

St Andrews Church Kyrenia UK Charity

Registered Charity No 1167054

Trustees Report Year ending December 31st 2021

Registered at All Hallows by the Tower, London communication with the Charity Commission and HMRC continues to be facilitated through their websites, notifications and reminders.

Trustees	John Worton-Griffiths – Chair	VSA
	Shane Barnes – Treasurer	VSA
	Gloria Tattersall – Secretary	A
	Anne Lloyd – Trustee	A
	Amanda Warrander – Trustee.	

Amanda Warrander who became a trustee in 2020 started to shadow John W-G with Gift Aid work during 2021. Our treasurer Shane Barnes prepared the accounts for 2021. Two additional trustees were sought to return the number of trustees to six during 2022. The Charity Commission will be notified of these changes when they come into effect

The Charity Trustees met twice during 2021 in May and November with all actions formally minuted. Agendas were issued prior to the meetings and minutes issued and approved by the trustees at the next meeting.

The number of year-round ex-patriate permanent residents in St Andrew's Kyrenia congregation continues to diminish with regular visitors, tourists and students becoming a welcome growing part of our congregation often referred to as Swallows. The North Cyprus banking system still does not facilitate Standing Orders. The Charity appreciates the regular monthly stewardship with donors setting up Standing Orders from their UK banks directly to the Charity account, most with Gift Aid declarations. We very much appreciate the seasonal visitors setting up standing orders as they then become year round regular stewards of St Andrew.

The Church UK Charity makes regular stewardship straightforward. Regular donations can be made by Standing Order by any church member those who pay UK tax can Gift Aid but anyone who has a UK bank account can regularly donate by Standing Order. At the end of 2021 there were 15 regular monthly or quarterly donors. Some major donors have left in recent times but some have joined at the end of 2020 monthly income was approximately £650. Unity Trust Bank has continued to provide a very effective service to the Charity particularly the multi approval on line facility. The trustees are designated

V – View the account

S – Submit instructions

A – Authorise the instructions

The different authorisations ensure the Charity is able to maintain the commitment to Church donors that the confidentiality of each donor is restricted to the Chairman of the Trustees who is also the Church Gift Aid officer and to the Treasurer of the Charity.

The Charity Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2021 is attached and with income of £9,415.39 , lower than £25,000, the accounts did require independent examination.

No significant one off donations were received in 2021. Regular stewardship by whatever means are key to providing income for a new Chaplain. Meantime the Charity paid an honorarium to Revd Michael Graham who acted as Chaplain.

The Charity was registered with **HMRC** on 26th October 2016 **Ref EW58375**.

Two Gift Aid applications were made during 2021 and sums received from HMRC. The first H2 of 2020-2021 tax year GA of £ 912.59 and the second covering the H1 April to September of the 2021-2022 tax year of £ 790.00. The total £5,796.05 is shown in the statement. It is now more than 5 years since the Charity was established during 2022. So, we will ask all donors to provide a new Gift Aid declaration.

At the request of Council the Diocese contribution of £2,133.17 [€ 3000.00] was paid by the Charity to the Diocese Cyprus € account. The exchange and transfer charges were £24.00.

AWe have set up mobile SMS giving on UK SIMs with the *Donr* organisation. *Donr* have no set up costs but charge 5% on donations. They enable us to claim Gift Aid from donors who provide the normal Gift Aid information. The message below is included on the church web site.

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Regrettably our churchgoers have not found this easy way of donating worthwhile. It has hardly been used. It costs nothing to keep operational so it is to be left in place for a while longer.

The Charity mission is to

Promote the ministry and work of St Andrew's Church Kyrenia Cyprus by raising, holding and dispersing funds to build the mission and work of St Andrews Church Kyrenia within the Anglican Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf in the Episcopal Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

The Charity supports the work of St Andrews promoting the ministry to the whole community in a number of ways. Three Anglican services are held each week but during periods leading up to special festivals additional services are arranged. In addition guest Christian congregations from other denominations utilise the facilities that the church can provide. All are welcome to all services.

