



ST PETER & ST PAUL,
HELLINGLY
AND
HOLY TRINITY, UPPER DICKER

ANNUAL REPORTS

for the Year 2020

for the Churches of St Peter and St Paul Hellingly

and

Holy Trinity, Upper Dicker

MISSION STATEMENT

“The Church is a community witnessing by lifestyle, words and actions that we live in Christ’s world. We seek to show that the love of our Creator and Saviour is for everyone.”

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The Parish of Hellingly and Upper Dicker

St Peter & St Paul is located in Church Lane, Hellingly, East Sussex, BN27 4HA

Holy Trinity is located in Coldharbour Road, Upper Dicker, East Sussex, BN27 3QB

Electoral Roll Numbers: 119

The parish is a charity registered with the Charity Commission within the meaning of the Charities Act 1993

During the year the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Incumbent Fr Jeremy Sykes

Wardens: Mr Steve Monico
Miss Carol Haywood (Lay Chair)

Representatives on Deanery Synod

Miss Carol Haywood
Mrs Olive Lewis
Mrs Gillian Chubb (Secretary)

Elected Members:

Mrs Shirley Hamper
(Hellingly PCC Representative on the Standing Committee)
Mrs Maureen Eason
(Upper Dicker PCC Representative on the Standing Committee)
Mrs Alison Sylvester
Mrs Margie Thorp
Ms Nicky Twort
Mrs Valerie Moore
Mrs Susan Lees
Mr Graham Little
Mr Andrew Piper (Treasurer)

Committees of the PCC

Standing Committee:

The members are the Vicar, the two Churchwardens, Secretary, Treasurer, Mrs Shirley Hamper and Mrs Maureen Eason

Building Committee

Mr Steve Monico, Mr Graham Bragg, Mr Robert Moore, Ms Nicky Twort

Fund Raising Committee

Mrs Barbara Moore, Mrs Olive Lewis, Mrs Betty Bragg, Mrs Yvonne Knight, Mrs Lynne Evans, Mrs Val Moore, Mrs Jane Tourle. Mrs Jean Piper, Mrs Julie Grover

Magazine Committee:

Mr Andrew Piper,

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING OF THE PARISH OF HELLINGLY AND UPPER DICKER

Held in Hellingly Church on Sunday 25th October 2020

Present: The Rev'd Jeremy Sykes (Vicar), Miss Carol Haywood (Churchwarden), Mr Stephen Monico (Churchwarden), members of the Parochial Church Council and Mrs Gillian Chubb who took the Minutes.

The Vicar welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened the proceedings with prayers.

Apologies for absence were received from Graham and Marge Shinkfield.

The Minutes of the Vestry Meeting held on 22nd April 2018 having been previously circulated and read individually, and there being no comments or amendments put forward, the Vicar proposed that they be adopted. These were unanimously agreed being proposed by Lynne Evans and seconded by Barbara Moore.

Election of the Churchwardens for the year to 30th April 2021.

As there were no new nominations the current Churchwardens, Miss Carol Haywood and Mr Stephen Monico were duly elected as Churchwardens for the year to 30th April 2021 having been proposed by Pamela Lawrence and seconded by Susan Lees. The Vicar then swore in the dispensation of the Churchwardens with the following declaration normally done by the Archdeacon but in the current situation by the parish priest in support of the local community: "On behalf of the Bishop I admit you to this parish."

The Vicar then thanked Carol and Steve for the immense support they have given him since his arrival in the Parish and for which he was hugely appreciative - it had been an amazing start to his induction as Vicar of Hellingly and Upper Dicker.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
of the parish of Hellingly and Upper Dicker
Held in Hellingly Church on Sunday 25th October 2020

1 MINUTES of the previous APCM

The Vicar opened the meeting by suggesting that the Minutes of the APCM held in Hellingly Church on 22nd April 2018 having been previously circulated should be adopted which was then proposed by Jacky Clark and seconded by Roger Bacon following unanimous agreement.

2. **ANNUAL REPORTS** had also been circulated in advance and were duly noted.

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCES

The Treasurer drew everyone's attention to the full set of accounts which they had in front of them and to summarise 2019, there was a £41,000 deficit. Exceptional items had been the necessity to purchase two new boilers – one for Hellingly and one for Upper Dicker at the cost of £27,000. The Treasurer emphasised that the regular giving by the congregation did not cover the regular expenditure of the church. The church had not been able to do any fund-raising due to Covid 19 and to ensure we were left with some reserves; we had reduced our annual contribution to the diocese so we now owe them £15,000. The Treasurer praised the sterling work of The Friends of Hellingly Church who have raised £12,000 which is going to be spent on the fabric of the Church.

The Vicar warmly thanked the Treasurer for all his hard work but commented that we are not sustainable and that in the Spring around Easter, we need to get together and assemble all our ideas and resources to enable us to build the church and take it into the community. We need to recognise that it is difficult for many people to come to church on Sundays and explore different times and to use the new village hall. We need to find a way so that our regular giving matches our regular outgoings. Fund-raising should go to support mission and we need to begin to think creatively and value the church.

