

ST KATHARINE'S ANNUAL REPORT 2020

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OUR VISION STATEMENT

We are a welcoming community, loving and worshipping Jesus and expressing His message in ways that are attractive and accessible to all.

As a church and congregation who thrive on giving the warmest welcome to each other and to visitors, the impact of not being able to meet in person during the Covid pandemic and resulting lockdowns was very keenly felt by all.

St Katharine's rose to the challenge at very short notice to take that warmth and sense of community online in March 2020. From a standing start, the creativity and life that flowed through YouTube services soon attracted a good number of views and sparked the creation of an online resource that meets our vision statement with passion and energy. Sharing the gospel online opened up a whole new "congregation" joining with us online.



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The video team have this insight to share:

In March 2020 we started making videos in reaction to COVID-19. It was a way for us to join as church in a time when we all needed to know, and be reminded of, God's truth and love amid extraordinary circumstances. We learnt basic skills and built a team. Different members developed individual strengths; this released a lot of ideas and creativity. Eventually we learnt how to present content effectively and in a style that was true to our benefice. We have all been innovative and adaptive. It has been a steep learning curve!

We hoped to build community and encourage our church families amid social distancing. We also succeeded in reaching out to people we did not yet know. This was unexpected and exciting.

We created over 160 videos during 2020, many of which were full services. These mostly functioned as the main Sunday offering. In July 2020 we built a YouTube channel and started managing content through playlists. This allowed us to streamline our efforts and develop a more accessible online presence. Recently we have had success with a move into Zoom services. This has helped the church to reconnect and allowed more interaction as a community. We plan to bring this facility into the church building and add an online point of connection for all services. The team's focus is now on making higher quality materials, with an aim to build up a legacy of timeless resources which can be used for teaching and discipleship. We have learnt a lot in the past 12-months and have many new tech capabilities. We hope that these will be used by the church in a post-lockdown world. There are some exciting new projects ahead.

Along with the ministry team, many people have been involved in making content. It has somehow been an opportunity to give voice to those who have less of a platform. There is something in this. Well done to all! Our overall vision is to provide online ways to connect people to God and a community. We aspire to be relevant to all generations, to connect with those on the outside, and to promote the gospel.

Special thanks to Ben Jarvis, Mark Brown, Ken Marshall, Beth Evans, Therese Underwood, Will Jones, Pete and Lucy Waterman, Ian Firth, and many others. Well done! God is faithful.



The initial services were extended by a series on Discipleship, short inspirational videos in the form of Thoughts from the Shed and a collection of My Stories that speak about God's work in our daily lives.

Home group leaders were able to support those who were shielding or self-isolating through telephone support and post. As we became more familiar and confident with Zoom, home groups moved to this using this technology as well.

We were able to celebrate our church re-ordering on March 8 2020 with a service led by Bishop Andrew and a meal afterwards. The last time we would be able to enjoy fellowship and food together for a year. It was a great chance to make use of the beautiful new kitchen facilities.



As the lockdown continued and restrictions were increased, we were pleased to be connected to the Help in Holt initiative. This involved offering pastoral support by telephone both to our own congregational members in the Benefice and the wider community. We were able to help out with running errands and connecting with those who were shielding, and were a key part of helping the fledgling Holt Food Bank get off the ground, identify those households who needed help and delivering to those families. We offered much practical support with printing and other resources as the Help in Holt group got off the ground, and continued to work in the community to provide much valuable help in this time.

With no services permitted in the building until lockdown lifted in June, the return to the church building brought both a sense of joy but also a feeling of loss as there was no singing permitted and masks had to be worn. With hand sanitising and social distancing, it was an unusual time but to be reconnected physically was important.



Creative ways of reaching out to our community with the good news of the gospel continued. The church porch became a place of peace and connection with God and there were lovely flower displays arranged in this area. Thank you to the dedicated team of ladies who plan and display such beautiful arrangements in our church throughout the year. Huge thanks are also due to the regular members of the cleaning teams who care for our building with care and commitment.

In the porch over Easter, a table was beautifully set out, offering prayer suggestions and practical ways to remember family and friends. At first egg shaped prayer cards were provided which were hung in the tree at the front of the churchyard. This quickly became known in the village as the prayer tree and used by many people. This has continued to develop with a range of new resources. This was a very tangible way of loving and supporting our community



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time.



Church Life matters continued to be produced each month under the capable editorial skills of Therese Underwood who took this on as a project in 2020. Huge thanks to her for all the work involved in producing such a lovely monthly update. The use of Facebook and Instagram also increased significantly as we found the community sharing photos and thoughts online, especially commenting on the

prayer tree and the children's activities. We continued to build our online presence in this way and extend our connection with local groups and organisations.

The development of a children's activity station was also warmly welcomed as children were suddenly at home and the



online schooling system was not fully in place. A team from the church and the village sourced and supplied activities for children that were put out for Covid-safe collection. This continued through the year even after lockdown had lifted.