A variety of courses and programs are held to further ministry work and to encourage members of the congregation to develop their faith. Every effort is made to ensure all members of the community can benefit.

Lent programs and bible studies are held in both the Church, the Hall and homes.

Members of the congregation and families from the community are encouraged to come forward for Baptism and Confirmation.

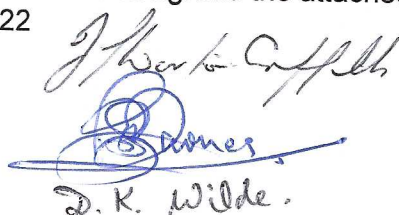
Fellowship is built through social gatherings and events, with information being disseminated to the community through our active website, social media, local press, church magazine and our service sheets.

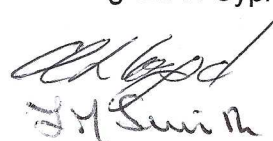
St Andrews has a commitment to support local charities and recent projects have been publicised through the church web site and a local on line newspaper Cyprus Scene. Charitable giving to the Muslim community was linked to the sacrifice festival, Kurban Bayram. A donation was made to Ukraine through the Red Crescent, North Cyprus

The Revd Michael Graham who had retired to the Island, led the Church with our Bishop's authority as Assistant Chaplain until the end of 2019. He returned to Ireland but in October 2021 he returned to lead St Andrews as Priest in Charge.

The Covid pandemic and local isolation regulations forced the closure of the Church for most of 2020. Thankfully the regular standing order stewardship to the UK charity continued. In 2021 there was a return to church worship with restrictions on face masks and social distancing limiting the number who could be accommodated. This was not a problem as visitor numbers were well down. Only four Gift Aid envelope donations were received in 2021.

All trustees have seen and agreed the attached report. It is signed in Cyprus by the Trustees on 24th October 2022


D. K. Wilde.


J. H. Smith


A. Warrender

The St Andrew's Church Kyrenia UK Charity is key to maintaining the work and mission of St Andrew Church in Kyrenia. The Charity accounts for year ending 31st December 2021 are below.

Full details of the life of the Church is summarised in the various reports for the Church year ending April 2022 presented to the Church ACM on 24th April 2022. The minutes of the ACM are also attached.

Balance Sheet

Opening balance 52,644,32

Receipts

One-off donations/bequests

Diocesan contribution

Synod costs

Rev Michael Graham expenses

World Day of Prayer

Director of Music

Service charges (nett)

**Excess of Income
over Expenditure**

5,604,222

Closing balance

Excess of income over expenditure

58.243,54

Total Expenditure

Total Expenditure	3.415,39
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Signed Shane Barnes CEng, CIP, CIMA, FBCS, Treasurer

Since the Income for the year is below the statutory limit, there is no requirement for an IFA statement for 2021, as defined by The Charity Commission

To love God, to love each other and to love our neighbours

St Andrew's Church Kyrenia

Reports for the Annual Church Meeting - 24th April 2022

WARDENS' REPORT, 2021.

Our year opened with SANDY ORAM & STUART HILLIARD as Church Wardens. They had navigated St Andrew's through 2020 - 9 months of "lockdown" culminating in a brief "window" - or, more accurately, "false dawn" - around Christmas when we managed a few services, including a Carol Service, with the aid of the Rev. Andrew Tatham who was spending the Xmas holiday with his daughter & her family. But, within a few days, the local Covid situation deteriorated, and we went back into total "lockdown", and, once again, services were suspended - until mid-June, when re-started with carefully spaced seats and a maximum capacity of about 35.

On occasions we welcomed the Rev. Justin Arnott (who handled a double Christening with some dexterity) and other clergy from St Paul's Cathedral, Nicosia. But, from time-to-time services were slightly more D.I.Y.