Michael Nix suggested we need to try to have a concrete sum in mind in order to obtain a sustainable figure.

The Vicar commented that there are 132 on the electoral roll and we should review this before the next Annual Meeting.

The Vicar then proposed a vote of thanks to the Church Committee, the vergers, those who help in the churchyard and the very many who give their voluntary help in a wide variety of ways which was seconded by Barbara Moore and received unanimous agreement.

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

The Vicar then suggested that John Mayles, of Messrs Watsons, Auditors, should again be asked to audit the accounts for the next APCM which was unanimously agreed after being proposed by Roger Bacon and seconded by Andrew Piper.

DEANERY SYNOD

The following are our Deanery Synod Representatives:

Carol Haywood

Olive Lewis

Gillian Chubb

Stephen Monico proposed that they should remain in this role which Andrew Piper seconded with all in agreement.

Election to the PCC

The Vicar proposed that for the remainder of the year to April 2021 all currently elected lay members of the PCC should remain in post. Thereafter the usual pattern of one third retiring annually in rotation should recommence. This was seconded by Barbara Moore. There was one vacancy but so far no nominations had been received.

Sunday 8am service. Mallord Turner would remain on the rota for the remainder of the year.

MU

Lynne Evans asked if a way could be devised for the MU to hold their monthly meetings which the Vicar agreed needed addressing and ideas for gathering would be forthcoming.

Fund Raising.

Barbara Moore, as Chair of the Fund-raising Committee, said that due to the pandemic, they had only been able to hold three events, namely the St Swithin's Day Smartie Tube challenge held for the forty days after St Swithin's Day, followed in the Spring by the delightful Beethoven Recital and talk on the composer immediately before the March Lockdown given by our organist, Michael Chiswick, then in the summer when restrictions had begun to lift, the Cream Tea request and deliver event.

Barbara then explained that in an effort to boost much needed funds, the Church would hold a grand raffle, with books of 20 tickets at £1 each would be distributed round the parish with the draw held on 20th December 2020. As it had not been possible to hold any of the usual fund-raising events – it was hoped that a generous response would be forthcoming.

The Vicar then closed the meeting which had been attended by 46 people.

Vicar's Report for 2020

The year began with the continuation of the interregnum but with the news that the Rev'd Jeremy Sykes, Chaplain of Hurstpierpoint College, had been appointed Vicar and was due to start after Easter in April. In the meantime services continued in January, February and early March with our retired priests presiding and preaching. A very enjoyable music recital by our choirmaster and organist was held in St Peter & St Paul which raised a good deal for church funds.

Everything came to an abrupt stop with the imposition of lockdown in late March by HM Government in response to the COVID-19 pandemic crisis. All church activities ceased immediately and the church was closed as instructed by government and diocese. No services were held at all during Holy Week and Easter. An edition of the Church magazine was produced but once this was distributed no further events or plans were attempted. The church went into a kind of hibernation and many members of the congregation started shielding as instructed by the government. This was a very isolating time with visiting forbidden between households. The Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting were both cancelled. The PCC was permitted to retain its membership until a postponed APCM could be organised, and likewise for the Churchwardens and AMP.

Another consequence was the delayed arrival of the new incumbent as removals were also not permitted. Eventually the licensing of the new Vicar was arranged for 11 May. Mr Sykes and his wife Jane attended with Archdeacon Edward, the Churchwardens and the Treasurer. All celebratory events had been cancelled.

For the first fortnight of my ministry I commuted from Hurstpierpoint until the date of our removal came at the end of May. Despite that I was able to pray in the closed church, as this was now permitted, visit members of the PCC and walk and cycle around the parish. I more or less cycled or walked the parish's perimeter during Rogationtide. At the end of May we moved into our new home and established ourselves in the Vicarage.

Church buildings were allowed to open for private prayer in June. This was facilitated in both St Peter & St Paul and Holy Trinity during this month.

During June it was announced that public worship could be reinstated under certain restrictions. Special meetings of the Standing Committee and PCC were convened in order to plan for this. We aimed to start in August with a gradual reintroduction of our Sunday and midweek services during that month. We tidied the church up somewhat and found storage offsite for some large items. All loose items, hymn books and service leaflets were stowed away. The Lady Chapel was made suitable for daily prayer. Rotas were organised for post-service cleansing, hand sanitising and registration. Attendance built up gradually and by the end of August about 45 were coming to the

1045 at Hellingly and about 12 to the 0915 at Upper Dicker. Restrictions included 2m distancing between households, face coverings, no singing, communion in one kind, and limited social interaction inside and outside the church building. The 4th Sunday Family Service was replaced by a Service of the Word. Several traditions around the major festivals had to be modified in order to comply with regulations. As public gatherings were cancelled there was no Festival of Transport service this year at August bank Holiday. No other church activities were restarted as no gatherings were permitted either in public or private. Church buildings could only be used for either private prayer or communal worship, no other kind of meeting being permitted. Daily Prayer and a daily Eucharist were introduced at Hellingly to which a loyal few regularly attended.

