

# The Parish of Newport Pagnell



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## **ANNUAL REPORTS**

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It has been a strange year – blighted again by covid restrictions with the church opening for short periods and then closing again according to various risk assessments.

However, folk have kept closely bonded together through phone calls, zoom prayer and social meetings and the use of a phone App. Thanks too to the team for continuing to video sermons and Wednesday morning prayer slots during the pandemic.

As the virus threat began to wane there have been various debates about when parts of the liturgy could be reinstated. Sometimes things haven't been easy since each church has had to provide its own risk assessment and folk all have their own ideas as to what it was safe to do. Singing was a particular concern. I followed the diocesan guidelines and recommendations. The previous year was easier since there was the same set of rules that all churches had to follow.

The priority was, and is, to keep as many folk as safe as possible. Numbers have held up well when the church reopened again.

Despite the various restrictions encouraging things have been sprouting within the parish.

It has been wonderful to see how the congregations of St Luke's and SSPP have worshipped together when St Luke's had to close due to its covid risk assessment.

This has helped in the streamlining of a new service rota which was agreed by the PCCs of all four churches in the benefice.

It is unsustainable to continue with the pattern of our eucharistic tradition as we did pre covid since we relied heavily upon retired ageing clergy who were not always available and were not pastorally engaged within the benefice during the week. This led to myself dashing around the benefice on a Sunday without sufficient time to draw breath and meet the congregation and new people before and after services. The diocese commented upon me having to conduct too many services and the fatigue that this entails. The emphasis is now upon meeting together to break bread rather than stressing which building we use.

There have also been ongoing diocesan initiated discussions during the year. These concern the pastoral reorganisation of the whole deanery. This may lead to our 'grouping' together with other churches in the deanery. This process is occurring across the C of E since it is deemed that there needs to be root and branch reorganisation of the English parish structure for financial reasons and due to the shortage of clergy.

Sadly, despite extensive advertising, no director of music was appointed for the parish church so the very small choir has been disbanded. Our thanks go to those few who have faithfully assisted us with our music for many years. The St Luke's choir has resumed singing again with the easing of covid restrictions. We intend to advertise for a Director of Music for St Luke's following the departure of their DOM to pastures new. Many thanks to Emma for her imaginative and excellent choice of music over the last 10 years.

In autumn we had a parish open day which was well attended by various members of the public. This event was an excellent example of teamwork. This embodied music, prayer displays, hospitality and stalls explaining what we believe as Christians.

A mission group and parish visiting team has been set up so that we can more effectively reach out to the local community. These are lay led as is our ministry in our local nursing and care homes which has now resumed.

There have been a number of new congregants who have made SSPP and St Luke's their home and the Wednesday morning service has now resumed again.

The Mother's Union continues to grow and we have now switched from zoomed meetings to normal meetings.

The PCC had a fruitful away day and the plans for the reordering of the church interior are progressing well.

We continue to sponsor and be involved with Kimonie's training for ordination and look forward to her ordination as deacon this summer.

Despite the limitations we have grown together as the Body of Christ and are in a stronger position to further our outreach to the local community. This is all underpinned by a faithful weekly prayer group, which itself has expanded during the pandemic. The zoom facility has enabled the less mobile and elderly to be part of this very important aspect of the church's life.

There are too many people to thank for the progress made over the last year but particular thanks go to the churchwardens, LLMs and office staff for helping to steer us all through a tricky and changeable year.

Many of the congregation deserve thanks too for continuing to publicly worship despite various limitations and restrictions to our liturgy due to the diocesan and national covid guidelines.

There are various green shoots emerging and we can look forward to 2022-23.

### **Churchwarden's Report**

**Jenny Frost**

With both churches closed from Christmas 2020 until Easter 2021, it may seem like the Pandemic had won a victory. Not so... the use of Zoom ensured a Prayer group and a Discovery Group both went ahead.

During Holy Week Compline services were held in both St Peter & St Paul's and St Luke's.

We reopened St Peter & St Paul's on Easter Sunday, whilst at St Luke's our traditional Easter Cross was, once again, adorned with flowers as a testimony to all who went past. Thanks to Bill and Chris Watson for putting the cross up for Good Friday and taking it down after Easter Monday.

At last year's APCM Jennifer answered the call to walk alongside me as Churchwarden. I have enjoyed her company and want to thank her for answering God's call.

With the pandemic still causing restrictions to be in place St Luke's remained closed for worship until October when we held a service of Evening Worship on 17<sup>th</sup> October to celebrate St Luke's Day. Refreshments were served after the service and Olwen was on hand, with her camera, to record the moment!

With restrictions easing, albeit carefully, we have held Evening Worship at St Luke's since October.

In November, at St Peter & St Paul's we had the Poppy cascade at the Altar and the uniformed organisations paraded for the Centenary of the Royal British Legion on Remembrance Sunday.

On Christmas Day we held our first morning service at St Luke's since March 2020.

We continue to hire St Luke's to a Preschool, Brownie Pack, Rainbows group, Ranger Troupe and the Trefoil Guild.

All that remains is for me to say thank you to all those who have made worship possible in very difficult circumstances.

Also, my thanks to Nick for his continued support and inspiration.

### **Churchwarden's Report**

**Jennifer Mazzone**

It's a year since I felt called to offer my services as Churchwarden, a role that I have thoroughly enjoyed to date. It has not been without challenges, but it has been very fulfilling.

The pandemic has caused difficult decisions to be made but, thankfully, we seem to be returning to some sort of normality. The long-awaited new rota of services is now in place. One advantage of this is that we can still worship together at joint services as these have brought us closer together as a church community over the past months.

In October an Away Day for the PCC was arranged at The Cross and Stable, Downs Barn. It was advantageous to meet together out of town and other than at PCC meetings. It provided a good starting point from which to move forward as a PCC in fellowship.

I was on the interviewing panel to appoint a new Director of Music. We advertised extensively but, unfortunately, we were unable to appoint a suitable person. Grateful thanks go to Nick Read for taking on the role of organist.

Jenny and I attended a training day for Churchwardens in Haselmere in October which was surprisingly most useful. We signed up for two workshops namely Church Buildings and Vocation. From the latter we have taken up the opportunity to work with Gill Lovell, the Parish Diocesan Development Advisor. She is leading a new initiative, "Flourishing Together." The process has begun for the PCC to meet with Gill and see how we can work together more efficiently than we do now.

The vestry had become a "dumping ground" for a long time. This has now been cleared out and plans are afoot to transform it into a pleasant place for small church meetings e.g. sub committees or a quiet area for Nick to meet privately with people. It will be completely redecorated with a new toilet, cupboards for storage and the present parquet floor will be made good. The priest's vestry will also be decorated and carpeted. The work will be undertaken by a contractor and financed by an anonymous donor.

