

St Mary Magdalene Church Littleton

ANNUAL REPORT 2020

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Opening Prayers
Election of Churchwardens

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Annual Parochial Church Meeting to be held on Thursday 29th April 2021 at 7.40pm on Zoom online.

Apologies for absence
Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 2020
Electoral Roll Report
Treasurer's Report & Appointment of Auditor
Election of members of the PCC
Election of Deanery Synod Representatives
Election of Sidespersons
Reports
AOB (in advance only to Secretary, Louise Little)
Grace

NB: The newly elected PCC will meet immediately after the APCM to elect officers (Treasurer, Secretary & Standing Committee) and confirm the date of the next PCC meeting.

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Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting held on Zoom on Thursday 22nd October 2020 at 8.00pm on Zoom.

Tim opened the meeting by welcoming Spelthorne Area Dean, Joseph Fernandez to our APCM.

Opening Prayers

Revd Tim Rose opened the meeting with prayer (Psalm 133) a prayer for unity.

Tim began by giving an enormous thank you to Elizabeth (Dizzie) Kortebout for her six years of service and explained that at this point we would normally be presenting her with a gift of thanks and giving her a lovely card signed by all in church. Unfortunately, due to the present circumstances we are unable to do this, although this will follow later when the time is right. Tim decided to thank Dizzie by means of reciting a poem he had written for her.

*Dizzie, Six years of faithful service you have worn so many different hats,
We have journeyed through so much together, we best not mention the bats,
You've so often been on the phone calling this person and that,
Got on first name terms with roofers, especially the man that caught the rat.
So Dizzie we all say thank you for all your hours and prayers,
For all the things that have gone unnoticed, for all your love and care.*

Election of Churchwardens:

Tim explained to the meeting that Rebecca, stepped up in January this year when Greg resigned as churchwarden. Her term should have run until April's

APCM but as you all know this didn't happen but she has continued in her post regardless. Tim asked someone from the meeting to propose Rebecca Cooper-Jones as Churchwarden, **Proposed:** by Jane Cosgrove and **Seconded:** by Jonathan Baker. Tim asked if there were any objections to Rebecca's election- **None were recorded.**

Our second nominee as Churchwarden is Jane Cosgrove. Most of you will know that she has been doing a wonderful job in the community, co-ordinating with others a group of 160 volunteers in Shepperton, Shepperton Green, and Littleton, making sure that no-one is without food or medical supplies in these difficult times.

Would any one like to propose Jane? **Proposed** by Peter Baker and **Seconded** by Wendy Jackson Tim asked if there were any objections to the election of Jane as Churchwarden? **None were recorded**

Rebecca Cooper-Jones and Jane Cosgrove were duly elected to serve as Churchwardens.

Minutes of the of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, held on Zoom on Thursday 22nd October 2020 at 8.15pm.

Apologies: Irene & Ian Smith and Diana Lees

Minutes of the previous meeting: Agreed unanimously by the meeting.

Matters Arising: None

Electoral Role: Gillian Keller is stepping down this year after 10 years' service in this role. Tim again explained that the only way he could thank her was through another poem he had written. Many thanks Gillian for your years of service.

*Oh Gillian! What are we going to do?
Without you ringing up number thirty two,
Magdalene Close that is Mr and Mrs Cotton,
To let them know they hadn't been forgotten,
Oh Gillian! Please don't stop
Learning computers is just a short hop
But we all know the reason you are giving the role up
It's to give more time to win the Bible bonanza cup.*

No Electoral Roll figures were available to present at the meeting they will be presented at the next PCC meeting. Tim thanked Wendy Jackson who has agreed to take on the role.

Treasurer's report:

Tim reminded everyone that Jonathan's financial report related to year end 2019. Jonathan stated that we had the electrical work done with £20,000 from the Diocese £10,000 as a grant and £10,000 as a loan. We need to speak about Auditors. Jonathan explained that the present Auditor may not be able to continue, due to his work load as Head of Risk Worldwide, at a large bank. Jonathan said that he would do, as we did last year, and take any new appointment of an Auditor to the PCC. Tim said there may be a chance that our previous Auditor could still do our accounts but we would have to wait and see. Anyone with any reason not to approve the accounts as published?

No objections were recorded.

Election of Members to the PCC:

Tim thanked the three people whose terms of office have come to an end. Irene Smith, Tim Wilson & Vanessa Foreman. We have received nomination have any objection to any of these people standing as PCC members for the next three years? **No objections were recorded.**

Tim also offered his thanks to Dawn Gibson & Andrew Pattinson for their term of office as Deanery Synod representatives. Nomination papers have been received from Sue Dean and Gareth Keller. Are there any objections to these people being our Deanery Synod representatives?

