



FRANT WITH ERIDGE  
Reports for the year 2021

APCM 25 April 2022, 8pm  
St. Alban's, Frant

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**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING AGENDA**

**Frant with Eridge**  
**25 April 2022, 8pm**  
**St. Alban's Frant**

Opening Prayers Apologies for absence

Note the names of those who have said they are unable to attend the meeting

**VESTRY MEETING**

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

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**PARISH OF FRANT WITH ERIDGE  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS  
AND THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING  
HELD IN ST ALBAN'S CHURCH, FRANT  
ON MONDAY 26 APRIL AT 8.00PM**

**Present:** Revd Brendan Martin (Rector & Chairman); Stephen Barnes, Jane Emler and Jonathan Lynn (Churchwardens); Jeremy Halmshaw (Treasurer); Sue Vincer (Hon. Secretary); and 18 members of the Parish.

Revd Brendan Martin welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayer and a reading from Isaiah 40, which speaks of finding strength in the Lord and not in ourselves.

**Apologies:** Helen Carpenter; Christopher and Susanna Hall

**VESTRY MEETING**

The purpose of the Vestry Meeting is to elect the Churchwardens. Nominations had been received from Stephen Barnes, Jane Emler, Jonathan Lynn and Juliet Nightingale. All nominations had been proposed and seconded and, with all present being in favour, were duly elected. The Rector thanked Stephen, Jane and Jonathan for agreeing to serve a further year and welcomed Juliet, thanking her for agreeing to serve as Churchwarden.

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

**(1) Minutes of the 2020 Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

The Minutes of the 2020 APCM, agreed by the PCC, had been distributed. There was one amendment – Ann Huggett was listed under apologies but she had been present at the meeting. Subject to this amendment, Alan Barter proposed the Minutes be accepted; seconded by Ann Huggett and carried.

**(2) Matter Arising**

None.

**(3) The Reports**

**(i) The Rector's Report.**

The Rector had given his report during morning services on 25<sup>th</sup> April and mentioned other papers which were in the pack distributed – Gratitude & Generosity and Vision for Frant & Eridge. There were no questions or comments on the papers. The Rector said that looking back over the past difficult year had revealed so much and we must now look forward in hope.

**(ii) The Electoral Roll.**

Margaret Jones, Electoral Roll Officer, reported that there had been a few changes in the Roll for St Alban's, which now stands at 126. There is no change for Holy Trinity which remains at 94.

**(iii) Annual Reports from Frant and Eridge**

The Rector thanked Jane Emler and Jonathan Lynn for bringing the reports together which are included in the Annual Report.

**(4) Financial Report and 2019 Accounts**

The Treasurer, Jeremy Halmshaw, said that God had been incredibly generous over the last year and our churches had been very blessed. Jeremy presented a full set of accounts, which form part of the Annual Report. Planned giving was up by 7% but, due to Covid, cash collections were down as our churches had been closed for much of the year. However, funds had been raised for the new office and Festival Church – in the region of £33,000. Expenses had been kept to a minimum. Overall it has been a good year but



Jeremy stressed that we could not go through another year as the last one. This year the parish contribution will increase by 3.9%. The question was asked as to how much we have already gone into reserves since January. Jeremy confirmed that we have used around £2,000 a month from reserves to cover our losses so it was imperative that we open our churches as soon as possible. Funds generated by letting the Stables had also been lost. The balance of funds as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 was £123,000.

Jeremy confirmed that our Independent Examiner had approved the Accounts and they only had to be signed off, which would happen very shortly.

Mary Fisher proposed that the Accounts be accepted; seconded by Jonathan Lynn and agreed by all present.

The Annual Report was approved and signed by the Rector and Treasurer.

Anne Pybus thanked Jeremy for the work he had undertaken on the accounts and Jeremy replied that it was a team effort which included Lesley & Jonathan Lynn, Adam Creedy Smith and our Administrator, Sarah Davies.

## **(5) Elections and Appointments**

### *(i) Election of representatives to Deanery Synod*

The Rector thanked Anne Pybus, Ann Huggett, Caroline Creedy Smith and Ed Pascoe for their service. A nomination form had been received from Jane Stevens, who was duly elected to serve until 2023. Brendan thanked Jane for agreeing to serve.

### *(ii) Election of PCC Members*

Roy Buchanan, Gail Cooper, Rosemary (Roo) Froud and David Torr had now completed their term of three years. Christopher Hall had decided to retire this year. David Torr was re-elected to serve a further three year term.

The Rector thanked Roy, Gail and Roo for serving over the last three years, adding that Roo would continue to serve on the Festival Church team. He thanked Roy for his valued assistance over the last three years.

### *(iii) Appointment of Sidespeople*

No change this year.

### *(iv) Independent Examiner*

Jeremy Halmshaw proposed that James R. Griffin ACA, Chartered Accountant of Cardiff, continue as our Independent Examiner; seconded by Ann Huggett, and carried.