I would like to thank those who have supported me throughout this year especially Nick and Jenny and also the ministry team, Simon Weedon and Malcolm.

We must now move forward in our mission and spiritual lives so we pray that we can all work together to achieve this.

## **PCC Report**

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a registered charity.

Registered No: 1153668

The PCC met 8 times and the Standing Committee 7 times in 2021

## **PCC membership**

The appointment of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules.

During the year, the following have served as members of the Parochial Church Council:

***Incumbent:*** Rev Nick Evans, Rector

***Licensed Lay Ministers:*** Mervyn Evans and Karen Goff.

***Churchwardens:*** Jennifer Mazzone (from May 2021) and Jenny Frost

***PCC Secretary:*** Olwen Smith

***Deanery Synod representatives:*** Kimonie Nicholls, Dick Smith (Treasurer), John Fowler.

***Elected:*** Lynda Evans, Doug Hird, Brian Hunt, Beth Mackay, Ralph Mazzone, Nick Read, Hazel Reynolds, Marlene Smith.

## **PCC Sub-Committees**

The Parochial Church Council operates through several sub-committees which meet between full meetings of the PCC. They are:

***Standing Committee:*** This committee comprises the Rector, Churchwardens, PCC Secretary and Treasurer. It has delegated powers to transact some of the business of the PCC between its meetings and deals mainly with housekeeping matters.

***Fabric Committee:*** This committee attends to the maintenance of the Parish Church, St Luke's Church and 3 Castle Meadow Close, and considers future projects.

***Events Committee:*** Established in October 2018 as an overarching committee to support organisers of events, providing support, advice and identifying possible helpers. Also, will identify new events and provide advanced planning.

***Re-order Steering group:*** This group was established in January 2019 and will oversee and guide the re-ordering project.

***Parish Visiting team:*** Established January 2020 to oversee and provide for the needs of those who request visits.

***Mission Group:*** This newly formed group arose as a direct result of our Mission Open Day held in October 2021. The group had its inaugural meeting on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and has had one other meeting.

## Statistics

	Baptisms	Thanksgiving	Weddings	Blessings	Church Funerals	Crem Funerals
2014	28	4	23	0	14	21
2015	35	2	19	1	20	12
2016	34	0	14	1	25	5
2017	25	0	16	0	26	6
2018	13	0	12	1	24	5
2019	15	0	7	0	21	6
2020*	3	0	3	0	8	20 <sup>1</sup>
2021*	7	0	7	0	16	16 <sup>1</sup>

\*Covid 19 restrictions

<sup>1</sup> Includes Graveside services

## Safeguarding

**Hazel Reynolds**

The Parish Safeguarding Policy was unanimously approved by the PCC and signed by the Rector and Warden in April 2021.

My responsibilities as Parish Safeguarding Officer include **ensuring our Safeguarding training** is up to date. In 2021 an updated Safeguarding Learning and Development Framework was issued by the House of Bishops. . New Safeguarding Learning Pathways were introduced; moving away from safeguarding learning being a single training event to it becoming more of a journey - an ongoing journey to ensure our safeguarding behaviours are as good as we can make them. All Church Officers are required to complete Basic Awareness training and the vast majority require completion of Foundation training as well. More advanced training is offered on the Leadership pathway, a course in two separate parts. In addition there is Safer Recruitment and People Management, and another focussing on Domestic Abuse.

ALL SAFEGUARDING LEARNING NEEDS TO BE RENEWED EVERY THREE YEARS.

About 40 individuals in our Church need to do Basic Awareness and Foundation during spring 2022. Many of us did the old C0 and C1 courses three years ago, at St Luke's, in spring 2019; the new versions contain significantly revised content so we're all being asked to complete them both this time; generally, every three years we'd just repeat the core safeguarding learning pathway which is the **highest** required for our particular role.

The new list of courses every church officer is required to complete is nearly complete and will be shared with each person in the next few weeks.

**Access to the Safeguarding Training Portal is through the Diocesan website.**

It's hoped the vast majority of people can complete these courses online. The Diocese accept that some may find it difficult to complete Basic Awareness and Foundation through the portal. I am happy to support a small group through this process, perhaps using a few computers in the Parish office.

On satisfactory completion of these online sessions, one receives an online certificate. That needs to be shared with the Parish Administrator so our training records are kept up to date. We will accept evidence of Basic Awareness and Foundation having been done at another Parish church in the Diocese.



**DBS** checks help access whether applicants for paid or voluntary roles have criminal records or are on any barring lists which would raise concern about their suitability to work in the sector. Most importantly, these background checks help us safeguard the people in our care. It is illegal however to make a check in an inappropriate instance. Getting this right is another of my tasks. The Diocese only ask us to repeat these checks every 5 years. We do not accept DBS clearance evidence even from other churches - If appropriate to obtain, then we make our own enquiries. We have only a few fresh checks to make during this year.

I am working on a new **volunteer application form**, and reference request form; role descriptions and person specifications will follow later in the year. Any new volunteers to help with Sunday Club, or becoming a bell ringer, or volunteering with the Memory Club will complete the new application form - all part of the new Safer Recruitment safeguarding training

## **Mothers' Union**

**Jennifer Mazzone**

2021 was still quite a difficult year and we hope that 2022 will be an improvement for us all.

During the first half of 2021 (January to July) we continued with our Zoom meetings which, although only a small number took part in them, were most enjoyable. Each meeting had a theme as a focus. These meetings kept us in touch with each other and were much appreciated. Thanks to Nick and Moira for setting this up for us. In September we finally met in person in church for a cup of tea, cake and a chat. It was a good chance to have a catch up and it was well attended. Our Branch Festival was held in October to which the URC ladies were invited and a few of them attended. Kimonie gave a good talk on the theme for the year. Also, in October our Quiet Afternoon, led by Nick, was very successful and more people attended than were expected. Dr. Sam Muthuvelo returned as our speaker in November and spoke about his life as a GP and his journey to the Ministry. It was good to have one of our members speaking in December on 16 Days of Activism. Sophie Cull gave us an insight into the dreadful things so many women endure. Hearing Dogs was the focus of our meeting in January when John Jannison spoke to us about the work of these wonderful dogs. We held a raffle and so we were able to give him a good donation for this worthwhile charity. Thank you to June for running this and also ordering cards and calendars and selling cards at meetings.

It has been so good to meet again in person and I have been really pleased with the good attendance at these meetings.