Community connection and involvement has probably grown in 2020 as we have been seen to be the church in action in new and innovative ways.

Worship Ben Jarvis

At the beginning of lockdown, we met regularly on Thursday evenings for prayer and fellowship on Zoom. Whilst a blessing to many, it grew a little tiresome (as Zoom does) and I broke the worship team up into buddy groups. Some of these have continued since then and provided a place for fellowship, discipleship, and prayer. Some strong friendships have also developed in the group over the last year. The choir have not met.

In the autumn of 2020, when we could have some live worship, we cycled through a rota which allowed different members to lead. This was restricted to 3 members, with a maximum of 2 singers. We were blessed with some Christmas opportunities, including the chance to lead some carol services and have a guest choir. These were very meaningful and remarkable under strict circumstances. We sang around the village with the plan to take some carols and love to those who could not come out. This gave rise to multiple testimonies of new connection, blessing and hope. Already planned again for next year!

Harvey Bennett, Alan and Sarah Tyghe have been leading us in our Zoom worship. Heather, Ken Marshall, and Amy Jarvis around the campfire. Many have relayed what a blessing it has been to have some homegrown worship again. Even through zoom(!) and campfires, it has been amazing to see God continue to develop worship gifts.

We eagerly await the day that we will be able to sing again. There will be some rebuilding to do and some refocused prayer to find out how God would like us to lead our worship in the future. What has lockdown taught us? What do we need to keep? What can we let go of? Perhaps there is something that we need to bring back from long ago?

We so often set the agenda and then ask God to bless it, but we need to go further than that. I believe we are called to find out what he is doing, to find out his agenda, and then join in with that. We need to re-wild (as Andrew has been teaching), we need to go back to the drawing board, to leave our fixed ideas, our



preconceptions, our misconceptions, we need to pray that God will use us in whatever he wants to do. We need to be childlike.

But Lord, wherever you put us, however you use us, please let us sing again!

Advent Trail and Ham Green Nativity



As the darkness of Winter set in and another lockdown took hold, the idea of an Advent window trail took root. The village school and pre-school had similar thoughts and we were all able to work together to create a fabulous trail of 55 windows lit up around the village. These brought light and hope to the village during

the dark evenings and new windows were set up each Sunday to be seen as Advent progressed and Christmas drew near. Many families were out and about in the dark evenings looking forward to seeing the new windows each week.

Our heartfelt prayer to be able to sing was granted at Christmas when we were able to hold a Nativity on the Green, complete with Chewy the donkey. The evening was cold and clear and the village turned out in large numbers, staying in their family groups or bubbles and expressing absolute joy at being able to share the Nativity story and sing carols.

The challenge of being church during the pandemic year has led to a great outpouring of creativity, and a deep and meaningful reconnection with the community in which we live and worship. Perhaps above all we will remember this year as a time of coming together with village groups and new initiatives to work and serve our neighbours wholeheartedly. Living as salt and light in the world in a dark time; showing God's love in practical and caring ways.



Eco church Jane Scheuber

It has not been possible to make strides towards bettering our eco credentials this year although environmental topics were included in one or two of our earlier YouTube videos and we have been reminded and encouraged to adopt our own lifestyle changes at home through articles in CLM. We have been also unable to hold our regular Fairtrade sales pre-Christmas and to mark Fairtrade Fortnight.

The one real and unexpected stride forward has been in our development of the churchyard for contemplation and recreation by the church and local community as encouraged in our Churchyard development plan. During the first lockdown we,

along with much of the nation began to reconnect with the outdoors, recognising this was good for both body and soul. A number of people on their daily exercise wandered through the churchyard. Late in the autumn COVID restrictions led us to think about using our grounds for Outdoor Church, born on a very wet first Sunday in November.

The maintenance regime for the churchyard now needs to be altered a little to meet the needs of larger gatherings. The earlier clearance of the garden waste bonfire site provided the ideal spot for the central fireplace around which worship, storytelling



and learning can now take place.

Activities which are becoming integral are gardening and appreciating the flora and fauna of this special space.

If, moving forward, we as Church are seriously concerned about the Climate and Ecological Emergency and our Christian response to it, WE MUST have a dedicated

team to carry it forward in all areas of the Eco-Church scheme 'for churches who want to demonstrate that the gospel is good news for God's earth'.