No objections were recorded.

Reports:

Any comments concerning the reports were requested by the 17th of this month, thank you to those people who did respond before the 17th. The only question raised was on my report concerning the number of people who took part in the full immersion baptism. For the record there was ten people baptised for the first time and 3 renewed their baptism vows. Everything else raised concerned next year.

Tim ended the meeting with the Grace at 20.45

PCC Meeting to elect a Treasurer and Secretary to the PCC

Louise Little: **Proposed** as Secretary by Jane Cosgrove and **Seconded** by Gareth Keller

Jonathan Baker: **Proposed** as Treasurer by Rebecca Cooper-Smith and **Seconded** by Laura De Young. All were in agreement.

Dates for next meetings:

All at 8pm

Standing Committee - 19/11/20

PCC - 25/11/20

Standing Committee - 21/01/21

PCC - 28/01/21

Standing Committee - 18/03/21

PCC - 25/03/21

APCM - 29/04/21

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council For the Year Ended December 2020.

Administrative Information

St Mary Magdalene Church, Littleton is situated in the hamlet of Littleton, close to Shepperton Studios and Queen Mary's Reservoir.

Correspondence Address: Littleton Rectory, Rectory Close,
Shepperton TW17 0QE

Membership

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

PCC members who have served from the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in October 2020 until the date of this report are:

Rector Tim Rose

Churchwardens Rebecca Cooper-Jones
Jane Cosgrove

Representatives of
The Deanery Synod

Sue Dean
Gareth Keller

Elected Members

Diana Lees
James Merchant
John Rook
Margaret Lilley
Laura de Young
Gareth Geller
Rachel Reece-Smith
Rebecca Capper
Chris Scott

Co-opted Members

Jonathan Baker (Treasurer)
Louise Little (Secretary)

Structure, Governance and Management

The United Benefice with St Nicholas Church was dissolved in December 2020. 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 excepted by order from registering with the Charity Commission.

Objectives and Activities

St Mary Magdalene's PCC has the responsibility for co-operating 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 Grade 1 Listed Church building, the Old School Building, New Road, and St John's Hall ('The Scout Hut'), Wood Road.

Trusts and Charities

Old School Building

Under a deed dated 14 November 1894, Thomas Wood conveyed the land and buildings in New Road (now known as the Old School Building) to the Minister and Churchwardens of Littleton in trust, as long as the building is used for educational purposes.

St John's Hall

The land where St John's Hall, known as the Old Scout Hut, is situated is vested in the Rector and Churchwardens of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St

Mary Magdalene, Littleton as Trustees of a Charity established in 1929. Trustees: Rector and Churchwardens of the Parish of Littleton.

Rector's Report 2020

Intro:

This has been an extraordinary year in global, national and church history, one that we have all been profoundly effected by. However it is down to the extraordinary Grace of God that once again the church has been blessed and has been a blessing in so many ways.

Responding to the pandemic:

The response of the church household to the pandemic locally has been extraordinary. In partnership with Jubilee church and friends of Shepperton Facebook group we played a key role in coordinating 160 volunteers to serve the Shepperton area. We delivered food, prescriptions and were a listening ear to the most vulnerable in our community. It is wonderful to see how some of these newly formed connections between the volunteers and the vulnerable have been maintained. I want to personally thank Jane Cosgrove for her leading in this area and all of our amazing volunteers who put your own safety at risk to help others.

Leadership team and Pastoral:

It was been such a blessing for me to have had a team of people to fall back on and to lead with through this last year. Irene, Miranda and Sue have produced services, newsletters, kept people informed through phone calls and socially distanced visits and have helped me to navigate some tricky situations when no one knew what was happening. The pastoral team under Miranda's leadership has been invaluable this year and I indebted to Reg Berry, Pete Boothby, Jane Cosgrove and Caroline Button for all their help in this area.

Sundays:

Sundays have of course been very different this year. We choose Facebook live and YouTube as our social media of choice and this has helped us to stay connected and be involved in a lovely way. It has been a real privilege for me to lead these services alongside my wife and to interview so many people both from our own church household and beyond. The blessing of this has been new relationships being formed across our church and the growth that we have seen.

Easter:

Easter arrived with us very suddenly and we managed to put together an Easter Sunday morning service which was enjoyable but we weren't able to do any thing in Holy Week due to the lateness of the notice we got.