We struggled to achieve a quorum for our 2021 ACM - which was delayed until June - when James Gibbs was elected to replace Stuart Hilliard, who had completed his 4-year spell of duty.

Fr. Michael Graham was welcomed back in early September, and later that month Archbishop Michael conducted his licensing, which was court-yard.

Christmas 2021 was more normal than in 2020, and we were again supported by the Rev. Andrew Tatham on his annual family visit.

Memorial Garden. A donor kindly financed the installation of a watering system for the Memorial Rose Garden.

Fire Alarms. A new Fire Alarm system was installed on both levels by JEMT(S).

Quinquennial Reports. Instructed by JEMT(S), Quinquennial Reports were commissioned for both St Andrew's Church and The Hermitage. There are 5-yearly "maintenance condition" reports on both properties.

This year, the necessary rectification work is quite demanding and is the responsibility of the PCC - but with, it is to be hoped, some generous support from JEMT(S).

Covid-19. The "omicron" variant seems to be more contagious if not quite so severe as first feared, so care and vigilance are still necessary. The restrictions are gradually being lifted, with great reliance placed on the comprehensive vaccination programme & continuing care taken with "social distancing".

Sandy Oram & James Gibbs

INCOMING TREASURER'S REPORT

The combined balances in our TRNC accounts amount to approx £25,000 in a mixture of TL and Sterling.

The UK charity account currently sits at almost £60,000.

This may seem like a very comfortable position, and indeed we are very lucky that it is so.

We must remember, however, that there may be significant costs to be incurred in repairs and maintenance to both the church and the Hermitage, quotes for which are awaited.

Giving has seen a significant drop over the last couple of years and is certainly insufficient to support a new incumbent once Fr Michaels very beneficial arrangement finishes.

We need to focus therefore this year on increasing our income in all the ways and by all the means that we traditionally used to, and to trying to spread the word and the news of St Andrews as widely as possible to attract those who we may not yet be reaching.

The terms 'PR' and 'Marketing' are not ones which most of us instinctively associate with church, but they are just as vital to us as to any other organisation, particularly in these difficult times and any ideas you have for things we can do to attract more potential new members will be invaluable.

For the coming year, we will be trying a new model for Treasury and Accounting.

There are two main aims

- to try to spread the workload by more appropriate use of our people
- to try to simplify the processes and paperwork to lighten the load whilst retaining good practice.

To this end, Leo has very kindly offered to help with the 'bookkeeping' part of the job and the cash control, which is predominantly Sunday-based. John Brown has generously offered to help teach him what we do and how we do it. Tony Kyte has offered us use of a spreadsheet model which he has developed specifically for the purpose, and to teach us all how to use it.

Leo and I will jointly fill the Treasury role officially. John and Tony, hopefully, once we have got the new system settled in, will be able to take a back seat again.

I shall not be back in TRNC until September, unfortunately, but I will be working with them actively to try to ensure that all is working well and that we're able to provide the information that Council needs accurately and in a timely manner.

Finally, I'd like to thank Sally Burt and the wardens, without whose constant support all this would be so much more difficult.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Contact details will be published very shortly after the meeting, I'm sure.

Shane Barnes

St Andrews Church Kyrenia UK Charity and Stewardship Report - ACM 2022 for the year ending December 2021

St Andrew's Church Kyrenia UK Charity

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HMRC Registration No EW58375

Trustees	John Worton-Griffiths	– Chair
	Vacant	- St Andrews Treasurer, Ex-officio
	Shane Barnes	- Charity Treasurer
	Gloria Tattersall	- Secretary
	Amanda Warrender	- Trustee
	Anne Lloyd	- Trustee

The Charity Trustees met twice during 2021 in May on Zoom and in October at the Heaven Restaurant with all actions formally minuted. All UK Charities are required to file an annual report to the Charity Commission on line by October the following year. Our report January–December 2020 with the Commission in October 2021. During the covid period there were no individual reports. So, the minutes of the 4th July 2021 church ACM were attached. No Church accounts were available for inclusion.