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Outdoor Church has become a very important feature of our life together. While it started as a new way of thinking about our all-age service on the first Sunday of each month, as of April 2021 we are operating it weekly. This has fully engaged our children who love it and we are developing our thinking to see whether God is calling us to this as a model for the 10:30am service going forward. We are considering whether the services always need to be outside, and as restrictions ease, we want to see how we could develop the Outdoor Church principles for worship services inside the building as well. Some of the key principles that we see emerging are:

Providing space for children and adults to encounter God at their pace/in their way (i.e. sometimes on the outside looking in, sometimes in pairs, sometimes in a bigger group)

The central place of prayer and inviting the Holy Spirit to guide our planning (as opposed to planning and then inviting the Holy Spirit to be in it)

Building relationships as a vital part of discipleship

Unified vision of the team

Making less of ourselves (i.e. how much we say). Storytelling, sharing both biblical stories and experiences from our own lives and walk with God

Sensory worship: understanding that what we touch, feel, see, and experience links with the words being used. The importance of the natural world in this.

Wonder – at God revealed in His creation and at our responses to Him and His word (wondering questions)

Outdoors/indoors – freedom to be and to relax together, hearing and seeing the things that Jesus talked about in His parables

Sense of belonging and being family together – having fun, laughing and listening, talking, praying and encouraging as a supernaturally natural part of doing life together

Our prayer is that we can develop these important principles, partnering with God as we ask Him about the way forward, and moving into a new season with the Holy Spirit leading and guiding.

Report on bell ringing: Martin Moyes, Tower Captain

We have rung the bells very little since I last wrote - there have been no practices for exactly a year now, but we rang the bells at Christmas as well as just a few times for services in August, September and October when we were allowed to do so. I inspect the bells from time to time, and all is well, mechanically speaking.

On the human front things are not quite so positive - we shall lose lovely Lucy when she emigrates to Wales and at least two of our established band of ringers may not be able to return to ringing for non-COVID-related health reasons after our long layoff.

Safeguarding at St Katharine's - Lucy Waterman

Policies and procedures

Updates and essential policy changes from the Diocese and passed on to each PCC in the Benefice. These are reviewed at PCC meetings and any necessary changes made to our parish documents. During 2020 there was a lot of involvement from the PSO with writing risk assessments with the church wardens.

This helped to ensure that we are keeping the churches, congregations and services Covid-compliant, helping to keep everyone as safe as possible. Churches were able to apply for the Good to Go certificate. This was set up to help organisations record and assess their Covid-19 procedures with Visit England. We were awarded this in 2020 and as a result we are able to display the Good to Go logo on our posters and communications. This helps to provide reassurance to members of the public and visitors that Covid-safe requirement are in place.



DBS renewals and checks

These are all up to date and in place for those working with vulnerable adults and with children in St Katharine's parish and the benefice. Much training is now online for the basic and foundation levels with Zoom training available for other modules. A new micro-site has been set up by the Diocese so that all records can be stored centrally. The PCC and clergy have continued to offer strong support for safeguarding and show an understanding of its importance at all levels. This support is greatly appreciated.

Online Alpha Ian and Rachel Firth

We have recently started our third online Alpha course which is going well, and when this course finishes in May there will be 20 people who will have completed the course online, which is wonderful. We started back last summer when it was clear that the Covid restrictions meant we would not be able to hold conventional

Alpha courses (or any other courses for that matter) and we have found that the online format is very popular. Churches all around the world are now running Alpha online and the take-up has been phenomenal. Alpha seems to have been given a fresh impetus, thanks to the strange circumstances of the past 12 months.

The online version of the course works very well, and although it would never replace the physical in-person course in my view, it has certain advantages which mean that we will most likely keep it going so that many more people can do it online, even after lockdown ends. There is certainly a good reason to run both styles of course, each one perhaps appealing to different groups of people. I think that perhaps the best solution for the online version would be a combination of meeting in person for a part of the course with the rest being online, and I know that this is a model which has worked very successfully elsewhere.

The course remains as vibrant and as relevant as ever, and there is something in it for everyone, at whatever stage of their Christian journey they are on. It is, of course, primarily designed to introduce people to the basics of the Christian faith, whether they are just starting out or not yet even considered it. But it is also helpful to those long-standing Christians who wish to revisit the basics or who need to ink-in some aspect which they are not quite sure of. And it's a lot of fun! Each evening we look at a question tackling some key aspect of our faith such as "Who is Jesus?" or "Why and how should I pray?" or "How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?" and "Does God heal today?". Each of these and the other questions are addressed in a short video which we watch together and then we discuss it afterwards. It is a very relaxed and friendly way to consider such meaty topics.

Those doing our course have included those who are new to the Christian faith or just exploring it, as well as some with a more mature faith wishing to brush up on the basics. It is a fun thing to do with a friend, so why not come along and bring a friend or two with you, albeit that you may each be sitting at home in your own living room! It is too late to join this current course, but we will be starting another one after this one finishes in May, or sooner if there is sufficient demand. So, get in touch with us or Andrew and come on the Alpha journey with us. It will be one of the best journeys you ever make!

Financial Review 2020 – Pete Waterman

Total receipts on the General Fund were £93,939 of which £69,314 were planned voluntary donations and a further £14,857 came from Gift Aid. Overall, the General Fund receipts were up by 8% from 2019, which is remarkable given the lockdown situation.