## **(6) Any other business**

Jane Emler thanked everyone who had done so much over the last year, not only to get by and survive but to move on and grow. Jane encouraged everyone to read the Annual Report as it gave so much information of what actually goes on within our churches.

She said that it is especially encouraging that we are now in a position to offer help to other churches with their youth ministry, which is quite an achievement for a small parish. Through our pastoral work, assistance has been provided to people in our community who have faced real hardship over the last year. Jane said it is good to know that we are in a fairly strong position financially and must give the glory to God for this.

Jane added her thanks to Juliet for stepping up to serve as churchwarden at Frant, saying that the job is far less onerous with two wardens, but in two years' time she will be 80 and has decided that she will then retire.

Jane concluded by thanking Brendan for all he had done in the past year and being instrumental in taking us forward with vision and a strong and enthusiastic leadership. Jane asked that everyone should think of any ways that would give assistance to Brendan who is doing his very best for our churches, for our communities and, above all, for God.

Brendan replied, saying that he and his family feel really settled and are grateful for all the love, prayers and concern shown to them. It had been a difficult year but now was the time to be "unleashed in our ministry"!

The Rector closed the meeting with prayer at 8.40pm.

## REVIEW OF THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2021

**PCC:** The PCC met 6 times in 2021 and in January 2022. The average attendance was 11. The Frant Committee met 3 times in 2021 and in March 2022.

**ELECTORAL ROLL:** At the end of the year the Electoral Roll stood at 121 for St Albans and 93 for Holy Trinity.

At the Annual Meeting in April, Roy Buchanan, Christopher Hall, Rosemary Froud and Gail Cooper stood down from the PCC. Suzannah Hall stood down as Synod Representative.

During the year the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council.

### Ex Officio members

Incumbent	The Reverend Brendan Martin
Curate	The Reverend Imtiaz Trask
Reader	Mrs Lesley Lynn
Wardens	Mrs Jane Emler (Frant)
	Mrs Juliet Nightingale (Frant)
	Mr Jonathan Lynn (Eridge)
Elected Members	Mr Stephen Barnes (Eridge)
	Mrs Susan Vincer (Secretary)
	Mr Jeremy Halmshaw (Treasurer)
	Mrs Helen Carpenter
	Mrs Caroline Creedy Smith
	Mrs Ann Huggett (Deanery Synod Representative)
	Mr Nicholas Jones
	Mr Edward Pascoe
	Mrs Anne Pybus (Deanery Synod Representative)
	Mr David Torr

**MINISTRY:** For the first 2 months of the year our main services remained online. Preparing and filming was very time consuming but the numbers joining these services was consistently and gratifyingly high. On 14<sup>th</sup> March, Mothering Sunday, the Church re opened for short said services of Morning Prayer, just one year to the day from when the Church was closed for the first lockdown. The main services continued to be online with viewing numbers continuing to be high. Youth Worker, Ed Pascoe continued to do short illustrated and very imaginative presentations of the Bible readings online for the children.

From 2<sup>nd</sup> May our main services including Communion were back in Church, while Festival Church for adults and children restarted in the Rectory Paddock. In spite of all the set backs, Festival Church continued to grow and throughout the autumn people attended outside services enthusiastically, sitting round the fire in their coats

Our regular Home Groups were for most of the year unable to meet, but one or two did start up again in the autumn. In the new year the structure of our Home Groups will be reviewed, and more people encouraged to become members of groups which are such a valuable a part of our ministry for bible study and learning together, fellowship, friendship and mutual support.

During Advent each member of the congregation was given a book entitled 'Finding Hope Under Bethlehem Skies', written by Robin Ham. This publication of short daily reflections gave us a refreshingly different way of viewing the birth of Jesus through the book of Ruth.



During the year 5 children were baptised at St Albans. 5 couples were married. 5 funeral services were held in church and 2 funeral services conducted by the Rector at the crematorium. There were also 3 burials of ashes in the churchyard

**Ministry Finance:** At the end of the year, although still losing money due to the covid situation, our finances remained stable. We were able to pay the £69,340 Parish Share requested by the Diocese which represented 93.3% of our Ministry costs. In 2022 we hope to be able to pay 100% of our Diocesan share which will be £70,646.00. In a year when it hasn't been possible to hold fund raising events as such, we are very grateful to all those who have continued to give regularly through cash on the plate on Sundays, through the envelope scheme, through the bank or through the Parish Giving Scheme. We are also very grateful for all those who have donated generously to specific projects the most exciting of which is enabling plans for the tipi to go ahead.

In 2021 we were invited to take part in the Diocesan project 'Great is Thy Faithfulness', designed to help rural parishes by 'twinning' with another rural parish. Frant and Eridge are 'twinned' with the Parish of Maresfield and Nutley, to share resources and exchange ideas on best practice. The first meeting was held in January 2022.

