specifically approved by the PCC). Other CBF accounts are used to hold funds surplus to our immediate cash flow requirements as they attract a higher interest level than our current bank accounts and are available immediately on request.



Although the church buildings do not appear specifically in the Church accounts as they are consecrated property and are therefore excluded from the financial statements, the PCC has a responsibility for their insurance. Our insurance cover through the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group was £5 million for buildings and contents, £10 million for employers' liability and £10 million for public and products liability. The insurance premium (including tax) paid during 2020 was around £1,400.

## Missions and Charities: Outward Giving

The PCC agreed a total of around £6,060 of financial support to a variety of missions and charities both at home and overseas from our planned giving which is in line with our commitment to giving 10% of our planned income.

At the PCC meeting on 20th January 2020 the PCC confirmed that 90% of this financial support would be given to the same 3 recipients as in 2019, which are:

30% (£1,818) each to:

Amaha We Uganda

CYFA's work at Haslemere

Weeks' Music Ministry at Ash Vale Chapel

Of the remaining 10% (£606) only £110 was used on small donations, each of £100 or less.

In addition to this financial support £145 was also given to the Royal British Legion from loose plate collections at our Remembrance Sunday service held in the church car park.

## Project Manager's Report 2020 including the Chapel Report

Alex Sanderson is our Project Manager, who is employed by St Mary's 16.5 hours per week, to work on projects that deliver outreach. Her 2 priorities set by the PCC in her role profile are unchanged this year:

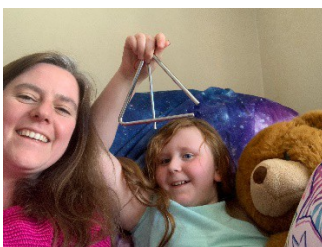
1) Open up St Mary's Church 2) Deliver and run the Chapel Project

### Toddler Groups:

#### Chapel Kids toddler group (Wednesdays at The Chapel) and Little Lambs Library toddler group

(Thursdays at St Mary's) continued in early 2020, with bible story based sessions running every week in Term time, with craft, story and songs all following the theme of the week. Unfortunately, due to covid restrictions, we had to close these hosted sessions. However, a lot has been happening to keep supporting these families:

**a) Parents and Carers coffee Zoom:** This was introduced to help those stuck at home shielding, and offer a place to laugh, cry, offload, and have a conversation with other grown-ups in the same boat. We have a core group who always dial in.



**b) Toddler Zooms:** Initially we moved [#ChapelKids](#) and [#LittleLambsLibrary](#) both over to zoom on Wednesdays and Thursdays respectively. However due to numbers dropping off over the summer, we joined forces and both met together for a weekly Wednesday 11:30am Bible story, which included show and tell, games and singing. During the first lockdown we also had Revd Neil ringing the 12:00 prayer bell \*\* live \*\* at the end of each session, which the children absolutely loved! While schools were closed, Lucy (aged 8) blessed us with her reading and singing too!

**c) Toddler kits for home:** When lockdown was extended, we sent out activity sheets online each week, to go with the story of the week. This developed into take-home kits every few weeks for families to do simple crafts and games with a bible theme at home. (Themes included Noah's Ark, Creation, St George's day etc) We even made rainbows for the Chapel Windows!



**d) Outdoor fun and Garden Praise** – as restrictions eased over the summer we managed to go for socially distanced walks with a couple of mums and their little ones who wanted the extra support. Toddler group members met up in small groups within the guidelines at the local park – socially distanced of course. We also hosted "Garden Praise" at the Chapel - a short, socially distanced toddler praise time in the garden, with a bible-based craft kit per family to take home. (No singing of course, we had recorded music instead) The toddler group & lunch club members were also delighted to come along when Neil did pop-up pancakes at church and chapel when restrictions were still permitting take-aways.

Please keep all our little ones and their families in your prayers. Please also pray God's blessing over our new "Babies at St Mary's Support Group" starting in 2021. Online at first, and hopefully in person once regulations allow.

### **Messy Church – Lockdown is the necessity of invention!**

Having managed to successfully run Messy Church at the beginning of the year, Lockdown stopped play and we have had to be very creative doing prayer stations, outdoor trails and take-home kits! Wherever possible we have linked things, to take people on a journey so for example the Christingle kits were an invitation to the Christingle Zoom. Sessions have included:

**19<sup>th</sup> January – Candlemas:** A fun and creative Messy Church session in church, with crafts, songs, story. Games and food. Huge thank you as always goes to Ollie who made the delicious dinner and everyone who helped make it happen!



**23<sup>rd</sup> February – The Prodigal Son** – Our last pre-lockdown Messy Church, VERY messy crafts, including plastic pigs in rice-pudding & chocolate "mud". The story was wonderfully acted out by the team. A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped, and medals for those who cleaned up afterwards!

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April Messy Zoom for Easter** – "Messy Church at home" kits and a Zoom with Easter story and show & tell. We also put home-made palms in our windows on Palm Sunday.

**23<sup>rd</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May Half Term Messy Church: Pentecost Trail** – Scavenger Hunt looking for clues in windows, a circular route between Church and Chapel



**A Summer of Messy Prayer Stations:** Prayer Stations in church with social distancing, time slots for each bubble to attend, take away pancakes and craft kits to do at home.

**28<sup>th</sup> June Messy Church: Messy Prayer**

**19<sup>th</sup> July Messy Church: Parable of the Sower**

**16<sup>th</sup> August Messy Church: God is my Refuge**

**27<sup>th</sup> Sept Messy Church: Creation:** Zoom option & Socially distanced covid-secure bubbles in church Messy Churching! We had one family or bubble per table and zoom on offer for those staying at home. Neil presented the Creation Story in his usual super-engaging style, and we provided a kit for everyone to respond creatively, and some things to take away and try at home.

**31<sup>st</sup> Oct Messy Church Love & Light trail** – Beautiful light trail scavenger hunt, finishing The Chapel with socially distanced take-away hot dogs (instead of the Light Party) and 'treat bags' with Messy Church activities including lanterns to make for St Nicholas Day. The Retallick family need a special mention here for the giant heart lantern, and everyone loved the vicarage display! #loveAndLightTrail



**6<sup>th</sup> Dec St Nicholas Day lantern walk** – a Christmas event walking with lanterns from Chapel to Church, with a fabulous winter wonderland circuit hosted by Revd Neil & team around the Narnia-like Vicarage Garden! Everyone was able to meet the "real" Saint Nicholas, and marvel at Neil's incredible new pizza oven! We encouraged everyone to put stars in their windows too #AshValeShines

**24<sup>th</sup> Dec Messy Church "Getting Ready for Christmas" kits** – A mix between a Christingle and a Messy Church. We delivered Advent kits to doorsteps in advance for families to explore the Christmas Story in a hands-on way and make their own Christingle. Revd Neil created a wonderful online Christingle service zoom that was beautiful, moving, and engaged all ages in making their Christingle and celebrating the real meaning of Christmas.

### **The Ash, Ash Vale and Ash Green Coronavirus Support Group**

As lockdown loomed, St Mary's sent out a message in our notices & online – let's all love our neighbours and get through this together! We asked everyone to check in with their nearest neighbours and offer to help them if they were shielding, this way everyone would have someone to ask for help, without needing to create a giant database.