The areas we were down on were weddings/funerals (statutory fees down by £1,250) and trading income £1,600.

Receipts for the Dominica fund amounted to £1,726, for the Kadugli mission amounted to £1,199, for India (pastors and homes) £4,810 and for a new fund to cover a Youth Pastor of £7,984.

Restricted donations of £4,762 were also received, the majority of which were for the Building Fund (£3,066).

The General Fund spent £98,174 to provide the Christian ministry from St Katharine's, including the full payment of the contribution to the Diocesan Parish Share. 2020 saw a reduction of 5% overall in the expenditure of the Church.

Although there were increases in the Parish share, salaries (including pension) and utilities, these were offset by savings in the areas of clergy expenses, the general Church expenses and the trading expenses. Net movement in funds for the General Fund was £-18,540. During the year, the shortfalls in churchyard (£-1,553) and Gateway (£-191) were covered by the General Fund income.

For the designated funds, there is £1,000 paid as a deposit to Sidholme Hotel (Conference) which has not been returned, this may not be returned until the Hotel is sold. Further assistance was given to Dominica of £1,726, to Kadugli £1,150 and to the Pastors and Houses in India £4,659.

The Fabric Fund balance at the year-end was £27,902, there were some works undertaken on the chancel floor costing £480.

During the year the total giving received into the Building Fund amounted to £3,066 including gift aid. The expenditure amounted to £47,538 with the major elements being completion of lighting (£3,000), completion of the faculty including kitchen, toilet and cupboards (£31,789) and the architect/associated planning fees for the Coach House (£12,138).

The building fund also covers the repayment of the Diocesan loan (£52,000) started in 2019. A further £6,000 plus interest was paid off in 2020 and the amount outstanding at the end of the year was £38,500. At the year end the cash balance was £857.

The Fabric fund is retained towards meeting the upkeep of the Church and the Building fund was established for the Church re-ordering and the conversion of the Coach House.

Further details are shown in the Financial Statements.

Anthony Matthew continued to maintain the churchyard throughout the year.

Mission giving:

Our focus is:

to give support to charities who share the good news of Jesus, to establish mission partners

(Bishop Hassan in Sudan, Dave and Becky Waterman with MAF in Uganda, & Tina and Harry Alexander with Lifeline in Dominica),

to support the struggling and those on the margins and that our charities are able to rely on regular income from us.



Giving for 2020 amounts to £6400

Kadugli
MAF

900
1,500

Mathetes Trust	1,000
Haven Homes (Gospel of Kingdom Associates India)	1,000
Jungle Children (Peru)	500
Christians against poverty	300
People against poverty	300
Open Doors	300
Dominica (6 barrels of clothing and goods)	600

Church re-ordering and planning

Buildings Fit for Purpose

Our vision is to have a church which is a flexible building, capable of a variety of uses, which is welcoming and fit for purpose for the 21st century with a suite of church rooms equipped for smaller meetings. We are part-way through achieving this vision with the work in the Church completed our attention now turns to the Coach House.

Church

The work for our internal re-ordering project was finally finished and signed off in 2020 this included completing the kitchen, a second toilet, and the much need storage cupboards for all the groups that operate within the Church. The work was fully funded, and no grants have been obtained.

2020 Summary

The story of this year is not just about the pandemic, the isolation and the lockdowns. The bigger story is that we saw God moving and we joined in. Right in the middle of the pandemic. During those days we remembered that we are a church united in our mission to love God, love people, and make disciples of Jesus Christ. And that is what we did. 2020 was a year in which we lived out our vision in new ways, showing that we are a welcoming community, loving and worshipping Jesus and expressing His message in ways that are attractive and accessible to all.

How is the Church led?

In the C of E there is a shared leadership of Incumbent and PCC. St. Katharine's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting within the village community the whole mission of the Church - pastoral, evangelistic and social (in accordance with the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956).

We are in a Benefice with St Mary's, Broughton Gifford and All Saints, Great Chalfield and we share a **ministry team** which comprises:
the Rector Canon Andrew Evans, a curate Katie Jackson, Ruth Mecredy and Helen Begley, (Associate Priests)
Anthony Matthew LLM, Rachel Firth LLM and Keith Hamilton (LLMs)
and Jenny Davis and Ann Fielden (retired priests.)
We have Ben Jarvis as our Director of Music and Lucy Waterman is the Rector's P.A. and Benefice Administrator.

Katie Jackson joined us as our curate in June 2020 and she was ordained deacon at Salisbury Cathedral in September. The service was very restricted in numbers and we were not able to go down to the Cathedral to support her. It has been wonderful

to welcome Katie, her husband Rob and their children Lottie and Matty, who have all settled in well to the life of the Benefice. Just as it has been an extraordinary year for us all, it has been such a year for Katie to start her curacy. She has fully been a part of the team as we have re-thought ourselves on a weekly basis, surely the best training you could have as we have become more dependent on God for everything.

