

Trustees' Annual Report (TAR) 2021

Approved by the PCC on 13.4.2021

and signed on its behalf by Mr Derek Fletcher (PCC Chair)

Mr D. Fletcher..... (Senior Churchwarden)



Report for the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Church, Greasley, May 4th, 2021

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Present:	Chair Mrs. T Cook (Churchwarden/Treasurer)		
	Derek Fletcher (Church Warden)	Mr. S Henshaw (Secretary/Electoral Roll officer)	
	25 members of the congregation <i>One of the members is a clerk in Holy Orders so unable to vote.</i>		
Apologies:	Chris Johnston	Dennis Pickworth	Emmi Checkley Given at end of meeting by Alison Loydall

A. Welcome and Prayer:
Barry Cooney led us in Prayer. Meeting Chaired by Tania Cook

B. Meeting of the parishioners: -
Tania Cook asked if there were any matters arising from the minutes of the last report. None were raised.
Tania Cook then asked if these were a true account and for a proposal:

Philip Dobson proposed that the 2019 minutes were a true account, this was seconded by Fiona Edwards

Election of churchwardens
We have 2 people standing:
Derek Fletcher: Proposed by Eileen Exley, seconded by Melanie Clay
Melanie Clay: Proposed by Susan Fletcher, seconded by Eileen Exley
Who were both duly elected to the position of churchwarden.

Tania Cook then gave way for Derek Fletcher to chair the meeting.

C. Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting:
Derek Fletcher asked if these were a true account and for a proposal:

Philip Dobson proposed that the 2019 APCM minutes were a true account Seconded by Eileen Exley.

Election of Deanery Synod members
Derek Fletcher informed the meeting that there were three people standing for the Deanery election and three spaces. He then read out the nominations: -

Nominee	Proposer	Seconder	Elected
Barbara Coleman	Tania Cook	Stephen Henshaw	Duly elected
Eileen Exley	Melanie Clay	Brenda Hind	Duly elected
Dennis Pickworth	Barbara Coleman	Philip Dobson	Duly Elected

Deanery Members now can only stand for two consecutive terms of three years (from the new 2020 Church Representative rule Book)

Election of PCC members
Derek Fletcher informed the meeting that there were five people standing for the PCC election and five spaces. Derek Fletcher then read out the nominations: -

Nominee	Proposer	Seconder	Elected
Ian Wheeler	Janet Davies	Fiona Edwards	Duly elected
Derek Burnett	Brenda Hind	John Hind	Duly elected
Anthony Kirby	Melanie Clay	Susan Fletcher	Duly Elected

Peter Stanton	Derek Burnett	Dennis Pickworth	Duly elected
Tania Cook	Stephen Henshaw	Derek Fletcher	Duly elected

Derek Fletcher then stated that as there were only five nominations that they are all duly elected to the PCC.

Concern was raised that people had not been made aware that there were so many vacancies on the PCC and also that the Deanery was up. It was answered that the meeting advertisements had been displayed for April and also September with the same numbers of spaces on the principal door into church. It was suggested to look at this for next year and possible email out this information.

D. Electoral Roll Report:

Report was read out by Stephen Henshaw as Electoral Roll Officer.

*Philip Dobson asked how many on the list were active church worshippers Stephen spoke on this saying that 80 – 90% at a guess were regular attenders but what do we class as regular as some people only attend for Christian festivals? He also explained how we remove people from the list and also the six-year cycle process by which the entire Roll has to be completely revised. He also informed the meeting that wedding couples are on here due to their connection for marriage but not all remain, however last time we had a few couples re-apply to be on the roll. Phil then went onto talk about how much each person would need to give. **(see questions 1 section H below for this.)***

E. Treasurers Report:

1. T Cook informed the PCC that there had been a decrease in giving and an increase in the Parish Share.
2. T Cook also informed that church hall bookings have been increasing which has slightly helped to meet the difference.
3. T Cook said that we will need to look at more options for funding going forward.
4. She also informed the meeting that finances are going to become difficult going forward and that fundraising would be a key element of discussion for the PCC.