Carla Morson spotted our messages and got in touch – she was in the process of setting up a local group & helpline, to help people who needed to shield with their shopping, prescriptions & care calls. We immediately

saw the benefits of joining forces, and used our Parishioner Magazine to deliver the news of the group to local people. Carla's volunteers followed this up with leaflets all over Ash, Ash Vale and Ash Green, and within a matter of weeks the group and Carla had around 270 volunteers signed up, helping people who had to stay at home. Thank you to those of you reading this who are on that list!

Through the shopping requests and other calls for help, Carla quickly spotted more families needing supplies, and St Mary's now jointly runs the local "Food Parcels Project" with her team. (See below) The group also needed to apply for grant funding to help where people were unable to pay for their shopping or unable to access their money for a while, and here St Mary's was able to help by joining together and using the church bank account and charity number to facilitate grant applications.

Beyond the basics of care calls, shopping and prescriptions, the group has been wonderful for creating community spirit. The model is designed to help build relationships because the teams of helpers are organised by street or area. Some wonderful friendships have grown from people regularly helping the same neighbours. We can't wait to be allowed to have a party!

A huge thank you to all the wonderful volunteers of this group and especially to Carla and her Admin team. As I write this I am delighted to report that the group has just won the "Mercy 4 Mankind – Big Thank You Award" – great recognition and hugely well deserved!

Please keep Carla in your prayers in the coming year. She has done so much for our community and is looking at how the amazing goodwill and momentum that has been built up can keep going, and keep strengthening our community.

### **Tackling Hunger: Chapel Lunch Club and The Food Parcels Project**

**Originally the Lunch Club started small**, in September 2019 after the success of the 'picnic and play' approach to fighting holiday hunger. We joined the Co-op scheme and collected 'on its last date' food every Tuesday night, which we then used or handed out on Wednesday mornings at the Chapel.

**Covid Crisis Food Parcels:** As lockdown hit, we had to close the doors. To avoid wasting the food we received, we delivered it to the families most in need.

Very soon, we joined forces with Carla Morson who founded "The Ash, Ash Vale and Ash Green Coronavirus Support Group" (see above). Through the shopping requests and other calls for help, Carla quickly spotted more families needing supplies, and she and St Mary's now jointly run the local "Food Parcels Project" in partnership. We expanded the whole concept, and the recipients list has grown from a handful of our original lunch-club families to between 20 and 30 families every week. Households join and leave our list as needed; the list changes every week. We have received referrals from Revd Neil, Carla Morson, Citizens Advice, Social Services, St Peter's, Guildford Borough Council and direct personal requests, so it is good to know that people who need us know where we are.

We have grown from 1 supermarket pickup on a Tuesday night to 8 pickups per week, thanks to a lovely team of volunteers. Food supplies from the supermarkets are very unpredictable, so we top up at the shops to make sure every parcel is a good one. Donations are always welcomed, either in cash to help us buy the staples each week, or as donations of store cupboard food and toiletries. Please see Alex if you can help 07730 609446.

A huge thank you to all who have helped with this project, including the volunteers who collect, pack and deliver food, generous donors, those who have provided recipes for us to give out, and local businesses who have donated food and funds. A special thank you must go to Hallmark Vending who have regularly donated vans full of surplus stock and who have also made financial donations to support this work. Grant funding has also been needed and we would like to thank both the Ash Parish Council and the Surrey Community Fund. (full details in the accounts). A very special mention goes to Patrick Brown our Treasurer, who has been instrumental in running the banking and accounts for this. We are aware we have increased his workload greatly and we are very thankful that he has been willing and happy to take on the extra!

The Christmas Hampers appeal needs a special mention here too. The original idea to put some extra Christmassy items into the food parcels grew from a humble token gift to a massive undertaking, thanks to the amazing generosity of local people, businesses and schools. Thanks to you all we were able to deliver a full Christmas hamper to each household with meat, veg and all the trimmings, plus gifts and toys to give all the families a lovely Christmas surprise! We received many tearful messages of gratitude. **Thank you all so very much!**

**Tackling hunger in our community in the future:** We soon discovered that a lot of families who had been on the edge of managing, have been pushed into full-on crisis by the impacts of the pandemic. We now clearly see how vital it is to have local help, since a lot of our clients cannot drive, or do not have bus fare (or childcare) to allow them attend a foodbank in town, or even the phone credit to call for help. Please pray over the future of how we tackle hunger locally post-pandemic.

## The Chapel Project - Creativity

**As you can imagine, some of the Chapel Groups have not been able to meet as they usually would, and we have not had a chapel open day or any retreats. However, we have seen some lovely creativity even in lockdown!**

- **#ChapelPoetry** has met online for Poetry Workshops and created a creationtide Confession and Blessing commissioned by Revd Neil our September services. The Green Christian organisation chose the blessing as one of their special prayers recently and you can find it on their website.
- **#ChapelMusic** Matt Weeks has been exceptionally busy in the music studio (look out for his next album!) but still found time to help turn one of the chapel poems into a worship song, which was used in one of our prayer night services.
- **#ChapelArts:** Debi and Jono have kept their monthly makes fundraisers going through lockdown, with everything from needle felting to papier mâché
- **#ChapelCraft** have met on zoom on Wednesday nights for chat and craft
- **#SanRocco:** Neil has also been running this art group via zoom from home and Chapel as rules have permitted- more of this in his report.

Alexandra Sanderson  
Project Manager

### 2020 Chapel Music Report – Matt Weeks

Despite the limitations that the pandemic brought with it in 2020, the chapel studio still had a year full of music making. Having the two studio rooms with separate access meant that we could still run sessions with singers and musicians without even having to be in the same room as each other!

Some of the highlights of the year were producing an album for Resound Worship called Doxecology, An album of congregational songs that will help the church engage with creation and our role as ambassadors and stewards of it. It's timely release was perfect for the Season of Creation that happened in September 2020.

We released "There Is Hope In The Mighty Name Of Jesus" under Resound Worship early on in lockdown which was recorded here and also by others in lockdown. The youtube video clip has been used by many churches and it seems to have gone down really well.

We ran a few recording sessions for Jonathan Veira's new recordings, Hymns Project and The Lockdown Sessions.

We produced a fantastic country pop record for Rae Sam, a wonderful Welsh singer whose songs have been getting some great radio play across the country since it's release.

Later in the year we recorded an EP for Becca Burn, a fabulous singer songwriter from the Guildford area. Her songs focus on the hope, fun and of course, the struggles of kids, family, finding identity as we grow older.

We contributed some recordings of songs that were used in some of the Methodist online services throughout the year.

Matt has been recording bass parts for various producers all round the world. Remote recording sessions have been one thing that has taken off during lockdown! Bass parts were sent out to Hong Kong, Vancouver, Cardiff and all round England. Both Dan and Matt have been recording and writing with artists located in Switzerland, LA, Sweden and Nashville.

*With the renewed social awareness through the BLM movement and a recent music industry movement looking to offer opportunity for more female producers and engineers we hope we can use the studio to facilitate opportunity and ultimately positive change.*

### 2020 Chapel Arts Report – Debi and Jono Retallick

We have really enjoyed facilitating the monthly makes at the chapel which aim to raise funds for ongoing costs and reach out to the local community through various creative workshops....

