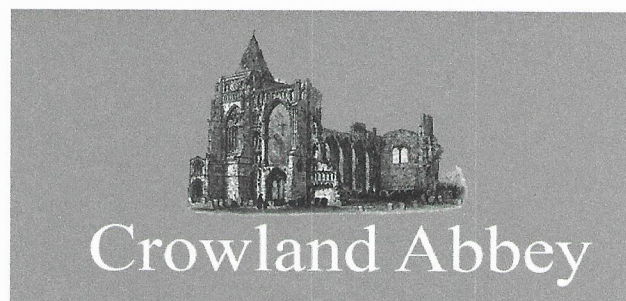


**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND
CHARITY COMMISSION REGISTERED NO. 1153258
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

for the year ended

31 December 2021



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Annual Report

for the year ended 31 December 2021

The trustees present their report with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021. 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 (OLM)	The Revd. Annie Billson* (retired September 2021)
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)** (resigned) Mr. Michael Atkinson (2021) Mrs. Laura Beeken (2020) Mrs. Janet Brown (2019) Mrs. Linda Fox (2020) Mrs. Valerie Heil (2019) Mrs. Jane Kisbee (2021) Mr. Martin Pattenden (2020) Mrs. Freda Sanderson (2021)
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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Annual Report (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2021

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.

Owing to the pandemic in the first three months of 2021 we had one Sunday service at 11 a.m. via Zoom. Attendance at these Zoom services averaged 35 persons each Sunday. On Easter Day, 4 April 2021, we began having Sunday services in the Abbey at 7.45 a.m. and 11 a.m. If we look at the combined attendance for both of these Sunday services, from April 2021 to the end of February 2022 we averaged 23 persons coming to church on a weekly basis. From 4 April 2021 we have had evening prayer almost every Sunday at 8 p.m. via Zoom. Attendance at these services from April 2021 to the end of February 2022 has averaged 14 per week. Our electoral roll contains 70 persons. In 2021 we had 9 baptisms, 6 weddings, and 36 funerals. Zoom has proved useful for study groups.

As our numbers at Sunday services have decreased we have begun worshipping in a more intimate way in the nave, using a small nave altar.

On account of the pandemic we had no spring craft fair, flower festival, or concerts in 2021, although in October we did have an autumn fair, which was well attended, and in November a Spalding theatre group put on The Hunchback of Notre Dame with children as the actors.

We are pleased that we now have diocesan approval for making the parvise into an Orthodox chapel, work which will take place in 2022. As we now have permission to repair and guard the last three windows in need of work, we hope this work can take place in 2022.

We hope to resume having concerts and other events here in the summer of 2022.

Challenges

As is true for 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, 2021, like 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 two of our traditional fundraising events.

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for the year ended 31 December 2021

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.

In the autumn of 2021 our two congregations, Anglican and Methodist, met together twice in a café church setting to discuss the way forward for our mission. It was decided that we would re-start Messy Church and try a new initiative aimed at fathers and their children called 'Who Let the Dads Out?' We also spoke of re-starting our youth group and setting up a men's shed. As the pandemic appears to be waning, we are now hoping to realize these initiatives. MAP's Explorers Group of about 7 people continues to meet via Zoom. In 2021 MAP organized a Lent course via Zoom. The course was based on a book by our archdeacon, Justine Allain-Chapman. I am pleased to report that the mother and son living in the Crowland home provided for them by the Peterborough charity, Hope into Action, have found their feet and are now looking for a home of their own. In 2021 the Crowland Larder has supported an average of between 15 and 20 families once every two weeks. At Christmas 2021 they distributed 22 food hampers to families in need. The Family Eats programme, aimed especially at families in need, continued in 2021. This programme provides a meal and activities for families and their children during the school holidays.

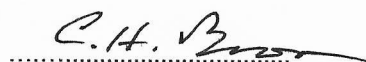
An important development over the past year has been the decision, taken by the church councils of both the Methodists and the Anglicans, that we should worship together once a month instead of just once a quarter. This means that six times a year we shall go to Crowland Methodist Church for our main act of Sunday worship, and six times a year Crowland Methodists will come to the Abbey for their Sunday

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.

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: 29 March 2022

**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 2021 which are set out on pages 5 to 9 .

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').

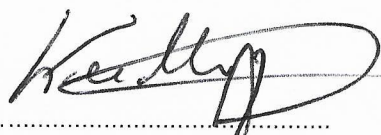
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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: 4 April 2022

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	2020 £
RECEIPTS				
Voluntary Income				
Gift Aid donations	8,633	540	9,173	8,495
Income tax recovered	2,553	-	2,553	4,048
Open plate collections at all services	3,111	310	3,421	3,642
Donations	3,329	-	3,329	2,330
Legacies	-	500	500	10,153
Collections for other causes	-	5,580	5,580	3,908
	<u>17,626</u>	<u>6,930</u>	<u>24,556</u>	<u>32,576</u>
Fundraising				
Flower Festival	-	-	-	-
Bookstall	2,366	-	2,366	430
Other fundraising activities	5,068	2,250	7,318	7,321
	<u>7,434</u>	<u>2,250</u>	<u>9,684</u>	<u>7,751</u>
Income from investments				
Dividends and interest	867	-	867	1,193
Income from church activities				
Fees	12,649	-	12,649	8,289
Other income	464	-	464	135
	<u>13,113</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,113</u>	<u>8,424</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>39,040</u>	<u>9,180</u>	<u>48,220</u>	<u>49,944</u>
PAYMENTS				
Church Activities and Governance				
Ministry: Diocesan parish share	20,000	-	20,000	30,199
Church running and maintenance	6,801	292	7,093	3,898
Power	2,909	-	2,909	4,860
Insurance	6,631	-	6,631	6,860
Fees for organist, choir, bell ringers, etc	39	-	39	307
Major restoration work	4,117	-	4,117	-
Visitor's Centre	-	998	998	2,803
Administration costs	359	-	359	51
Independent examination fees	528	-	528	510
	<u>41,384</u>	<u>1,290</u>	<u>42,674</u>	<u>49,488</u>
Fundraising Costs				
Fundraising Costs	20	-	20	1,117
Bookstall Costs	2,011	-	2,011	602
	<u>2,031</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,031</u>	<u>1,719</u>
Other outgoings				
Collections for other causes	-	5,169	5,169	3,705
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>43,415</u>	<u>6,459</u>	<u>49,874</u>	<u>54,912</u>