Questions asked: - NONE

5. Tania then thanked Melanie Clay for all the hard work she has done with her role as Giving Secretary and data inputting into the spreadsheet.

Derek Fletcher then asked if a proposal could be made to accept the accounts:

A proposal was made by Pauline Jackson that we accept the accounts for 2019. This was seconded by Brenda Hind.

- F.** Safeguarding report from Barbara Coleman: No safeguarding issues had been reported this year. Barbara informed the meeting that we will need to look at PCC members and their level of safeguarding training this year.

- G.** Interregnum report from Ian Wheeler: Ian informed the meeting that the draft profile had been sent to Southwell back in February but, despite several emails, it had still not been approved. Pat Higham then spoke on this and explained the frustration that she and the team have felt over this process.

Fiona Edwards then thanked the team for all the hard work and effort that has been put into the Parish Profile

- H. Tania Cook then informed the meeting that this would be Stephen Henshaw's last role as PCC secretary and we would like to give a token of thanks for all his hard work over the years. Stephen then thanked them for this kind gesture and stated that it had been a pleasure to serve all these years but that, with a second child on the way, his life was 'about to become even more interesting'.
- I. David Dobb then said that he would like to thank Tania for all her hard work as Churchwarden over the years. Tania replied she was glad to have done the role with its ups and downs but was now ready to pass on after 10 years of service.
- J. Derek Fletcher then asked if anyone had any question:
1. **Philip Dobson spoke on the Electoral Roll and how much each individual on the roll would need to give to church just so we can pay our parish share.**
Tania Cooked replied that, going forward, it is going very difficult with regards to the finances and we will need to start and look at ways to fund-raise and the PCC will continue to discuss this at meetings as we have not in previous years. But we are in for a very challenging time ahead.
 2. **Rosemary Cooney then suggested that we should have a way of allowing people to donate via the website.**
Tania said she thought that this was already on the website but would ask Esther to check and, if not, to re-advertise this.
Melanie Clay then informed the meeting that when this was done at the start of the Covid-19 situation only one person gave by this method.
 3. **Fiona Edwards asked about how the booking system was working and that it was costing church to use it and how she felt there were empty seats on Sundays. She then offered to manage this process going forward.**
Tania then said that it would be good to chat with Esther to pass this on as no-one has yet offered to do this part of her role.
 4. **Barry Cooney asked if the Area Dean had approved the risk assessment for communion to be served.**
Derek replied that it had been sent to her but he had not had a reply back as of yet but we will ask Esther to chase this up with Fiona.
 5. **Pauline Jackson asked when can we use the church hall for meetings?**
Derek informed the meeting that due to the Rule of Six they are unable to have meetings at present and that we are only allowed to hold meetings which support the running of the church and also worship.

Meeting finished with the Grace at 19:45

2. Election of Parochial Church Council Members 2021

Eight vacancies to be filled.

3. Election of Deanery Synod member

One vacancy to be filled

4. Aim and purpose

St Mary's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with any incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church -- pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church Hall and Church House.

5. Objectives and activities

The general functions of the PCC are stated within section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our Church and to become part of our parish community at St Mary's. It maintains an

overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer, learning about the gospel, and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus;
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish;
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is imperative that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St Mary's, the Church Hall and Church House.

6. Achievements and performance

a) PCC Secretary Report

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is elected to represent the whole Church. Any matters which members of the congregation wish to raise, or which cause concern, should be brought to the attention of a member of the PCC.

The members of the PCC are as follows: Melanie Clay (Churchwarden), Derek Fletcher (Churchwarden), Tania Cook, Barbara Coleman, Phil Dobson, Eileen Exley, Stephen Henshaw, Brenda Hind, Dennis Pickworth, Peter Stanton, Anthony Kirby, Derek Burnett and Ian Wheeler.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank two former stalwarts of the PCC who stepped down this year – Alan Boyden, who has relocated to Cornwall, and Wendy Taylor, social committee chair and a former PCC secretary of many years' service.

Thank you also to my predecessor as PCC secretary, Stephen Henshaw, and congratulations to him and Esther on the safe arrival of their new daughter. While Esther is on maternity leave Andrew Dobb is our administrator.

