

REPORT FOR CHARITY COMMISSION

Aims and purposes

St Nicholas Allington Parochial Church Council (the PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with our joint priest-in-charge in promoting the whole mission of the church – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also responsible for maintaining the church building, halls and church grounds (but not the Rectory which is the responsibility of the Diocese).

Objectives and activities

Our central activities are providing a range of formal and informal worship, with and without communion. The church is committed to providing the Church of England 'occasional offices' of baptism, marriage and funerals. The church, and two church halls, are well used for a wide range of community activities.

Buildings

Our present church, consecrated in 1975, is a square building mainly, recently re-ordered by the replacement of pews with chairs. The church space is used for worship every Sunday and Wednesday and at other times as required. It is also used for PCC Meetings, a weekly prayer group, a monthly meeting of mums and babes and other groups, and for appropriate community activities. To one side is a church office and separate clergy vestry as well as recently installed toilet facilities, with disabled access and baby changing facilities. In addition, kitchen, and additional storage facilities have been installed in bespoke cupboards within the worship space.

The church is open on a daily basis for anyone wishing to find a time of quiet, and is also now used by community groups and available for hire.

There are two church halls in a building adjacent to the church that provide facilities for many local groups and businesses - these halls have a kitchen and toilet facilities, including a baby change and disabled toilets.

Both church and halls have disabled access.

Providing a Public Benefit

This is a heading required by the Charity Commission that recognises our responsibilities beyond the present church community in the following way;

- Mums and babes group once a month.
- After school clubs and assemblies in schools.
- Baptisms, weddings, funerals
- Guide and Scout organisations hold Parade Services in the church two or three times a year.
- A weekly community café.
- An occasional Sunday lunch group for those who would otherwise eat alone.
- Mothers' Union.
- St Nicholas' Fellowship.
- Residential Homes are visited and services conducted there.
- A wide range of social and fund-raising events held throughout the year that are open to the larger community. The Christmas Market draws many people into our buildings and is supported by a number of small local businesses.
- Each month 1,100 copies of *Grapevine* the Parish Magazine are distributed, including free copies offered outside school gates and in various locations around Allington.
- Carol singing takes place at Christmas time at the local shopping centre.
- The outside Notice Board advertising our services and events is always well presented
- In church, we have continued to make our services easy for visitors to follow using Power Point projection, enlarged texts, or printed out in short booklets. The church sound system helps all visitors, as well as the hearing-impaired.

- Our church halls offer valuable meeting places for a wide variety of community and commercial activities, including the numerous branches of the Guide and Scout organisations. The halls are booked frequently for private bookings by local residents.

It should be noted in this report of the significant challenges to the operation of the church during the course of the global COVID 19 pandemic. St Nicholas Church took the opportunity to develop a local hub organising shopping and prescription collections for those unable to leave their house. The church also worked with the local authority and utilised various grants to provide laptops for schools, kitchen equipment for families in need, starter packs for vulnerable single parent families moving from hostels and providing significant quantities of supplies for local foodbanks by coordinating donations from the community.

Other required information

The parish is legally known as the Parish of St Nicholas, Allington with St Peter, Maidstone. Roughly it stretches at its western edge from the Park and Ride, either side of the London Road, toward the town centre down to the river and Lockmeadow. The river end of the parish is the area which formerly came under the previous St Peter's Church, no longer in use. The running of the parish comes under two Churchwardens and the Parochial Church Council or PCC. Ministry and worship comes under a Priest-in-Charge, a Curate and a Children's and Families Minister.

Administrative Information: St Nicholas Church is located in Poplar Grove, Allington, Maidstone. It is part of the Deanery of Maidstone and Diocese of Canterbury within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Rectory, 35 Poplar Grove, Maidstone, ME16 0DE. Our bankers are Nat West plc, 3 High Street, Maidstone ME14 1XU.