We were running these 2 hour sessions at the chapel at the beginning of the year and continued on the zoom platform during the pandemic. The zoom sessions have been an hour long and we have engaged with people from all over the country through the accessibility of doing it online. someone from France is joining the monthly make this month! We have had an average of 7 people each month attending.

People have expressed how important the social interaction and creativity has been beneficial for them through the challenges of the pandemic. We have been exploring a variety of drawing and feltmaking workshops enabling learning, personal development and fun!



Debi had hoped to run sessions on Saturdays in the garden studio but these have not taken place because of the pandemic.

**Please keep the Project Manager role and all the projects in your prayers. Thank you.**

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## **The Parishioner Magazine**

The Parishioner Magazine has already been mentioned above – our last issue to go out in paper form to every local home was the April/May 2020 edition (produced at the end of March), which included details of the local Covid support group. We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped deliver it when we had to stand down our 'more at risk' delivery team members.

We may not be printing the magazine as before, but we are still reaching the community! We have kept the magazine going and thanks to some technical wizardry from Ben Philpot we have both the PDF version (easy to download and print at home) and the Blog Version (easier to read online with larger font and pictures in full colour. We do also have a short list of people who still need a paper copy. If you can't get online or know someone who needs this service please get in touch.

Anyone who has ever edited a magazine or newsletter knows hard it can be to fill all those pages – a daunting task every time! A massive thank you to each and every one of you who has contributed, and especially those who regularly contribute and are so faithful in your support. Please keep our writers in your prayers and also Eileen Monds, who continues to watch over the advertisers and has done an exceptionally great job keeping most of them on board during this time of online publishing.

We were not able to deliver a printed Christmas magazine this year, but our church post cards went out to every house, thanks again to some amazing volunteers. Thank you all very much!

## **Worship and Ministry in the Church (Peter Scott)**

The monthly pattern of services was in place for 10 weeks prior to the onset of the first lock down due to the Coronavirus Pandemic:

- A book of Common Prayer service of Holy Communion at 8am nearly every Sunday
- The 10am Holy Communion Common Worship services were sung on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, a shorter and simpler said service of Holy Communion took place on third Sundays
- Morning Worship, a more informal service, took place at 10am on the first Sunday of each month

From March 2020 the pattern of worship changed. Once lockdown began and the church was closed due to government regulations we began worshipping from home on Zoom or with a combination of Zoom and car park/church contributions later in the year.

- The service of Holy Communion at 8am stopped at the beginning of lockdown.
- The 10am service was held on Zoom from the middle of March with access to services in church for up to 30 people from September until the end of the year.
- Evensong was held on Zoom every Wednesday evening at 8pm
- We celebrated the church festivals of Easter, Pentecost and Christmas. We held a service for All Saints remembering those who have died.

In addition to this:

- Neil held services outdoors in the car park where possible – initially people came in cars to the church car park and received a blessing from Neil using a hose. The Remembrance Day service was especially memorable with representatives from the uniformed groups of the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides being represented and also the standard of the RAMC was borne by Patrick Dennis
- Several people from within the congregation have had the opportunity to preach on Zoom during 2020 and we are the richer for their contributions: thanks go to Derek Monds, Jono Retallick, Jane Cox and Steve Cox. We also benefited greatly from the times when Val Turner (Neil's Sister) has preached
- Steve Cox has led and celebrated communion on a number of occasions when Neil was away in the summer or when Neil has been taking time off.

## **Music**

Our usual way of worshipping with music has also changed this year. We have only been able to have a very small choir practising in church for a short time over the summer/ early autumn months, but we are exceedingly blessed to have musicians who could sing live on zoom or we have been able to play recorded music, It has not been something we are used to but it has been a blessing.

Thanks go particularly to Matt Weeks (and family) who has used many of his compositions, either live or recorded, to aid us in worship. Alex Sanderson and Matt were able to collaborate with others to write a song based on Psalm 91 (used in our Day of Prayer) and Matt shared a number of songs in the autumn from a new CD based on God's Creation - Doxecology.

Choir resumed in the autumn, socially distanced in church, with the hope that we would be holding a Carol Service of some sort at Christmas. At the final hurdle Christmas plans had to change and Christingle and the Carol Service were held remotely; but again this enabled different people and families from within the congregation to share their skills and create a truly memorable and intimate Carol Service.

Thanks go to Meryl Davies who has sung over zoom and to Pete and Jackie Scott who have shared hymns on Zoom and also to Neil who has broadened the scope of our music input using videos with music accompaniment.

## **One body, many parts**

2020 has caused us to rethink how to 'do' church several times. The Pandemic, which started in the early part of the year, caused us to close down church for 3 months from March, and has seen us move to services mainly on Zoom – an app we had barely heard of in January.

So many of the normal things that we do to worship changed in an instant. We have not been 'needing' sidesmen, servers for communion, welcomers,...all those people who make Sunday morning worship services run smoothly. We thank God for those that have been able to join the services on Zoom and have been able to contribute by reading and leading intercessions.

Thanks to the people that came into church when we were able to open up in the summer and were available for people that wished to drop into the church for prayer; thanks also to the small number of people that came to the church to help the services run more smoothly when Neil started holding them again in September – especial thanks to Dick who has ensured that the sound 'worked' for those in Church and those at home; and also thanks to Neil who has been able to create vibrant and meaningful services involving many hours of preparation, putting together power-points and videos so that as we worship we have grown as a body of Christ.

## **Prayer (Karen Pugh)**

Wow what a year 2020 turned out to be? I hoped that prayer would be evolving and the desire was to draw nearer to God and hear from him, but to think that a pandemic would be the catalyst can feel a little bit unnerving...

The Lord however and as ever was ready to guide us embrace us and encourage us to draw closer to him during these dangerous and dark earlier days and he gave us Psalm 91 for us to focus on for the first Pandemic Lockdown Prayer Day.

## **Monthly Prayer Days**

Having a monthly Day of Prayer was already on the agenda and in April many members of St Marys signed up to commit to pray at some time during the day with verses from the psalm to guide them. I think we all felt a closeness to God, and a copy of Psalm 91 was pinned up on the door of the church which turned out to be a source of hope and comfort to people who ventured up to and around the church at this time. A very beautiful thing happened as it inspired Alex and a friend to write a poem based on Psalm 91 called "Cover Me" which has since been made into a song by Matt Weeks and is now available to listen to on You Tube!

The Lord spoke, we listened and now so can many others be comforted and drawn to him thanks to Alex and Matt who collaborated and brought this beautiful psalm in to a lovely song of worship and reflection. We had another prayer day in May based on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, another in July (break for August) and then continued in the Autumn. Each time the Lord led me to a particular psalm or passage from the Bible for us to focus on. We covered aspects of Psalm 119, The Lord's Prayer, The Beatitudes and most importantly ending each day in coming together (either in church when permitted or over Zoom in periods of Lockdown). When church was permitted to be open Alex and Neil crafted some beautiful prayer stations which were used in a Messy Church Session and also for people to use during times of private prayer and reflection. I hope that, like me, you found these days both a Comfort and a Blessing, going deeper into our relationship with God and realising his leadership and direction.