**FESTIVAL AND OTHER SPECIAL SERVICES:** Like all our online services during the year, a good number of people joined the online *Ash Wednesday* service.

On *Maundy Thursday* a very beautiful service commemorating the Last Supper, was conducted on line by Imtiaz Trask, assisted by members of the *Charity Release International*.

On *Good Friday* and *Easter Sunday* services were held in church and online.

In September we were once again allowed to sing in church, and on 4<sup>th</sup> October for the *Harvest Festival* service, Peter de Croos, our organist for over 30 years was back on the organ bench for the first time in 18 months. He received a huge welcome and it was so good to hear our lovely organ again.

In November the *Service of Remembrance* was as always poignant and moving. In the afternoon 14 people attended the *Act of Remembrance* at the Memorial Hall. Also on that afternoon, Imtiaz Trask and Roger Hulbert led a service with live music in the Rectory paddock to remember the persecuted church and to pray for Christians worldwide who suffer for their faith.

Christmas began with the *Christingle Service* on 5<sup>th</sup> December. Due to the high number of covid cases particularly among the children, the service was held in the paddock where 55 people braved the wind and the drizzle. They were rewarded with fairy lights, fires, carols and of course Christingles for the children. Later in December for the first time, we held a *Walking Nativity* in the churchyard. The *Service of Lessons and Carols* by candlelight was in church this year, but the Christmas eve *Crib Service*, because it would not have been wise to have the large numbers involved in church, was held in the paddock. The *Midnight Communion Service* was held at Holy Trinity Church Eridge, and the *Christmas Morning Family Service* was held in Church.

**STABLES:** It was another 'stop, go' year for the Stables, meaning that we again lost considerable income from regular users and one off parties and events, but life began again in the summer when the Little Fishes toddler group and other regular groups began meeting again. The weekly *coffee mornings* re started in September, but disappointingly had to stop again in December because of the high number of covid cases. Our coffee mornings are really appreciated by the older members of our community, as they provide a chance to catch up with people, perhaps those who they don't usually see, during the week and enjoy coffee and cake. These weekly meetings also bring in a regular and significant income. Once again there was no Village Barbecue or Harvest Supper. In the past both of these enjoyable community events



were held at the Stables and made a small but welcome profit. Hopefully they will be able to start up again in 2022.

The new *Church Office* in the Stables yard was completed and open for business in January. This light and spacious building has proved to be an enormous benefit to the smooth running of the church.

**CHARITABLE GIVING:** Produce from our Harvest Festival Services was given to St Augustine's Food Bank, The Diocese of Chichester Family Support Work which helped to support and care for Refugee families in Sussex, and The West Kent Women's Refuge (see also Women's Refuge report). The number of shoe boxes with gifts for the people of Eastern Europe was down this year, with some people preferring to give money for a box to be filled on their behalf.

The **Supplementary Reports** which follow, give us some idea of how many people, who give their time voluntarily, it takes to keep our churches running. Thanks to them, in spite of all the problems of keeping everything going in another difficult year, we have not only survived, but have thrived and grown. We have indeed been very blessed, and we have to say '*to God be the glory, great thing He has done,*' for which we offer our humble thanks as we pray for our future.

#### **FABRIC REPORT:**

**Repair and installation of the collapsed Harriet Georgiana Grace wall Memorial:** T E Tilley stonemasons Ltd of Brighton provided a new backing slate, repaired the white marble inscription and surrounding elements and then reinstated the memorial on the west wall of the South Aisle in June. Our claim from Ecclesiastical Insurance for the repairs to the Memorial, the Church Architect's fees and the replacement value of an oak table damaged by the Memorial when it collapsed was successful; only the installation cost was not covered by our policy.

**Provision of safety fixings on four other wall memorials:** In June T E Tilley also installed stainless steel safety fixings on four other wall-mounted memorials which had been identified as requiring stabilisation as a precautionary measure. The wall memorials in question were:

**Esther March Ashburnham** on the south wall of the South Aisle

**Baron Wolff** memorial above the sink in the NW corner of the North aisle.

**Minet** memorial also in the NW corner of the North Aisle on the west wall

**Weller** cartouche memorial on the south wall of the Chancel

**Repainting of the Ashburnham & By Memorial:** The Ashburnham & By Memorial in the churchyard was repainted on 17<sup>th</sup> September by Burslem using funds from the Ottawa Historical Society who provide a grant of £400 biennially.

**Church Architect:** With the retirement of Peter Pritchett, the Church Architect at St Albans for many years, there is a need to find a replacement especially as the next Quinquennial Report is now due.

*David Torr*

**PASTORAL CARE:** In the autumn Revd Brendan approached me and asked me if I would like to re-establish a Pastoral Care Team as this had become dormant during the pandemic. It was felt that many people had become isolated and disconnected from the church.

Fortunately I was able to attend a Pastoral Care Training Course arranged through the Diocese of Chichester, based at Wadhurst Church. My experience as a district nurse served me well as I am used to knocking on people's doors and meeting people in their homes for the first time.