Finally, thank you to our vergers and caretaking team who keep everything running as smoothly as possible – even during a pandemic! – and, of course, to Barbara and Barry for their continuing ministry in these unprecedented times.

In a normal year the PCC would meet for six regular meetings, with additional extraordinary meetings where necessary. During 2020 the majority of meetings took place via Zoom as a result of Lockdown. This is not an ideal way in which to conduct business but it is one which the whole world seems to have become very quickly accustomed to and, in the event, enabled the PCC to continue "business as usual".

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic and Lockdown, last year's Annual Church Meeting was put back from the planned date of April 23rd until September 30th, when a brief lifting of Lockdown regulations meant it was able to go ahead in church.

Incidentally, although Annual Church Meetings have, traditionally, had to be held before the last day of April, that ruling has been changed within the last couple of years and meetings must now be held between January 1 and May 31.

In addition to spending the majority of 2020 in Lockdown, St Mary's has also been in interregnum, following the retirement of Dave Marvin in 2019 – something of a double whammy! The interregnum steering group has met regularly throughout the year to produce our Parish Profile and has been aided in no small measure by the Archdeacon of Nottingham, the Venerable Phil Williams. With his patience, guidance and good humour we have reached the stage where the Profile has been approved and we can move forward to the next stage of the process and begin advertising for a new incumbent. Please see the Interregnum Group report later in this document.

Finally, they say that "Necessity is the mother of invention" and this past year has seen church members find new and innovative ways of keeping in touch with and supporting each other during these difficult times.

Back in April, as the first Lockdown began to tighten its grip and we all realised that we were in this for the long haul, a "Friends of St Mary's" Facebook group was set up. Within exactly a week of its formation we had linked up with, checked up on, and accounted for more than 92 members of our church family. Since then it has gone from strength to strength, with 55 members who share news, photographs, and pass on greetings from parishioners who don't "do" social media.

In addition, during the summer when we were still able to hold church services, but were unable to serve coffee afterwards in the church hall, a group of regulars met up for outdoor, socially-distanced, coffee at Beauvale Priory each Sunday.

People have also formed small groups who keep in touch via email; others regularly Facetime friends; and there are others who make it a point, during their daily walk, to call in on – when allowed – or simply wave enthusiastically through the window to church members who are, perhaps, living alone. There are, of course, countless other acts of kindness which have helped sustain us all throughout these difficult times.

People talk of the wartime spirit, but here we have "the Greasley spirit" and, with it, all bodes well for the future,

Ian Wheeler, PCC Secretary

b) Electoral Roll Report

The total number on the Roll is 114, with six additions on last year and 12 removals (two deceased, four moved away from the area, six non-attendees).

Of those on the Roll, 74 are resident in the parish and 40 live outside. There are 77 females and 37 males on the Roll.

Electoral Roll Officer
Ian Wheeler

c) Financial Review

HON TREASURER'S REPORT

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2020

St Mary's Church Greasley's financial accounts are managed and monitored by the Treasurer. The accounts are processed by Mrs. Melanie Clay (Gift Aid Secretary). A concise copy of the accounts showing 3-month activity is provided to the PCC prior to the meeting for questions and discussion.

As usual, a full check of the accounts has been completed by Pells Chartered Accountants.

The regular giving scheme is the most important source of income that we have, as it gives us approximately 17% of our total income. This is down by 7% compared to 2019. At the end of December 2019, we had 63 regular givers (52 Gift Aid and 11 pledges) and at the end of December 2020 there were 51 regular givers (40 Gift Aid and 11 pledges). The plate donations were down by £2840 in 2020 – nearly 83% down on 2019. In 2020 the plate donations worked out on average at 36p per person.

The figures are reflective of the extremely difficult year 2020 has been.

Going forward, the Parish Share for 2021 is £44,206 including the deduction of the Southwell & Nottingham Diocesan Board of Finance Support Fund 2021 total of £9,600.

I would like to record my thanks to Melanie Clay who has helped me in the past year as our regular accounts data processor and gift aid secretary and the PCC for their continued support.