Pauline Middleton has still been sending cards out on special occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, illness and bereavement. Thank you, Pauline, for continuing to do this so efficiently. The cards are always appreciated. About 600 Christmas cards were delivered to Woodhill Prison so that each inmate could send a card to a loved one. The response for card donations was amazing and we have some left over and ready for this year. Thank you to Moira for organising this. I sent out a few wedding cards last year but hoped to send more in 2022. Baby Basics is ongoing and members are still involved in this worthwhile and necessary project. Our Branch had an exhibition board at the Open Day in Church. We must let people know of the work of the Mothers' Union as much as possible. The Anti Slavery exhibition was also in church for a week in February. The knitted chains were an amazing sight.

The Branch ran the ever popular raffle at the Bazaar and raised a substantial amount of money. Thanks to June for your hard work organising this. We also participated in the Christmas Tree Festival. Thanks to Pam and Margaret. The tree looked amazing.

The Branch now has 52 members which is fantastic. Two members moved away and, unfortunately, three long standing members died. They were Daphne Miller, Barbara Simpson and

latterly Betty Lillford. It was difficult to attend funerals due to the pandemic but we remembered Daphne and Barbara at a Wednesday morning service when Pam spoke about Barbara and I did the same for Daphne. Barbara's son and daughter in law attended and were very moved and grateful that we wanted to remember her in this way. Donations in memory of Barbara were given to our branch and over £200 was then sent to AFIA.

Good News! I have recently enrolled three new members into our branch, Hannah and Neil Ellis and Sue Maison. These are always happy occasions.

We continue to pray for each other and all members in this country and around the world. It makes such a difference and praying is something that we can all do in whatever situation we find ourselves.

I would like to thank all branch members for their continued support of me and the branch. Special thanks must go to the committee and Nick for their valued support.

Pat Parker and Linda Ramsay have been on the committee for many years and have stood as Secretary and Treasurer for a long time. They both feel that now is the time to retire from these posts. They were thanked at the AGM for their hard work and presented with a card and Gift Token.

New members are always welcome to join our branch. You do not have to attend meetings to be a member. You are joining a wonderful, proactive organisation which has a voice on many serious issues we face in the modern world.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time on 01908613088 or [jennifermazzone@hotmail.com](mailto:jennifermazzone@hotmail.com) if you wish to learn more about the Mothers' Union.

## **Sunday Club**

**Glenda Winfield**

As we entered the second year of restrictions created by the global Covid pandemic, the children continued to be able to access the Together at Home Sunday Packs online each week, providing a lectionary or non-lectionary, Old or New Testament lesson, with pictures to colour, puzzles and activities. There were also some opportunities for Sunday Club to meet on Zoom.

Despite Covid restrictions, there have fortunately been some glimpses of normality.

In July Sunday Club families and members of the congregation were invited to a Picnic in the park at Riverside Meadow. It was a beautiful afternoon and so good for the children to meet up and play together after such a long time apart.

At the Mission Day in October the children's craft activities and Cheeky Pandas Prayer Trail around the church both proved to be a big success, with lots of children joining in and enjoying being creative.

The Christmas Fair in November was another opportunity to do some Christmas Crafts with the children in our community. The Nativity Trail around the church proved to be very popular. There was also the chance to create the Children's Christmas Tree from bamboo poles and some beautiful handmade decorations for display at the Christmas Tree Festival held in December.

Grateful thanks go to everyone who gave their time and talents to make all of these occasions so enjoyable and successful.

The Christingle Service in December was an emotional, atmospheric service, well attended and enjoyed by all once again. Thank you to all those who assembled at home all the various elements that made up the Christingles.

Sunday Club Leaders, the children and friends once again put together an online Nativity Crib Service for Christmas Eve. With no rehearsal beforehand, the children bravely went ahead and played their parts. Thanks go to the children and their friends, parents, Sunday Club Leaders, Karen Goff, Nick Read and members of St Luke's congregation who all ensured that even Covid could not stop the Crib Service, and that great Newport Pagnell tradition the Christmas Hokey Cokey, going ahead.

What a joy it was for the Sunday Club children, their families and friends to be back at The Venue for the Pantomime Cinderella in late December. It was a great performance, as always, and a fantastic atmosphere.

The Sunday Club offertory has continued to support Hand in Hand in Ethiopia, a small children's charity working in Addis Ababa. We receive regular newsletters from the charity. The most recent news we had is that, after a difficult year with Covid and the threat of civil war, the children are all back in school and the feeding centre is serving hot meals again. Four of their university students have graduated with good results and are looking for jobs. The political situation in Ethiopia remains tense which, with the added Covid restrictions, they say makes life very challenging. Yonathan Darge, the young boy Sunday Club sponsors, is reported to be doing well.

With the removal of Covid restrictions it was an absolute joy for the Sunday Club to begin meeting again in church in February. The children are currently doing a project on "Our Church" which will be followed by a series of lessons for Lent. We are now looking forward to the joy of Easter and return of some more of the traditional activities such as Mothering Sunday flowers and the Easter Egg Hunt.

### **Fabric Committee**

**Doug Hird**

Covid has reduced the number of face to face meetings the committee could have but those that have happened were positive and helpful. The focus of these sessions is usually to go through the list of outstanding items. Items are gradually being ticked off the list as work is done by committee members or outside contractors. At the same time, we keep finding new items to add to the list.

We have also had a few sessions at St Luke's to check through the list. Not all have been self-explanatory so it was helpful to investigate items and discuss what to do.

### **Re-ordering Committee**

**Mervyn Evans**

The past year has seen steady progress on the reordering programme. The first phase (Phase One) aims to replace the existing toilet and small kitchen with three toilets, to relocate the kitchen to a new servery in the south-west corner of the nave and to refurbish the south porch.

The architects, JBKS, have completed the technical drawings for Phase One of the project and a Project Manager, Leon Hudston, has been appointed. An open day was held on 9th October when several Newport and Milton Keynes councillors came and were briefed on our plans. The plans were again displayed and explained to members of the public at the Mission Day on 16th October.

A draft of our faculty proposals was submitted to the DAC for comment and a reply has been received. The response was positive, and our proposals should be going out from the DAC for consultation shortly.

The DAC Church Buildings Officer dealing with our project has changed, it is now Mrs Sophie Hammond. As Mrs Hammond has not been to Newport Pagnell a visit has been arranged for the morning of May 5<sup>th</sup> when representatives from the DAC and other interested parties will have an opportunity to see the church and assess our proposals. Our architect, Jeremy Bell, will be present and we are inviting members of the town council and other users to come along to give their views. Members of the PCC are also encouraged to attend and meet and greet the visitors.

