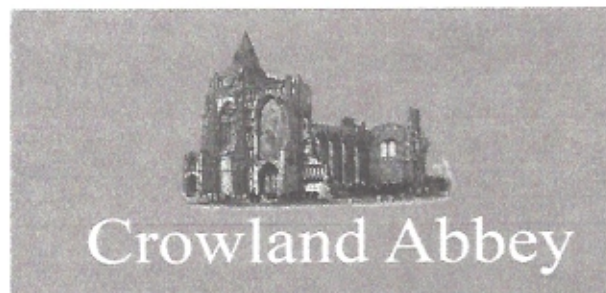


THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND
CHARITY COMMISSION REGISTERED NO. 1153258
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended
31 December 2020



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The trustees present their report with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020. The trustees have adopted the presentation of financial statements which complies with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and the charity's constitution.

Administrative Information

The Parish of Crowland is situated in the market town of Crowland, Lincolnshire. It is part of the Deanery of Elloe West within the Church of England's Diocese of Lincoln. Crowland Parochial Church Council is registered as a charity with the Charities Commission.

Correspondence Address:	The Revd. Charles Brown The Abbey Rectory 46 East Street Crowland PE6 0EN
Priest in Charge	The Revd. Charles Brown*
Associate Priest	The Revd. Annie Billson*
Churchwardens:	Mrs Val Capes* Mrs Beryl Morton*
Deanery Synod Representatives:	Mrs Margaret Beardshaw* Mr. David Searle *
Elected members of the PCC:	Mr. Peter Armstrong (2020) ** Mr Michael Atkinson (2018) Mrs Val Batterbee (2016) Mrs. Laura Beeken (2020) Mrs Janet Brown (2016) Mrs. Linda Fox (2020) Mrs Valerie Heil (2016) Mrs Jane Kisbee (2018) Mr Peter Godfrey (2018 - Deceased 2020) Mr. Martin Pattenden (2020) Mrs Lynette Cook (2017 - Resigned 2020) Mrs Lyn Ongyerth (2017 - Resigned 2020)
Co-opted Member:	Mr Robert Gibbard
Officers:	The Revd Charles Brown (Chair) Mrs Margaret Beardshaw (Vice-Chair) Mrs Janet Brown (Secretary) Mr Robert Gibbard (Treasurer) Mrs Valerie Heil (Electoral Roll Officer)
Standing committee:	The Revd. Charles Brown Mrs Margaret Beardshaw Mrs Janet Brown Mrs Val Capes Mr Robert Gibbard Mrs Beryl Morton

* Indicates ex officio membership of the PCC

** Indicates year of election to the PCC

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Structure, Governance, and Management

The parochial church council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers' Measure. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the book *Church Representation Rules*.

Between PCC meetings the Standing Committee of the PCC, which includes the PCC's chair, vice-chair, secretary, treasurer, and the two churchwardens, meets when required to transact PCC business.

Church Life

The PCC seeks to promote the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the ecclesiastical Parish of Crowland. It does so in accordance with the traditions of the universal Church as accepted and practised by the Church of England. The PCC works with members of other Christian communities represented in Crowland through Christians Together in Crowland. The PCC has the responsibility of maintaining the parish church, the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Bartholomew, and Saint Guthlac, popularly known as Crowland Abbey. This grade-one listed building is adjoined by the ruins of the nave of what was the church of the medieval Crowland Abbey, a Benedictine foundation. The maintenance of these ruins, which are both a consecrated space and a scheduled ancient monument, is also the responsibility of the PCC. Although the maintenance of the magnificent church building and the strikingly beautiful ruined nave are a great responsibility for the congregation, our parish life centres, not around fundraising for the maintenance of these structures or around the tourism that their architecture attracts, but around the prayer that knits us together as a community of faith.

Until the lockdown began in late March 2020 we had two services of Holy Communion each Sunday, plus evening prayer, and one service of Holy Communion each Wednesday. Morning prayer was said in the church building on Mondays through Saturdays. During the lockdowns we held one Sunday service on Zoom at 11 a.m. When we were able to resume services in the church building we continued to have evening prayer on Zoom each Sunday. Zoom has also proved useful for meetings of smaller groups such as a Bible study group and our parochial church council. Our electoral roll for 2020 stood at 71 persons, and our average Sunday attendance for 2020 was 34 persons, a decrease that can be attributed to the pandemic. In 2020 we had 4 baptisms and 29 funerals. The churchyard is used for burials, and in 2020 we were able to begin interring cremated remains in a new area within the churchyard, as the old cremated remains area had become full. Apart from our common prayer, our community is knit together by our individual prayers, both those of our congregation and those of the visitors who come to the Abbey.