I submit the accounts for 2020 and ask that they be accepted by the meeting.

Tania Cook (Hon. Treasurer)

St. Mary's Parish Church Greasley							
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020							
Receipts and Payments Account							
RECEIPTS		Unrestricted	Restricted	2020	2019	2018	
		Funds	Funds	Total	Total	Total	
		£	£	£	£	£	
	note						
Donations and gifts	1	24,285	0	24,285	31,522	57,051	
Trading Income	2	35,492	0	35,492	61,763	62,570	
Investment income	3	0	84,797	84,797	65,989	1,236	
Other income	4	1,577	0	1,577	2,279	1,852	
Grants received	5	0	0	0	0	5,000	
Missionary giving	6	0	0	0	198	175	
Total Receipts		61,354	84,797	146,151	161,751	127,884	
PAYMENTS							
Donations	8	0	208	208	290	246	
Church activities	9	112,565	0	112,565	150,977	125,601	
Total Payments		112,565	208	112,772	151,267	125,847	
NET RECEIPTS/ (PAYMENTS)		-51,211	84,589	33,378	10,483	2,037	
Balances: B/F		13,185	4,302	17,487	7,004	4,967	
Funds transfers		84,797	-84,797	0	0	0	
Balances: C/F	11	46,771	4,095	50,866	17,487	7,004	

Expenses

St. Mary's Church Greasley									
Receipts and Payments Account									
Expenses December 2020									
				2020	2019	2018			
	Unrestricted	Restricted		Total	Total	Total			
	Funds	Funds							
	£	£							
Charitable payments									
Donations and grants									
Childrens Society		208		208	290	246			
	0	208		208	290	246			
Church activities									
Parish share and fees	67471			67471	60048	58092			
Clergy expenses	0			0	1063	767			
Administrator	9808			9808	10636	8593			
Caretaker	2820			2820	5460	3376			
Printing & stationery	1735			1735	2426	2380			
Light & heat	6195			6195	9901	8538			
Insurance	5350			5350	5460	4029			
Repairs and Refurbishment	0			0	2729	1183			
Professional fees	816			816	1111	1110			
Telephone	1088			1088	1518	1415			
Organist	1022			1022	2170	2100			
Other	953			953	3900	3639			
Licences	713			713	698	679			
Church House Expenses	3353			3353	1941	4372			
Hall Running Costs	415			415	1593	3527			
Social Committee	0			0	0	0			
Pastoral Care	0			0	5	51			
Alpha course	0			0	0	0			
Investments	0			0	8400	0			
Funeral expenses	8300			8300	13757	15662			
Visiting Preacher	1238			1238	1772	827			
Family Worker	0			0	12098	0			
Family Worker Expenses	0			0	272	0			
Wedding expenses	1289			1289	4019	5262			
	112565	0		112565	150977.48	125601.16			

Income

Greasley Parish Church								
Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020								
Receipts and Payments Account								
Donations and gifts								
					2020	2019	2018	
		Unrestricted	Restricted		Total	Total	Total	
		Funds	Funds					
		£	£					
	Gift Aid	14430			14430	19252	18771	
	Pledges	3416			3416	3234	3340	
	Plate	568			568	3408	4288	
	Donations	1336			1336	790	4804	
	Bequest	977			977	0	21000	
	Tax credits	3558			3558	4837	4849	
		24285	0		24285	31522	57051	
Activities for generating funds								
	Hire of Hall	3410			3410	9814	8378	
	Church House Rent	211			211	0	3182	
	Funerals	30948			30948	36281	35036	
	Wedding fees	707			707	6030	8309	
	Victorian Market	36			36	4434	5475	
	Open Day	0			0	1956	0	
	Social Committee	0			0	2748	1850	
	Church Lights	180			180	500	340	
		35492	0		35492	61763	62570	
Investment income								
	Funds from CBF	0	83487		83487	64710	0	
	Bank interest	0	0		0	0	0	
	CBF Interest	0	1310		1310	1279	1236	
		0	84797		84797	65989	1236	
Other income								
	Insurance claims	0			0	0	0	
	Interregnum claim	1301			1301	1201	0	
	Other	276			276	1078	1852	
		1577	0		1577	2279	1852	
Grants received								
		0			0	0		
		0			0	0	0	
Missionary giving								
	Mission Covenants	0	0		0	0	0	
	Other Mission	0	0		0	198	175	
		0	0		0	198	175	

