

Holy Trinity Church, Hildersham

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2021

Administrative information

Holy Trinity Church in Hildersham is part of the Diocese of Ely within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Pear Tree Cottage, High Street, Hildersham, Cambs, CB21 6BU.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity, Hildersham, is a Registered Charity, number 1153435.

As a registered charity the PCC has a responsibility to provide a service for the public benefit. Public benefit is about knowing:

- what the charity is set up to achieve – the ‘charity’s purpose’
- how the charity’s purpose is beneficial – the ‘benefit aspect’
- how the charity’s purpose benefits the public or a sufficient section of the public – the ‘public aspect’ of the public benefit
- how the trustees will carry out the charity’s purpose for the public benefit – ‘furthering’ the charity’s purpose for the public benefits

The Trustees consider that, in the conduct of their business, they have complied with the duty set out in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to guidance on public benefit published by the Charities Commission.

Structure, governance and management

The governing documents of the charity are:

The Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 (as amended)

The Church Representation Rules 2020

These documents set out the arrangements for the appointment of PCC members (the Trustees) and for operation of the charity.

All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. Holy Trinity, Hildersham PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the Rector in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church building, churchyard and surrounding areas bounded by Holy Trinity, Hildersham.

PCC Members who have served from the Annual Church Meeting on 21st April 2021 until the Annual Church Meeting in April 2022 were:

Rector: Revd. Iain McColl
Wardens: Vacant
Treasurer: Mr Mervyn Wingfield

Elected representatives of the laity: Mrs Rosalinde Gray
Mrs Kate Huntsman
Ms Anne-Marie Melloy
Mrs Kirsten Newble
Mrs Amanda Palmer

Minutes Secretary Vacant

Independent Examiner of the Financial Statement: Mr David Newble

Church attendance

There are 34 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, 8 of whom are not resident within the parish. This year has been unusual once again due to various Covid restrictions. During 2021 the attendance at services that could be in-person varied from a minimum of 12 to a maximum of 107 at the outdoor Remembrance Sunday service. Members of the Hildersham congregation also joined the range of online services offered by the ministry team during the year and travelled to combined group services in other churches within the Benefice when these were possible.

Review of the year

The Ministry Team

Revd. Iain McColl is the Rector of the Granta Vale Benefice. He is supported by the Ministry Team which includes: Revd. Kathy Bishop (Associate Priest), Mr Alistair Collen and Mr Stephen Wheeler (Licensed Lay Ministers, LLM) Kristi Stewart Elliot (first as a LLM in training and then, following her licensing in October, as a LLM) and Authorised Lay Ministers Mr Keith Day (Music & Worship Leading) and Mrs Rosemary Mead (Pastoral Care). Additionally, we warmly supported the new parish nurse Kim Cox; Sam Graham as our youth worker (until August) and ordinands on attachment Jeanine Kennedy and Hannah Threlfall.

Serve the community

A wide selection of non-perishable food items given at the Harvest Festival service was donated to REACH foodbank in Haverhill. Two teatimes were held during the periods

where Covid restrictions were eased, serving teas to residents from Hildersham, Linton and the Abingtons in the church allowing plenty of room for spacing. The first was during lovely weather in the Summer and a second was held during Advent where the Children's Church Council sold their handmade recycled Christmas decorations in aid of Reach in Haverhill. The children had a wonderful time making their decorations at the Creative Church Day held earlier in December where they made good use of pine cones and branches from the churchyard and recycled materials.

Parish Nurse Plus

We welcomed Kim Cox to the role of Parish Nurse in March 2021. Initially Covid restrictions meant that many of Kim's contacts were made by telephone or "Zoom", this situation thankfully relaxed during the year enabling face to face meetings to resume. The pandemic has brought an increasing number of new patients with a new range of problems for the Parish Nurse to assist.

As restrictions eased the Community Café in Balsham and other gatherings in the villages slowly resumed. Kim found that these provided an ideal opportunity to meet many more people than can be managed by individual visits, thus extending the reach of the project to make a difference to as many people as possible.

The Parish Nurse is employed by Hildersham PCC with the service overseen by the Parish Nurse Management Group (PNMG) under the Chairmanship of Revd Iain McColl. We thank the PNMG members; Genevieve Dalton, Keith Day, James Morrow, Suan Rowland and Cazzy Walshe for their time and tireless commitment to the project.

Develop a healthy church and leaders

This year began with another lockdown with online services before the church was able to gradually emerge from the Covid restrictions to offer a range of in-person and online services to enable people to access services in the way they felt most comfortable. The range of Sunday services offered at Holy Trinity included Holy Communion, United Morning Prayer and Evensong. The Tuesday evening Silent Space followed by Compline continued weekly, either in Hildersham or online this year, providing an opportunity to offer prayers for the church, local community and other matters of concern. Additionally, a weekly 'Time of Prayer' online service was held at 10:30am across the Benefice. When the risk was considered too great for large numbers to meet indoors, the church moved worship to the churchyard. Hence the larger gatherings for the main events of the year such as Remembrance Day and the Christmas Carol Service were once again held outside.