Residents and swallows able to make Standing Order transfers to the Church Charity have continued their support for our Church throughout the time of Pandemic. With the church closed, this regular stewardship has maintained income through this difficult period when many of our congregation have been unable to be on the island.

The Church UK Charity makes regular stewardship straightforward and if you bank in the UK do please avail yourself of the Standing Order regular stewardship.

You do not need to be a UK Tax payer to make monthly SO donations.

Donation Forms are located at the vestry door. If you are a UK taxpayer complete the declaration too. The form can also be found on the Church web site. Standing orders have provided continuity to giving during the pandemic.

The Gift Aid declarations need to be updated every 5 years. I shall be requesting signature of a new form by donors during 2022.

If you prefer to use the weekly Gift Aid envelopes please do and if you are a sides person do ensure envelopes are available each week.

Donations can be made confidentially using the method that best suits you. If you need advice or assistance do please talk to the Gift Aid Officer or Treasurer. The TL/£ is now 19.5 compared to 11.5 this time last year so do please remember this when making your TL donation or better still use sterling or Euro.

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Attached are the Charity Accounts for the year ending December 31st 2021

The Balance held by the Charity on 31st December 2021 in the Charity Unity Trust Bank was **£58,248.54**.

The Charity income in 2021 was far below £25,000 and the level of 2020. The Charity Commission guidelines did not require them to be independently examined as they were last year.

Income in 2021 - £ 9,415.39

- Regular standing order donation income was £7,212.80 down from £10,525.20 last year. Nearly all was gift aided. Regrettably the number of donors has dropped as people have left our fellowship and withdrawn their support.
- There were no one off donations in 2021.
- There were no "in Church" Gift Aid envelopes in 2021.
- From the regular Standing Order donations two gift Aid claims were submitted in 2021. HMRC paid £1,702.59 Gift Aid to the Charity on these claims.
- Two donors continue to make their regular donations through the Diocese Foundation. They are not Gift Aided and the Foundation transferred the sum of £500 to the Charity just before the year end.

Expenditure in 2021 - £3,811.17

All payments made by the Charity were at the request of council and in accordance with the Charity purposes and governing document

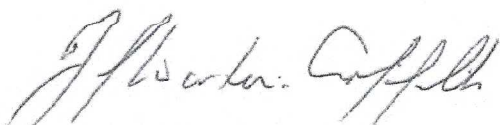
- At the request of Council and with the agreement of the Trustees, Revd Michael expenses £500/month were paid by SO in the UK commencing October 2021, a total of £1,500.
- The St Andrew's Diocesan contribution of €2438 at a cost of £2,133.17 was paid by the Charity and transferred to the Diocese Cyprus account in Euro. The Diocese UK Sterling account has been closed.
- As no collection was possible, at council request £100 was paid to the World Day of Prayer. The Unity bank service charges for the year were £78.

Early each month Charity transaction statements are forwarded to the Church treasurer.

The Charity and Unity Banking Facility has proved extremely valuable to our church in many ways. It provides an on line confidential record of all donations confidential to your Treasurer and Gift Aid Officer. Multi signature on line approval of all transactions is ensured. Once the trustees agree an expenditure, one trustee prepares a banking instruction and a second trustee is required to authorise before payment.

I would like to use this annual opportunity to thank all donors, however you, donate, for your continued support for the work and mission of St Andrews. I thank the Charity trustees for their patience and commitment. The trustees act to serve our Church.

It is clear from the accounts that the current regular income to the Charity is insufficient for your council to balance income from donors with expenditure for a Chaplain, even a "House for Duty" incumbent. It will cost approximately £1,000 each month if an apartment is rented and expenses are paid.



Dr John Worton-Griffiths

Gift Aid Officer and Chairman of Trustees

April 2022

CHURCH MAGAZINE 2021

The magazine continued to be produced month by month digitally and was made available to all via the St Andrew's website. It was very difficult to prepare articles directly related to life in St Andrew's for two reasons: there was no life in St Andrew's while the church was closed and, I was in the UK, very disconnected from life in the TRNC generally.