### **The Prayer Chain**

The e-mail prayer chain, led by Rachel and Joyce, is the real “engine room” and a daily reminder for us to pray not only for those we know who are in need of urgent prayer but also what is happening on a national and international level. Rachel and Joyce have run this for many years but throughout 2020 during the pandemic it has become even more of a hub, and the Lord has used them to remind us to pray for the many pressing issues and challenges that Coronavirus has forced the world to confront. There have been many prayers answered, and we are very grateful to Rachel and Joyce and all of those who have prayed, it has been an invaluable way of keeping in touch with prayer needs and a very welcome addition to the daily e-mail inbox.

### **Sunday Morning Prayers (Intercession)**

St Marys is very blessed to have a wonderful team of people who take it in turns to lead are intercessions during the Sunday Morning Service. Intercession in this way has been a wonderful testimony to their faith and dedication praying on behalf of us all during 2020 and for the first time using zoom! Wisdom, love and compassion have touched us all through their praying and I am sure the Lord has heard them because again prayers have been answered!

### **Sunday Morning after service Prayer Ministry**

This was largely unable to happen due to lockdown restrictions, but hopefully, at some point during 2021, it will be able to resume when it is safe for us to meet again in church. In the interim perhaps a prayer ministry breakout zoom room maybe the way forward?

### **Goals for 2021**

For St Mary's to be Prayer Central in all that we do, to enlarge our vision for prayer and to inspire more people to get involved. Most importantly to learn to listen in prayer and then journey on the path where the Lord wants us to go....

### **Pastoral Care (Sally Lowe)**

Pastoral Care at St Mary's has been needed more than ever in 2020 due to the Pandemic. It is important to let people know that we care and this is well received. Sally does her best to notice if people are missing on a Sunday and, if so, checks that all is well. She also depends on Church members to let her know if anyone is ill or needs contacting. Those unable to attend Church due to age, disability or without a computer are not forgotten especially at Christmas and Easter. It is good to get a phone call or receive a card when unwell. It lifts the spirits and makes people feel better. We have also been mindful that not everyone at St Mary's has been able to access the services on Zoom this year because they are not online. As a congregation people have been mindful of this and kept in touch with those who are more vulnerable as a result of not seeing other people regularly.

### **Fellowship groups (All leaders)**

We currently have 6 homegroups that meet – at least one every weekday at some point in the day. Most groups have continued to connect in some way over the last year through phone calls or Zoom, even if it has been by way of keeping up friendships and encouraging one another rather than meeting for Bible Studies looking at a variety of themes and topics. Some groups were less comfortable using Zoom so have continued contact with each other by way of phone calls or emails. Other groups have regularly met on Zoom and have either engaged in Bible study together or they have met socially ending with times of prayer. Zoom is not the same as meeting together in person but at least people have been able to 'see' one another. The technology has been amazing and everyone has learned how to use it fast, but it is not always easy for everyone to engage with it; each group has been flexible enough to recognise the best way to meet together and have endeavoured to meet the needs that have arisen.

Over the summer several groups managed a few garden meetings, although a bit chilly it was good to actually meet in person. As the weather got colder some groups tried to meet socially distanced & masked in the church but were not always successful.

### **Sunday School (Martin Lindsay)**

This has been a challenging period for Sunday school at St. Mary's. Collectively we have not managed to meet and learn about the Gospel. However, individually all the children have adapted to technology and take part on zoom.

All the Sunday school teachers and volunteers have managed to make sure that the children were still involved in the morning services. This has been in the way of the children reading the lessons and gospels, lighting advent candles, saying prayers and playing – all on zoom!

At Christmas, the children managed to take part in the Carol service with segments of the Christmas story recorded and even performed live. Between the lockdown periods, two Sunday school sessions were organised as hybrid sessions in church and on zoom in the afternoons looking at Creation; these complied with the Covid restrictions and bubbling requirements.

We look forward to resuming our sessions as soon as we are able to, but we are encouraged in the meantime, how the children have been resilient and remain confident to learn the word of God.

Special thanks to all parents and carers who have continued to teach and support the children in the morning services.

## **Youth Work**

With the building of the pizza oven in the Vicarage garden, Neil was able to tailor pizza making for young people and held youth pizza events with the help of Charlie Lusty. As a church we are very aware that lockdown has been a very difficult time for our young people, with isolation being a major problem.

### **Haslemere Ventures**

Haslemere Ventures was unable to take place physically this year, but was planned as an online event. Neil, Helen and Anna Lambert trained as leaders and some of our young people were able to attend. The sessions were extremely well organised and follow-up has been ongoing.

## **Social Life and Fellowship**

### **Thursday Café (Irene Cummings)**

The Café started quite normally on 9<sup>th</sup> January but came to an abrupt halt on 12<sup>th</sup> March because of the Coronavirus epidemic. As it was very unclear when we could resume, the Café account was closed with £97.71 being passed to the St Mary's treasurer.

Our Vicar, Neil, nobly instituted a socially distanced version of the Thursday Café in the early part of the winter, which was much appreciated by its customers, a really cheerful group. Interesting conversations, and much laughter, ensued on wide ranging topics as such as experiences of childhood and teenage years.

When further restrictions were imposed this became a support group for those who live on their own. Neil kindly provided a Christmas lunch, (ably assisted in preparations by Charlie Lusty, Helen Lambert, Jackie Scott and Alex Sanderson), for the support group on 17<sup>th</sup> December.

Irene Cummings  
Thursday Café Organiser

### **Social Events**

Hospitality was offered after our services on Sunday mornings until lockdown began in March. The fundraising quiz organized by Brian and Nikki Glover in March just before lockdown was well attended, drawing in members of the local community who have no other link to St Mary's.

Once the restrictions were relaxed in the summer, Neil was able to hold coffee times and serve pizzas from the Pizza oven in the Vicarage Garden to small groups of people who kept socially distant, using a very long table. This was very much appreciated.

## **The Wider Church**

### **Aldershot Deanery Synod**

Aldershot Deanery Synod is where the eleven parishes in the Aldershot Deanery meet to share news and co-operate with each other; Caroline Johnson was the representative from St Mary's until she stood down in October 2020. We currently have a vacancy for this role at St Mary's.

### **Frimley Park Hospital Chaplaincy**

As Coronavirus cases started to rise and more very ill people were admitted Frimley Park Hospital stood down all its chaplains at the beginning of lockdown. Ian Arnold intends to return to the group of chaplains when he is fit and the risk of coronavirus transmission is lower. The hospital has been taking care of all of its volunteers; only those who are really needed and are at lower risk of serious health complications are helping at the hospital. The responsibilities of the chaplaincy has expanded and when fully functioning there are over 150 chaplain volunteers over Frimley Health covering 3 hospitals. The Chaplaincy currently holds a service once a week for its volunteers online and this support has been invaluable to those chaplains (often in full PPE) that have remained on site, supporting relatives during the pandemic. All volunteers can take part in the worship to support all the work of the Chaplaincy.



### **Mother Teresa Group (Beryl Wagner)**

The main headline from the last 'Letter from India' says it all.....