The House Group continued to meet for Bible study throughout the year, mostly online. This is an ecumenical group engaging with Christians across the community, whether they attend Hildersham Church or worship elsewhere. A Lent course also took place online.

The Children's Church Council (CCC) met monthly and is thriving despite the lock down that started the year. Despite this start it managed to mostly meet in person this year, helped by holding some meetings in the churchyard and Old School Wood. It has a membership of ten local children aged between 7 and 14. As church outreach at Easter, Easter biscuits and cards made by members of the CCC were delivered to Hildersham villagers. Sustainability is also a very important part of CCC principles, this year visible when the children used their gardening skills in the churchyard to help the church gain a bronze award for conservation from the Cambridge Wildlife Trust.

The Granta Vale Churches Choir has members representing every parish within our benefice. Members were delighted when restrictions eased in September enabling the choir to sing again in church. Practices resumed in Hildersham church in October under the skilled direction of Keith Day enabling the choir to make a contribution at services around the benefice on a regular basis again. Sadly, in December, the choir suffered a devastating loss in the death of Cathy Myer. The choir members considered it a privilege to sing at her funeral. Sadly, it was not possible to hold our traditional Nine Lessons and Carols service in Hildersham church this year, however the choir supported the congregational singing around the juniper at the Carol service in the churchyard, raising the spirits of all present.

Keith also continued to keep music alive in our churches throughout lockdowns via his wonderful 'Musical Reflection' section in the newsletter. Amanda Palmer contributed to the monthly village magazine with church news and updates.

After Covid guidance meant taking the church library books out of circulation for so long, it was a delight when the library could return to open access in the church. This enabled these books to be borrowed or browsed freely again.

Re-imagining the church building

Church events during the year were again hit hard by the pandemic and were missed by all. It was possible to hold Summer and Advent teas in church and these were well attended. We look forward to resuming more events for the whole community as the Covid situation becomes safer.

This year the churchyard started a makeover aided by the Children's Church Council and a team of green fingered parishioners to ensure that it was also welcoming for wildlife to the benefit of us all. Mown footpaths through wild flower meadows added to the traditional pebble path routes around the churchyard to provide an alternative perspective to visitors.

Building team

Despite the covid situation the church has again been cared for by a committed group of parishioners. The usual annual checks have been made, these include the checking of fire extinguishers, PAT testing, gutter clearance, alarm service, boiler maintenance and so on. The Smart Water has been re-applied to the church as it was due for renewal. Additionally, the lighting and wiring in the pulpit has been replaced and a few detached flints have also been replaced. Keith Day has continued to care for the organ to ensure that it remains in good order.

Financial review

This has again been a different year because of the pandemic, although slightly more normal. Overall our funds were reduced by nearly £5,300, but we still have nearly £75,000 in reserves, so it has not been too much of a struggle financially.

The differences from last year are:

- (1) A few collections totaling £469 were taken in the church, but this is far from normal.
- (2) The Parish Nurse funds were reduced by about £1,800, leaving about £34,000 to fund the continuation of the service now that a new nurse is in post.
- (3) Other restricted funds reserves were reduced by about £1,000. There are some problems with getting other parishes to contribute to the shared Ministry Costs fund. Unrestricted and designated funds had a deficit of £2,500.

The PCC would like to thank everyone involved in supporting the church's finances during the year, thus ensuring that we remain on a stable financial footing.

Thank you

The PCC would like to take this opportunity to thank all who gave so generously of their time to make the church welcoming and hospitable during another strange year. Thanks to those who kept the church building in a safe and welcoming state through cleaning, tending the churchyard, flower arranging, maintaining both the organ and

building and making sure in so many ways that life in church could remain safe and return to something closer to normal as soon as possible, Thanks to these friends the church was a pleasure to visit, whatever the state of the pandemic.

The PCC also wishes to thank the team of key-holders who open and close the church daily, whatever the weather, it is greatly appreciated. Their contribution is invisible to most, but it is noted and highly valued. Finally the PCC thanks all the parishioners for their continued support of the Church this year, we look forward to a more normal year to come.