Weddings and funerals were also allowed to take place and during this period there were three weddings and several funerals. The church's baptism ministry was suspended.

I was however, able to visit members of the parish and congregation and was glad to be able to administer communion in homes as requested. Hospital visits were not permitted. It was a simple ministry consisting largely of prayer and visiting, but none the worse for that.

As the pandemic became more serious again in the autumn a new lockdown was announced for November and all public worship had to cease once again. The last service was held on Thursday 29th October.

During November I decided to write a pastoral letter each week in order to mitigate feelings of isolation and disconnection. This was sent out along with a section of the liturgy for the Sunday so at least members of the congregation had something to work from. This continued for the month until public worship was allowed to restart in December. The first services were held on the 6th and continued as normal through Christmas until the end of the year. We were able to hold our Christmas Eucharists but no carol services or anything that depended on congregational singing. We made a small start with a reduced choir which was lovely. But overall our Christmas celebrations were rather muted this year.

The year ended with the prospect of further restrictions to come as the pandemic threatened to worsen with a significant second wave coming our way.

During the year discussions continued with Bede's School and Church House concerning the disposal and leasing of Holy Trinity. Good progress has been made in this regard. The aim is for Bede's to take over the management of the building and whilst the church retains rights of worship and consultation. We are moving slowly as we want to get this right from the start. If we are successful this could bring real opportunities for mission and growth in Upper Dicker.

So it has been a strange start to my ministry as parish priest and vicar. But despite all, it has been very positive, at least from my point of view! We have been so welcomed and with so many routine things not happening, I have had the time to get to know the congregation in a way that

most new parish priests would not have had the opportunity. Where I have felt the lack is in opportunities to meet people in the parish who are not regular church worshippers. With everything suspended it has been impossible to visit schools, youth organisations, social clubs or public gatherings and events. Having said that, the way in which we have had to rebuild all our church activities and gatherings from scratch has given us a chance to rethink how we do things. We have been zeroed but now we look forward to rebuilding. Our finances are challenged, and we need to grow as a congregation, not just in numbers but in diversity of age and other demographics. We now have the job of thinking through not just what or how we offer but why we do it. The 'why?' is key and will be the thing that commends itself to our parishioners, more than the what and how. We plan to produce a carefully considered and resourced parish plan which will aim to facilitate the growth we need to put ourselves on a sustainable footing and connect more effectively with the wider community. I am very excited by this prospect and am eager to get going as soon as we are able.

But most of all I wish to put on record my thanks and gratitude for the enormous welcome we have received in coming to this parish. Despite so many restrictions Jane and I have truly felt it.

The Rev'd Jeremy Sykes

16 March 2021

Church Warden Report - Carol Haywood and Steve Monico

It can only be said that 2020 was not what anyone had expected. We were looking forward to welcoming Jeremy and his family as our new incumbent and then into our many activities for the year, however, with Covid-19 the year took a completely different turn.

With the first couple of months in the year taken with our usual services, March then became our self isolation and lock-down month. We were not able to hold our usual Mothering Sunday service, Agape Supper or our variety of Easter Services and our APCM was postponed.

With Jeremy's arrival planned for 11 May, it did in fact take place with only Jeremy, the Archdeacon, the Wardens and our Treasurer being present. After Jeremy was welcomed outside by a few. We looked to later in the year to be able to have a full service with all invited and a welcome celebration. Unfortunately, the year's events meant that this had to be postponed.

With full lock down and the closing of our churches for even Sunday services this meant that we weren't able to pursue our usual events, but we managed to successfully hold zoom meetings to carry out church business.

Only a few of our arranged weddings and christenings took place, but many have been re-booked for 2021 or 2022. We lost some of our church members this year, Edwin Still and Alan Booth and we hold Rosemary and Pat and their families in our prayers.

We were finally able to hold our APCM at the end of October, albeit again with a limited number being able to be accommodated in the church and with Jeremy presiding over the meeting.

Our Church Buildings have come through a very difficult year for us, and at this point without any major issues. There have been minor issues with the electrics at Hellingly, and minor heating problems at Upper Dicker. The biggest project at Upper Dicker has been glass window and surround repairs and maintenance, which should be concluded soon.

One project earmarked for 2020 was looking into the replacement of The Hellingly west doors. This was to be funded by the Friends of Hellingly Church. Some plans were drawn up by our architect in January 2020, but since then it has not been possible to move this forward. Hopefully 2021 we maybe able to move this forward again.