Christmas:

It was a very different Christmas for obvious reasons. We managed to do mid-night from within the church (Many thanks to Lucy Burton for the filming and editing). We did a lovely joint carol service with Jubilee and our pre-Christmas nativity service was viewed by over two and a half thousand people! (The fact that this was due to the Rector and his wife being dressed up as cows is purely speculation).

Cornerstone:

Cornerstone has been able to meet in people's gardens where allowed and people have kept in touch on a very active WhatsApp group.

Alpha:

We ran a very successful part online, part in person Alpha course across the summer and early autumn that was attended by half a dozen people.

Beer and Bible:

Beer and Bible has kept going online and also with a very active WhatsApp group as has the spin Men's Bible study group.

Youth:

The young people have continued to meet on line on a fortnightly basis with very strong numbers and a lot of fun.

Small Groups:

Some small groups have been able to continue on line where others have been put on hold till after the pandemic.

Mozambique:

Tim has been in regular contact with Pastor Albano on email in what has been a traumatic and difficult year for them, and we continue to pray for God's blessing on Albano and our friends in Mongue.

Other church ministries have been suspended due to the pandemic.

Rev'd Tim Rose

Churchwardens' Report

It would be fair to say that 2020 did not progress as we had all expected in January 2020. The Covid-19 pandemic was something that was happening in faraway places, and it would be reasonable to suggest that our expectation for the year was the polar opposite of how it turned out. To see our church closed for worship has been very difficult, and the shift to online services has been a challenge. However, as in historic times of global, national and local adversity, God has been truly faithful and has helped us all to view our respective worlds quite differently.

The move to online church in March 2020 was always going to be challenging. However, there are so many people who deserve our heartfelt thanks for helping – and it seems that our thanks are not quite “enough”. Specifically, thank you to those who have donated time, effort and finance to ensure that we have had the equipment required to stream services on both Facebook and YouTube. Thank you to the entire Rose household for hosting us week by week from their home/the parish office. Thank you to the production team, and thank you to our musicians and singers who have provided much valued and needed worship opportunities. Our thanks are also due to those leaders who have managed the transition from in-person youth group to Zoom meetings. In short, there are so many people to thank – and we do not forget those who spend their time on assisting with the in-person tasks that have continued – to the Ivy League for their ongoing support and the cleaning team who have been in to church when they have been able, keeping in mind the necessary social distancing that has been required. Our gratitude is also due to the Parish Office support, to the PCC, and to the Leadership team. All in all, 2020 can be reflected upon as a year of change and a year of thanksgiving (for so many and for what we have).

In real terms, our continued risk assessments of the church building meant that we were unable to meet in person from March 2020, and this provided many challenges for so many people. The social isolation that has been experienced over the period has been unforgiving and seemingly relentless. However, we are hopeful that 2021 will bring a positive re-opening of the building and allow us to meet and worship, even if this will look different in many ways.

We were excited to receive confirmation from the Bishop that St Mary Magdalene is now a stand-alone parish and take this opportunity to congratulate Tim on becoming Rector of the Parish. We wish our brothers and sisters at St

Nicholas', Shepperton, well as they continue their period of interregnum, and look forward to retaining a positive and productive relationship over the forthcoming years.

Thank you once again to all – and we pray that 2021 brings continued blessings to our Church household whilst we continue to live with the pandemic.

Jane and Rebecca

Electoral Roll

Total Number on Electoral Roll	127
Residents	70
Non Residents	57

Wendy Jackson (Electoral Roll Officer)

Safeguarding

The church complies with all the Safeguarding requirements as laid down by the Church of England and the Diocese of London. The PCC is updated at each meeting of any issues that need bringing to their attention by the Church Safeguarding Officer. Ordinarily an annual audit and policy review is carried out and an action plan is produced and presented to the PCC in May for discussion and approval. In 2020, due to the restrictions placed on us by the pandemic, the recommendations and actions from the previous year were carried over. It is our intention to revisit this when church life returns to some degree of normality with face-to-face meetings etc.

At St Mary Magdalene we carry out a DBS check of all those who work with children and vulnerable adults, including the Youth Leaders, the Pastoral Team and Cornerstone volunteers. We ensure that these people are regularly briefed and trained as appropriate. In addition, leaders and members of the PCC undertake Diocesan Safeguarding training much of which is now available online. Risk assessments are carried out regarding regular church activities, as well as one-off events.