PCC March 2022



Charity Name			No (if any)
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, HILDERSHAM			1153435
Receipts and payments accounts			
For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/21		

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Designated funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year (2020) to the nearest £
A1 Voluntary Income/ Receipts - TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES					
Tax efficient planned giving	8,972	4,049	-	13,021	13,701
Other planned giving	-	600	-	600	600
Collections at services	489	-	-	489	678
All other giving and voluntary receipts, including Special Appeals (recurring and one-off)	1,036	2,827	-	3,863	3,735
Gift Aid recovered	2,607	1,271	-	3,878	4,681
Legacies received (capital value)	-	-	-	-	-
Grants (include recurring and one-off)	-	6,633	-	6,633	5,200
Gross income from fundraising activities	80	-	-	80	306
Dividends, interest, income from property etc.	720	2,619	-	3,339	3,144
Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals etc)	1,023	-	-	1,023	258
Gross income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall). NOT fundraising.	400	-	-	400	-
Any other income/ receipts not already listed	-	-	-	-	-
7 Churches Ministry Costs	-	13,285	-	13,285	13,180
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	15,326	31,285	-	46,610	45,483

Total receipts

15,326	31,285	-	46,610	45,483
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A3 Payments -TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Fund-raising activities (costs and payments)	-	284	-	284	233
Mission giving and donations	50	-	-	50	556
Diocesan parish share contribution	10,643	-	-	10,643	10,376
Salaries, wages and honoraria	-	12,491	-	12,491	13,301
Clergy and staff expenses	-	14,843	-	14,843	14,454
Church expenses: Mission and evangelism costs	-	439	-	439	3,183
Church running expenses	281	4,659	220	5,160	3,549
Church utility bills	1,326	-	-	1,326	511
Churchyard Maintenance and Gardening	-	628	-	628	1,880
Cost of trading	-	-	-	-	-
Repairs and enhancements to church buildings	-	679	-	679	-
Church Insurance and Security Systems	3,871	16	-	3,887	1,760
New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or other PCC property	-	-	-	-	-
7 Churches Ministry Costs	1,451	-	-	1,451	1,416
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	17,622	34,040	220	51,881	51,219

Total payments

17,622	34,040	220	51,881	51,219
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Net of receipts/(payments)

-	2,296	-	2,755	-	220	-	5,270	-	5,737
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A5 Transfers between funds

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A6 Cash funds last year end (2020)

29,134	49,401	1,067	79,602	
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Cash funds this year end (2021)

26,838	46,646	848	74,332	
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Categories	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Designated funds to nearest £	FUNDS AT 31.12.2021 to nearest £	FUNDS AT 31.12.2020 to nearest £
B1 CASH FUNDS					
Petty Cash	-	-	-	-	-
Barclays Community ACC 1	25,830	19,018	848	45,695	48,366
Barclays Community ACC 2		2,765		2,765	1,992
Barclays Savings ACC 1		15,117		15,117	18,494
Country Fayre Account	1,008			1,008	1,008
CBF Deposit Account		3,467		3,467	3,465
CBF Repair Fund Account		6,279		6,279	6,276
Total Funds	26,838	46,646	848	74,332	79,602

B2A Other monetary assets		Details	Opening Balance 1.1.2021 to nearest £	Restricted income to nearest £	Restricted expenditure to nearest £	Closing Balance 31.12.2021 to nearest £
GENERAL REPAIR FUNDS RESTRICTED						
	General Repair Reserve		8,463	978	679	8,762
	Sexton's Trust		1,290	260	-	1,550
	Rector's Trust		1,290	315	1,201	404
	Sub Total:		11,043	1,553	1,880	10,716
B2B Other monetary assets		Details	Opening Balance 1.1.2021 to nearest £	Restricted income to nearest £	Restricted expenditure to nearest £	Closing Balance 31.12.2021 to nearest £
SKINNER BEQUEST RESTRICTED			194	593	340	447
GOODWIN TRUST RESTRICTED			18	1,446	842	622
COMMUNITY EVENTS FUND RESTRICTED			205	50	-	255
PARISH NURSE RESTRICTED			36,080	13,957	15,725	34,311
7 CHURCHES MINISTRY COSTS RESTRICTED			1,861	13,685	15,252	294
HOLY TRINITY HILDERSHAM MINISTRY COSTS APPORTIONMENT UNRESTRICTED		£0.00				
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS			49,401	31,285	34,040	46,646
UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUND AND DESIGNATED FUNDS			30,201	15,326	17,841	27,686
GRAND TOTAL OF FUNDS						74,332

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Details	Fund Value 1.1.2021	Current value 31.12.2021	Gain/Loss
HILDERSHAM GOODWIN TRUST			42,347	48,405	6,058
CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE FUND			20,441	23,365	2,924
TOTAL GAIN IN YEAR					8,982

B5 Liabilities		Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due
DECEMBER SALARIES FEES AND EXPENSES TO BE PAID IN JANUARY			PARISH NURSE	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signatures	Print Name	Date of approval



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY, HILDERSHAM

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1153435

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

Date:

11 April 2022

Name:

David Newble

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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