Owing to restrictions necessitated by the pandemic we were unable to have singing by our choir or ringing by our bellringers for most of 2020. Apart from one concert in February, in 2020, we were unable to have any social events, concerts, plays, or fundraising events such as our spring craft fair, summer flower festival, autumn art exhibition, or Saint Nicholas fair.

Every year we host a group of Eastern Orthodox Christians who come to celebrate their liturgy either within the church or in the ruined nave, although we were not able to do this in 2020. In partnership with these Orthodox we are hoping that our Parvise Chapel, which houses the skull of Theodore, the abbot of Crowland who was martyred by the Vikings, may be adapted to suit the needs of Orthodox worship. As the Orthodox venerate this skull as a holy relic, this work of adaptation would mean that the skull could be housed in a manner befitting that of a saint and martyr. This chapel, which presently functions as a storage area, might then be a place for private prayer, as well as a place of pilgrimage for Orthodox Christians. It would also allow other Christians to become better acquainted with Orthodoxy. Needless to say, it would be a good example of ecumenical friendship.

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Annual Report (continued)

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Challenges

As it is with most Christian congregations in the U.K., we face the challenge of making new disciples. But we are heartened by what has been happening as a result of the work of the Methodist-Anglican Partnership, whose work is detailed in the next section.

Owing to the pandemic, 2020 was a challenging year when it came to our church's finances. Income from collections made at worship services as well as donations from visitors dropped significantly. We were also unable to host our traditional fundraising events.

Blessings

The formation of the Methodist-Anglican Partnership, better known as MAP, plays the key role in our mission outreach. MAP is essentially our partnership in mission with Crowland Methodist Church. I have enjoyed working in partnership with Reverend Langley Mackrell-Hey, who acts as both the minister-in-charge of Crowland Methodist Church and the superintendent of the Peterborough Methodist Circuit, as well as lay colleagues both Anglican and Methodist to make MAP an effective instrument of Christian mission here in Crowland. Oversight for MAP and its activities lies with a committee composed of three Methodist laypersons and three Anglican laypersons, plus myself and Mr. Mackrell-Hey.

Before the pandemic MAP's mums and tots group met at Crowland Methodist Church on Thursdays from 9.30 a.m. until 11 a.m. It provided an occasion for parents or carers and their young charges to socialize as well as an opportunity for those Christians who coordinate the group to get to know the parents or carers and their children. This group attracted an average attendance of between 12 and 15 adults and children. For most of 2020 this group was unable to meet, owing to the pandemic.

Before the pandemic, MAP also had a group for young people that met at Crowland Methodist Church on Fridays in term time between 5.30 p.m. and 7 p.m. This group gave the young people who attended a space in which they could not only socialize, but also have some Christian teaching, engage in craft activities, and enjoy various games and refreshments. The group numbered between five and six teenagers, who were fairly regular in their attendance. As with the mums and tots group, the pandemic has meant that this group has been unable to meet.

MAP's Explorers Group is for adults interested in learning about the Christian faith. The group is made up of those who are new to the faith, as well as some regular churchgoers who value the discussion that takes place in the group. Before the pandemic this group met fortnightly on Wednesday evenings in Crowland Library. Since the pandemic this group, numbering about eight people has met fortnightly on Zoom.

Before the pandemic, MAP's trimonthly Messy Church events attracted anywhere from 35 to 40 parents and children. We held these on Saturdays from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. Each Messy Church included a variety of crafts for adults and children to do together, a child-friendly worship session, and supper for everyone at the end. No charge was made for the supper, although donations were welcome. Owing to the pandemic our Messy Church events, which were held at Crowland Methodist Church, have been on hold.

MAP and Hope into Action, a Peterborough charity that seeks to help marginalized people, oversee a house here in Crowland that is used as a home for clients of Hope into Action. Members of the Anglican and Methodist congregations in Crowland, together with some other Christians, provide friendship and support to those who live there, currently a mother and her six-year-old son. The Crowland house is the fiftieth such house that Hope into Action has acquired, and we are also the smallest community in which Hope into Action has a house.

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Blessings (continued)

MAP also has a food bank, which is now known as the Crowland Larder. The Larder is essentially a satellite of a much larger food bank located in the nearby town of Spalding. The Spalding food bank, which is run by the Lighthouse Church in Spalding, can assist our branch, if our food donations are inadequate. It has to be said, however, that the Crowland community are very generous in their support. As a result all the food distributed by the Larder is food donated by Crowland folk. The Larder has proved to be of great importance to many in the Crowland community during the pandemic, so much so that it outgrew its original quarters in the Abbey and has been moved to rooms at Crowland Methodist Church. In 2020 the Larder supported around thirty families on a fortnightly basis with both perishable and non-perishable food. At Christmas the Larder distributed forty-four hampers to families in need.