So far I have made 25+ visits, concentrating on the elderly of both congregations, though I am not restricting visits to church-goers. The aim of each visit is to demonstrate God's love, provide a ministry of support, of hope and of caring, so that no one in the two Parishes feels alone or forgotten, both at times of crisis and in everyday life. In

addition to these visits, or sometimes as an alternative, a phone call is all that is necessary to make people feel included.

Going forward we are aiming to provide a Pastoral Training Course at Frant Church in the autumn of 2022, in order to develop a Pastoral Care Team with further volunteers to increase our ministry.

*Caroline Creedy Smith*

**CHURCHYARD:** Our churchyard team headed by Pat Wright has once again done a sterling job in keeping the churchyard well cared for. In 2022 we will be looking for someone to take over from Pat and head the team, and we will need more volunteers to look after a small area of the churchyard. Pat said that it isn't the summer mowing that's the problem but all the work that has to be done in the winter, particularly after high winds. If the leaves and dead detritus aren't cleared in the winter the grass will suffer and the mowing can't be done. At the time of writing the bonfire heap was creeping steadily skywards. During the year a sizeable area in the North West corner of the churchyard which has been neglected for years has been cleared, dug and seeded with grass seed. New hedging trees have been planted and a wild life pond dug. Now instead of a bramble patch, we have our own small nature reserve. Thank you Brendan for your creative imagination and physical hard work.

**BELLRINGERS:** There are currently seven members of the St Albans band. The band continues to be unable to meet for regular practice sessions but we ring for Sunday morning services and on other occasions whenever possible.

Throughout the covid restrictions however, it was not possible to ring at all, neither were outings to other towers possible nor visits to us from other ringers.

Following relaxation of restrictions there were two **weddings** – in July and August 2021 – for which the bells were requested. The bells were rung half muffled for the Service of Remembrance in November.

**TOWER MAINTENANCE:** Due to the considerable length of time that the bells were out of use during lockdown, it was necessary to conduct a full inspection of the tower, bells, bell frame and ropes to ensure safety once ringing recommenced. The work was done during June in accordance with guidance from the Central Council for Church Bellringing, and in anticipation of the forthcoming weddings and re-introduction of Sunday ringing. During this exercise it was found that the wooden stay bar to one of the bells was split. This was replaced with a new stay together with the necessary replacement nuts and bolts.

No other problems had arisen during the dormant period although there were signs of rainwater ingress which continue to present following heavy rain.

*Mary Freestone*

*The PCC thanks the bellringers, particularly the brave men who carried out the maintenance, which is a tricky job needing great care given the very limited space and the weight of the bells.*

**WEST KENT WOMEN'S REFUGE:** We continued to support the Refuge throughout 2021, although visits were limited due to ongoing covid restrictions.

We made generous donations of food at Harvest Festival in October and toiletries at Christmas (day to day toiletries for use throughout the year, as well as luxury gift sets). We also made monetary collections (£60.00 at Harvest Festival and £65.00 at Christmas) which were given to the Refuge in cash, which is their preferred method as it means that they benefit directly, can use it for special occasions and have a resource in the event of emergency.



Storage remains a problem for the Refuge when accepting offers of donations, so bedding and towels etc have been limited this year. We have however been able to supply specific requests, including a toddler bed with duvet and bedding.

The Refuge is very grateful for the continued support given by our churches, it makes a huge difference to their quality of life. Thank you everyone.

*Philippa Mumford*

**SAFEGUARDING:** Roy Buchanan stepped down as Safeguarding Officer during the year and we thank him for the years of service he gave in this role. Rosemary Froud has succeeded Roy with Sue Vincer as Recruiter. Ed Pascoe and Sarah Davies, our Church Administrator, complete the team by arranging training and the renewal of safeguarding certificates.

By the grace of God, no safeguarding matters have required action since our last Annual meeting, and we trust and pray that this will continue into the future.

*Sue Vincer*

**PARISH NEWS:** It has been good to see "normal" service resumed over the last few months with printed copies of Parish News being distributed once again through household doors, village shops and pubs!

The online editions have continued and we are grateful to Friends of Bells Yew Green, Eridge News Round Up and Frant Parish Council for providing a platform for these. It gives the advertisers additional coverage for their money.

In the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 (the advertising year) Parish News raised £3260 in advertising revenue. In addition the Parish Council contributed £650 towards the cost of production for which the PCC is most grateful.

The magazine content continues to vary with a healthy combination of regular articles and one off contributions from residents. My editorial preference is for as many photographs/images as possible to accompany articles to make them more visually appealing!

Huge thanks to the entire team as always - Jonathan Christie's design "magic", Colin Webb's very reasonable and reliable local printing services, Susan Piccioni's success in generating the annual advertising revenue and the team of distributors who are out there whatever the weather, ensuring the magazine is received by all in the Parish.