The estimated cost of Phase One has been reassessed and the build cost has been estimated at £160,000 (£176,000 with 10% contingency). A fundraising appeal will begin shortly and we will be making applications to funding bodies. However, most of the funding bodies will require that we have a faculty approved before considering an application.

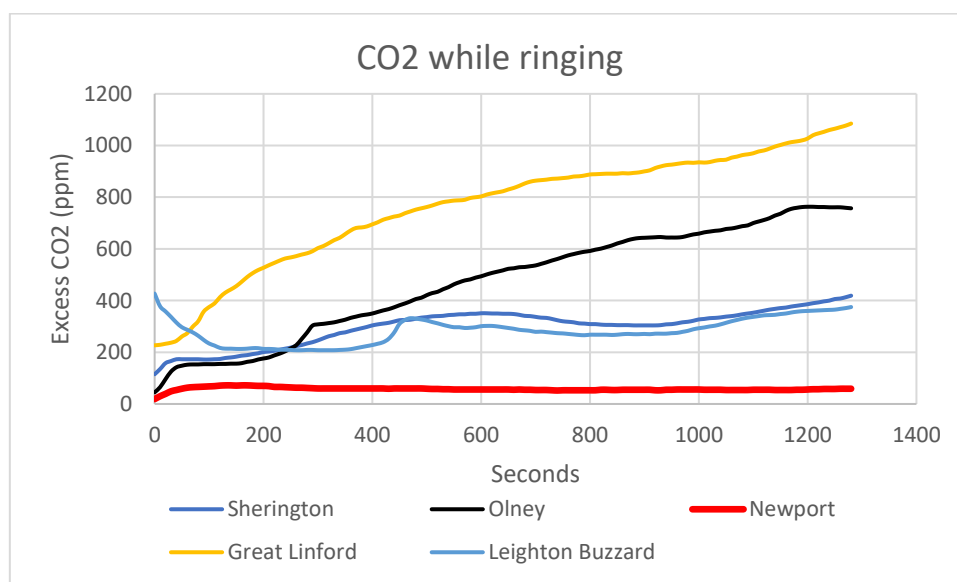
The reordering sub-committee is quite small comprising Mervyn Evans (Chair), Malcolm Godwin (Parish Administrator), Jennifer Mazzone, Dick Smith, Ralph Mazzone and Leon Hudston (Project Manager). As the project continues and the fundraising gets underway, we will need more help, so please do step forward and offer your services if you can – no building experience necessary!

Mervyn Evans

**Bellringers**

**Doug Hird**

Once restrictions eased Newport was one of the first towers in North Bucks to re-start ringing. The first practices were experimental in nature. The CO2 meter provided valuable feedback on the effectiveness of ventilation. The target is to be less than 1000 parts per million and the level to be stable.



This showed that the large body of air in Newport church provides sufficient ventilation to allay any concerns. Other towers are not so fortunate and Newport ringers are currently helping the Olney ringers to develop and test improved ventilation there.

The return to ringing has been a slow process throughout North Bucks. Not everyone is comfortable coming out to ring but practices are starting to return to normal. Here we even have a new learner. Surveys and general observation show that most ringers are recruited from families

and friends of existing ringers. This is an approach we intend to continue with an amnesty of lapsed ringers who can bring their children.

The new timetable of services leads to a need to train a lot more ringers than before if we are to support services at Newport as well as other churches in the Newport Deanery. However, a Deanery model of ringing looks like the only way that we will be able to continue. Some raising of awareness of ringing as a skilled performance art will also be needed if people are to appreciate what is involved and the background of this art form.



Upstairs, the bell frame has been cleaned and re-painted, the belfry floor has also been given similar treatment to make the belfry look like it would have appeared in 1911. The wall paint recommended by the DAC has improved the look of the clock room and belfry walls and consolidated the crumbly surface. This paint is cheaper than the paint we have used in the ringing platform and seems to do the job. The old kitchen cupboard has been replaced with a more substantial metal workbench. The wobbly wooden steps from the church roof into the clock room have been replaced with a piece of sandstone paving from a local garden centre. That took a bit of explaining at the till.

There is still much to do upstairs and it is hoped that a good summer will allow us to make more progress. Then we can get onto completing the decorating we started at Lathbury in 1976.

### **Stewardship**

***Dick Smith***

Planned Giving is a vital part of our income, and regular members of the congregation should commit to regular giving throughout the year. During the year, our Planned Giving rose £1,350 against our 2020 income despite the continuing effects of the pandemic, but is still £1,650 below the 2019 figure. It was refreshing to see some new members of the scheme, but during the period we also lost several long-term members.

Recovery of Gift Aid from HMRC consists of 2 parts. Firstly, we receive Gift Aid on a large part of our Planned Giving (some members of the scheme are not tax payers and therefore cannot Gift Aid their contributions) Secondly we are able to claim Gift Aid on small donations in our collections at services. In 2021 we saw a drop in the tax recovery income of about £2,400, £700 of that was due to reduced Planned Giving in 2020, but the remaining £1,700 was due to the reduction in collections as only a fraction of our normal services were held. In 2021 income from Planned Giving rose again by £200 and from collections have risen by £800. These will be income for 2022 (we have to claim this in arrears). Hopefully in 2022 we will see a further increase in services and therefore a further increase in tax recovery.

We would welcome new members to the Stewardship scheme. We still need to hold a Stewardship Campaign to increase membership of our Stewardship scheme but that is not likely to happen until at least the latter part of the year. However, if you are regular attendees at any of our services please consider joining the scheme. Contact me for further information ([nppcc.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:nppcc.treasurer@gmail.com) or 01908 616508)



We've all learnt one thing from 2 years of lockdown, social distancing and mask wearing - we need face to face fellowship with one another to grow and thrive as human beings and as Christians. The summer of 2021 saw the committee gearing up to go forth and organise events – when of course we were all hit by another lockdown.

Social Events depend on social interaction and that made for a quiet Autumn and Winter. Like green shoots in the spring, we have now burst forth with a calendar of events that will keep us all occupied well into the Autumn.

The positive response from the congregations has shown how much the fellowship that we share has been missed.

A reminder of some of what is planned for this year is shown below.

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Parish Outing to St Albans Cathedral</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>MU Afternoon Tea – a fundraising event at Brooklands</b>
<b>Frid– Sun</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> June,</b>	<b>Floral Jubilee Flower Festival in the Parish Church with refreshments</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Rectory Garden Party Lunch to celebrate the Patronal Festival of St Peter &amp; St Paul</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Walk through the Bible, a live event in the Parish Church</b>

The committee is reliant on the ideas of the members of the congregation to stage events and on the generous help given by the many volunteers.