#### ***"Two miserable years and then came Covid"***

It was almost 12 months ago in mid-March, that we were first warned of a National Lockdown in India, and the Homes had just four hours to stock up with food, medicines, etc. - from sources a few miles away, and where everyone was scrambling for supplies. Who could have predicted, then, what the World was facing and the appalling effects of the pandemic.

At that time Sister Mary's Orphanage in Kerala was fine, but the other two Chiks homes, high in the hills, had not long recovered from the worst storms and flooding that Kerala had suffered for almost a century. Somehow, with so many other charities failing, all-volunteer charity Chiks worked through the year and kept the Homes funded... However, big decisions had to be made and one of those saw the Carmel Matha Home break away from Chiks' support, and go it alone - hopeful that work on reviving the flood-damaged farm would provide an ongoing lifeline.

That's positive - and other such good news is that Chiks has provided a modern kitchen at the Little Flower Home, and is now aiming, with prayerful backing, to enlarge the boys' house there, for more living and recreational space for the 65 in care. Carmel Matha Home aims to one day expand its work with greatly deprived children.

And Sister Mary? Now 70 and with health issues, she is seriously considering retirement, having dedicated her life to India's poorest - much of that time working alongside Mother Teresa. As with Chik's charity, the future of Mary's Karunanilayam Home is uncertain. But both, meanwhile, are hanging on; one or two miracles would be welcomed.....!

Contact Robin for full information plus Chiks' latest newsletter at [robin.radley1@btinternet.com](mailto:robin.radley1@btinternet.com) (or call Beryl Wagner).

### **Report from our 'Amahawe Uganda' link**

Amahawe Uganda is one of our 3 charities. Alex, Val (Turner) and myself are trustees of the charity and have met regularly with the board throughout the year.

It's been an exciting year for Amahawe Uganda (Hope for Uganda) and for our partnership with the church in South Ruzizi. One of the highlights has been having William co/leader of the team joining us each Sunday at our morning worship. Something pre lockdown we would have thought impossible for us to do. This has been a great two-way blessing. Not only but also...Simon Peter (a missionary from South Ruzizi working in east London) has also joined us.

All thanks to 'Zoom' can you imagine what Hudson Taylor would have done with Zoom if it had been around in his day?!

Through Amahawe we were able to encourage and give support as people in Uganda went through lock down helping the very poor and venerable with gifts of food and also seed to plant for the next season. We have literally seen the fruits of this as William shared film of the women's groups sharing seed with others as they harvested their own. The women's micro finance groups continue to grow and support one another.

During lockdown the Street kids suffered greatly and again the team were able to help in practical and spiritual ways meeting often at the team office and garden.

It was with great joy that we were able to join in by zoom the consecration of the new Bishop Neason. He is a good man and one of his first appointments was to make William the head of Mission and Evangelism in the diocese which meant William moving to Kasere away from his parish in Customs. We will continue to keep close links with the work there through him.

As the diocese came out of lock down through a generous gift we were able to fund a conference of all the clergy in the diocese. During which we were able to lead a meeting through zoom! Also promote Amahawe and the work of the team focusing on the need to plant trees. The bishop is right behind us in this and already thousands of tree saplings have gone out to people to plant up in the hills. William and the team had already started 3 tree nursery's months before so the trees were ready to go! Now through the authority and blessing of the Bishop we have the opportunity to reforest the eastern slopes of the Ruzizi mounting range, critical in our fight to stop global warming and soil erosion. At the moment the only thing stopping us in doing this is the money to establish more tree nursery's. The hope is to have one in each archdeaconry centre.

The opportunity's to serve are so great for the team at the moment that it can seem overwhelming, but in Job and William we have two wise team leaders and so feel confident that they will lead us in God's way.

Pray for the team as they continue to serve the Lord.

At the moment we are planning a small trip hopefully next year to lead a retreat for the team, be involved with a mission and generally learn from the team and encourage the church in reaching out to their community's. And wouldn't it be great to bring William and Job over here for a few weeks?

Rev Neil, trustee, Amahawe Uganda.

## **Ecumenical Action**

### **Christians Together in Ash, Ash Vale and Tongham (CTAAT)**

We were wonderfully hosted by Holy Angels in Ash for the World Day Of Prayer in March 2020, which was much enjoyed by all. CTAAT (Churches Together in Ash, Ash Vale and Tongham) usually has a full calendar of outreach, but in 2020 the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic have meant that social gatherings, services and public events have been restricted, and it has not been possible to run our usual activities since March 2020. Please keep our brothers and sisters in Ash & Tongham in your prayers; we look forward to working closely together again as restrictions lift.

### **Lutheran Congregation**

The Lutheran Congregation have not been able to meet in church this year due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

## **In the Community**

Many of the normal activities have not taken place this year due to the Pandemic. Much of the community work that has been carried out has been reported in the work of Alex Sanderson, Project Manager, but there were a few other activities that took place before 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020.

- Maggie George used the church one Sunday afternoon in January for her pupils' recitals.
- This year harvest gifts and Christmas gifts were redirected to the Food Parcel scheme for those in Ash, Ash Vale and Tongham who have not been able to work or have been in hardship due to the Pandemic..
- Voluntary groups used our church buildings for various activities by hiring the Hall for the first two months of the year and some were able to return for a short time in September; activities stopped again at the end of October.
- Hear here – the scheme set up to provide batteries and repair of hearing aids, supported by Guildford Diocese and run at the Chapel by Jackie Scott on a monthly basis, took place twice at the beginning of 2020 but stopped during the pandemic. It is hoped that this will be continued once restrictions are finally lifted.

## **In Conclusion: the Vicar's Report – 2020**

Reflecting on a seminal moment in our history and culture is never easy when you're still in the middle of it. Well here goes.... Keeping it simple will probably help us to see the way forwards, so forgive me if I miss anyone or thing that you might think important, hopefully it will be in another part of the report.

I suppose the question we have to ask ourselves is "have we been faithful in living and sharing the Gospel that has been entrusted to us?"

Starting with our worship I'm encouraged that we were able to meet together each week, however that happened, and that there was no break in our Sunday and Wednesday worship. We might have looked like Bambi on the ice but we did it and are now standing strong together as the Body of Christ in Ash Vale. Having the screens already in church and Ben Philpot and James putting state of the art WiFi certainly has helped.

I would like to thank everyone however hard it was to attend, you did and that made an enormous difference for us all. Financially those who could give, gave, and kept the work afloat. Patrick has been his faithful, visionary self we have all come to know. On a more mundane front, people said how much they enjoyed hearing the church bell rung for a minute at noon and 6pm we were able to do this from day one of the first lock down.

How have we reached out to our community? Practically speaking we have joined with the Covid support group delivering prescriptions to those who are shielding and food parcels to those who are struggling financially for whatever reason, I'm sure you can read about it in this report. We were able to make the chapel available from day one, and with the enormous input of Alex, it is still going strong. It's been wonderful to see how Ash Vale as a community can work together for good.

It's also good to see how the community can work together for Justice. As I write this, we have been locked out of the Ash Vale ranges for one year. It's been a great privilege to join with the wider community as we protest and fight this blatant land grab by the MOD. This has been a wake up call for us all to become more aware of local and national politics and representation. We must defend those rights which were fought for by our brothers and sisters when we were a Christian country.