Thank you!

*Carmel Kinley*

### **Holy Trinity, Eridge 2021**

The church year was once again dominated by Covid; the biggest impact was the cancellation of the Eridge Fair which was a major blow to church finances, although some funds were received from sales that Christine Freeman's stall managed to make privately. The fair has been rearranged for this year and will take place on Sunday July 3rd. Fortunately the Bridge Lunch organized by Stephen and Alison Barnes and the Harvest Supper were able to take place.

The candlelit carol concert was able to place just before Christmas with the church almost completely full and many people stayed afterwards to enjoy the mulled wine and mince pies which because of Covid were served outside in the churchyard.

Douglas and Susannah Jacobsohn have kindly offered to host "Church on a Farm" at their vineyard on Sunday

Michael Stevens has become chairman of the Friends of Eridge Church and the committee has been meeting regularly to plan activities and fundraising. A visit to Chichester Cathedral and the Bishop's Palace has been arranged for May 6<sup>th</sup> and a concert will take place in the church later this year.



# CHILDREN AND YOUTH WORK

## REVIEW

April 2022

This year has been a re-start to our 'in person' youth work which has been such a blessing.

### Pre-School Age

**LITTLE FISHES** – This is our parents and toddlers' group. During the club there are plenty of toys to play with, a snack time which is very popular, and then the highlight continues to be a time of singing accompanied by Brian Gill or Maureen MacIntosh on the piano!

The overall leader is Julie Pascoe, supported by Jenny Buchanan, and the group has between 6-15 children each week. The group has been very effected by Covid but hopes to continue to grow as covid rates drop. For the people coming, however, this group continues to be a great support and source of enjoyment.

### Primary School Age

**ARCHERY** - This is our new after school club for pupils at Frant Primary school. We have now completed our first term of the club, which was a trail as I am newly qualified as a coach and we had never done it before, which through up some challenges like new clubs always do. We had 6 children attend this term but I am looking to increase numbers as we head into our second term of the club.



**SCHOOL** - Every week I am continuing to provide an assembly at Frant School, which is still such a blessing especially as more and more schools in this country are turning away from Christian based assemblies. We also speak at or led special school services, such as at Easter and Christmas.

Recently I spoke at their special Easter Service which was held at the Church. It was a great opportunity to share the gospel to parents and relatives from the school, and for them to see more of the Church.

Cross Teach, a Christian school's work organisation, came in twice this year to run sessions for the children at the school, held in the Church. Once at Christmas, looking at Jesus' birth, and once at Easter, looking at the murder of Jesus. After the Easter session, Cross Teach commented that the pupils from the school were the most enthusiastic they have had in a long time.

**FOREST SCHOOL** – I was running regular forest school sessions for Frant School, using our purpose made site, which the children loved. It was a great way for the children to learn in a different environment and build in confidence, resilience and perseverance, as well as having fun and learning new skills. The school then hired a TA who had forest school instructor training and they decided that she would run their sessions on the school's own site. For me, this

4c) Youthwork report for 2021



was a disappointment to not have that interaction with children and staff. I have gone in to help a few times to help, when invited.

They continue to do this, however more classes are wanting to undertake forest school so I have been asked, once again to run sessions for them, on our site, from after Easter. This will run along side other sessions run on their site, but is still a great opportunity, especially for them to see how Festival Church has developed including our exciting new tepee.

**2 MINUTES OF FUN** – Each Friday at school home time, I set up a different game at the top of the Stables drive for the children to play as they walk past. I started this to engage more with the children and parents from school and attracts between 20-35 children each time. The games I have done so far include beat the goalie, gold putting challenge, basketball challenge, wellie throwing and knock the cups. Each child gets a small chocolate when they have a go. It's great as it's the last thing they do in the week before heading home, and any siblings not in school yet can also have a go, meaning that they will know me when it's their time to go to school.

## Secondary School Age

**ENCOUNTER** – This is our youth group for secondary school aged young people. We have had 3 young people join us, which makes us currently have 14 young people on register, with about 12 each week on average. We praise God for all of them!

The group have Bible based teaching, from myself, and discussions as well as eating a meal together, playing games, and socialising. It has been great to see them grow as a group and become really good friends. Most of them are the lower end of secondary school age, meaning that they will hopefully be with the group for many years to come.

We have been to 2 events run by Youth for Christ, including The Noise – a social action project with many other youth groups around Tunbridge Wells, as well as social outings including ice skating at Christmas.

I am really grateful to the leaders who help me each week, namely Mary Fisher and Karen Murdoch, who give up their time to help make this a great group, thank you!

**YOUTH CONNECT GROUP** – This homegroup has followed on from our online homegroups during lockdown. We currently have 4 young people attending online sessions, 2 of whom can't attend other youth activities which is encouraging. We use this time for Bible study, prayer and encouragement.