We meet about once every 3 months for no more than 2 hours round a table and thrash out ideas for the future. We look at what we have done before and what worked and didn't work.

Our role is to support anyone who comes along with an idea to organise an event.

We are conscious that many of our projects support the mission outreach of our church – both to the congregation and to our community.

It's a friendly committee of men and women whose membership has changed over time, and we welcome new voices and new ideas.

### **Committee Members 2021-22**

Julie Eldridge

Lynda Evans (Chair)

Moir Evans

Bridget Frost (joined March 2022)

Brian Hunt

Beth Mackay

Jennifer Mazzone

Dick Smith

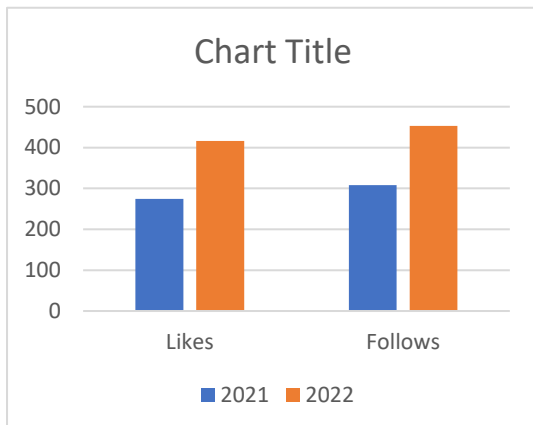
Olwen Smith

Over the last year use of the internet has continued to be a blessing in the parish, with services being posted online and other news and announcements shared over social media.

## FACEBOOK

The Facebook page has increased its visibility to almost double last year. We have to date:

- 416 Likes (2021 274)
- 453 Followers (2021 308)



*The like counter is the number of people that have liked our Facebook page. When a new visitor likes our page, the default setting is that they also follow our page. When someone follows our page, it means that our Facebook page posts will appear on their personal Facebook feed.*

The Sunday reading and sermon was posted weekly up to the easing of lockdown in early December though one or two services are still posted. They have been boosted every week at a cost of £5 a time to reach out to Christians within a 20 mile radius.

Many posts are shared thus increasing our publicity and outreach.

## Website

Our website (npparish.org.uk) also provided a link to our services that are hosted on our YouTube channel. We only use the YouTube channel for this purpose; it reflects the Facebook content and enables people without Facebook accounts to view the services.

The website also contains details about church opening, services and weekly Pews News.

Visits to the website have decreased slightly to 3,620 from 1 April to 8 March compared to 4,285 last year.

## ZOOM

The Parish has a Zoom account and Zoom video conferencing has enabled us to stay in touch via a weekly Parish Chat hour until Sept 2021, plus weekly Prayer meetings which have continued on Zoom. Some Discovery Group meetings have also taken place on Zoom and some continue to do so.

PCC and Standing Committee meetings have taken place over Zoom as well as monthly Mothers Union meetings plus many other one to one meetings.

The use of Zoom is decreasing as the covid regulations have lifted.

## Pews News and Parish Emails

These continue to be circulated to parishioners on the parish database and keep everyone up to date with service details and other relevant information.

Pews News continues to be made available as a hard copy for those who do not use the internet.

### **WhatsApp**

The parish has an active WhatsApp group currently with 36 subscribers. Everyone with a mobile phone is invited to join as this is a quick, informal, and easy way of sharing news and staying in touch.

### **Benefice Planner**

The diary of services and events is circulated by Pews News, available on the website and at the back of the churches as a hard copy. Currently the planner covers the next two months, and it is hoped in the future to revert to an annual booklet.

### **Home Communion**

**Marlene Smith**

Due to the pandemic Home Communion visits stopped in March 2020. We were able to visit Tickford Abbey on 13 December 2021, but they have been back in lock down ever since. However we are beginning to resume visits to Castlemead in April and hope to go to the other homes shortly. We have also resumed visits to individuals.

If there is someone you know who you think would like to receive home communion please speak to them, and if they consent to their details being passed on, please contact me so that I can arrange with them for an appropriate person to take them communion.

### **Parish Visiting**

**Beth MacKay**

Home visits by members of the Parish Visiting Team had to be curtailed during the various periods of lockdown but we have tried to keep in touch with people via telephone and other forms of communication. As restrictions have gradually been eased in recent months, face-to-face visits have started to happen again. At a meeting of the Team in November it was agreed that the main concerns of this group should be for: the elderly, ill and vulnerable; care home/sheltered housing residents; the recently bereaved; and anyone we're aware of who has been missing from church and who might just welcome a phonecall to ask if they're ok.

We are attempting to raise awareness in the congregations asking people to alert us to situations where the Team may be able to help. We've also produced a leaflet which will shortly be distributed to care homes and other residential complexes for the elderly. It is hoped that these efforts will help us to reach out to more people who might benefit from the kind of pastoral care we are able to offer. On visits we're happy to worship and pray with people, share Holy Communion, as well as have a good chat. Or if people prefer, we'll just chat. And if they would like a visit from the Rector or other member of the clergy we can arrange that too.

Members of the current team are Lynda Evans, Mervyn Evans, Nick Evans (Rector), Karen Goff, Carolyn Hawkes, Brian Hunt, Beth MacKay (Parish Visiting Coordinator), Pam Miller, Kimonie Nicholls, Hazel Reynolds and Marlene Smith (Home Communion Coordinator). We are also delighted that Sue Maison will be joining the Team as soon as the necessary formalities can be carried out.



This newly formed group arose as a direct result of our Mission Open Day held in October 2021. The group had its inaugural meeting on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and has had one other meeting.

Our aim is to try to fulfil the Five marks of Mission (adopted by the General Synod of the Church of England in 1996):

To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom (Tell)

To teach, baptise and nurture new believers. (Teach)

To respond to human need by loving service. (Tend)

To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to seek to pursue peace and reconciliation. (Transform)

To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth. (Treasure)

Our priorities at the moment are to improve baptism preparation in order to welcome new families into the congregation; to ensure displays in church are relevant to the season and appeal to anyone visiting the church during the week as well as on a Sunday; to start Lent groups and explore the possibility of Alpha groups starting in the Autumn; to organise a 'Walk through the Bible event' on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

**Memory Club****Hazel Reynolds**

The Memory Club continues to thrive. We were one of the very first clubs to restart, albeit with various precautions in place, in spite of Covid-19 but having benefitted enormously from the successful vaccination campaign and permitted to use St Luke's church premises from 12th April 2021 while The Brookland's centre remained shut.

We now have 4 Memory clubs in MK; NPMC and the other I run in Stony Stratford, one in Aspley Guise and, since November 2021, there is one in Bletchley, based at the Water Eaton Church centre. That latest club is supported by a paid organiser in addition to the normal team of volunteers.