Irene Smith, Church Safeguarding Officer

St Mary Magdalene Church, Littleton (1304)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

Receipts and Payments Accounts

	Unrestricted Fund	Unrestricted Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	TOTAL 2020	TOTAL 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Voluntary Receipts					
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Receipts					
Planned Giving	38,516.20	-	-	38,516.20	46,783.50
Collections at Services	8,730.27	-	-	8,730.27	11,321.14
All other giving/voluntary receipts	6,449.46	19,653.00	-	26,102.46	49,346.55
Gift Aid recovered	13,606.61	-	-	13,606.61	13,997.59
Activities for generating funds	7,965.38	1,172.73	-	9,138.11	25,544.60
Investment income	161.53	19.83	-	181.36	207.44
Gains / Loss on Investment Assets (1)	5,600.15	-	-	5,600.15	-
Church activities	2,470.00	-	-	2,470.00	7,673.00
Inter-Account Transfers	-	-	-	9,573.00	4,903.09
Insurance Claims	1,478.00	-	-	1,478.00	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	84,977.60	20,845.56	-	115,396.16	157,776.91

Notes 1. The church receives an income from a shares fund under the name of "JW Lea & LN Lea Charity". Previous accounts have only shown the dividend income (shown under investment income, unrestricted). These accounts have now been updated to show the holding amount.

PAYMENTS

Church activities					
Common Fund	45,502.00	-	-	45,502.00	60,000.00
Clergy and staffing costs	2,128.70	-	-	2,128.70	4,706.99
Church running expenses	13,630.34	-	-	13,630.34	36,423.23
Hall running costs	-	18,135.35	-	18,135.35	24,899.20
Mission and donations	1,641.89	-	-	1,641.89	4,180.47
Cost of generating funds	6,959.05	378.74	-	7,337.79	22,002.61
Inter-Account Transfers	-	-	-	9,533.89	4,903.09
TOTAL PAYMENTS	69,861.98	18,514.09	-	97,909.96	157,115.59
EXCESS OF PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS	15,115.62	2,331.47	-	17,486.20	661.32

Cash at bank and in hand at 1 Jan 2020	28,686.85	29,548.25	2,478.58	60,713.68	
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec 2020	57,502.47	18,218.63	2,478.58	78,199.68	

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	Unrestricted Fund	Unrestricted Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	TOTAL 2020	TOTAL 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Statement of Assets and Liabilities					
Fixed Assets					
Shares - JW Lea & L N Lea Charity	5,600.15	-	-	5,600.15	-
Bank Accounts					
Bank Current Account	49,641.89	-	-	49,641.89	27,479.51
Fund Raisers Account	450.00	-	-	450.00	450.00
Summer Ball	1,764.63	-	-	1,764.63	693.09
Old School Building Fund	-	3,761.03	-	3,761.03	7,243.58
Children and Youth Bus.Prem. Acc.	-	14.56	-	14.56	14.56
Restoration	-	5,300.78	-	5,300.78	4,737.64
Cornerstone	-	1,876.92	-	1,876.92	1,613.34
Heasman	-	-	1,965.81	1,965.81	1,965.81
Talent	-	-	512.77	512.77	512.77
Reserve	-	6,413.20	-	6,413.20	15,413.20
Littletons	-	424.00	-	424.00	424.00
Cash					
Restoration Petty Cash	-	29.69	-	29.69	29.69
Littletons Cash	-	398.45	-	398.45	72.24
Fund Raisers Petty Cash	45.80	-	-	45.80	64.24
BALANCE TOTALS	57,502.47	18,218.63	2,478.58	78,199.68	60,713.68

LIABILITIES

An insurance claim was made for repairs to the Rood Cross which will cost £1728. The insurance claim paid £1478, payment for repairs will be made from 2021
Total - £1728

Notes 2. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with Church Regulations 2006 on a receipts and payments basis

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3. The movements in designated and restricted funds during the year were:

	Bal. C/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfer	Bal. C/fwd
Restricted					
Heasman Legacy Fund	2a	1,965.81	-	-	1,965.81
Talent Fund	2b	512.77	-	-	512.77
		<u>2,478.58</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,478.58</u>
Designated					
Old School Building Fund	2c	7,243.38	14,653.00	18,135.35	3,761.03
Children & Youth Fund	2d	14.56	-	-	14.56
Restoration Fund incl Petty Cash	2e	4,767.33	592.83	-	5,360.16
Cornerstone	2f	1,613.34	477.75	243.86	1,847.23
Reserve	2g	15,413.20	-	9,000.00	6,413.20
Littlelots	2h	496.24	461.09	134.88	822.45
		<u>34,505.21</u>	<u>16,184.67</u>	<u>9,000.00</u>	<u>18,218.63</u>

Heasman Legacy represents monies donated for the maintenance and improvement of St Mary Magdalene church by the Estate of the Revd. Heasman in 2001.