We say a big “thank you” to every single one of you. Each of us has had to deal with a different situation and we thank all of you who have supported us - Jeremy, the Standing Committee, the PCC, those who helped either in preparing the church for services or maintaining the building and grounds, without you there would be no Hellingly and Upper Dicker churches.

Finally we look forward to 2021 whatever that may entail - our prayer, our caring and sharing with our neighbours, our mission, our social events and when we are able to our spending time with each other and the Lord.

PCC Report – Gillian Chubb

2020 was a year which began full of optimism - we were delighted by the prospect of the pending arrival of our newly appointed Vicar, the Revd. Jeremy Sykes, and consequently, by the thought of the fresh initiatives he would bring to the parish. . We were not wrong – and our optimism never left us and has been fully justified but what was quite unforeseen was the looming pandemic which changed all pre-conceived ideas we might have held!

The first meeting of the year was a short one to discuss the trees in the churchyard and to obtain the PCC’s permission for the necessary work to be carried out, following the provision of a detailed survey by a credited Tree Consultancy. The permission of Wealden Council had been obtained and the DAC required a copy for their records of the PCC’s approval of both the work to be carried out and its cost. The PCC gave their unanimous approval after being proposed and seconded.

The second meeting took place in February when largely parochial matters were discussed, such as householders living in the perimeter of the churchyard being sent explanatory letters about the reduction of the trees, thus obviating any ensuing problems likely to arise. Among other topics which came up were the current work on new covers for the lights on the path in front of the Priest’s House, and the boiler fund which had now reached £5,107.00 towards the £11,757.00 cost.

The Treasurer had circulated the Church Accounts for the year 1st January to 31st December 2019 in advance, giving the PCC members time to peruse them, which were then unanimously adopted at this meeting.

The licensing of the Revd. Jeremy Sykes would take place on Monday, 11th May, with a reception in the Village Hall afterwards.

There followed the planning for Lent, Holy Week and Easter with the APCM fixed for Sunday 26th April all of which were cancelled in March with the first Lockdown, following the speed of infection from the Covid-19 pandemic.

The next PCC meeting was held five months later on the 30th July 2020 by ZOOM when the focus of the meeting was to ensure everything was in place for the re-opening of Hellingly Church on the following Sunday, August 2nd. Before embarking on the proposed plan to ensure the safety of worshippers, other major items were discussed, beginning with the Treasurer giving a review of the current finances. The Church had gratefully received a £1,000.00 legacy from the late Edwin Still and although we were short on the parish share, the Diocese would allow some leeway until the end of the year.

The Vicar had commented that the PCC needed to discuss mission, although a lot of work had been done on this already. He then gave an update on the position with regard to Holy Trinity, Upper Dicker, saying he had had a very positive meeting with the Archdeacon, the Director of Properties and Bede's Chaplain with all in agreement that the Church would be on a long term lease to Bede's who would then invest seriously in its future.

With regard to the re-opening of churches, both Hellingly and Upper Dicker had been used for private prayer once they were allowed to re-open.

The Resolution for keeping the Churches closed until 1st August had been sent electronically to all members of the PCC on July 8th who subsequently sent their unanimous approval to the PCC Secretary which she then duly minuted.

There then followed the detailed arrangements which had been set out by the Vicar to ensure that the Church would be a safe environment in which to hold the permitted services starting on August 2nd. This consisted of marking out safe distancing, sanitising before and after services and running through the necessary procedures involved with all those who had volunteered to help with the multifarious tasks.

The third meeting of the year was held on 22nd October by ZOOM which was called to consider two documents concerning the disposal and lease of Holy Trinity Church, Upper Dicker, in order to submit a document to the Diocese that has been agreed by the PCC and Bede's.

The first document was a legal one, a draft Heads of Terms drawn up by the Property Department of Church House which set out the basic terms of the lease.

The second document was a draft Operational Manual drawn up by the Vicar and the Bursar of Bede's in order to compile a working manual to assist in the smooth running of the Church once the lease has commenced.

The school are taking on a long-term lease of the building for 99 years with a peppercorn rent. This will enable them to invest significantly in the building, not only to use it as the school's private chapel but also to offer it to the community of Upper Dicker as a place of worship and centre of mission, to which the PCC will have a controlling voice and right of use.

The operational manual emphasises that any change in the legal status of the building should have minimal impact on the local community, the congregation and the school. Although the building will cease to be a Church of England Chapel of Ease and become a private chapel, it is vital that all vested interests feel that it is still their church. After going over both documents in detail the Vicar proposed that the PCC should endorse the draft Heads of Terms and the Operating Agreement as currently drafted which was unanimously accepted by the PCC.

The fourth and final meeting of the year was held on 19th November by ZOOM following the APCM on 25th October 2020. It recorded the duly elected appointments of the following Church Officers: Electoral Roll Officer (Mrs Finola Westcott), the Treasurer (Mr Andrew Piper), the PCC Secretary (Mrs Gillian Chubb), Safeguarding Officer (Mrs Gillian Chubb) and the confirmation of the 13 sidespersons for Hellingly and the 3 for Upper Dicker. It was agreed that all members of the PCC should remain in post until the APCM in 2021.