Our efforts are much appreciated by our members and their families. There remains a dearth of social engagement opportunities for those affected by dementia and the isolation caused by Covid wreaked havoc in many lives. I am delighted that Carolyn Hawkes from SSPP has joined us as a volunteer now; I really need to attract another couple of volunteers in the near future.

Our Church administrator is a strong support when it comes to name badges, posters and copying. Now that the Covid threat is diminished, perhaps we can organise another singsong in the church for a Sunday afternoon; when we did this pre-Covid it was much enjoyed by lots of folks including some of my members.

We are fortunate to again be one of the local Co-op charities for this year.

Our new Club leaflet is ready for printing; it's rather more elaborate than the previous version and 500 copies are being printed by a local printer who gave us a good price.

2021 has been another difficult year due to the pandemic.

Overall, we saw a deficit in 2021 of almost £65,000, but that is not a true reflection of the state of our Finances. We spent £49,000 on a new electronic organ at SSPP and £2,100 on a deep clean of the organ at SL. This was funded from the Organ Fund that has been accumulated over many years for just such a situation. We also spent nearly £7,500 on our Re-ordering Project. This money came out of general funds, but once the project progresses and we start fund raising this money will be returned. Adjusting for these unusual expenses bring the true deficit down to around £6,500, which considering the problems due to the pandemic are not excessive. Last year, adjusting for the legacies received we made a loss of £16,000 so things have improved this year. Over the longer term we cannot afford to continue making a deficit each year, but we have significant reserves to cope over the short term.

Planned Giving has risen this year by £1,100 over the previous year, and collections have risen by £1,000 as we have been able to hold more services during the year and this will hopefully rise further in 2022 as the situation returns back to normal. Our Tax Recovery dropped significantly by £2,400 but this was anticipated following our income in 2020. We expect our recovery to be about £1,500 higher in 2022. We didn't have the luxury of any significant legacies in 2021 but most other income showed a recovery, and dividends from our investments rose £1,500 and income from Fees (Weddings and Funerals) was up £4,000. 3 Castle Meadow Close had a tenant throughout the year which maintained that income and there were a couple of events near the end of the year which boosted our income.

With a reduction still in services our general expenditure remained relatively static, with the exception of the Organ costs explained above. The PCC continued its support of Outside Charities despite the situation as many of these charities have also struggled financially but we are not a poor parish and felt we should support them in these difficult times.

The value of our investments have continued to increase by £60,000 this year.

Reg Wright has continued to undertake the independent examination of the accounts this year, and I would like to thank him for his work. The PCC approved the accounts at the PCC meeting on 14 March.

# Appendix 1

## Accounts

# Parochial Church Council of Newport Pagnell

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO 31 DECEMBER 2021

### Receipts and Payments Accounts

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	TOTAL funds 2021	TOTAL funds 2020
	Note	£	£	£	£	
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
<b>Voluntary Receipts</b>						
Planned giving		36,799.98	0.00	0.00	36,799.98	35,655.12
Collections at services		4,126.79	0.00	0.00	4,126.79	3,049.64
All other giving/voluntary receipts	5a	2,167.90	0.00	0.00	2,167.90	81,163.73
Tax recoverable		9,113.61	0.00	0.00	9,113.61	11,536.58
		52,208.28	0.00	0.00	52,208.28	131,405.07
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>	5b	16,061.50	492.50	0.00	16,554.00	13,431.54
<b>Investment Income</b>	5c	26,292.61	5,387.96	0.00	31,680.57	30,756.88
<b>Church activities</b>	5d	6,002.00	0.00	0.00	6,002.00	2,070.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>		100,564.39	5,880.46	0.00	106,444.85	177,663.49
<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
<b>Church activities</b>						
Diocesan parish share		58,621.86	0.00	0.00	58,621.86	58,599.09
Clergy and staffing costs	5e	12,398.50	0.00	0.00	12,398.50	12,917.78
Church running costs	5f	78,341.00	7,683.66	0.00	86,024.66	33,082.95
Parish house costs		1,175.36	0.00	0.00	1,175.36	1,235.19
Mission giving and donations	5g	5,852.84	0.00	0.00	5,852.84	6,424.08
Re-ordering Project		7,325.16	0.00	0.00	7,325.16	1,647.40
		163,714.72	7,683.66	0.00	171,398.38	113,906.49
<b>Cost of generating funds</b>		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Other Payments</b>	3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00
<b>Total payments</b>		163,714.72	7,683.66	0.00	171,398.38	163,906.49
<b>Excess of receipts over payments</b>		(63,150.33)	(1,803.20)	0.00	(64,953.53)	13,757.00
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	4	150.00	(150.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00
		(63,000.33)	(1,953.20)	0.00	(64,953.53)	13,757.00
<b>Cash at bank and in hand at 1 January</b>		120,543.08	5,946.84	0.00	126,489.92	112,732.92
<b>Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December</b>		57,542.75	3,993.64	0.00	61,536.39	126,489.92

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## Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020
<b>Cash funds</b>						
Cash in hand		0.00			0.00	0.00
Bank current account		654.38	1,926.32		2,580.70	3,800.17
Deposit funds		58,503.37	2,067.32		60,570.69	124,304.75
Retained Deposit on 3CMC		-1,615.00			-1,615.00	-1,615.00
		57,542.75	3,993.64	0.00	61,536.39	126,489.92
<b>Other monetary assets</b>						
Gift Aid recoverable		9,795.82			9,795.82	8,975.86
Other income due		303.18	0.00		303.18	809.63
		10,099.00	0.00	0.00	10,099.00	9,785.49
<b>Investment assets</b>						
Investment fund shares at market value	3	283,752.91	85,109.28	145,280.48	514,142.67	454,405.48
<b>Assets retained for church use</b>						
	2	68,000.00	0.00	0.00	68,000.00	68,000.00
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Mission giving		1,326.79			1,326.79	307.14
Organist fees		2,491.00			2,491.00	2,491.00
Clergy and staffing costs		0.00			0.00	0.00
Employer contributions due to HMRC		583.40			583.40	602.60
Church running costs		966.82	0.00		966.82	2,486.43
		5,368.01	0.00	0.00	5,368.01	5,887.17

## Notes

- The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis
- Fixed assets retained for church use is the freehold house at 3 Castle Meadow Close, purchased in 1995 on behalf of the PCC for £80,000 less a 15% equity retention held by the Diocesan Trustees (Oxford) Ltd. On 4 December 2017 the 15% Equity Retention was gifted to the PCC by the Diocesan Trustees (Oxford) Ltd in recognition of the PCC having maintained the house in good order ever since. In 2018 £55,212.17 was spent renovating the property. The market value of the house is in the region of £375,000 to £400,000.
- There are 3 endowment funds held on behalf of the PCC by the Diocesan Trustees (Oxford) Ltd. The Ecclesiastical Trust was established in 1990 from 69.25% of the sale of Church House. The trust is held in CCLA Church of England Investment funds for the purpose of furthering the religious and other charitable work of the parish and the income is unrestricted. The Elizabeth Darcy Charity was set up from 4 small charities to benefit the poor of the Parish. The fund is held in the M&G Charity Multi Asset fund and the income is restricted. The Chancel Repair fund was established in 1972 and is held in a CCLA Church of England Investment fund for the purpose of repair and upkeep of the Chancel and the income is restricted.