In the first week of the first lockdown, MAP ran a night shelter for homeless people from Peterborough. This was done in conjunction with the Light Project, a charity that works with the homeless in Peterborough. The charity bussed the guests to Crowland each evening. Our volunteers gave them a cooked dinner, warm beds for the night, and a cooked breakfast the next morning before they returned to Peterborough. The shelter was located in Crowland Methodist Church.

Another pre-pandemic aspect of MAP was our worshipping together with Crowland Methodists twice a quarter, once in the Abbey and once at Crowland Methodist Church, which both congregations found to be a heartening experience. This joint worship only happened twice in 2020 before the pandemic brought it to a temporary end.

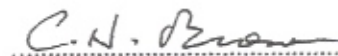
As the Abbey lacks a church hall, the facilities at Crowland Methodist Church have made up for this lack by providing both congregations with a space that is well suited for children's activities, socializing, and more informal worship. Our relationship with our Methodist sisters and brothers is a real source of hope and blessing for us.

A member of the Abbey congregation has set up a programme called Family Eats, the aim of which is to provide a meal and some activities for parents and children in need during the termly and half-termly holidays. Family Eats met once for a meal at Crowland Methodist Church in February 2020. Although the pandemic put an end to the hosting of meals in the church, Family Eats did provide take-away picnic parcels and craft packs for families in the summer and fruit hampers with some gifts for the children at Christmas.

We are blessed by a congregation that encompasses people with many gifts. Their prayers and faithful service to God, both within the Abbey community and beyond it, are the heartbeat of our faith community.

May God guide us as we seek to serve Christ's Church and to find new disciples for him.

On behalf of Crowland PCC,



The Revd. Charles Brown
Priest-in-charge, Crowland Parish
and Chair, Crowland PCC

Date: 23.3.21

**Independent Examiner's Report to
the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Crowland**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 6 to 10.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

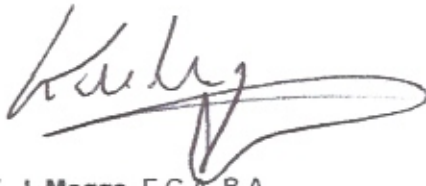
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

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



K. J. Maggs F.C.A., B.A.
Moore Thompson
Chartered Accountants

Dated: 23 March 2021

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**Receipts and Payments Account
for the year ended 31 December 2020**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds	
			2020 £	2019 £
RECEIPTS				
Voluntary Income				
Gift Aid donations	8,495	-	8,495	9,649
Income tax recovered	4,048	-	4,048	4,535
Open plate collections at all services	3,642	-	3,642	4,660
Donations	2,330	-	2,330	7,379
Legacies	-	10,153	10,153	300
Grants	-	-	-	1,338
	<u>18,515</u>	<u>10,153</u>	<u>28,668</u>	<u>27,861</u>
Fundraising				
Flower Festival	-	-	-	5,404
Bookstall	430	-	430	2,824
Other fundraising activities	5,750	1,571	7,321	16,793
	<u>6,180</u>	<u>1,571</u>	<u>7,751</u>	<u>25,021</u>
Income from investments				
Dividends and interest	1,193	-	1,193	1,330
Income from church activities				
Fees	8,289	-	8,289	12,739
Other income	135	-	135	2,747
	<u>8,424</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,424</u>	<u>15,486</u>
Other income				
VAT recovered	-	-	-	10,549
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>34,312</u>	<u>11,724</u>	<u>46,036</u>	<u>80,247</u>
PAYMENTS				
Church Activities and Governance				
Ministry: Diocesan parish share	30,199	-	30,199	30,504
Church running and maintenance	3,898	-	3,898	13,635
Power	4,860	-	4,860	6,276
Insurance	6,860	-	6,860	6,656
Fees for organist, choir, bell ringers, etc	307	-	307	3,220
Major restoration work	-	-	-	11,789
Visitor's Centre	-	2,803	2,803	1,035
Administration costs	51	-	51	1,049
Independent examination fees	510	-	510	494
	<u>46,685</u>	<u>2,803</u>	<u>49,488</u>	<u>74,658</u>
Fundraising Costs				
Fundraising Costs	1,117	-	1,117	3,267
Bookstall Costs	602	-	602	1,493
	<u>1,719</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,719</u>	<u>4,760</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>48,404</u>	<u>2,803</u>	<u>51,207</u>	<u>79,418</u>

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Reconciliation of Cash Flows and Statement of Net Assets

At 31 December 2020

RECONCILIATION OF CASH FLOWS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds	
			2020 £	2019 £
Total receipts	34,312	11,724	46,036	80,247
Total payments	48,404	2,803	51,207	79,418
Net (payments) / receipts	(14,092)	8,921	(5,171)	829
Cash funds at 1 January	63,608	16,538	80,146	79,317
Cash funds at 31 December	49,516	25,459	74,975	80,146

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds	
			2020 £	2019 £
CASH FUNDS				
Barclays Bank Plc				
Community account	1,106	-	1,106	921
Active Saver account	60	-	60	1,259
Virgin Money Plc	32,299	8,921	41,220	45,714
Shawbrook Bank Ltd	16,051	16,538	32,589	32,252
	49,516	25,459	74,975	80,146
MONETARY LIABILITY				
Independent examiner's fee	528	-	528	509

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf on 23.3.21 by:


The Revd. Charles Brown
 (Chairman)


Robert Gibbard
 (Treasurer)

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the exemptions applicable under section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

The statements of financial activities has been prepared on a receipts and payments basis which is a consistent basis to previous years.