It was also agreed that the shortened Eucharist Service each Sunday adhering to the lockdown rules and the sanitising of all physical surfaces had worked well and been much appreciated by all the members of the congregation who had attended these services. Although it had not been possible for either the Christingle services or the Carol Services to be held, imaginative ways had been found to ensure their Christian messages were not overlooked; with the former, the Vicar was working on providing each of the three Primary Schools with a pack comprising a short video, explaining the origin of the Christingles and then showing how to make a Christingle, with oranges sourced by Jean Piper and the ribbon, etc, coming with the pack. In place of the Carol Service this year, the Open the Book Team would be making a labyrinth round the Church, modelling the Christmas story.

The Lockdowns in 2020 have necessitated the cessation of almost all the usual Fund Raising Events but the PCC would like to express their very grateful thanks to Barbara Moore (Chair of the Fundraising Committee) and to Jean Piper for the wonderful boost to Church Funds achieved by the Christmas Raffle and also to Jean and Olive Lewis for their brilliant idea of providing and delivering individual cream teas in the summer – not only delicious but very convivial as the teas brought many people together when such small gatherings were allowed.

The PCC would finally like to extend our very grateful thanks to the many others in the congregation for their support in so many ways – both seen and unseen, all of which contribute to the mission of the Church.

FINANCE REPORT - Andrew (Pip) Piper

Each time I write one of these reports I begin by saying that the previous year had been a difficult year financially. This year is no exception but the reasons are so different. We began 2020 looking forward to the arrival of a new vicar and the fresh enthusiasm that that would bring. At the same time, we were mildly aware of a virus that was affecting parts of China and had also been found in northern Italy. Little did we know what would happen next.

From after the 15th March our churches had to close for public worship with access restricted to the very few visits required for the security, safety and functioning of the building. With the closure also came the loss of income from the offertory at the services, income from fees for weddings and other occasional income from fundraising events. I am very grateful that much of our regular income comes through the parish giving scheme which continued despite the closure.

The diocese realised that the lack of income would cause considerable difficulty for many parishes and asked what the effect might be on parish finance if the closure continued to June, August or even until Christmas. Following diocese advice, we reduced our contribution by £1,500 per month

and this lasted until December which meant that we were in debt to the diocese by the sum of £15,000.

A Jubilee Year

A few of the larger parishes generously increased their contributions to support some of the smaller ones. The treasurer and PCC had expected that we would have to make up the shortfall in our contributions over the coming years. In December 2020 Bishop Martin and Lesley Lynn, Chair of the Diocese Finance Committee, declared 2020 to be a Jubilee Year (Leviticus Ch.25) and cancelled past debts. The shortfalls in parish share would be written off.

The Margaret Lawrie Trust

The Margaret Lawrie Trust was set up in 1975 with £11,000 from the sale of an Elizabethan chalice. The income from this trust was to be used to support the ministry in Upper Dicker and if it were amalgamated with Hellingly Parish, to the combined parish. Contributions from the Margaret Lawrie Trust have supported Upper Dicker for the last few years. With only a small amount remaining in the trust, the trustees decided to wind up the trust and transfer the remaining funds to the combined parish of Hellingly and Upper Dicker. The closing donation was £9,270.64. The Margaret Lawrie Trust funds were used in support of Holy Trinity, Upper Dicker only.

General Funds

Comparing 2020 against 2019 our income was reduced by £27,295.38. Of this about £9,000 was from reduced giving through the offertory and other giving. We did receive a legacy donation of £1,000.

Income from church activities was reduced by about £20,000. Of this about £9,000 was from our inability to conduct weddings and about £5,000 from lost fundraising opportunities.

On the expenditure side we paid £15,000 less than our expected Parish Share and were able to make savings on utility costs of nearly £1,600 through reduced heating and changing the contract for electricity. By not being able to conduct weddings the costs associated with these were also reduced by about £5,200. It is difficult to make a full comparison of year-on-year costs because of the amount spent in 2019 on boiler replacements.

The headline result for 2020 is a deficit of £9,380 made up by a donation of £9270.64 from the Margaret Lawrie Trust and £109.86 from reserves. It has to be remembered that the Parish Share was underpaid by £15,000 and for future years the Margaret Lawrie Trust will not be available to call on.

General Funds

Income	2020	2019
Income from Voluntary Giving Donations and Legacies	£64,197.90	£71,163.08
Income from Church Activities	£12,086.41	£32,140.03
Income from Investments	£40.49	£317.07
Total Income	£76,324.80	£103,620.18

Expenditure

Expenditure on Charitable Activities	£76,929.00	£104,768.42
Other Expenditure	£8,776.30	£39,863.39
Total Expenditure	£85,705.30	£144,631.81

Income over Expenditure**-£9,380.50 -£41,011.63**

Made up by:

Contributions from the Margaret Lawrie Trust	£9,270.64	£15,000.00
From Reserves	£109.86	£26,011.63

(This is a brief summary, for a more extensive breakdown please see the full accounts published with this report.)