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There is 1 restricted investment fund, the Hayllar Fund, which was established in 1980 and is held in 2 investment accounts with Black Rock Charities UK Bond Fund A Inc and M&G Charifund. The purpose of the fund is for the upkeep of the churches and both the capital and income is restricted for that purpose.

Finally, there are 2 unrestricted investments, set up from the funds left in the wills of Louise Moodie and Iris Robinson. £150,000 of Louise Moodie's bequest was invested in the CCLA Church of England Investment fund during 2017 and £50,000 of Iris Robinson's bequest was invested in the same fund in 2020, to provide a reasonable return on the funds although the capital can be spent as and when necessary.

### 4 Fund Values

		TOTAL to 31/12/21 £	TOTAL 2020 £
Ecclesiastical Trust	CBF Investment Fund	77,560.75	67,853.94
	CBF Fixed Interest Securities Fund	9,789.20	10,485.91
Elizabeth Darcy Fund	M&G NAACIF Fund	2,242.29	2,057.05
Chancel Repair Fund	CBF Investment Fund	55,688.24	48,718.80
Hayllar Fund	M&G Charifund	74,697.60	65,883.36
	Black Rock Charinco	10,411.68	11,165.49
Louise Moodie Fund	CBF Investment Fund	221,045.09	193,381.06
Iris Robinson Fund	CBF Investment Fund	62,707.82	54,859.87
		<hr/> 514,142.67	<hr/> 454,405.48

#### 4. The movement in designated and restricted funds during the year were:

	Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal c/fwd
<b>Designated</b>					
Ecclesiastical Income Account	13,812.39	2,250.97	0.00	0.00	16,063.36
Louise Moodie Income Account	17,381.40	5,617.46	0.00	(11,775.16)	11,223.70
Iris Robinson Income Account	29,614.10	1,606.46	0.00	(6,409.98)	24,810.58
Sunday School	146.86	0.00	150.00	0.00	(3.14)
Memory Club	2,723.99	510.50	667.64	27.50	2,594.35
Organ Fund	53,362.18	17.15	0.00	(51,473.60)	1,905.73
Re-ordering Fund	(2,546.46)	0.00	7,325.16	0.00	(9,871.62)
<b>Restricted</b>					
Rental Deposit on 3CMC	1,615.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,615.00
Fabric Current Account	2,812.16	5,797.82	7,683.66	1,000.00	1,926.32
Fabric Deposit Account	1,432.74	0.75	0.00	0.00	1,433.49
Hayllar Income Account	1,288.82	0.55	0.00	(1,000.00)	289.37
Darcy Fund Income Account	413.12	81.34	0.00	(150.00)	344.46

The flower arrangers have a separate bank account and produce separate accounts. Payments are made into their account from the general funds to cover the cost of flowers for the year. The residual balance held in their bank account is negligible.

All transactions related to weddings, funerals, etc. are processed through a separate Benefice account and the fees due to the PCC are transferred monthly in arrears into the general fund.

There is now a line on the accounts for Re-ordering costs, and an additional page at the end of the accounts showing the Receipts and Payments for the overall project. The PCC decided to transfer the remainder of the legacy from David Lock into the Re-ordering Fund (£12,087.83) Money from the Louise Moodie Fund is being transferred to cover the deficit at present. Once the project progresses and fundraising begins then the money will be returned to the fund.

The Rental Deposit on 3 Castle Meadow Close is held in the Deposit account but cannot be used for General Funds.

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During 2021 £2,100 was spent on a thorough clean of the SL organ and £48,975 was spent on a new electronic organ for SSPP. This was funded from the Organ Fund. During 2021, £398.60 was transferred from the Organ Fund to cover the deficit in 2020, £945 was received in Organ Fees and £840 was spent on Routine Maintenance. £105 will therefore be transferred to the Organ Fund in 2022.

### 5. Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	TOTAL funds 2021	TOTAL funds 2020
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>						
<b>a) All other giving/voluntary receipts</b>						
Donations		330.00	0.00	0.00	330.00	571.00
Legacies		500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	79,777.32
Grants		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Copier		431.50	0.00	0.00	431.50	84.80
Sunday School		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19.74
Memory Club		510.50	0.00	0.00	510.50	417.00
Misc		395.90	0.00	0.00	395.90	293.87
		<b>2,167.90</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,167.90</b>	<b>81,163.73</b>
<b>b) Activities for generating funds</b>						
Fabric Donations & grants		0.00	492.50	0.00	492.50	3,855.06
Rent		11,675.98	0.00	0.00	11,675.98	8,326.46
Events (including Fetes)		2,275.89	0.00	0.00	2,275.89	9.90
Special Collections		2,109.63	0.00	0.00	2,109.63	1,240.12
		<b>16,061.50</b>	<b>492.50</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>16,554.00</b>	<b>13,431.54</b>
<b>c) Investment Income</b>						
Dividends on Investment Fund		9,444.44	5,386.50	0.00	14,830.94	13,447.63
Income from Investments		16,800.00	0.00	0.00	16,800.00	16,800.00
Bank and Deposit Fund Interest		48.17	1.46	0.00	49.63	509.25
		<b>26,292.61</b>	<b>5,387.96</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>31,680.57</b>	<b>30,756.88</b>
<b>d) Church activities</b>						
Fees for Batism Certificates	4	11.00	0.00	0.00	11.00	0.00
Fees for Weddings	4	2,111.00	0.00	0.00	2,111.00	745.00
Fees for Funerals	4	1,669.00	0.00	0.00	1,669.00	669.00
Contributions for Heating	4	1,266.00	0.00	0.00	1,266.00	348.00
Organ Fees	4	945.00	0.00	0.00	945.00	308.00
		<b>6,002.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>6,002.00</b>	<b>2,070.00</b>