The summer brings back memories of hundreds of pizzas being served to people, and in winter the Christmas St. Nicholas Day with Messy Church with people coming from the Chapel to the Vicarage garden, lantern in hand. Neil Sanderson dressed as Santa Claus giving gifts and Charlie serving pizza. As some of you know the media got hold of the story of St Mary's car park church and pizza oven and we found ourselves on BBC radio, Sky News, Sunday Times and Church Times to mention a few. How God used this we will never know, Sky News came back and asked for a Christmas Day interview and I had the great privilege of giving a blessing to over 3 million people on Christmas Day! Later on Christmas Day I also had the great privilege of giving a blessing to 3 people who attended the service in person.... And a lot more on zoom :-)) we have certainly made some memories. Personally I have felt very supported by the PCC this year along with my sister Val who joins us on zoom and has made us her and her husbands church in lock down. What a surprise and blessing that was for us all. We have also started a process of learning about and building friendships with two local churches, St Peter's Ash and St Paul's Tongham. In a rapidly changing world we need all the friends we can make, we really don't know what God has in store for us.

I would personally like to thank Helen, my wife, for keeping me sane during the year and for her behind the scenes managing of zoom on Sundays. For our wonderful Administrator Jackie who does more than I have space here to say, for Alex and I think I will include Neil and Lucy who's unbounded determination, patience and kindness blesses so many, and gets things done. And last but not least Nikki and Martin our church wardens who really give themselves to the church as they serve us all. I've always been aware that they have my back :-))

And we must include Joyce and Rachel who faithfully send out the prayer chain. Showing us all that even if we are shielding we can still serve and be part of what God is doing. Wow I just feel incredibly proud of you all !!!

Love from the most blessed vicar in Christendom, Neil.

## **ASH VALE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL.**

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of the parish of Ash Vale**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020 which are set out on pages 21 to 32.

#### ***Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner***

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year 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 section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners in section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### ***Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement***

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

#### ***Independent Examiner's Statement***

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a part of an independent examination.

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to obtain a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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9<sup>th</sup> April 2021

# PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST.MARY'S, ASH VALE

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ending 31 December 2020

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	TOTAL 2020	TOTAL 2019
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<b>Incoming resources</b>	Notes					
Incoming resources from generated funds						
Voluntary income	2(a)	83,578	53,133	—	136,712	118,755
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	9,564	—	—	9,564	22,049
Investment income	2(c)	4	1,787	—	1,791	1,824
Incoming resources from charitable activities	2(d)	193	—	—	193	1,789
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>93,339</b>	<b>54,920</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>148,259</b>	<b>144,418</b>
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<b>Resources used</b>						
Cost of generating funds						
Cost of generating voluntary income	3(a)	488	14	—	502	571
Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other...	3(b)	204	—	—	204	522
Charitable activities	3(c)	89,263	52,292	—	141,555	147,481
Governance costs	3(d)	250	—	—	250	225
<b>Total resources used</b>		<b>90,205</b>	<b>52,306</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>142,511</b>	<b>148,800</b>
<b>Net incoming / outgoing resources before transfer</b>		<b>3,133</b>	<b>2,615</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>5,748</b>	<b>(4,382)</b>
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<b>Transfers</b>						
Gross transfers between funds	5	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Net incoming / outgoing before other gains /</b>		<b>3,133</b>	<b>2,615</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>5,748</b>	<b>(4,382)</b>
<b>Other recognised gains / losses</b>						
Gains / losses on investment assets	6(b)	—	3,836	—	3,836	9,677
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>3,133</b>	<b>6,451</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>9,584</b>	<b>5,295</b>
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<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>						
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>4,387</b>	<b>78,352</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>82,739</b>	<b>77,444</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>7,521</b>	<b>84,803</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>92,324</b>	<b>82,739</b>
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The notes on pages 23 to 32 form part of this account

# PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST.MARY'S, ASH VALE

## BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	6 (a)	2,339	3,119
Investments	6 (b)	50,946	60,824
		<u>53,285</u>	<u>63,943</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stocks and work in progress		82	104
Debtors	7(a)	4,590	5,311
Cash at bank and in hand	7(b)	42,282	21,323
		<u>46,954</u>	<u>26,738</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	8	7,915	7,942
<b>Net current assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>39,039</u>	<u>18,796</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>92,324</u>	<u>82,739</u>
<b>Total net assets less liabilities</b>		<u>92,324</u>	<u>82,739</u>
<b>Represented by</b>			
<b>Unrestricted</b>			
Unrestricted - General fund		6,415	3,482
<b>Designated</b>			
Designated - Administrators Float		50	50
Designated - Bookstall Fund		383	383
Designated - Community Development		423	423
Designated - Emergency Relief Fund		250	—
Designated - Thursday cafe		—	49
<b>Restricted</b>			
Restricted - Allchurches Trust		1,000	—
Restricted - Covid-19 Fund		4,705	—
Restricted - Flood Forum		40	40
Restricted - Emergency Relief Fund		1,625	—
Restricted - Food Parcels Project		7,947	—
Restricted - Haslemere		—	648
Restricted - Maintenance Fund		150	150
Restricted - PCC Investment Fund		54,473	63,943
Restricted - PCC Memorial Fund		470	468
Restricted - Postcode Community Trust Fund		3,350	3,350
Restricted - Project Manager		6,159	3,939
Restricted - Refugee Project		3,274	4,284
Restricted - Roof Appeal		59	389
Restricted - Table Church		235	235
Restricted - Uganda Project		1,316	905
<b>Funds of the church</b>		<u>92,324</u>	<u>82,739</u>

Approved by the PCC on 31.03.21 and signed on their behalf by:  
The Revd Neil Lambert (PCC chairman) and Mr Patrick Brown (PCC Treasurer)



# PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST.MARY'S, ASH VALE

Notes to the Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2020

## **1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP 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 financial statements of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

### **FUND ACCOUNTING**

General or unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are those funds that may be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and the restrictions are provided in note 9,

### **INCOMING RESOURCES**

#### **Voluntary income and capital sources**

Planned giving collections and similar donations are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Tax received under Gift Aided giving is recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain. Funds raised by fetes and special events are accounted for gross. Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

#### **Other Income**

Rental income from lettings of the Community Centre and church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

#### **Income from investments**

Dividends and interest are accounted for when due and payable, the interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

#### **Gains and losses on investments**

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31st December.

## **RESOURCES USED**

### **Grants**

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

### **Activities directly relating to the work of the Church**

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these financial statements as an operational (although not a legal liability) and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

## **FIXED ASSETS**

### **Consecrated property and moveable church furnishings**

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the financial statements by s.10 (2) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 have been capitalized and depreciated in the financial statements over their current anticipated useful economic life (initially over ten years) on a straight line basis.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items under £1,000 are written off when the asset is acquired.

### **Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment**

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis for purchases at purchase price of	over £4,999	-	over ten years
	£1001 - £4,999	-	over five years

Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

## **INVESTMENTS**

Investments are valued at market value at 31st December.