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

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Notes		2020				2019
		General fund	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
		£	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS						
Voluntary Receipts						
<i>Regular Giving</i>						
		47639			47639	48537
		12125			12125	15939
		2113			2113	5188
		61877			61877	66243
Other voluntary receipts	3a	7137		468	7605	49806
Activities for generating funds	3b	3164			3164	12293
Receipts from Church activities	3c	33061		11003	44064	56836
Interest on Deposits		156			156	154
		105394	0	11471	116865	185332
PAYMENTS						
<i>Church activities</i>						
		£	£	£	£	£
Diocesan Parish Share		65137			65137	63999
Other Payments	3d	49210		10811	60021	126476
		114347		10811	125158	190475
Surplus/(deficit) before transfers		-8953	0	660	-8293	-5143
Transfers between funds		-5187	4180	1007		
Surplus/(deficit) for year after transfers		-14140	4180	1667	-8293	-5143
Cash Balances at 01/01/20		60778	22963	2829	86570	
Cash Balances at 31/12/20		46638	27143	4496	78277	

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

2020					2019
General fund	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds	
<i>Cash Funds</i>					
Bank Current Account	18231		18231	26680	
CBF Deposit Fund		11581	11581	11532	
Bequest Account	28347	15562	4496	48405	48298
Cash	60		60	60	
	46638	27143	4496	78277	86570
<i>Other Monetary Assets</i>					
Gift Aid Tax recoverable	3067		3067	3401	
Goodbox				53	
Ministry	92		92		
Halls lettings due	4		4	2995	
	3163		3163	6449	
<i>Liabilities</i>					
<i>Deposits</i>		100	100		
<i>Ministry</i>	92		92		
<i>Pension payment</i>			107		
Amounts collected for Charity Appeals		234	234	1644	
	0	0	234	234	1644

Approved by the PCC on _____ and signed on their behalf by :

_____ signed _____ signed
 Revd Chris Lavender (PCC Chairman) and Mrs Gill Waite (PCC Treasurer during 2020)

NOTES

1. Fixed Assets retained for church use are written-off in the year of purchase.
 The two church halls previously shown in restricted fixed assets have an insured value of approximately £2,800,000.

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

	Balance b/f	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance
Designated: Building fund	0			5000	5000
Bequest fund (unrestricted)	22963			-820	22143
	22963	0	0	4180	27143
Wages	0	5075	1572		3503
Sunday Lunch Club	729	140	918		-49
Mens Breakfast	25	16			41
Fairtrade	102	75	133		44
Fellowship	330	100			430
Tuesday Café	0	497			497
Re-Ordering Church	0	230	1050	820	0
Covid 19 Grants	0	5000	5331	27	-304
Halls Deposit	0	100			100
Special charity appeals	1643	238	1807	160	234
	2829	11471	10811	1007	4496

3. Receipts and Payments analysis

a. Other voluntary receipts

	2020			2019
	General fund	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
Donations	2754			1272
Bequests				10920
Charitable Donations			238	1644
Re-Ordering Church 2018			230	14660
Re-ordering Grant				21310
Furlough	4383			
	7137	0	468	49806

b. Activities for generating funds

Parish Magazine - adverts & sales	1615			1615	3647
Fund Raising	1549			1549	8646
	3164		0	3164	12293

c. Receipts from Church activites

Fees	2032			2032	1438
Halls Income	25509		100	25609	51967
Youth Work				0	132
Sunday Lunch Club			140	140	1279
Mens Breakfast			16	16	89
Fairtrade			75	75	413
Fellowship			100	100	380
Tuesday cafe			497	497	0
Covid 19	5327		5000	10327	0
St Andrews Wages			5075	5075	0
Sundries	193			193	1138
	33061		11003	44064	56836

3. Receipts and Payments analysis ctd

d. Church activities - payments

Charitable payments

Overseas

Christian Relief and Development

Home Mission

Clergy expenses

Church running expenses

Halls running expenses

Salaries, wages and honoraria

Administration expenses

Printing Magazine

Youth Work

Fundraising

Church Reordering

Sunday Lunch Club

Mens Breakfast

Fairtrade

Fellowship

Covid 19

Sundries

2020				2019
General fund	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
300		537	837	1198
400		400	800	941
300		870	1170	400
1000		1807	2807	2539
1312			1312	2033
4446			4446	22731
16281			16281	24426
16612		1572	18184	17398
3425			3425	2618
954			954	3180
180			180	352
166			166	246
		1050	1050	48977
		918	918	868
			0	64
		133	133	311
			0	50
4613		5331	9944	
220			220	682
49210	0	10811	60021	126475

4. The expenses paid to clergy may include a small immaterial proportion, which relates to their function as PCC members. No other payments were made to PCC members.

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Independent Examiners Statement:

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I report in respect of my examination carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (The Act) and following the direction given by the Charity Commission in 145(5)(b) in The Act.

I confirm that no matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe that:

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