^a The fund remained unused in 2020.

Talent Fund is for projects for the benefit of the church or wider community. It can also be used to help those in need as recommended by the incumbent. The fund remained unused in 2020.

Old School Building income and expenditure is from the building being used for community use i.e guides etc. This fund lost income due to Covid-19 restrictions on Hall Hires for parties, groups such as guides and during the closure of the Nursery

Children & Youth is the fund for the creche, Sunday club and Youth groups. Limited funds remain with this being used up for education literature for the Sunday club.

Restoration Fund is the designated funds to the upkeep of the church building. Income has been from Fund Raising committee where 1/3 of their donation is put into the restoration fund. Additional income from a donation specified for the use of the restoration of the building.

Cornerstone is the community café run in the Old School Building by Church Volunteers. Donations are used to run the café with any surplus retained for future use for this project.

Reserve is a fund retained in case of emergencies and to have a fund should incomes decline for any reason. No income to the fund, transfer from Reserve to Unrestricted funds for use of development of the flat at the Old School, the rental from which will become an income for the church. The rent will firstly be used to rebuild the reserve and then as an ongoing income. The loan for the electrical works from 2019 was planned to be paid from the reserve but the Diocese deferred this payment to 2022 due to Covid-19.

Littlelots is a parent and toddler group operated at the Old School Building operated by church volunteers. Donations are taken on entry and used for supplies. Remaining funds retained for use by this project

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Further analysis of major receipts and payments

	Unrestricted Fund	Unrestricted Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	TOTAL 2020	TOTAL 2019
RECEIPTS					
a) All other giving/voluntary receipts					
Donation from Summer Ball to PCC	700.00	-	-	700.00	7,400.00
Old School Building Income (Non-Recurring)	-	14,653.00	-	14,653.00	24,238.48
Legacy	5,000.00	-	-	5,000.00	2,500.00
LDF Grant/Loan	-	-	-	-	11,580.60
AV Fundraising	4,745.68	-	-	4,745.68	-
Special Collections	821.66	-	-	-	1,303.00
	<u>11,267.34</u>	<u>14,653.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,098.68</u>	<u>47,022.08</u>
b) Activities for generating funds					
Littleton Life - Parish Magazine	270.00	-	-	270.00	2,077.00
Easy Fund Raising	141.24	-	-	141.24	168.80
Fundraising Committee	1,132.60	-	-	1,132.60	3,677.60
Summer Ball fundraising	6,421.54	-	-	6,421.54	14,679.10
	<u>7,965.38</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,965.38</u>	<u>20,602.50</u>
c) Church Activities					
Fees weddings/funerals	1,145.00	-	-	1,145.00	4,229.00
Diocese Fees	1,325.00	-	-	1,325.00	3,404.00
	<u>2,470.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,470.00</u>	<u>7,633.00</u>

	Unrestricted Fund	Unrestricted Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	TOTAL 2020	TOTAL 2019
PAYMENTS					
d) Clergy and Staffing					
Diocese Fees	1,119.00	-	-	1,119.00	3,115.00
Incumbent Expenses	289.70	-	-	289.70	1,346.99
	<u>1,408.70</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,408.70</u>	<u>4,461.99</u>
e) Church Running Expenses					
Photocopier	1,751.32	-	-	1,751.32	1,829.89
Stationery	1,065.45	-	-	1,065.45	2,043.33
Training	80.00	-	-	80.00	150.00
Insurance	3,445.10	-	-	3,445.10	3,188.96
Altar	1,349.32	-	-	1,349.32	2,988.22
Rectory	369.97	-	-	369.97	625.21
Utilities	1,466.31	-	-	1,466.31	2,059.05
Web	568.41	-	-	568.41	161.90
Telephone / Post	305.66	-	-	305.66	374.92
Electrical Works (Recovered from Grant/Loan)	-	-	-	-	14,186.20
Repairs	2,801.80	-	-	2,801.80	4,308.63
Scout Hut	250.00	-	-	250.00	3,030.00
Church Yard	57.00	-	-	57.00	996.92
Parking	120.00	-	-	120.00	480.00
	<u>13,630.34</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,630.34</u>	<u>36,423.23</u>