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY'S GREASLEY												
BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2020												
				31/12/2020		30/09/2020	30/06/2020	31/03/2020	31/12/2019			
			Total	Restricted	Unrestricted							
31/12/2020		Current Account	8,608.93	579.94	8,028.99	10479.37	6173.96	8594.69	9,775.01			
31/12/2020		Fees Account	6484.70		6,484.70	8639.70	6607.70	6957.50	4,024.30			
31/12/2020		Petty Cash	172.99		172.99	215.47	-8.74	-8.74	78.52			
31/12/2020		Smith Bequest Fund	3,447.09	3,447.09		3299.15	3154.43	3,009.71	2,870.32			
31/12/2020		Hill Top Mission	31018.84		31,018.84	15833.84	71.84	15,833.84	1.84			
31/12/2020		Rolleston Mansell Charities	145.35	145.35		125.92	106.91	69.59	168.28			
31/12/2020		Social Committee	2,747.60	2,747.60		2747.60	2747.60	2,747.60	2,747.60			
31/12/2020	638020002D		336 26.63		26.63	26.61	26.58	26.55	26.51			
31/12/2020	638020003D		431 70.19		70.19	70.15	70.08	70.01	69.89			
31/12/2020	638020004D	Barber Fund			200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00			
31/12/2020	638020005D	Lucy Lowe			215.46	215.34	215.12	214.91	214.55			
31/12/2020	638020009D	E Harwood			375.00	375.00	375.00	375.00	375.00			
31/12/2020	638020010D	J Hartshorn			150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00			
31/12/2020	638020013D	M Hancock			3,064.62	3,064.62	3,064.62	3,064.62	3,064.62			
31/12/2020	638020014D	Dorothy Elizabeth Wain			11.35	11.35	11.34	11.33	11.30			
31/12/2020	638057001D	Hill Top Mission Church	50,630.20	50630.20		77114.57	87539.03	108458.38	129,278.48			
31/12/2020	638020001J	R G Hanson			1,635.47	1,635.47		1498.27	1,483.68			
31/12/2020	638020002S	Church Expenses			368.04			342.14	346.86			
31/12/2020	638030003S	I Fryer Trust for Grave Maintenance			449.83	449.83		418.17	423.94			
31/12/2020	638020004S	Lindley Bequest Church Yard			327.15	327.15		304.12	308.32			
31/12/2020	638020005S	M Fryer Hill- Top Mission			286.25	286.25		266.11	269.78			
31/12/2020	638020007S	General Purpose J T Gilbert			286.25	286.25		266.11	269.78			
31/12/2020	638020008S	General Purpose Miss Pearson			531.61	531.61		494.20	501.02			
31/12/2020	638020009S	Hill Top Mission Church E Andrews			368.04	368.04		342.14	346.86			
31/12/2020	638020010S	Sunday School Fund			368.04			342.14	346.86			
31/12/2020	638020011S	Miss W A Leck Bequest			286.25	286.25		266.11	269.78			
31/12/2020	638020012S	Mrs Hilda Smith			368.04	368.04		342.14	346.86			
31/12/2020	638020013S	Mr S E Wagstaff			756.53	756.53		703.28	712.99			
31/12/2020	638020014S	Rowley Bequest			573.53	573.53		533.16	540.52			
31/12/2020	776624001S	Rolleston& Mansell Educational			2,698.96	2698.96		2508.99	2410.91			
31/12/2020	138001048S	SNDBF - Worrell			17,742.00	17,742.00		16,812.52	16,687.82			
31/12/2020	138001079S	SNDBF - Chancel Fund			4,293.81	4,293.81						4,016.46
31/12/2020	138002044D	SNDBF - Chancel Fund			7,917.18	7,917.18						7,763.52
		SNDBF - Smith (Poor & aged fund- income to be distributed at Christmas)										
31/12/2020	138001013S		20,589.74	20,589.74								19,221.63
			167,215.67	94,194.89	73,020.78	122,568.68	135,945.06	171,146.37	209,164.11			
FUNDS				Total	Restricted	Unrestricted						
		Pastoral Care Fund	313.17	313.17								
		Organ Fund	16.00	16.00								
		Roof Repair Fund	250.77	250.77								
		Social Committee Fund	2,747.60	2,747.60								
		Junior Church Fund	368.04	368.04								
		Mission	0.00	0.00								
		General Fund	73,020.78		73,020.78							
		Churchyard	776.98	776.98								
		Chancel Fund	12,210.99	12,210.99								
		Hill Top Mission Fund	50,630.20	50,630.20								
		Rolleston& Mansell Educational	2,844.31	2,844.31								
		Smith (Poor & Aged Fund)	20,589.74	20,589.74								
		Smith Bequest Fund	3,447.09	3,447.09								
			167,215.67	94,194.89	73,020.78							
Property - Insurance Valuation												
		Church - Building and Contents	10,000,000.00									
		Church Hall - Building and Contents	612,931.00									
		Church House - Building and Parish Room Contents	346,662.00									