The effect of Covid 19 on our voluntary giving income really brings home the benefits of the Parish Giving Scheme. I would really urge any members of our church that have not already signed up to the scheme to look into it. The treasurer can supply full details of how to sign up and also the many benefits of doing so.

£845.90 has been passed to various charities from retiring collections and fundraising efforts. Fundraising efforts have raised £3,222.82 for church funds.

The Friends of Hellingly Church

Covid 19 also put a damper on the fundraising efforts of The Friends. Only one event was possible before we were confined to home. A presentation and supper by Colin and Jane Tourle at Herstmonceux Village Hall raised almost £1,500. Membership and other donations added £3,888 to the funds. Associated costs were £196. The Friends were able to make a contribution to Hellingly church of £1,290 against the architect's fees for the initial drawings for the west door replacement scheme.

I think we are all looking forward to a brighter year in 2021.

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT 2020 - Olive Lewis, Gillian Chubb & Carol Haywood

The guest speaker at the spring meeting was Jim Barker from the Church Mission Society who talked about his work as chief fund raiser for the CMS. The main areas of operation are the UK, Latin America, Africa and Asia. One in four Christians in the world are in Africa where the main emphasis now is on partnership.

Due to the pandemic, the summer meeting was cancelled but in November, via ZOOM, the new Bishop of Lewes, the Right Reverend Will Hazlewood, spoke of the importance of two-way

communication and also that of face to face conversation. He has a particular interest in children's work and also talked about the need to use church buildings imaginatively. His portfolio is the pastoral care of the eastern area of the diocese and the care of the retired clergy and chaplains.



**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH
OF HELLINGLY AND UPPER DICKER, SUSSEX**

Accounts For The Year Ended 31st, December 2020

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The Parochial Church Council of Hellingly and Upper Dicker

General Fund Receipts and Payments Account 2020

INCOME	General Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Total All Funds 2020	Total All Funds 2019
				Total	Total
Income Donations and Legacies	£	£	£	£	£
Legacies	1000.00			1000.00	0.00
Planned Giving (Not PGS)	6882.20			6882.20	6526.61
PGS including Gift Aid	37320.57			37320.57	36937.43
Collections and Other Giving	11708.83	2925.00		14633.83	23718.96
Gift Aid - From HMRC	4361.30			4361.30	3980.08
Income from Church Activities				0.00	0.00
Trading Income	198.37			198.37	1313.02
Magazine Sales and Advertising	23.50			23.50	1243.39
Fundraising	3221.75			3221.75	8105.71
Fees Weddings / Funerals Etc	6260.20			6260.20	15067.20
Insurance Returned				0.00	0.00
Books				0.00	0.00
Sale of Equipment				0.00	0.00
LPW Grant Scheme	238.59			238.59	3922.51
Grant Wealden DC	1774.00			1774.00	1747.00
Other	370.00			370.00	741.20
Income Investments				0.00	0.00
CCLA Interest	3.10			3.10	27.90
CCLA Interest	36.67			36.67	285.97
Bank Interest	0.72			0.72	3.20
Margaret Lawrie Trust	9270.64			9270.64	15000.00
Total All Income	82670.44	2925.00	0.00	85595.44	118620.18

EXPENDITURE	General Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Total All Funds 2020	Total All Funds 2019
Expenditure Raising Funds	£	£	£	£	£
Expenditure Raising Funds	217.00			217.00	299.00
Church Activities				0.00	
Parish Contribution	46360.00			46360.00	63869.00
Charity Collection	162.40			162.40	95.70
Charitable Giving	683.50			683.50	1941.93
Salaries and NI	11787.86			11787.86	15056.33
Church Running Expenses					
Gas	1352.72			1352.72	1962.07
Electricity	397.77			397.77	1379.80
Water and Waste Water	101.97			101.97	277.42
Wafers / Wine	100.21			100.21	206.12
Candles	76.40			76.40	122.10
Church Insurance	3869.98			3869.98	3843.09
Lent Books / Palm Crosses	18.42			18.42	0.00
Stationery	353.20			353.20	403.12
Baptism Cards / Candles	49.05			49.05	122.47
Training / Open the Book				0.00	44.25
Music / Hymn Books / RSCM	107.00			107.00	105.00
Magazine and Printing	742.89			742.89	2293.60
Assigned Fees & Fees - Other	1246.20	1290.00		2536.20	1103.40
Refreshments	36.00			36.00	457.82
Copyright	350.18			350.18	340.73
Wedding & Funeral - Support Costs	1774.40			1774.40	7006.80
Covid 19 Materials	118.35			118.35	0.00
Clergy Expenses					
Vicarage Expenses - Water, Council Tax, Etc	4957.29			4957.29	3714.08
Vicar's Expenses	762.26			762.26	0.00
Benefice expenses (other)	13.95			13.95	124.59
Expenditure Other					
Church Fabric	3086.00			3086.00	27808.08
Bells and Belfry				0.00	260.64
Churchyard	3164.00			3164.00	1760.00
Memorial Garden				0.00	217.50
Clock				0.00	552.00
Repairs	295.80			295.80	20.49
Electrician	545.04			545.04	4926.37
Organ / Piano	549.80			549.80	409.60
Safety and Risk Assessments	8.19			8.19	0.00
Security	108.34			108.34	108.34
Equipment	74.18			74.18	432.33
Office and Admin	145.20			145.20	1111.86
MU / Loving for Life				0.00	0.00
Website	215.00			215.00	233.00
Bank Charges	251.38			251.38	331.02
NatWest Write-off	1.00			1.00	0.00
Other	332.37			332.37	1692.16
Total All Expenditure	85705.30	0.00	0.00	85705.30	144631.81