Those who served on the **PCC in 2020** were:

The Rector, Canon Andrew Evans (Chair)
Ian Firth and Heather Marshall (Churchwardens)
Rev Ruth Mecredy (Associate Priest, Deanery Synod Rep)
Rev Helen Begley (Associate Priest)
Ruth Mecredy
Katie Jackson (Curate)
Rachel Firth
Mark Mecredy PCC (Secretary)
Pete Waterman (Treasurer)
Anthony Matthew (Deanery Synod Rep)
Julia Griffith (Deanery Synod Rep)
Angela Greatwood (Electoral Roll Officer)

Ben Jarvis	Katy Brown	Alan Cottle
Jane Scheuber	Catherine Ayers	Alan Tyghe
Jacque Bennetts	Yvonne Bennett	Mark Bennett

Electoral Roll

At the end of 2019 there were 129 on the roll. At the end of 2020 there were 126 on the roll.

Church Inventory and Terrier

The Inventory and Terrier was checked by the Churchwardens, and duly signed at the 2021 APCM held 22 April 2021

Synod report 2021

BRADFORD DEANERY SYNOD REPORT FOR 2020

Message from the Rural Dean, Canon Andrew Evans

2020 was an exceptionally challenging year for our Deanery Churches, but we have met those challenges head on. In the first lockdown it was remarkable to see how so many churches managed to develop some kind of online church service almost immediately and from a standing start. Not many organisations are that adaptable, especially if they are institutional! As lockdown progressed, we became more adept at these technological advances, and more imaginative ideas emerged as to how to connect with our communities within the rules of lockdown. It is amazing how fresh challenges cause God to inspire ingenuity among his people.

2020 turned out to be a bit more of a marathon than most of us had, at first, imagined. We had to cope with more lockdowns, changing rules, and tiers and for some of us, having to tell our wedding couples that the thirty people who had been

invited to their wedding needed to be reduced to fifteen! We had to learn how to do communion in one kind in a COVID-19 safe manner, and how to cleanse our buildings from possible COVID-19 infection. Risk assessments became the norm. Masks were on and singing stopped. The usual fundraising events were cancelled, and we had to do stewardship talks online and write to everyone to keep levels of giving up ensuring Diocesan share was paid. Many churches used reserves to make sure their full share was met. Online Alpha Courses (and similar) have thrived, community engagement has grown, and we have worked diligently to keep in touch with our fellow church members. On top of this we managed to celebrate Easter in lockdown and Christmas with severe restrictions, and in many cases with a more significant engagement with our communities than in previous years.

This is a big well done from your Rural Dean.

Synod meetings in 2020

11 February @ St. Katharine's Church, Holt

17 June cancelled and replaced with a written report due to the country wide lockdown

15 October via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic

Then in November 2020 we were invited by Bishop Andrew to join a Zoom meeting entitled "Beyond the present". This provided an opportunity to give thanks to God for all that had been done within the Deanery and Diocese and time to listen and reflect together on how to move beyond the present and confidently approach an uncertain future.

Speakers in 2020

At the February meeting we welcomed the following Children & Families Workers as we thought about "Exploring the value of engaging children and families in our Deanery":

Hannah Tarring Melksham Team Ministry

Zoe Yeomans Churches of North Bradford on Avon & Villages

Tom Bullock St. James' Church, Trowbridge

We were posed some questions to consider and then share our thoughts and ideas:

Where do you find Children, Families & Young People?

Who do we want to reach and see blossom in faith?

What could the blossom of the tree represent?

What could the fruit of the tree represent?

What fruit do we see within our miniseries?

Our June meeting was cancelled and replaced with a written report which shared many encouraging ways in which churches have adapted during the pandemic and how they have reached out to their communities, schools and created services online including Messy Church live on Facebook!

The October meeting was our first experience of Deanery Synod on Zoom! We did not have a guest speaker; however, a full agenda of business was carried out including hearing about fund raising for Kadugli, how churches are using their outside spaces for worship outdoors, elected officers to roles (please see below for details), how online services and Alpha groups were progressing, a finance report from the Treasurer, how churches were reaching out and supporting families and school ministry and training opportunities were shared from local and national organisations.