I found what I thought were items of interest, I have not received any criticism. And I introduced an item called Notes from Kibris and Kent to reflect what was happening that affected me in both places.

As always, I appreciate any items you may want to share with our readers.

Anne Lloyd

DIOCESE OF CYPRUS AND THE GULF SYNOD

FEBRUARY 2022

This was the second Diocesan Synod to be held on Zoom, and I attended as an Observer on behalf of The Association of Friends of the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf. There were over 70 participants from across the Diocese and beyond, celebrating as full a sense of fellowship as possible through the small screen.

There was worship, discussion, evening social events, and meetings of Houses of Clergy and Laity, as well as spiritual addresses by the Synod Guest Speaker the Rev'd Canon Dr Rachel Mash. Rachel is an Environmental Coordinator of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, Secretary to the Anglican Communion Environmental Network and a member of the Season of Creation steering group, so it was not surprising that the theme of this year's synod was Scripture and Caring for Creation.

Reports came from all around the diocese along with news from Thika and Exeter, our companion dioceses and Archbishop Michael reported on his programme as Primate of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Also on the agenda were reports by Joel Kelling on the Anglican Alliance and the Mission to Seafarers, Canon Ian Calder reported on the Association of Friends, Sibella Laing and Susan Cooper reported on behalf of the Cyprus and the Gulf Foundation and Bishop Anthony Ball, reported on the Jerusalem and the Middle East Church Association (JMECA).

More details on the above can be found on the Diocesan website Scene at Synod, along with the Diocesan accounts for 2021 and a summary of The Very Reverend and Venerable Dr Bill Schwartz, OBE life in our diocese on the occasion of his retirement after 40 years service.

Anne Lloyd

CHURCH HALL REPORT

The Church Hall was reopened in July 2021, after a long closure due to the Government Restrictions. Unfortunately, most of the previous Groups had relocated to other venues and have not returned despite the rental charge being left at the same as before.

There are now two Groups using the Hall regularly, with one Group having three meetings per week. Access to the kitchen has not yet been included to the Groups, again because of Government Restrictions, although bottled water is still available.

The BRS used the Hall for their usual Christmas Drinks Event, which was well patronised.

On Palm Sunday, refreshments after the Service were served for the first time and this will continue on the first Sunday of the month for the following three months. After this time, the Church Council will review the situation with regard to having refreshments more often if popular,

and the availability of Volunteers warrant it. It is planned to reopen the Church shop again during the coffee mornings, and to this end, would like volunteers to manage this.

I am still looking for a Kitchen Manager to work alongside me, and am still hopeful of finding someone to take over completely as Hall Manager!!

I would like to thank Lee Hickens and his wife, Jan, for their work in the Church, Hall and grounds and for the hard working volunteers who help in the kitchen.

Sally Birt.
Church Hall Manager.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

As Covid restrictions and lengthy lock downs played havoc with plans for much music making in the year 2021 it is comforting to note that normality is returning. However, we were able to hold our Annual Service of Nine Lessons and Carols in December, joined by members of Kyrenia Chamber Choir. Recently we benefitted again from KCC augmentation as we celebrated Easter Day.

I am ever grateful for the voluntary cooperation and assistance of organist, sequencer operative and the support of council colleagues throughout the year.

One very rewarding aspect of my role is in selecting appropriate hymns in order to reflect the seasonal Sunday by Sunday church calendar. It is an ongoing privilege to work with Fr Michael who is appreciative, understanding and sympathetic of the work undertaken by musicians.