f) Old School Running Costs

OSB Running Costs	-	5,923.41	-	5,923.41	6,651.05
OSB Insurance	-	1,460.58	-	1,460.58	1,431.52
OSB Utilities	-	3,064.39	-	3,064.39	2,792.03
OSB Repairs	-	7,686.97	-	7,686.97	14,024.60
	-	18,135.35	-	18,135.35	24,899.20

g) Activities for generating funds

Littleton Life - Parish Magazine Costs	165.00	-	-	165.00	1,675.00
Fundraising Donations to PCC	547.00	273.00	-	820.00	2,183.00
Fundraising Committee Costs	351.05	-	-	351.05	1,502.32
Summer Ball Donation to PCC	700.00	-	-	700.00	7,400.00
Summer Ball Costs	4,650.00	-	-	4,650.00	7,317.66
	6,413.05	273.00	-	6,686.05	20,077.98

h) Mission & Donations

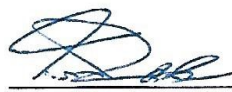
Mission	323.15	-	-	323.15	3,550.05
Special Collections - see below	1,318.74	-	-	1,318.74	610.42
	1,641.89	-	-	1,641.89	4,160.47


Special Collections for reference only	2020	2019	Notes
Poppy Appeal (2019 paid from 2020 funds)	-	292.66	No Remembrance Service Collection 2020
Bishops Lent Appeal	-	54.77	
Christian Aid	-	-	
Sundry	-	-	
Manna Food Bank (2019 paid from 2020 funds)	-	263.04	No Christmas Day Collection 2020
Home Start (2019 paid from 2020 funds)	-	263.04	No Christmas Day Collection 2020
Bereaved Family	500.00	-	
Alma Appeal	-	290.65	
Princess Alice Hospice (Collection at Funeral)	-	265.00	
	500.00	1,429.16	

- NOTES**
- 1) The financial statements of the Parochial Church Council have been prepared in accordance with the Church accounting regulations.
 - 2) Donations and fundraising remain the key part of the income for the church
 - 3) A focus remains on continuing to encourage planned giving
 - 4) Common Fund contribution was reduced with agreement from the Diocese from a planned £61,000 to £45,502 which has allowed more financial security into 2021
 - 5) Incomes were greatly affected by Covid-19 but these were partly offset by cost savings due the building not being open and reduction in Common Fund contribution (see note 4)
 - 6) Reserve was reduced by £9000 which is currently now held in unrestricted funds, this is being used towards £10,000 of works at the Old School Building flat that will generate a future residential rental income for the church

The PCC is a registered charity No. 1154895.
Approved by the Parochial Church Council on
and signed on their behalf by

DATE


Rector
Revd. Tim Rose


Treasurer
Jonathan Baker

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St Mary Magdalene Church, Littleton

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2020 which are set out on finance pages of the Annual Report.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's 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 undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the gross income for the year exceeds the amount provided in section 145(3) of the Act, I confirm that I am qualified to act as Independent Examiner under the provisions of that section of the Act and that my qualification is as shown below.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act 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.

Kevin Ogilvie
Charity Bookkeeping and Examination Services
13 Evelyns Close,
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6th April 2021

Scout Hut

With the agreement of the PCC, the Old Scout Hut property was put on the market on Monday 20th January 2020 with the sale being handled by Bazely & Co Estate Agents. The property was available for viewings by appointment over four Saturdays and the closing date for offers was Monday 17th February. Following a review of the 24 offers received, a cash offer for £412,500 from a local consortium was accepted. The sale is subject to planning permission being granted for residential properties to be built on the site. The buyers immediately started drawing up plans and preparing to submit an application.

However, within weeks the first Covid lockdown was imposed, and the pandemic has had a significant impact on progress which has been painfully slow. Dizzie Kortebout and Diana Lees maintained contact with Bazely & Co and the buyers, and received regular updates. The buyers persevered with the Pre-Approval process preparing alternative plans addressing a number of potential issues.

Finally, in April 2021, the full application was submitted and all parties are now awaiting the outcome. We understand the process is taking longer than in previous years due to Covid. We ask for your prayers for a speedy and positive outcome.

Diana Lees

St Mary Magdalene Church, Littleton

The parish church for Littleton, Shepperton Green, Charlton Village and Ashford Common (South).

All are very welcome at our Sunday and weekday services, where you will find a friendly and relaxed atmosphere in ancient and beautiful surroundings.
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