## Frant & Eridge Churches

**FESTIVAL CHURCH KIDS** – This is our Sunday school at Festival Church which uses the template of 'Forest School'. Forest School is an alternative way for children to learn and develop using natural surroundings, including activities such as fire lighting, woodwork, den building, natural craft and exploring. This, however is Church and therefore is led by the teaching of the Bible and fundamentals of Church. We currently have 15 of average each week, with around 30 on register.



I could not do this venture with our great volunteers, including Penny Kift (who is also a Forest School instructor), along with Uju Esalomi, Kris Torr, Carmel Kinley, Nicole Harris, Juliet Nightingale, Jayne Crookshank, Madaline Clarke and Geraldine Palmer. They give their time and effort to Bible teaching, leading the group and so much more! These are I thank God for all of them!



**SUNDAY CLUB** – This is our Sunday school during our church morning services. This has been more prominent during the months between November and March when Festival Church was not on. It was great to see families who usually only attend Festival Church come to the service in the morning. The young people learn about the Bible using games, discussions, teaching, music, and craft. We were getting an average of 10 young people attend Sunday Club during this time.

### Future Initiatives

**Holiday Clubs** – This year, during the summer half term, I am planning a holiday club called 'Out in the Wild'. This will be a 3 day holiday club (30<sup>th</sup> May - 1<sup>st</sup> June), for children aged 7-13, and will be based in the Festival Church site and will include activities like archery, forest school activities, campfire cooking, team games and water games. As well as adult leaders, I am hoping to have some 'young leaders' from Church to help, and I am hoping that this club will attract more people along to Festival Church and other activities we offer, both children and adult.

### Prayer Points for Youth and Children's Work

- ✓ Praise God for all that He has done, does, and will do
- ✓ Thank God for all our helpers
- ✓ Pray for our holiday club
- ✓ Pray for more children to be involved in our activities, leading them into Church
- ✓ Pray that God will give wisdom to the leaders
- ✓ Pray God will grow all the young people spiritually
- ✓ Praise God for all the young people and their families
- ✓ Pray for the glory of God to be revealed in all we do





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*ST ALBANS Frant and HOLY TRINITY Eridge*

*Financial Statements 2021*

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF FRANT WITH ERIDGE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2021	TOTAL FUNDS 2020
	Notes	2021	2021	2021	2021	2020
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming resources</b>						
Voluntary income	2a	87,157	32,789	0	119,946	99,636
Activities for generating funds	2b	2,702	0	0	2,702	5,078
Investment income	2c	234	0	36	270	223
Income from Church Activities	2d	15,474	0	0	15,474	10,354
Other incoming resources	2e	5,086	0	0	5,086	2,091
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		110,653	32,789	36	143,478	117,383
<b>Resources expended</b>						
Grants	3a	981	0	0	981	300
Cost of activities relating to the work of the church	3b	100,521	30,684	0	131,205	120,112
Management and administration	3c	5,978	0	0	5,978	2,388
Costs of generating funds	3d	267	1,140	0	1,407	2,789
<b>Total resources expended</b>		107,747	31,824	0	139,571	125,589
<b>Net incoming /(outgoing) resources</b>						
Gains and losses on revaluation of investments		0	0	0	0	0
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		2,906	965	36	3,907	(8,206)
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2021		72,830	48,706	1,300	122,836	131,042
Adjustments To Funds	10	(9,923)	9,923		0	0
<b>Total funds carried forward at 31 Decmeber 2021</b>		65,816	59,594	1,336	126,744	122,836

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF FRANT WITH ERIDGE**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**1. Accounting policies**

**(a) Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 as amended by the Church Accounting (Amendment) Regulations 2001 together with applicable accounting standards and best practice as laid down in the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP2000) issued in October 2000.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and the revaluation of fixed assets.

**(b) Funds accounting**

Funds held by the PCC are:

*General fund* - unrestricted monies to be used by the trustees in accordance with charitable objects.

*Designated funds* - monies set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects.

*Restricted funds* - monies subject to specific conditions imposed by the donor or fundraising events held for particular purposes.

*Endowment funds* - monies which must be held indefinitely as capital. The income thereon may be used in accordance with the donor's wishes, if stipulated, or for general purposes.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is liable in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

**Incoming resources**

***Voluntary Income***

*Collections* are recognised when received

*Planned giving* receivable is recognised only when received.

*Income tax* recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

*Grants and legacies* are recognised as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount is quantifiable, and the ultimate date of receipt is reasonably certain.