Earl Moffitt
Director of Music

From: St. Andrew's Church, Kyrenia <standrew.kyrenia@gmail.com>
Sent: 25 April 2022 07:00
To: 'Office'
Subject: ACM 2022 Minutes

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MINUTES

Annual Church Meeting on Sunday 24th April 2022

In the Church Hall at 12.00

Chaired by Rev Mike Graham

Rev Mike opened the meeting in prayer and read Hebrews 10: 23-25 *"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur on another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another"*

1. Steve Bishop was appointed **clerk to the meeting**.
2. **Apologies** received from John & Jenny W-G, Alan & Sue C, Alan P, John C and Amanda W.
3. Rev Mike exercised his right under the church constitution to choose one of the wardens himself and Jacqueline McIntyre was duly appointed as the **Incumbent's Church Warden**.
4. **Election of warden:** After four years of service, Sandy Oram had to stand down. Sandy will continue to manage the rota for readers and intercessions. James Gibbs was proposed by Sally Birt and seconded by Earl Moffitt and being the only candidate, he was duly elected as people's warden.
5. The **Electoral Roll** as updated by Diana Peek was presented. The roll stands at 71 people after 7 removals and 8 additions. Only 40 of the current roll are permanent residents. 26 on the electoral roll were present so the meeting was quorate. Diana noted that quite a few names of those no longer attending services at St Andrews should have been removed from the roll and will be before the next ACM.
6. **Minutes of ACM** held on Sunday 4th July 2021 were approved (proposed by Sandy O, seconded by Jacqueline M). There were no matters arising
7. Rev Mike gave the **Chaplain's report**:

INCUMBENT'S REPORT – APRIL 2022

Little did I think when I went back to Ireland in January 2020, after acting as Locum here in St. Andrew's for 20 months, to be with Janet and to buy a new home there that just over 2 years later I would once again be sitting down to write a Chaplain's Report for St. Andrew's, Kyrenia.

The last time I did this – in April of 2019 – I wrote:

"I have to say that this is a task which I thought I'd left behind me some three years ago - chairing an Annual Meeting of a parish and giving an "Incumbent's" Report! Last year I attended one such meeting for the first time in two of those years - the meeting here in St. Andrew's. And what an eventful year it's been since then."

Well, it seems that plus ça change and here I am again, and the only wording I would change from that last sentence would be: "What an eventful TWO years it's been since then."

Like so many of us Janet and I became "stuck", as it were, by the outbreak of Covid19 and were unable to return here to the TRNC for some 20 months, finally managing to get back at the end of August 2021.

And sadly, the pandemic ravaged the world, bringing misery in so many different ways to people: mentally, socially, through illness, economic hardship and for some the tragedy of losing someone they love. And even though it seems to have eased in some countries, in others it still has the same effect.

Here in St. Andrew's, as in most places, the church effectively became closed as restrictions on movement and social interaction were imposed to try to contain the disease. As I said many of us became stuck wherever we were when the pandemic struck and the country in which we found ourselves was closed. Visitors ceased and the economic result on countries such as here in what is the adopted home for many of us was and still is horrendous.

But there were those who looked on such events in the church as an opportunity to try new ways of reaching those who were crying out for spiritual sustenance. Many churches, including my old parishes back in Ireland, produced weekly videos which could be watched in the comfort of your own home – and the sermon, if it became too boring, could be skipped over! Other broadcast services using social media such as Zoom which could be joined by people – again in the comfort of their own home. And here, in St. Andrew's, we were indebted to Steve and Sally Bishop who produced an electronic form of service which could be emailed to those who requested it. For that we thank them most sincerely.

But, if I may, I'd like to go back to our return to the TRNC after a long, enforced absence. Instead of becoming swallows, as Janet and I had hoped, I was persuaded to come back with an official title: Priest-in-Charge of the parish with those three little letters after that title which have confused quite a number of people: "SSM", which stands for Self-Supporting-Ministry. What THAT means, for those who may not know, is that I'm here as Priest-in-Charge but receive no remuneration for the task, other than an expense allowance each month to offset the cost of using my own car, telephone etc., and live in my own home.