Independent Examiner's Certificate for the PCC Accounts

Report to the trustees of:

ST MARY'S CHURCH GREASLEY

Parochial Church Council

On accounts for the year ended:

31 DECEMBER 2020

Charity Number (if applicable):

**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**

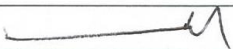
My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures 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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the following requirements have not been met:
 - 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;
 - to account for statutory fees correctly.
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date:

7 April 2021

Name:

MR MARK BURNELL

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

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d) Mothers Union Report

The new programme for 2020 was off to a flying start with a talk from Sheila Over on plants in January and, in February, a Pancake Day lunchtime meeting with home-made soups and freshly-baked rolls followed by pancakes liberally sprinkled with sugar and the citrus juice of choice. Everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Then Covid struck our shores and we were locked down and the Mothers Union has not been able to have a meeting since.

I have continually kept in touch with members either by email or telephone or in the case of Sue Pinkney, masked visits to take a lunch when she emerged from hospital, for which she seems to be very pleased.

The members chose to suspend their membership of MU as not only was head office still requiring membership money but had yet again increased the subscriptions.

An email was sent to the Diocesan Secretary outlining our members' wishes but no reply has been received to date.

Pauline Jackson
Branch Secretary

e) Greasley Christian Aid Group Report

Who would have thought that a year on from writing the last report in very restricted times, I would be writing another in almost the same circumstances. All our usual activities have been curtailed but, nevertheless, we have been able to give limited support to Christian Aid due to generous individual donations and some profit from Traidcraft.

We were not able to carry out any of our usual activities in Christian Aid Week 2020 but, after receiving some generous individual donations, we were able to send £685 for Christian Aid's vital work.

When David Hedderly sadly died in October £1,558 was given for Christian Aid in his memory. Ever the practical man, he would have been so pleased that such a useful amount was given at such a lean time and very grateful for the generosity shown. Finally we were able to send £800 to the Christmas Appeal to help various projects aiding communities affected by climate change.

We have continued to sell Traidcraft in a limited way from my front door and this has been helpful, enabling us to contribute some profits. In the financial year August 2019 to July 2020 we sold £5,727.83 worth of Traidcraft goods.

Sadly we have lost three very faithful supporters in the last year. David was a founder member of this group and Treasurer for many years. He worked away almost to the end of his life, despite difficulties with his vision and computer ability. It was very fitting that this group attended his funeral and a Traidcraft Benediction was read by our Chair. We are very grateful to Adrian Jeffs for taking on the duties of Treasurer. When I came to Watnall 47 years ago Audrey Bee was already a House-to-House collector. She carried on this role as long as she was able and then continued to support Christian Aid in any way she could. Bernard Seed was another founder member of this committee together with his wife Kathleen. He collected for us for a considerable number of years and gave his support in many ways. We remember all three with affection and gratitude.