At the October meeting the following Deanery Officers were elected:

Information Officer Dawn Farmer

Lay Chairman John Joy

Lay Pastoral Officer Marilyn Stubbs

Secretary Dawn Farmer

Treasurer David Robinson

Clergy and laity news

Rev. Joy Albone Priested to Canalside Benefice

Rev. Katie Jackson Welcomed as Curate to Broughton Gifford, Great Chalfield and Holt

Keith Hamilton Welcomed as LLM to Broughton Gifford, Great Chalfield and Holt

Rev. Jill Perrett PtO ministering in Canalside Benefice

Claire Horton Welcomed as LLM to Canalside Benefice

Lay Pioneers Six candidates were licensed in February 2020 from the following three churches: St. James, St. Katharine's and St. Thomas'

Deaths

Simon Ruslings Lay Worship Leader, Churchwarden and Treasurer in the Benefice of North Bradley, Southwick, Heywood, and Steeple Ashton

Deanery Share 2020 – David Robinson (Treasurer)

In spite of the pandemic, the 25 parishes of the Deanery together paid £691,120 (94.5%) of the Share allocation of £731,531 for the year which is hugely heartening. In fact only two parishes [of the same Benefice] were significantly behind. I know that all parishes have had to dig into their reserves to achieve this but after all it is just this type of unforeseeable event for which Reserves are there. So a huge thank you to all PCC members, particularly Treasurers, for making this happen and for your continuing resolve to overcome the situation.

The overall Share paid across the Diocese totalled 89.6% so our Deanery should feel proud to have achieved what we have contributed to Share, itself being 90% of the costs of our stipendiary clergy in the Diocese.

Much as we would like to hope differently, 2021 will still be a challenge. For information, there is no increase to Share over 2020 for any parish.

At the same time, we have also contributed over £11,700 to our Kadugli fund in 2020 (and a 13% increase over 2019) and from which nearly £9,000 had been distributed.

Report on Synod link with Kadugli John Joy

This has been an eventful year for Sudan, and for Kadugli in particular. For Sudan there has been a gradual extension of democratic government, and alterations in the law so it is no longer an offence to convert from Islam to Christianity.

Freedom of religion, and the rule of law may be the theory, but they need to be accepted and applied in practice, and this may take some time. There have, for example, been outbreaks of violence in the Kadugli area, and some of it seems to have been terrorist inspired. This, and perhaps the threat of Coronavirus, have impeded the progress of the Rooted in Jesus course we took out in 2019. We remain in touch with the church, however, and steps are being taken to re invigorate the course.

Peace Primary School in Kadugli opened at the beginning of 2021 with 11 teachers and over 200 pupils. It has raised considerable interest in Kadugli, and by next year may have as many as 350 pupils. This would call for the premises to be enlarged, and we wait to hear what is proposed. Meanwhile Bishop Hassan is concerned that the children of poorer families should not be excluded through inability to pay the

fees. The United Benefice (Broughton Gifford and Great Chalfield) therefore raised over £1,000 for the school.

In response to the distress and displacement caused by the violence, the deanery raised £ largely through a sponsored walk (thank you to everyone who contributed) topped up by the deanery.

We also raised over £1,000 through a takeaway cream tea organised by Sue Cottle in Steeple Ashton (thank you Sue).

Other good news from Kadugli is that currently there is no Coronavirus there, and that without any overt evangelism, several Muslims have become Christians. There is still much progress to be made, so please take to heart the words of Archbishop Ezekiel

"Please do not grow tired of praying for Sudan".

Wedding Fair

Three synod members represented the Deanery at a Wedding Fair at the Civic Centre in March 2020, just before lockdown. Several very good conversations had taken place with wedding couples. The table was attractive with a nice sample wedding cake, flower display, flyers with suggested readings and hymns and where to find information on the C of E website. In addition the Deanery had purchased a C of E wedding banner and the three members wore lanyards.

Synod meetings

Synod meetings are open to all those who wish to attend with meeting dates and locations arranged well in advance. The intention is to share good practice around the Deanery, and for it to be a place where ideas can be shared. At present due to the pandemic all Synod meetings are being held via Zoom. During 2020 there was opportunity at each meeting to share what has been taking place and to learn from each other, offer support and receive encouragement.

Meeting dates for 2021 which at present shall take place remotely via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic are as follows: 10 February, 16 June, and 20 October.

ST KATHARINE'S CHURCH, HOLT

Financial Statements

For the year ending 31st December 2020

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Aim and purposes

St Katharine's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Andrew Evans, within the village community the whole mission of the Church - pastoral, evangelistic and social (in accordance with the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956).

It is part of a Benefice with St Mary's, Broughton Gifford and All Saints, Great Chalfield. The Benefice forms part of the Melksham group of churches which includes the Melksham Team Ministry and the Benefice of Atworth with Shaw and Whitley.

St Katharine's has ecumenical links with the URC in Holt. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of The Coach House, Ham Green, Holt.

Objectives and activities

St Katharine's Church Vision Statement

We are a welcoming community, loving and worshipping Jesus and expressing His message in ways that are attractive and accessible to all

- We honour God in our village by being generous, hospitable and valuing people for who they are.
- We stay close to God through bible teaching, in worship and in prayer, and we sense His presence and hear His voice.
- We respond to His call to help those on the margins, to heal the sick and to make disciples.
- We offer support and work with other churches to be a gateway for heaven to come to earth.
- We release people to take God's love and blessing to the village and beyond.