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Reconciliation of Cash Flows and Statement of Net Assets

At 31 December 2021

RECONCILIATION OF CASH FLOWS

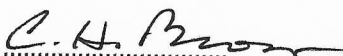
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds	
			2021 £	2020 £
Total receipts	39,040	9,180	48,220	49,944
Total payments	43,415	6,459	49,874	54,912
Net (payments) / receipts	(4,375)	2,721	(1,654)	(4,968)
Cash funds at 1 January	49,313	25,662	74,975	79,943
Cash funds at 31 December	44,938	28,383	73,321	74,975

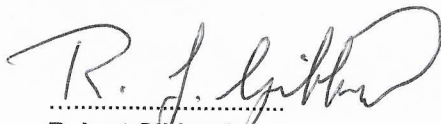
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds	
			2021 £	2020 £
CASH FUNDS				
Barclays Bank Plc				
Community account	1,456	804	1,646	903
Money held for agencies	-	614	614	203
Active Saver account	60	-	60	60
Virgin Money Plc	36,180	34,821	71,001	41,220
Shawbrook Bank Ltd	-	-	-	32,589
	37,696	36,239	73,321	74,975
MONETARY LIABILITY				
Agency collections	-	614	614	203
Independent examiner's fee	528	-	546	528
	528	614	1,160	2,020

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

29th MARCH 2022


 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 2021

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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Notes to the Accounts (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2021

2 FUND MOVEMENTS

		Year ended 31 December 2021			
	Balance 1 Jan £	Funds Added £	Funds Used £	Funds Transferred £	Balance 31 Dec £
(a) Unrestricted Funds					
General PCC Fund	<u>49,313</u>	<u>39,040</u>	<u>(43,415)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,938</u>

		Year ended 30 December 2020			
	Balance 1 Jan £	Funds Added £	Funds Used £	Funds Transferred £	Balance 31 Dec £
General PCC Fund	<u>63,405</u>	<u>34,312</u>	<u>(48,404)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,313</u>

		Year ended 31 December 2021			
	Balance 1 Jan £	Funds Added £	Funds Used £	Funds Transferred £	Balance 31 Dec £
(b) Restricted Funds					
Window restoration fund	17,955	3,300	-	-	21,255
Path restoration fund	4,491	-	-	-	4,491
Fabric fund	40		(40)	-	-
Bell fund	293	300	(252)	-	341
Visitors' Centre	2,680	-	(998)	-	1,682
Agency collections	<u>203</u>	<u>5,580</u>	<u>(5,169)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>614</u>
	<u>25,662</u>	<u>9,180</u>	<u>(6,459)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,383</u>

		Year ended 30 December 2020			
	Balance 1 Jan £	Funds Added £	Funds Used £	Funds Transferred £	Balance 31 Dec £
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	5,483	-	(2,803)	-	2,680
Agency collections	<u>-</u>	<u>3,908</u>	<u>(3,705)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>203</u>
	<u>16,538</u>	<u>15,632</u>	<u>(6,508)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,662</u>

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Notes to the Accounts (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2021

3 FUND COMPARATIVES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
RECEIPTS			
Voluntary Income			
Gift Aid Donations	8,495	-	8,495
Income tax recovered	4,048	-	4,048
Open plate collections at all services	3,642	-	3,642
Donations	2,330	-	2,330
Legacies	-	10,153	10,153
Collections for other causes	-	3,908	3,908
	<u>18,515</u>	<u>14,061</u>	<u>32,576</u>
Fundraising			
Flower Festival	-	-	-
Bookstall	430	-	430
Other fundraising activities	5,750	1,571	7,321
	<u>6,180</u>	<u>1,571</u>	<u>7,751</u>
Income from investments			
Dividends and interest	1,193	-	1,193
Income from church activities			
Fees	8,289	-	8,289
Other income	135	-	135
	<u>8,424</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,424</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>34,312</u>	<u>15,632</u>	<u>49,944</u>
PAYMENTS			
Church Activities			
Ministry: Diocesan parish share	30,199	-	30,199
Church running and maintenance	3,898	-	3,898
Power	4,860	-	4,860
Insurance	6,860	-	6,860
Fees for organist, choir bell ringers, etc	307	-	307
Visitor's Centre	-	2,803	2,803
Administration costs	51	-	51
Independent examiner fees	510	-	510
	<u>46,685</u>	<u>2,803</u>	<u>49,488</u>
Fundraising Costs			
Fundraising Costs	3,267	-	1,117
Bookstall Costs	1,493	-	602
	<u>4,760</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,719</u>
Other outgoings			
Gift Aid Donations	-	3,705	3,705
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>51,445</u>	<u>6,508</u>	<u>54,912</u>