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## Payments

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL funds 2021	Previous Year
	Note	£	£	£	£	
<b>e) Clergy and staffing costs</b>						
Clergy expenses		710.50	0.00	0.00	710.50	1,355.86
Parish administrator		11,688.00	0.00	0.00	11,688.00	11,561.92
		<b>12,398.50</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>12,398.50</b>	<b>12,917.78</b>
<b>f) Church running costs</b>						
SSPP building running expenses		3,729.07	0.00	0.00	3,729.07	3,931.46
SL building running expenses		2,078.62	0.00	0.00	2,078.62	2,273.19
Insurance		7,944.84	0.00	0.00	7,944.84	7,891.02
Vestry Costs		3,295.63	0.00	0.00	3,295.63	2,725.85
Parish Office		6,051.05	0.00	0.00	6,051.05	5,148.15
Training		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Social Events		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	139.98
Choir Pay and Organists		1,505.00	0.00	0.00	1,505.00	1,435.00
Church flowers	4	410.00	0.00	0.00	410.00	330.00
Misc.		594.15	0.00	0.00	594.15	130.88
Sunday School	4	150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	150.00
Memory Club	4	667.64	0.00	0.00	667.64	197.49
Organ Maintenance		51,915.00	0.00	0.00	51,915.00	996.00
SSPP Maintenance (Fabric)		0.00	6,839.66	0.00	6,839.66	3,505.75
SL Maintenance (Fabric)		0.00	844.00	0.00	844.00	4,228.18
		<b>78,341.00</b>	<b>7,683.66</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>86,024.66</b>	<b>33,082.95</b>
<b>g) Mission giving and donations</b>						
CTNP		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
NP Christmas Lights		150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	100.00
The Childrens Society		552.84	0.00	0.00	552.84	576.08
Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia		750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00	750.00
Buildbuilder Trust		750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00	750.00
Willen Hospice		750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00	962.50
The Welcome Directory		750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00	750.00
MK Night Shelter		750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00	750.00
Water Aid		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
MK Foodbank		140.00	0.00	0.00	140.00	935.50
NP Baptist Church (Afghan Refugees)		1,260.00	0.00	0.00	1,260.00	0.00
Other		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		<b>5,852.84</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,852.84</b>	<b>6,424.08</b>



# Parochial Church Council of Newport Pagnell

## Re-ordering Project Designated Fund

As at 31 December 2021

### RECEIPTS

Donation from John & Daphne Fowler	525.00	
Transfer of Residue of David Lock's Legacy from General Funds	12,087.83	
Temporary Transfer from Louise Moodie Fund	9,871.62	
		22,484.45
Grants		
Oxford Diocesan New Projects	2,500.00	
		2,500.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<hr/> 24,984.45

### PAYMENTS

Architect Fees	(16,987.45)	
Measured Building Survey	(5,148.00)	
Statement of Significance	(1,500.00)	
Subscription to 'Church Grants'	(49.00)	
Project Management	(1,300.00)	
<b>Total Payments</b>		<hr/> (24,984.45)
<b>Closing Balance</b>		0.00

# NEWPORT PAGNELL BENEFICE FEES ACCOUNTS

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>				
Newport Pagnell				
Weddings	5,710.00		2,000.00	
Funerals	10,585.00		4,027.00	
Baptism Certificates	11.00		0.00	
Lathbury				
Weddings	538.00		0.00	
Funerals	0.00		27.00	
Moulsoe				
Weddings	0.00		505.00	
Funerals	29.00		521.00	
	<u>16,873.00</u>		<u>7,080.00</u>	
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
ODBF	6,937.00		3,092.00	
Newport Pagnell PCC	6,216.00		2,070.00	
Lathbury PCC	284.00		14.00	
Moulsoe PCC	15.00		546.00	
Retired Clergy	141.00		0.00	
Clergy Travel Expenses	420.00		361.00	
Organist	616.00		261.00	
Choir	0.00		0.00	
Bellringers	480.00		320.00	
Bell Fund	120.00		80.00	
Vergers	1,118.00		336.00	
Refunds	526.00		0.00	
Miscellaneous expenses	0.00		0.00	
	<u>16,873.00</u>		<u>7,080.00</u>	
Net surplus/(deficit)	<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>	
Funds at 1 January		0.00		0.00
Funds at 31 December		0.00		0.00

# NEWPORT PAGNELL BENEFICE FEES ACCOUNTS

## BALANCE SHEET at 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2020		2020	
	£	£	£	£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Debtors and prepayments	0.00		0.00	
Cash at bank	<u>212.00</u>		<u>134.00</u>	
		212.00		134.00
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				
Accruals	120.00		0.00	
Income Received in Advance	<u>92.00</u>		<u>134.00</u>	
		212.00		134.00
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<u><u>0.00</u></u>		<u><u>0.00</u></u>

NEWPORT PAGNELL P.C.C CHURCH FLOWERS

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021

	<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>BACS PAYMENTS</u>
BALANCE 1ST JAN	£17.64	GENERAL FLOWERS	£60.00
P.C.C FUNDS PROVIDED	£410.00	EASTER	£38.00
	<u>£427.64</u>	WEDDINGS	£245.00
		CHRISTMAS	£55.00
		OASIS	£18.00
		DEC : OASIS RING	£7.90
			<u>£423.90</u>
BALANCE AT BANK	£3.74	BALANCE DEC 31st	£3.74
			<u>£427.64</u>

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS AND TRUSTEES OF THE PARISH OF NEWPORT PAGNELL**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

### **RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PCC AND THE EXAMINER**

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 section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 act and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **BASIS OF THIS REPORT**

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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on these accounts.

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention:

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



REGINALD. G. WRIGHT  
1 Severn Drive  
NEWPORT PAGNELL

# NEWPORT PAGNELL PCC ANNUAL INSPECTION OF 2021 ACCOUNTS

## INTRODUCTION

Receipts and payments accounting has been used for the 2021 accounts. I am satisfied that the Charity's income level is within the limit for this method of accounting to be appropriate.

## PROBITY MATTERS

1. Bank balance statements, investment statements, dividends and interest were checked and found to be correctly recorded.
2. All invoices were examined for correct approval, relevance and reasonableness.
3. A check on collections proved satisfactory all being properly recorded and timely banked.
4. Planned giving has been correctly recorded and gift aid tax recovery checked.

## POINTS ARISING

I have not found anything that requires noting or further investigation by the PCC.

## OTHER MATTERS

I wish my thanks to be recorded to your treasurer Dick Smith for his clear and excellent bookkeeping. Every transaction has been accurately recorded and properly apportioned indicating the lengthy time he has given to this work.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. G. Wright', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Reginald G. Wright  
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NEWPORT PAGNELL