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
Voluntary income	90,989	15,719	4,138	—	110,847	112,710
Activities for generating funds	90	—	—	—	90	77
Investment income	—	—	622	—	622	740
Incoming resources from charitable activities	2,679	—	—	—	2,679	5,543
Other incoming resources	180	—	—	—	180	65
Total income	93,938	15,719	4,761	—	114,419	119,137
Resources used						
Cost of generating funds	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs	503	—	—	—	503	591
Charitable activities	97,405	7,535	50,795	—	155,735	207,697
Governance costs	265	—	—	—	265	265
Total expenditure	98,173	7,535	50,795	—	156,503	208,553
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(4,234)	8,184	(46,033)	—	(42,084)	(89,415)
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	1,743	—	1,743	3,096
Gross transfers between funds - out	(1,743)	—	—	—	(1,743)	(3,096)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	648	—	648	402
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	(5,978)	8,184	(43,641)	—	(41,435)	(89,012)
Total funds brought forward	38,068	31	284,478	—	322,578	411,591
Total funds carried forward	32,090	8,215	240,837	—	281,143	322,578
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	32,090	—	—	—	32,090	38,068
Designated						
Dominica	—	31	—	—	31	31
India	—	151	—	—	151	—
Kadugli	—	48	—	—	48	—
Youth worker	—	7,984	—	—	7,984	—
Restricted						
Bells - Repairs and Maintenance	—	—	44	—	44	44
Churchyard	—	—	648	—	648	—
New Buildings and alterations	—	—	212,614	—	212,614	257,086
Repairs and Maintenance	—	—	27,096	—	27,096	26,951
Tiny Tots	—	—	432	—	432	395

Balance sheet

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets (note 1)	264,000	264,000
Investments (note 2)	19,035	18,386
	283,035	282,386
Current assets		
Debtors (note 3)	7,070	5,278
Cash at bank and in hand	51,912	99,650
	58,982	104,928
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	22,375	20,236
	22,375	20,236
Net current assets less current liabilities	36,607	84,692
Total assets less current liabilities	319,643	367,078
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	38,500	44,500
	38,500	44,500
Total net assets less liabilities	281,143	322,578
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
General fund	32,090	38,068
Designated		
Dominica	31	31
India	151	—
Kadugli	48	—
Youth worker	7,984	—
Restricted		
Bells - Repairs and Maintenance	44	44
Tiny Tots	432	395
Churchyard	648	—
Repairs and Maintenance	27,096	26,951
New Buildings and alterations	212,614	257,086
Funds of the church	281,143	322,578

Statement of assets and liabilities

		General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Investments							
CBF Fixed interest shares -		18,386	—	648	—	19,035	18,386
Totals		18,386	—	648	—	19,035	18,386
Fixed assets - Tangible assets							
Coach House -		—	—	260,000	—	260,000	260,000
Leasehold Land -		—	—	4,000	—	4,000	4,000
Totals		—	—	264,000	—	264,000	264,000
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand							
Lloyds Bank Account -		15,543	7,035	29,233	—	51,812	99,550
Cash in Hand -		100	—	—	—	100	100
Totals		15,643	7,035	29,233	—	51,912	99,650
Current assets - Debtors							
Accounts Receivable -		4,809	180	22	—	5,011	4,573
Other Debtors and PrePayments -		1,058	1,000	—	—	2,058	705
Totals		5,868	1,180	22	—	7,070	5,278
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year							
Creditors - Long Term Loans -		—	—	38,500	—	38,500	44,500
Totals		—	—	38,500	—	38,500	44,500
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year							
Accounts Payable -		977	—	30	—	1,007	12,537
Other Creditors & Accruals -		6,831	—	14,536	—	21,367	7,699
Totals		7,808	—	14,566	—	22,375	20,236
Grand total		32,090	8,215	240,837	—	281,143	322,578

Fund movement by type

		Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
Bells - Bells - Repairs and							
Restricted		44	—	—	—	—	44
Sub-total for Bells		44	—	—	—	—	44
Dominica - Dominica							
Designated		31	1,726	1,726	—	—	31
Sub-total for Dominica		31	1,726	1,726	—	—	31
India - India							
Designated		—	4,810	4,658	—	—	151
Sub-total for India		—	4,810	4,658	—	—	151
Kadugli - Kadugli							
Designated		—	1,198	1,150	—	—	48
Sub-total for Kadugli		—	1,198	1,150	—	—	48
Star - Gateway Healing							
Restricted		—	352	543	190	—	—
Sub-total for Star		—	352	543	190	—	—
TinyTots - Tiny Tots							
Restricted		395	95	57	—	—	432
Sub-total for TinyTots		395	95	57	—	—	432
Youth - Youth worker							
Designated		—	7,984	—	—	—	7,984
Sub-total for Youth		—	7,984	—	—	—	7,984
General - General fund							
Unrestricted		38,068	93,938	98,173	(1,743)	—	32,090
Sub-total for General		38,068	93,938	98,173	(1,743)	—	32,090
Churchyard - Churchyard							
Restricted		—	622	2,176	1,553	648	648
Sub-total for Churchyard		—	622	2,176	1,553	648	648
Fabric - Repairs and Maintena							
Restricted		26,951	625	480	—	—	27,096
Sub-total for Fabric		26,951	625	480	—	—	27,096
Building - New Buildings and al							
Restricted		257,086	3,066	47,538	—	—	212,614
Sub-total for Building		257,086	3,066	47,538	—	—	212,614
Grand total		322,578	114,419	156,503	—	648	281,143

