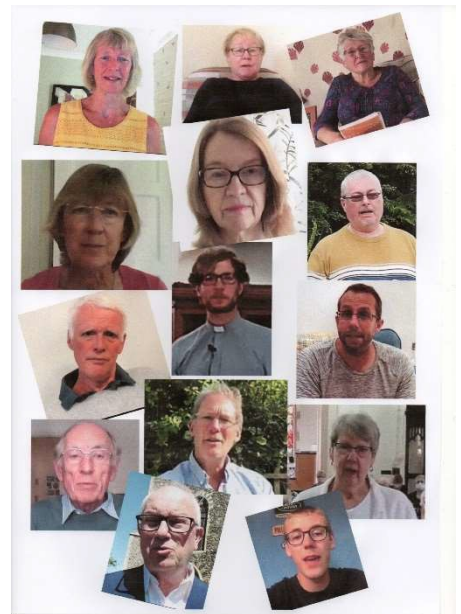




Annual Report for the Benefice of Saxmundham with Kelsale cum Carlton for calendar year 2021



Faces of SKC 2021

The Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist, Saxmundham and the Parochial Church Council of St Mary and St Peter's, Kelsale with St Peter's, Carlton.

The trustees present their reports and the audited financial statements of the charities for the year ended 31 December 2021. As the two PCCs work closely together they have prepared one report that covers the benefice, apart from finances which are presented separately.

Aim and Purposes

The Parochial Church Councils have the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent to promote, in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specific responsible for the maintenance of the Church building(s) of which there are three church buildings and one church hall.

Priest-in-Charge Comment

2021 was another year of change in the Benefice of Saxmundham with Kelsale cum Carlton. A lot of what we did, or planned to do, was dominated by the COVID-19 pandemic. We began the year with lockdown restrictions in place that gradually eased only to be reintroduced a few times.

The Benefice also began the year in vacancy and grappled with all that meant as well. My family and I moved into The Rectory at the end of February and although we were flying under the radar we felt incredibly welcomed through cards, gifts, and visits from people too. My licensing happened online at the end of March and then I spent some time getting to know the Benefice through door-stop hellos, thank you to everyone who invited me to their doorstep, garden, or when the restrictions allowed, into your home.

We continued to do various things online throughout 2021 including the Lent Course, at least one Alpha Course, and various church services too. Once worship had restarted in person we explored how we could stream things too with varying levels of success.

One of the significant times in 2021 was our 40 Days of Prayer as we sought God's heart and vision for our Benefice. It was encouraging to see us all commit the time to praying for us as churches and for those in our communities. Following the 40 Days of Prayer we discerned our Mission, Vision, and Values to solidify our common direction of travel as a Benefice as we seek to follow where God leads us.

We believe we are called to Love God, Love one another, and Love our communities. We seek to do that through encountering the love of Jesus in our life and worship, to grow as Spirit filled disciple-making disciples, and to see communities transformed through the love of God. Our values, the things that are 'how we do things round here' are prayer, unity, generosity and hospitality, community, and mission. Hopefully we see those things in all that we do.

A lot happened in 2021 that would take far too much space to detail but here are a few things to mention (not in any particular order!):

relaunching in person worship including Connections in St Johns, 40 Days of Prayer, the Weekend Away at Home (three garden parties in the Rectory garden), our long-delayed Sizewell Weekend Away, the Big Film Event, a Flower Festival in Kelsale, a Harvest Supper, an All Souls Remembrance Event, and so much more.



Group in Sizewell, November 2021

I've also not mentioned the quiet things that so many people do behind the scenes living out our calling to be like Jesus. There are the team of cleaners who get the churches ready for worship, those who tidy up the churchyards, volunteering at the shop, helping at the Community Fridge, and more than I can mention.

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has done something this year whether it be one-off or regularly, up front or behind-the-scenes, in the church or in the community, seen or unseen (although God sees you).

A special thank you to the wardens, Nic, and Tom, for leading the Benefice in the vacancy and for helping me settle as well.

Rev. Dave Preece (Priest-in-Charge)

Future Plans

The vacancy and the pandemic provided opportunities for the benefice to work closer together than ever before. One thing that shone through the 40 Days of Prayer was the subject of unity and so we have been seeking ways to deepen and develop our unity as a benefice.

I have likened the benefice to a fleet of ships. Each different thing we do could be described as a ship; our different Sunday services, At the Crossroads, our activities in the community, and other things. Each ship is different and we celebrate that fact but we want to be travelling in the same direction.

Our Mission, Vision, and Values help us to keep a common direction of travel together. We switched from two websites (one for St Johns and one for Connections) to a Benefice website (skc.church) and are starting to use the name SKC Church more (SKC standing for each of our physical centres Saxmundham, Kelsale, and Carlton, although we reach far further than that too).

At the end of 2021 we started to really delve into whether we could join the two PCCs into one Joint Church Council (JCC). I am indebted to the Consultation Group who met weekly to deep dive into all the small details and technicalities of what a JCC could

look like. We have spent time consulting the Benefice Leaders and the PCCs and are now opening up those conversations to the wider church, including you.