## **CURRENT ASSETS**

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31st December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible. Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

## **CURRENT LIABILITIES**

Amounts owed by the PCC at 31st December in respect of church fees and suppliers of goods or services to the 31st December for which accounts have not been received. They include unfulfilled commitments made by the PCC in respect of Christmas and outward giving.



# PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST.MARY'S, ASH VALE

## 2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2020 £	TOTAL 2019 £
<b>2(a) Voluntary income</b>						
Gift Aid - Bank	41,395	—	3,254	—	44,649	45,644
Gift Aid planned giving	2,550	—	—	—	2,550	2,310
Gift Aid - Envelopes	3,725	—	—	—	3,725	12,630
Other planned giving	7,709	—	600	—	8,309	8,498
Other planned giving - Envelopes	395	—	—	—	395	924
Loose plate collections	482	—	—	—	482	1,733
One-off Gift Aid gifts	5,938	200	5,220	—	11,358	8,205
Donations appeals etc	4,185	—	19,841	—	24,026	8,634
Sundry Donations - Churches Together	—	—	—	—	—	95
Sundry Donations - Messy Church	98	—	—	—	98	326
Sundry Donations - Little Lambs	154	—	—	—	154	547
Sundry Donations - Stir Up Sunday	10	—	—	—	10	74
Chapel - Friday Cafe	—	—	34	—	34	233
Chapel Arts	—	—	111	—	111	—
Chapel Filmshare	—	—	113	—	113	319
Chapel Kids	—	—	119	—	119	464
Chapels Share of Project Managers Costs	—	—	5,570	—	5,570	—
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	13,403	50	2,119	—	15,572	17,198
GASDS	290	—	153	—	443	1,682
Non-recurring one-off grants	—	2,744	16,000	—	18,744	8,567
Church Events	250	—	—	—	250	673
	80,584	2,994	53,133	—	136,712	118,755
<b>2(b) Activities for generating funds</b>						
Quiz Nights	1,194	—	—	—	1,194	1,535
General Fund Raising	—	—	—	—	—	1,414
Hire of Church	205	—	—	—	205	—
Church hall lettings - fund raising	—	5,663	—	—	5,663	14,108
Magazine income - advertising	—	2,240	—	—	2,240	4,040
Sunday Coffee Money	82	—	—	—	82	370
Thursday Cafe	—	180	—	—	180	583
	1,481	8,083	—	—	9,564	22,049
<b>2(c) Investment income</b>						
Dividends	—	—	1,785	—	1,785	1,814
Bank and building society interest	2	2	2	—	6	10
	2	2	1,787	—	1,791	1,824
<b>2(d) Incoming resources from charitable activities</b>						
Fees for weddings and funerals	183	—	—	—	183	783
Organist & Verger fees	—	—	—	—	—	50
Bookstall sales to promote objectives	—	10	—	—	10	81
Hire of Church	—	—	—	—	—	875
	183	10	—	—	193	1,789
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	82,250	11,089	54,920	—	148,259	144,418

During 2020 'Hire of Church' was reclassified from incoming resources from charitable activities (2(d)) to 'Activities for generating funds' (2(b)).

# PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST.MARY'S, ASH VALE

## 3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2020 £	TOTAL 2019 £
<b>3(a) Cost of generating voluntary income</b>						
Costs of stewardship campaign	164	—	—	—	164	161
Costs of fetes & other events	324	—	14	—	338	410
	488	—	14	—	502	571
<b>3(b) Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs</b>						
Sunday Coffee Money	73	—	—	—	73	218
Thursday Cafe	—	131	—	—	131	304
	73	131	—	—	204	522
<b>Cost of generating funds</b>						
<b>3(c) Charitable activities</b>						
Giving to missionary societies	2,020	—	—	—	2,020	2,330
Giving - relief and development agencies	2,050	—	—	—	2,050	2,360
Home mission	2,100	—	—	—	2,100	2,416
Secular charities	145	—	—	—	145	—
Ministry parish share etc	52,714	—	14,311	—	67,025	68,020
Salary of parish administrator	7,977	—	—	—	7,977	7,726
Salary of Project Manager	—	—	11,038	—	11,038	10,867
Vicar's telephone	572	—	—	—	572	624
Hospitality	—	—	—	—	—	628
Health & Safety	796	—	—	—	796	601
Parish training and mission	—	—	—	—	—	160
Youth & Families Work	32	—	—	—	32	240
Outreach	236	—	—	—	236	743
Holiday Hunger	—	5	—	—	5	234
Churches Together	—	—	—	—	—	13
Pastoral	139	—	250	—	389	97
Burger Budget	1,182	—	—	—	1,182	667
Food Parcels	—	—	865	—	865	—
Food & Prescriptions	—	—	16,494	—	16,494	—
Houseware	—	—	—	—	—	454
Clothes & Food	—	—	—	—	—	414
Transport Costs	—	—	590	—	590	742
Church running - insurance	—	969	—	—	969	951
Computer Equipment / Consumables	1,256	—	300	—	1,556	1,881
Audio Visual	158	—	—	—	158	171
Organ & Choir	107	—	—	—	107	105
Church maintenance	2,124	139	480	—	2,743	1,344
Upkeep of services	1,476	—	—	—	1,476	1,002
Flowers	—	—	—	—	—	107
Baptism & Confirmation	—	—	—	—	—	81
Messy Church	72	—	—	—	72	153
Little Lambs	—	—	—	—	—	11
Administration	116	—	300	—	416	492
Social Events	199	—	—	—	199	662
Study Groups	—	—	—	—	—	324
Haselmere Costs	207	—	648	—	855	752

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## 3 RESOURCES EXPENDED (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2020 £	TOTAL 2019 £
3(c)						
<b>Charitable activities (continued)</b>						
Church running - electric	—	763	—	—	763	667
Church running - gas	—	574	—	—	574	1,373
Church Running - Boiler	—	118	—	—	118	—
Church running - water	—	114	—	—	114	235
Magazine expenses	—	2,040	55	—	2,095	4,521
Bookstall costs	—	10	—	—	10	93
Chapel	—	—	4,223	—	4,223	17,527
Uganda	—	—	1,957	—	1,957	5,388
Hall running - electricity	—	763	—	—	763	667
Hall running - gas	—	574	—	—	574	1,373
Hall Running - Boiler	—	118	—	—	118	—
Hall running - insurance	—	416	—	—	416	407
Hall running - maintenance	—	6,256	—	—	6,256	6,227
Hall running - water	—	114	—	—	114	235
Hall Running - Supplies	—	613	—	—	613	658
Quinquennial	—	—	—	—	—	(41)
Equipment Depreciation	—	—	780	—	780	780
	<b>75,677</b>	<b>13,586</b>	<b>52,292</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>141,555</b>	<b>147,481</b>
<b>Governance costs</b>						
3(d) Governance costs examination/audit fee	250	—	—	—	250	225
	<b>250</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>225</b>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>76,488</b>	<b>13,717</b>	<b>52,306</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>142,511</b>	<b>148,800</b>

## 4 STAFF COSTS

	2020 £	2019 £
Wages and salaries	23,156	22,845
Pension	1,764	1,553
Social security costs	233	455
Furloughed Staff Grant	(2,744)	0
<b>Total staff costs</b>	<b>22,409</b>	<b>24,853</b>

During the year we employed on a part-time basis a parish administrator, a project manager and a cleaner/caretaker.

# PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST.MARY'S, ASH VALE

## 5 TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

During 2020 there were no transfers between restricted and unrestricted funds.

## 6 FIXED ASSETS

### 6(a) TANGIBLE ASSETS

#### EQUIPMENT

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Market value as at 1st January	—	3,119	3,119	3,899
Acquisitions at cost	—	—	—	—
Depreciation	—	(780)	(780)	(780)
Sale of Equipment	—	—	—	—
Market value as at 31st December	—	2,339	2,339	3,119

During 2014 a digital printer was purchased at a capital cost of £6,800 from proceeds from the sale of shares held with the CBF Church of England Investment Fund

During 2016 we purchased high capacity paper trays for the digital printer at a capital cost of £999

### 6(b) INVESTMENTS

Income shares held with the CBF Church of England Investment Fund

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Market value as at 1st January	—	60,824	60,824	54,333
Acquisitions at cost (reinvested dividends)	—	1,785	1,785	1,814
Net unrealised gain / (loss)	—	3,836	3,836	9,677
Sale of Shares (Transfer to funds)	—	(15,500)	(15,500)	(5,000)
Market value as at 31st December	—	50,946	50,946	60,824

Original value of the investment was £20,000. The market value quoted includes the revaluation of shares and dividends reinvested at the year end

# PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST.MARY'S, ASH VALE

## 7 CURRENT ASSETS

### 7(a) DEBTORS

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Tax recoverable	2,605	622	3,227	2,695
GASDS	107	23	130	1,193
Paid in advance	—	—	—	(140)
Parishioner advertising	190	—	190	360
Covid-19	—	402	402	—
Salvation Army Carol Service	—	—	—	968
Aged debtors	200	—	200	200
Other debtors	416	25	441	35
	<u>3,518</u>	<u>1,072</u>	<u>4,590</u>	<u>5,311</u>

### 7(b) CASH IN BANK AND IN HAND

	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
CCLA Deposit Accounts (4)	1,306	1,300
Co-op Current Account	14,697	10,572
Lloyds Current Account	21,525	5,111
Lloyds Community Centre Account	1,138	761
Lloyds Refugee Project Account	3,265	3,201
Lloyds Bookstall Account	282	247
Cash in hand		
General	—	—
Refugee Project	—	—
Bookstall	19	32
Thursday Café	—	49
Admin Float	50	50
	<u>69</u>	<u>131</u>
	<u>42,282</u>	<u>21,323</u>

# PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST.MARY'S, ASH VALE

## 8 LIABILITIES

### CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE IN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Annual outward giving (current year)	6,060	-	6,060	6,990
British Gas	561	-	561	900
Castle Water	(504)	-	(504)	(731)
Southern Electric	-	-	-	(1,847)
Chapel Project	-	-	-	1,811
Covid-19 Fund	-	1,175	1,175	-
Food Parcels Project	-	575	575	-
Other creditors	48	-	48	818
	<u>6,165</u>	<u>1,750</u>	<u>7,915</u>	<u>7,942</u>

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST.MARY'S, ASH VALE

### 9 FUNDS

#### Designated funds

Designated funds are funds held by the PCC to capture the cost of specific activities and, with the exception of the Bookstall, Thursday Café, Community Development Fund, Emergency Relief and the Administrators float, their net surpluses/deficits transferred back to the general fund at year end.

The Community Development Fund was set up in 2015 to encourage engagement with the community in supporting local, short-term community projects.

#### Restricted funds

The main restricted funds are:

The PCC Investment fund which may be used for religious purposes only

The Uganda Project fund which may be used to support our work with our partners in Uganda (including the cost of visits to and from Uganda)

The Chapel fund, which during previous years was used to support the work and costs associated with the upkeep of the Chapel, was transferred to the Chapel's own bank account during 2014. From 2015 onwards the balance of income and expenditure through St. Mary's books are transferred to the Chapel's own bank account.

The Project Manager fund was created in 2016 to partly provide for the costs of employing a part-time project manager from a re-occurring but reducing grant from the dioceses.

The Postcode Community Trust fund was created in 2018 as a result of a successful bid for funding for the Project Manager costs (50%) and specific arts & crafts equipment (50%).

The Refugee Project was set up in 2018 to support a Syrian refugee family to settle in Ash Vale under the Government scheme run through Guildford Borough Council.

The following three new restricted funds were created in 2020:

The AllChurches Trust fund was set up from a grant from the AllChurches Trust for the upgrading of the church's Wi-Fi.

The Covid-19 Fund was set up in support of the Ash, Ash Vale and Ash Green Coronavirus Support Group which through a large number of local volunteers provide shopping and collection of prescriptions for those not able to do so for themselves and to provide food parcels to those in need.

Food Parcels Project was set up to provide food parcels as the need was increasing beyond the capacity of Covid-19 to solely to support them.

The other restricted funds are normally raised for their specific purposes and expended during the same year with the exception of the Memorial Fund which was set up to support local churches in need.

# PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST.MARY'S, ASH VALE

	Balances as at 1st January 2020 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	Gains and Losses £	Balances as at 31st December 2020 £
<b>Unrestricted</b>						
General fund	3,482	82,250	76,488	(2,829)	—	6,415
	3,482	82,250	76,488	(2,829)	—	6,415
<b>Designated</b>						
Administrators Float	50	—	—	—	—	50
Bookstall Fund	383	10	10	—	—	383
Community Development Fund	423	—	—	—	—	423
Community Centre Fund	—	8,409	11,530	3,122	—	—
Emergency Relief Fund	—	250	—	—	—	250
Holiday Hunger	—	—	5	5	—	—
Parishioner	—	2,240	2,040	(200)	—	—
Thursday cafe	49	180	131	(98)	—	—
	905	11,089	13,717	2,829	—	1,106
<b>Total (non restricted funds)</b>	4,387	93,339	90,205	—	—	7,521
<b>Restricted</b>						
Allchurches Trust	—	1,000	—	—	—	1,000
Chapel Fund	—	4,225	4,225	—	—	—
Covid-19 Fund	—	21,199	16,494	—	—	4,705
Emergency Relief Fund	—	1,875	250	—	—	1,625
Flood Forum	40	—	—	—	—	40
Food Parcels Project	—	8,823	876	—	—	7,947
Haslemere	648	—	648	—	—	—
Maintenance Fund	150	—	—	—	—	150
PCC Investment Fund	63,943	1,785	15,091	—	3,836	54,473
PCC Memorial Fund	468	2	—	—	—	470
Parishioner	—	55	55	—	—	—
Postcode Community Trust Fund	3,350	—	—	—	—	3,350
Project Manager	3,939	13,258	11,038	—	—	6,159
Refugee Project	4,284	180	1,190	—	—	3,274
Roof Appeal	389	150	480	—	—	59
Table Church	235	—	—	—	—	235
Uganda Project	905	2,369	1,959	—	—	1,316
<b>Sub total</b>	78,352	54,920	52,306	—	3,836	84,803
<b>Total funds</b>	82,739	148,259	142,511	—	3,836	92,324