Analysis of income and expenditure

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income						
Tax efficient planned giving	59,615	12,980	2,939	—	75,534	75,423
Other planned giving	9,698	350	115	—	10,163	6,036
All Other Recurring giving/donations	—	—	5	—	5	—
All Non Recurring giving/donations	6,818	965	345	—	8,128	12,426
All tax recovered through Gift Aid	14,856	1,424	734	—	17,015	18,604
Legacies Received	—	—	—	—	—	219
Total	90,989	15,719	4,138	—	110,847	112,710
Incoming resources from generated funds - Activities for generating funds						
Gross Income from fundraising	90	—	—	—	90	77
Total	90	—	—	—	90	77
Incoming resources from generated funds - Investment income						
Dividends, Income from Property	—	—	622	—	622	740
Total	—	—	622	—	622	740
Incoming resources from charitable activities						
Statutory fees retained by PCC	2,351	—	—	—	2,351	3,593
Gross income from trading	328	—	—	—	328	1,950
Total	2,679	—	—	—	2,679	5,543
Other incoming resources						
Other incoming resources	180	—	—	—	180	65
Total	180	—	—	—	180	65
INCOME TOTAL	93,938	15,719	4,761	—	114,419	119,137

EXPENDITURE

Cost of generating funds - Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs

Cost of Trading	503	—	—	—	503	591
Total	503	—	—	—	503	591

Charitable activities

All Missions Giving, charitable grants	9,371	6,133	—	—	15,505	12,430
Parish Share paid to Diocese	47,900	—	—	—	47,900	46,676
Salaries/Honoraria	16,704	—	—	—	16,704	14,389
Expenses (Clergy, Pastoral)	1,244	—	—	—	1,244	4,980
Mission and evangelism costs	2,260	1,401	300	—	3,962	11,565
Church running expenses	11,260	—	2,476	—	13,737	30,808
Church Utility Bills	8,662	—	—	—	8,662	8,201
Major Repairs to Church Buildings	—	—	480	—	480	2,721
New Building work, Church	—	—	47,538	—	47,538	75,088
Other outgoing resources	—	—	—	—	—	834
Total	97,405	7,535	50,795	—	155,735	207,697

Governance costs

Governance Costs	265	—	—	—	265	265
Total	265	—	—	—	265	265

EXPENDITURE TOTAL	98,173	7,535	50,795	—	156,503	208,553
GRAND TOTAL	(4,234)	8,184	(46,033)	—	(42,084)	(89,415)

Notes to the Accounts as at 31st December 2020

1 FREEHOLD PROPERTIES

a) The Coach House. This property was purchased during the year to 31.12.14 and is used as the Church offices and other Parish functions. Planning permission has been approved for change of use and for extending the building.

b) Leasehold Land A long lease has been purchased on a small strip of land at the rear of St Katharine's Church.

2 INVESTMENTS

11222.37 Income Shares in the CBF Church of England Fixed Interest Fund valued at £19,035.38

3	<u>SUNDRY DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
	Benefice Expenses		
	St Mary's	1,176	1,875
	All Saints	<u>586</u>	<u>531</u>
		1,762	2,406
	Gift Aid Claims	3,250	2,168
	Insurances prepaid	538	505
	CCLI licenses prepaid	521	-
	Sidholme Deposits	<u>1,000</u>	<u>200</u>
		<u><u>£7,071</u></u>	<u><u>£5,279</u></u>

4	<u>SUNDRY CREDITORS</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
	Architects and Planning Fees	11,536	-
	Electrical contractor	3,000	-
	Parish Share to Diocese	-	11,745
	Tithes & giving	6,400	6,600
	December expenses	1,174	792
	Diocese loan interest	-	834
	Accountancy Fees	<u>265</u>	<u>265</u>
		<u>£22,375</u>	<u>£20,236</u>
5	<u>LONG TERM CREDITORS</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
	Diocese loan	<u>38,500</u>	<u>44,500</u>
		<u>£38,500</u>	<u>£44,500</u>

This report dated: 18/01/2021

Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by the Reverend Andrew Evans (PCC Chairman)



Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity Name

ST KATHARINE'S CHURCH HOLT
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

On accounts for the year ended

311220

Charity no (if any)

1165383

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below*):

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signed

Date

27.1.21

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