*Funds* raised by fetes and other events are accounted for gross

*Sales* of books and magazines are accounted for gross

***Other income***

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rent is due

***Income from investments***

Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF FRANT WITH ERIDGE  
BALANCE SHEET  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Notes	Frant/ErIDGE 2021	Total 2021	Frant/ErIDGE 2020	Total 2020
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible fixed assets	5a	17,764	17,764	17,651	17,651
Investments	5b	1,336	1,336	1,300	1,300
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		19,100	19,100	18,951	18,951
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	7	0	0	0	0
Inter Church account		0	0	0	0
Short term deposits		37,649	37,649	37,630	37,630
Cash at bank and in hand		70,512	70,512	66,931	66,931
		108,161	108,161	104,561	104,561
Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year	8	(517)	(517)	(676)	(676)
<b>Net current assets</b>		107,644	107,644	103,885	103,885
Liabilities: amounts falling due after one year			0	0	0
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		126,744	126,744	122,836	122,836
<b>CHURCH FUNDS</b>	9				
Unrestricted funds		65,816	65,816	72,830	72,830
Restricted funds		59,594	59,594	48,706	48,706
Endowment funds		1,336	1,336	1,300	1,300
		126,744	126,744	122,836	122,836

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Approved by the Parochial Church Council on

and signed on its behalf

*Jeff Hinton*  
Treasurer

*Sturton* (Rector)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF FRANT WITH ERIDGE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)  
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**Gains and losses on investments**

Realised gains are recognised when the investments are sold  
Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation on 31 December.

(c) **Resources used**

Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis.

**Grants**

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded where the award creates a binding obligation on the PCC

**Activities relating to the work of the church**

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when paid. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

(d) **Tangible fixed assets**

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishing held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected. For inalienable property acquired prior to (date) there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1 January 2001 have been capitalised in the accounts and depreciated over their useful economic life. Booked value has been writtend down to zero

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £1000 are written off in the year they were incurred.

**Depreciation**

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, over their expected useful lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	33% straight line
Property, plant and equipment	10% straight line

No depreciation is provided on freehold property as it is the church's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values so high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subject to annual impairment reviews. Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

**Investments**

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

(e) **Current Assets**

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.

(f) **Adjustment to fuds**

The 2021 accounts includes a adjustment of £9.9k from unrestricted to restricted  
Note 9 provides a full breakdown.



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

2 Incoming resources

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Frant Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2021 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2020 £
<b>2a Voluntary income</b>					
Planned giving	58,319	1,945	0	60,264	54,029
Collections at all services	6,071	0	0	6,071	5,290
Sundry donations and appeals	16,289	30,844	0	47,133	32,312
Legacies	0	0	0	0	0
Income tax recoverable	6,478	0	0	6,478	8,005
	87,157	32,789	0	119,946	99,636
<b>2b Activities for generating funds</b>					
Fetes and other fund raising events	2,702	0	0	2,702	5,078
Bookstall	0	0	0	0	0
	2,702	0	0	2,702	5,078
<b>2c Investment income</b>					
Dividends and interest	234	0	36	270	223
	234	0	36	270	223
<b>2d Income from Church Activities to further the interests of the PCC</b>					
Stables income	346	0	0	346	2,595
Fees from weddings etc.	10,978	0	0	10,978	4,757
Parish magazine	4,150	0	0	4,150	3,002
	15,474	0	0	15,474	10,354
<b>2e Other incoming resources</b>					
Grants	1,941	0	0	1,941	2,091
Insurance	3,145	0	0	3,145	0
VAT Recovered		0	0	0	0
	5,086	0	0	5,086	2,091
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>110,653</b>	<b>32,789</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>143,478</b>	<b>117,383</b>

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF FRANT WITH ERIDGE**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
**FO FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**3 Resources expended**

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	<b>TOTAL FUNDS 2021 £</b>	<b>TOTAL FUNDS 2020 £</b>
<b>3a Grants</b>				
Missionary and charitable giving	981	0	<b>981</b>	300
	<b>981</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>981</b>	<b>300</b>
<b>3b Activities directly relating to the work of the Church</b>				
Ministry costs:				
diocesan parish contribution	69,340	0	<b>69,340</b>	66,726
clergy expenses	4,485	0	<b>4,485</b>	7,873
youth worker	0	15,752	<b>15,752</b>	15,095
other support costs	1,145	0	<b>1,145</b>	315
Church running expenses	13,522	2,170	<b>15,692</b>	14,332
Church maintenance	448	10,782	<b>11,230</b>	5,284
Upkeep of service	1,630	0	<b>1,630</b>	805
Parish magazine	2,065	0	<b>2,065</b>	1,817
Stables running costs/project	3,229	0	<b>3,229</b>	3,205
Upkeep of churchyard	16	1,980	<b>1,996</b>	1,830
Mission and Outreach	325	0	<b>325</b>	0
Depreciation	1,887	0	<b>1,887</b>	1,022
Organist & Locums	2,429	0	<b>2,429</b>	1,808
	<b>100,521</b>	<b>30,684</b>	<b>131,205</b>	<b>120,112</b>
<b>3c Church management and administration</b>				
Parish office costs	5,978	0	<b>5,978</b>	2,388
<b>3d Costs of generating funds</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	0
Fetes and other fund raising events	267	1,140	<b>1,407</b>	2,789
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>107,747</b>	<b>31,824</b>	<b>139,571</b>	<b>125,589</b>

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4 Staff costs

	Total 2020 £	Total 2021 £
Wages and salaries	18,726	22,855

During this year the PCC paid for administration as well as paying a youth worker and paying costs to organists.  
Staff cost do not include the Rectors salary, which is paid directly by the diocese of Chichester.