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Reconciliation of General Fund and Investments 2020

		2020	2019
		£	£
Total Receipts		85595.44	118620.18
Transfer from Church Trust (Fabric Fund)		0.00	0.00
Total Payments		85705.30	144631.81
Excess Receipts over Payments		-109.86	-26011.63
Interest Retained in Organ Fund		3.49	6.14
Unrealised Appreciation on Investments		4291.49	9981.24
Total Excess Receipts over Payments		4185.12	-16024.25
		2020	2019
		£	£
Barclays Current A/C 40203890		9793.03	1807.99
Cheques Outstanding		-395.25	-942.81
Barclays Deposit A/C 30465046		68.89	1931.50
Barclays Current A/C 20081795 (UD)		1224.09	29.70
CCLA Deposit A/C 6104140001D (Upper Dicker Organ Fund)		825.58	822.09
CCLA Share Accounts (From below)		44027.54	46709.29
CCLA Deposit Account 002D		1338.00	1338.00
CCLA Deposit Account 003D		10.10	1010.10
NatWest Account		0.00	1.00
Total in All General Funds		56891.98	52706.86
Excess Receipts over Payments			4185.12
Check Sum		56891.98	56891.98

The Parochial Church Council of Hellingly and Upper Dicker Financial Statement for Share Accounts 2020

Financial Statement for Share Accounts

		2020	2019	Unrealised Appreciation
		£	£	£
CCLA 1F	Closing Balance	0.00	2902.56	70.68
	Opening Balance			
	Sale of Shares	2973.24		
CCLA 1J	Closing Balance	44027.54	43806.73	4220.81
	Opening Balance			
	Sale of Shares	43806.73		
		4000.00		
Total		44027.54	46709.29	4291.49

The Parochial Church Council of Hellingly and Upper Dicker Financial Statement for Upper Dicker Organ Fund 2020

Financial Statement for UD Organ Fund

	2020	2019	Interest Retained
CCLA 6104140001D	825.58	822.09	3.49
Total	825.58	822.09	3.49

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CHURCH TRUST (This is Fabric Fund)

	2020	2019	Unrealised Appreciation
	£	£	£
A/C 110001189F	58955.40	55114.56	3840.84
Total	58955.40	55114.56	3840.84

CHANCEL FUND

	2020	2019	Unrealised Appreciation
	£	£	£
Accumulated Grant Income held by DBF on behalf of the Parish	23564.70	22451.60	1113.10
Total	23564.70	22451.60	1113.10

Following a review of the law the Chichester DBF decided in 2019 that the previous presentation of Chancel Funds had been misunderstood and that a revision was required. Income received from Chancel trusts is not investment income, as the PCC does not own the trust fund nor its investments. Income from Chichester DBF is a restricted charitable grant to reimburse the cost of insuring the Chancel, which previously has been paid by the PCC from General Funds. In 2020 the grant was held on deposit by Chichester DBF

Accumulated grant income not yet received from Chichester DBF and included in Debtors amounted to £23,564.70 at 31st December 2020 (2019 £22,451.60)

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

2020

	General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowed Fund	Total All Funds	Total All Funds
					2020	2019
ASSETS						
Current account ****890	9529.03	264.00			9793.03	1807.99
Current account ****795	1224.09				1224.09	29.70
Bank reserve account	68.89				68.89	1931.50
CBF deposit accounts	45375.64				45375.64	49057.39
CBF deposit account (UD Organ)	825.58				825.58	822.09
Natwest deposit	0.00				0.00	1.00
Church Trust		58955.40			58955.40	55114.56
Chancel Fund					0.00	0.00
					0.00	0.00
Debtors Chichester DBF			23564.70		23564.70	22451.60
Chancel Insurance Grant					0.00	0.00
					0.00	0.00
TOTALS	57023.23	59219.40	23564.70	0.00	139807.33	131215.83