We will spend more time in 2022 exploring whether we are being called to form a Joint Church Council. We want to see Saxmundham, Kelsale, and Carlton (and surrounding villages) transformed through encountering the power and love of the risen Jesus. As we join together in worship and mission we believe a Joint Church Council might help us to work more efficiently to realise our Mission to Love God, Love one another, and love our communities.

*Rev. Dave Preece (Priest-in-Charge)
ic Stuchfield (Assistant Priest)*



The Parochial Church Council of Saxmundham

I planned and performed my examination so as to satisfy myself that the objectives of the independent examination are achieved and before finalising the report I obtained written assurances from the Trustees of all material matters.

Independent Examiner's Statement, Report and Opinion

Subject to the limitations upon the scope of my work as detailed above, I have completed my examination and can confirm that:-

This is a report in respect of an examination carried out under 145 of the Act and in accordance with the directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act which may be applicable;

and that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:-

accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by with Section 130 of The Charities Act 2011;

the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

the financial statements do 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 and 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination;

have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principals set out in the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), (The SORP);

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 financial statements to be reached.

Signed:

Mr Martin Fuller FMAAT- Independent Examiner

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Fuller".

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This report was signed on 27th October 2022

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PCC of Saxmundham
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	73,936.81	624.00	20,868.56	95,429.37	107,640.29
Income from charitable activities	795.35	30.00	30.00	855.35	1,081.70
Other trading activities	-	4,865.07	-	4,865.07	6,497.57
Investments	45.47	-	-	45.47	250.57
Other income	973.38	3,605.91	(4,579.29)	-	-
Total income	75,751.01	9,124.98	16,319.27	101,195.26	115,470.13
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	-	5,253.78	5,304.13	10,557.91	9,282.91
Expenditure on charitable activities	58,559.43	3,802.44	3,651.12	66,012.99	97,976.87
Other expenditure	-	-	(394.99)	(394.99)	12,219.54
Total expenditure	58,559.43	9,056.22	8,560.26	76,175.91	119,479.32
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	17,191.58	68.76	7,759.01	25,019.35	(4,009.19)
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	2,636.00	-	2,636.00	-
Gross transfers between funds - out	(1,318.00)	(1,318.00)	-	(2,636.00)	-
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	3,704.00
Net movement in funds	15,873.58	1,386.76	7,759.01	25,019.35	(305.19)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	45,294.71	29,453.01	45,735.70	120,483.42	120,788.61
Total funds carried forward	61,168.29	30,839.77	53,494.71	145,502.77	120,483.42

PCC of Saxmundham

Balance Sheet (Separate funds)

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	At 31/12/2021 £	At 31/12/2020 £
Fixed assets						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets						
Cash At Bank And In Hand	61,168.29	30,839.77	53,494.71	-	145,502.77	120,483.42
	61,168.29	30,839.77	53,494.71	-	145,502.77	120,483.42
Liabilities						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net current assets less current liabilities	61,168.29	30,839.77	53,494.71	-	145,502.77	120,483.42
Total assets less current liabilities	61,168.29	30,839.77	53,494.71	-	145,502.77	120,483.42
Liabilities						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	61,168.29	30,839.77	53,494.71	-	145,502.77	120,483.42
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
Unrestricted - General Fund	61,168.29	-	-	-	61,168.29	45,294.71
Designated						
Designated - At The Crossroads	-	10,863.40	-	-	10,863.40	12,181.40
Designated - AV-Projects	-	1,382.85	-	-	1,382.85	-
Designated - Flowers Designated	-	360.00	-	-	360.00	360.00
Designated - Officiation Fees	-	30.00	-	-	30.00	889.70
Designated - Shop Trading	-	5,047.52	-	-	5,047.52	4,203.91
Designated - Reserve (General)	-	13,156.00	-	-	13,156.00	11,838.00
Restricted						
Restricted - Concert	-	-	-	-	-	183.20
Restricted - Funeral	-	-	-	-	-	(423.92)
Restricted - Hall	-	-	4,263.35	-	4,263.35	4,083.50
Restricted - Minor Maintenance	-	-	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	-
Restricted - Vacancy	-	-	-	-	-	(531.60)
Restricted - Connections	-	-	27,904.36	-	27,904.36	24,936.26
Restricted - Re-Ordering	-	-	-	-	-	1,812.00
Restricted - Youth & Community Worker	-	-	195.56	-	195.56	122.56
Restricted - Roof And Windows	-	-	4,467.20	-	4,467.20	2,663.61
Restricted - Fabric	-	-	-	-	-	6,967.20
Restricted - Flowers	-	-	23.01	-	23.01	59.51
Restricted - Hand Bells	-	-	411.57	-	411.57	411.57
Restricted - Tower Bells	-	-	296.64	-	296.64	296.64
Restricted - Monday Toddlers	-	-	708.10	-	708.10	708.10
Restricted - Wednesday Toddlers	-	-	1,144.43	-	1,144.43	1,144.43