The Statements of Assets shows the assets of the charity and any amounts due to or owed by the charity. The statement will not include any provisions for liabilities and charges. The trustees are of the opinion that should any significant matters arise prior to the year end, they will disclose them within the notes to the financial statements.

The Financial Statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

(b) Funds

Restricted funds represent:

- (i) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and
- (ii) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object.

The funds may only be expended on the purpose for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds represent:

- (iii) general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.
- (iv) designated funds which are used for a purpose specified by the trustees.

(c) Resources Used

- (i) Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over.
- (ii) The diocesan parish share is accounted for when paid.
- (iii) Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds.

(d) Fixed Assets

- (i) Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.
- (ii) Moveable church furnishings held by the priest and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory which can be inspected at any reasonable time.
- (iii) For items acquired prior to 2000, there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

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2 FUND MOVEMENTS

		Year ended 31 December 2020			
	Balance 1 Jan £	Funds Added £	Funds Used £	Funds Transferred £	Balance 31 Dec £
(a) Unrestricted Funds					
General PCC Fund	<u>63,608</u>	<u>34,312</u>	<u>(48,404)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,516</u>
 Year ended 31 December 2019					
	Balance 1 Jan £	Funds Added £	Funds Used £	Funds Transferred £	Balance 31 Dec £
General PCC Fund	<u>66,798</u>	<u>58,678</u>	<u>(61,868)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,608</u>
 Year ended 31 December 2020					
	Balance 1 Jan £	Funds Added £	Funds Used £	Funds Transferred £	Balance 31 Dec £
(b) Restricted Funds					
Window restoration fund	6,231	11,724	-	-	17,955
Path restoration fund	4,491	-	-	-	4,491
Fabric fund	40	-	-	-	40
Bell fund	293	-	-	-	293
Visitors' Centre	<u>5,483</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,803)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,680</u>
	<u>16,538</u>	<u>11,724</u>	<u>(2,803)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,459</u>
 Year ended 31 December 2019					
	Balance 1 Jan £	Funds Added £	Funds Used £	Funds Transferred £	Balance 31 Dec £
Window restoration fund	1,218	21,253	(16,240)	-	6,231
Path restoration fund	4,491	-	-	-	4,491
Fabric fund	40	-	-	-	40
Bell fund	229	316	(252)	-	293
Visitors' Centre	<u>6,541</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,058)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,483</u>
	<u>12,519</u>	<u>21,569</u>	<u>(17,550)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,538</u>

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for the year ended 31 December 2020

3 FUND COMPARATIVES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
RECEIPTS			
Voluntary Income			
Gift Aid Donations	8,949	700	9,649
Income tax recovered	4,535	-	4,535
Open plate collections at all services	4,587	73	4,660
Donations	7,379	-	7,379
Legacies	-	300	300
Grants	38	1,300	1,338
	<u>25,488</u>	<u>2,373</u>	<u>27,861</u>
Fundraising			
Flower Festival	5,404	-	5,404
Bookstall	2,824	-	2,824
Other fundraising activities	7,288	9,505	16,793
	<u>15,516</u>	<u>9,505</u>	<u>25,021</u>
Income from investments			
Dividends and interest	1,330	-	1,330
Income from church activities			
Fees	12,739	-	12,739
Other income	2,747	-	2,747
	<u>15,486</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,486</u>
Other income			
VAT recovered	858	9,691	10,549
	<u>858</u>	<u>9,691</u>	<u>10,549</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>58,678</u>	<u>21,569</u>	<u>80,247</u>
PAYMENTS			
Church Activities			
Ministry: Diocesan parish share	30,504	-	30,504
Church running and maintenance	8,909	4,726	13,635
Power	6,276	-	6,276
Insurance	6,656	-	6,656
Fees for organist, choir bell ringers, etc	3,220	-	3,220
Major restoration work	-	11,789	11,789
Visitor's Centre	-	1,035	1,035
Administration costs	1,049	-	1,049
Independent examiner fees	494	-	494
	<u>57,108</u>	<u>17,550</u>	<u>74,658</u>
Fundraising Costs			
Fundraising Costs	3,267	-	3,267
Bookstall Costs	1,493	-	1,493
	<u>4,760</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,760</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>61,868</u>	<u>17,550</u>	<u>79,418</u>