LIABILITIES						
Wedding Deposit	700.00				700.00	0.00
To DBF	567.00				567.00	130.00
Uncleared Cheques	395.25				395.25	942.81
TOTALS	1662.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	1662.25	1072.81

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 25th Feb 2021

Signature

JON Sykes

Position

Vicar

Date

14/4/2021

The Parochial Church Council of Hellingly and Upper Dicker

Notes to the Financial Reports 2020

- 1) The Financial Statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the charities act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, using the Receipts and Payments basis.
- 2) The following assets are recognised but not valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities: Moveable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on a special trust for the PCC, which require a faculty for disposal.
- 3) Payments to PCC Employees:
The PCC of Hellingly and Upper Dicker is registered as an employer with HMRC. The PCC has two current employees. Gross payments were made amounting to £10,746.13, included in this are the appropriate Furlough payments, PAYE and NI deductions that were sent to HMRC amounting to £1,825.13. The church cleaner is self-employed. Payments were made to the value of £1,041.73. No deductions for tax or NI were made.
- 4) Payments to PCC members:
Nominal payments were made to three PCC members for duties carried out at weddings and funerals. (Verger, Sound, Choir and Sexton) The only other payments made to PCC members were for the reimbursement of expenses. No PCC members / Trustees received payments for being a PCC member or Trustee.
- 5) Charity donations and retiring collections were paid as detailed in Appendix A on page 10.
- 6) The accounts for the Friends of Hellingly Church are shown at Appendix B on pages 11 and 12. This account is under the control of the Parochial Church Council; however, it does not form part of the general funds.
- 7) Following a review of the law the Chichester DBF decided in 2019 that the previous presentation of Chancel Funds had been misunderstood and that a revision was required. Income received from Chancel trusts is not investment income, as the PCC does not own the trust fund nor its investments. Income from Chichester DBF is a restricted charitable grant to reimburse the cost of insuring the Chancel, which previously has been paid by the PCC from General Funds. In 2020 the grant was held on deposit by Chichester DBF. Accumulated grant income not yet received from Chichester DBF and included in Debtors amounted to £23,564.70 at 31st December 2020 (2019 £22,451.60)

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Appendix A – Charitable Giving, Retiring Collections and Fundraising

2020

Charity Giving

Children's Society Coffee Morning	258.25
Lent Lunches (Caring and Sharing)	270.00
Harvest Collections to Foodbank	162.40
IASIS Christmas Collections	125.25
British Legion Poppy Appeal	30.00

Total **845.90**

Retiring Collections

Total **0.00**

Fundraising for Church Funds

	Income	Costs
Music Evening	551.74	75.42
Cream Teas at Summer Bank Holiday	644.00	
Christmas Raffle	2021.00	217.00
Christmas Card Wish Donations	298.50	

Total **3515.24** **292.42**

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Appendix B - The Friends of Hellingly Church 2020

The Friends Receipts and Payments Account		
INCOME	2020	2019
Income from Donations		
Single Donations	683.00	2881.00
Donations in Memory	670.00	0.00
Standing Orders	1861.00	1616.00
Other Donations		103.00
Gift Aid - From HMRC	665.88	340.87
Total Income from Donations	3879.88	4940.87
Income from Fundraising		
Sales Income from Events	1657.45	2377.50
Total Income from Fundraising	1657.45	2377.50
Total All Income	5537.33	7318.37

EXPENDITURE	2020	2019
Expenditure Raising Funds		
Advance Deposit Future Events		31.00
Printing		84.97
Stationery etc	78.56	41.24
Event Expenses	169.76	553.48
Web Renewal	5.99	44.33
Bank Charges	111.49	107.61
Total Expenditure Raising Funds	365.80	862.63
Expenditure Charitable Activities		
Contribution towards Architects fees for west door.	1290.00	0.00
Total Expenditure Charitable Activities	1290.00	0.00
Total All Expenditure	1655.80	862.63

The Parochial Church Council of Hellingly and Upper Dicker

Appendix B - The Friends of Hellingly Church 2020

Financial Statement for Friends Account	2020	2019
	£	£
Income from Fundraising Events	1657.45	2377.50
Income from Donations inc GiftAid	3879.88	4940.87
Total Income	5537.33	7318.37
 Fundraising Expenses	 365.80	 862.63
Donation to Hellingly Church Fabric	1290.00	0.00
Total Expenditure	1655.80	6455.74
 Excess Receipts Over Payments	 3881.53	 6455.74
 Friends of Hellingly Church Current Account		
	2020	2019
	£	£
Opening Balance	12527.75	6072.01
Excess Receipts over Payments	3881.53	6455.74
Closing Balance	16409.28	12527.75



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Hellingly and Upper Dicker, Sussex

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2020

**Charity no
(if any)**

1164080

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2020.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

John Males

Date:

16.04.2021

Name:

John Charles Males

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

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.