In return I'm supposed to be available for some 12 hours a week and to conduct services on Sundays and Holy Days and a mid-week service on Thursday. That bit seems to be more honoured in the breach than the observance!

The official designation for such a rôle is "House for Duty". Except in my case there is no "House" or any of the rest of the things which I mentioned above which would normally accompany anyone in a similar position.

Now I say all this not to in any way blow my own trumpet. Far from it. I love St. Andrew's and would do anything to support the parish – an outlook which does me no favours with my family.

No. The reason I point this out is that at this present time St. Andrew's is seeking to appoint someone to the position of Chaplain, or rather Priest-in-Charge, once again.

My "tour of duty" is for two years – OR LESS and should someone else be found and appointed then I am more than happy to step back and resume (or Janet would say, BEGIN) my retirement from parish ministry.

But the important thing is that at the moment St. Andrew's is looking to appoint someone in that rôle under more or less the same conditions as me – except that accommodation would also have to be provided, plus a car, travel costs for a trip back to their home country, health cover, expense allowance etc. etc.

And right now, as we'll hear in our various Treasurers' reports, the parish can't afford even that based on our weekly income from the collecting plate and from regular donations made through our UK based charity.

Add to that the condition in which the official accommodation for the Chaplain in St. Andrew's, the Hermitage, was left following the departure of the last Incumbent, and the costs which may fall on the parish to bring that back to a livable standard, plus the ongoing maintenance costs for the church itself, and we can see that, financially at least, the forthcoming Church Council will have much to exercise it during its term of office.

All of these issues were discussed at the two open meetings which were held here in the Church Hall recently. It was important that the incoming Council hear the views of those on whom St. Andrew's currently relies for its future. This is YOUR parish, and if you, or I should say WE, want to continue the ministry which we feel God may be calling us to in this place then it is vital that we support that ministry in whatever way we can – not just financially but also with our deeds and, this is vitally important, with our words. So often all I hear is negativity when it comes to St. Andrew's. Usually preceded by words such as: "A lot of people say....." or "I've been told that...." but those people never seem willing to step out of the woodwork themselves, instead relying on hiding behind someone else. Add to that the focus on totally unimportant issues, which then get blown out of all proportion, and you can see why support for – and, more importantly, WITHIN – our next Church Council will be vital to the future (or not) of St. Andrew's. I would expect that a decision, once made by the Council, is to be supported by ALL members of the Council, whether they personally agree with it or not. And that anyone who chooses then to deliberately go on to try to undermine that decision, especially publicly, should seriously consider their position as a Council member or Church Officer.

So, as we begin a new year of ministry here in St. Andrew's, I would ask you all to pray most fervently for God to show us the direction in which we should go; to pray for the new Council with perhaps one of the most difficult years in St. Andrew's recent history ahead of them; to support that Council in whatever way you can – financially and physically and, most importantly, in a POSITIVE manner.

Finally, may I thank all those who have helped to hold St. Andrew's together over the past difficult months. I've already thanked Steve and Sally. A special thanks to our outgoing Church Warden, Sandy Oram, and those Council Members who are fortunate enough to be standing down this year: Sally Birt (who is gladly staying on as Hall Manager at least for the foreseeable future) and Jacqueline McIntyre (who, as you now know, hasn't managed to escape at all!).

A final personal thank you, if I may, to Janet who has also effectively had to put her retirement on hold. And to my family, especially our grandchildren, who know there's a grandad who occasionally turns up but not as often as he would like. I promise that when someone else is finally appointed as Incumbent of St. Andrew's that I'll step back – at least a little way back.

8. **Warden's report** – this had been issued. There were no questions.

9. Finance: The Outgoing Treasurer, Incoming Treasurer and Chairman of the St Andrews UK charity had all issued reports in advance for 2021.