5 Fixed Assets

5a Tangible fixed assets

	Buildings £	Fixtures, Fittings and equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>			
At 1 January 2021	16,484	1,167	17,651
Additions		2,000	2,000
Disposals			
Revaluation			
At 31 December 2021	<b>16,484</b>	<b>3,167</b>	<b>19,651</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
Provided in the year	1,376	511	1,887
Disposals			
At 31 December 2021	<b>1,376</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>1,887</b>
<b>Net book amounts</b>			
At 31 December 2021	<b>15,108</b>	<b>2,656</b>	<b>17,764</b>

5b Investments

	Investments Total £
Clegg Fund market value 1 January 2021	1,300
Disposals at carrying value	0
Net gains and revaluation	36
<b>Clegg Fund market value 31 December 2021</b>	<b>1,336</b>

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**6 Analysis of Net assets by fund**

	Frant/Eridge Unrestricted Funds	Frant/Eridge Restricted Funds	Frant/Eridge Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets for church use	17,764	0	0	17,764
Investment fixed assets	0	0	1,336	1,336
Current assets	48,568	59,594	0	108,161
Current liabilities	(517)	0	0	(517)
				0
	65,816	59,594	1,336	126,744

**7 Debtors**

	Frant/Eridge 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Income tax recoverable	0	0
Vat refund	0	0
Other Debtors	0	0
Prepayments	0	0
	0	0

**8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	Frant/Eridge 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Sundry creditors	(517)	(517)
Accruals for utilities and other costs	0	0
Charitable giving accrual	0	0
General accrual	0	0
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**9 Adjustments To Funds**

	Unrestricted 2021 £	Restricted 2021 £
Frant General fund	- 9,923	
Eridge General fund	3,019	
Eridge Insurance Fund	- 2,934	
Eridge Designated Maintenance Fund	- 85	
Youth Worker Fund		9,923
	- 9,923	9,923

The transfer to the Youth Worker and Eridge Unrestricted funds made up for the shortfall in these funds- of £9,923 and £3,019 respectively. The Eridge Insurance Fund is a designated fund that is no longer required and was transferred with the agreement of the PCC. The shortfall in these funds was partially due to the Church being closed for Covid 19 reasons. The General Fund is used for the Fixed Assets transfer. When the asset is purchased the Trust imposed by the donor has been satisfied. Therefore these restricted funds are transferred from restricted to unrestricted

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10 Statement of funds

	Bal b/fwd 1 Jan 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers, other gains and losses	Bal c/fwd 31 Dec 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Fund</b>					
Frant General fund	54,014	87,529	-81,016	-9,923	50,603
Eridge General fund	588	23,124	-26,731	3,019	1
Frant Designated Maintenance	9,914	0	0	0	9,914
Eridge Designated Maintenance	5,380	0	0	-85	5,295
Insurance settlement	2,934	0	0	-2,934	0
	<u>72,830</u>	<u>110,653</u>	<u>-107,747</u>	<u>-9,923</u>	<u>65,816</u>
<b>Restricted Fund</b>					
<b>Frant Restricted Funds</b>					
General	1,041	0	0	0	1,041
Stables Project	1,051	0	0	0	1,051
Festival Church Fund	0	18,399	-2,000	0	16,399
Office Fund	0	30	0	0	30
Bruxnor Randal Music Fund	5,251	0	0	0	5,251
Fabric fund	17,364	250	-9,114	0	8,500
Churchyard	2,417	0	-25	0	2,392
Youth Worker Fund	0	6,000	-15,922	9,923	0
					0
<b>Eridge Restricted Funds</b>					0
Fabric fund	10,912	0	0	0	10,912
Friends of Eridge	10,670	8,110	-4,763	0	14,017
	<u>48,706</u>	<u>32,789</u>	<u>-31,824</u>	<u>9,923</u>	<u>59,594</u>
<b>Endowment Fund</b>					
Frant Clegg fund	1,300	36	0	0	1,336
	<u>1,300</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,336</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>122,836</u>	<u>143,478</u>	<u>-139,571</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>126,744</u>



## **Independent Examiners Report to the PCC of Frant with Eridge**

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2021. Which are set out on pages 1-9, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and section 43 of the charities act 1993 ("the Act").

### **Respective Responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner**

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

### **Basis of this Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishop's Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with these records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

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 41 of the Act and
  - To prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations 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.

Mr James Griffin ACA  
Chartered Accountant  
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Cardiff  
Wales  
Date 08/10/2022  
Signed: J.R.GRIFFIN