Joan S asked if the HMRC (Gift Aid) refund was included in "Other Income" and Sandy confirmed it was. Joan asked what had happened about charitable income over the last few years and Sandy acknowledged this had been minimal due to reduced income while the church was closed. [Church income in 2021 (£13,300) had fallen to just over a third of what it was in 2019 (£36,000); in the same period cash reserves had risen from £65,000 to £83,000].

Tony K asked if accounts for 2020 had ever been produced or distributed. Sandy confirmed they had been produced but never distributed so would be sent to the Electoral Roll shortly. Tony asked about exchange rate losses and Sandy confirmed that these had been substantial over the last few years as the lira devalued despite a change in policy two years ago to hold a greater proportion of bank deposits in sterling rather than TL.

Kaska asked about the costs of a new Chaplain but was told these had not yet been calculated and would be a matter for the new Council.

Sandy asked if the Paxton Software, recommended by the Diocese, would ever be used as everyone considered it too complicated.

Mike noted how difficult the job of treasurer had been at St Andrews in past years and thanked Sandy for (reluctantly) fulfilling this role over the last two years when no-one else was willing to take it on. At James G's suggestion, Sandy received a vote of thanks.

Rev Mike confirmed that this year there would be a "Treasurer's Team" consisting of Shane B, John B, Tony K and Leo. He also commented that having swallows on the Church Council or holding other posts was less than ideal.

10. Independent Financial Examiner : Keith Bristow had offered once again and was duly appointed for 2022.

11. Other Church Groups had all issued reports in advance. There were no questions.

12. Election to the Church Council: Jacquie McIntyre and Sally Birt (having served 3 years) came off the council. Rev Mike announced that all Council members now had to be re-elected each year. With ten places available, Earl Moffitt and Diana Peak were re-elected for their second year, Anne for her third year and Shane Barnes, John Brown, Stuart Hillard, Malcolm Davies, Elizabeth MacLeod and Rae Tilley for their first year.

13. Any other business

The Queen's Jubilee

James G proposed that St Andrews celebrated the Queen's Jubilee on the first Sunday in June by having John C play music from the coronation after the service, followed by drinks on the terrace. Rev Mike said John C considered that music unsuitable for the organ alone. James said he wanted to do something different and less expensive than other Jubilee celebrations.

Rev Mike made clear his personal objection to any Jubilee celebration on the grounds that St Andrews was not an English only church and the Queen was not head of the Cyprus Arch-Diocese so therefore there was no reason for St Andrews to mark this occasion (there being plenty of other planned events in Kyrenia). There followed an increasingly emotive debate on the subject.

Steve B suggested that as this would be the last Royal Jubilee for both her majesty – given her age and health – and the current congregation, that it would be a shame not to celebrate it. He also pointed out that most of the St Andrew's congregation were in fact English and Anglican churches throughout the world would be celebrating the Jubilee (including our own cathedral church).

Rev Mike pointed out, in response to a comment, that the Archbishop of Canterbury, as well as the Queen, had no jurisdiction over the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East or any of the other 40 Anglican Provinces in 165 countries, other than the Church of England.

Joan S noted that the universal respect for Queen Elizabeth meant no other nationalities would be offended by any Jubilee celebration.

Tony K suggested the meeting be polled to determine how many would like St Andrews to celebrate the Jubilee in some way; Diana asked that those wanting to celebrate it would be willing to also organise it; Sandy suggested any celebration should not be on a Sunday as the worldwide Jubilee date will be Thursday 2nd June.

Rev Mike noted that it was up to the Church Council, not the ACM, to decide how or if to mark the Jubilee and again expressed his view that St Andrews should not be known as "The English Church". Joan S commented that it always had been and was still considered to be so as everything was conducted in English and the vast majority of attenders were English. This was followed by a show of hands that demonstrated an almost unanimous desire for St Andrews to mark the Queen's Jubilee in some way. James again offered to organise it.

Stuart H proposed a vote of thanks for his wife, Lynda, for her past and ongoing work in preparing the weekly pew sheet. This was duly given.

14. The meeting concluded with The Grace