We would also like to express our thanks to Alan Boyden and wish him well in his new life in Cornwall. Year after year he collected for us going door-to-door in a very long road following a responsible day at work. He always had an adventure and the best stories! We shall miss him.

Christian Aid Week this year is continuing to support help with climate change and hopes to manage a house-to-house collection. We have decided that in the current situation and, mindful of the age of most of our collectors, we cannot responsibly support them in this way this year. People can, however, give online for Christian Aid Week by visiting www.christianaid.org.uk.

We shall send everything we have in our Account and most of Traidcraft profits. We would also be happy to send any cheques up to Christian Aid or furnish you with their address. Alternatively cheques made out to **Greasley Christian Aid Group** would be put into our account and go with our savings. If you need further information please phone me on **0115 9382762**.

2020 marked Christian Aid's 75th birthday and underlined the fact that its work is still so urgent after all these years. Set up by the churches to help refugees after the Second World War it remains as vital as ever. The last verse of the Traidcraft Benediction says:

"May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you really can
make a difference in this world, so that you are able,
with God's grace, to do what others claim cannot be done."

In changing circumstances we are totally committed to making a difference and are so grateful for your unwavering support that makes that difference possible. Thank you.

Janet Hedderly
Secretary, Greasley Christian Aid Group

f) Tower Captain Report

As with most other activities at St Mary's Greasley, bell ringing was put on hold in March 2020. The bells have not been rung for over a year, now.

During the first six months of the Covid-19 pandemic I was in New Zealand, unable to get flights back home. On returning in August, the lockdown had been lifted, and the steeple keeper and I were able to get access to the tower. We carried out a check and maintenance of the bells, bell chamber and the ringing chamber. We were relieved to find that everything was in good working order.

The Central Council for Church Bell Ringers, in conjunction with the Church of England and Public Health England, issued guidelines for the return to church bell ringing in August '20 and advised each tower to produce a Method Statement for the safe return to ringing. The method statement for Greasley St Mary's was passed to the church wardens in October, ready to be reviewed by the PCC. Unfortunately, a second lockdown meant that the PCC were not able to hold a meeting until January '21, by which time the country was entering a third lockdown. The Method Statement was approved, with one amendment, but we will not be able to consider ringing until lockdown restrictions have been sufficiently lifted to allow people to meet indoors. We

hope this might be towards the end of May.

The Greasley band of ringers have had weekly messages from our secretary, Alison, since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, which has kept us connected. Ringers have also kept in touch with phone and FaceTime calls. We are looking forward to getting back to practice nights and ringing for Sunday services and weddings very soon.

Emmi Checkley
Tower Captain

g) Choir Master's Report

*Psalm 96: 1-2:
O Sing to the Lord a new song;
Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, bless His name;
Tell of His salvation from day to day.*

The New Year saw us continuing to lead the music at the 10:15am service, including singing during communion.
Our practices were held twice monthly, or as required.
In January 2020 we were re-affiliated to the RSCM (Royal School of Church Music). We began an education programme for some of our newer members and a number of medals were achieved. We hope that this will continue and we will be including a programme for our junior members.
During lockdown I maintained regular contact with all of our choir members. I think we will always remember singing carols outside with everyone (in all weathers!) throughout the Advent and Christmas period (even on Christmas Day!).
We can only hope that, before long, we can all meet and sing together again. We have all missed singing together in church so much.

David Dobb.
Organist and Choirmaster

h) Social Committee Report

In normal times the social committee meets throughout the year to plan events which not only help raise money for our church but, chiefly, provide ways in which church members and their friends and families can meet in an informal setting.

The committee is currently made up of six core members, with extra ad hoc helpers pitching in for major events such as the spring Open Day, Christmas Market and Carols by Candlelight, at all of which the committee provides refreshments.

Any profit raised from our events is set aside from general church funds, to be used at a time and for a purpose chosen by the members of the committee. In the past we have paid for the redecoration of the church hall; contributed towards church roof repairs and provided new tables and chairs for the church hall.

We met in January to plan our events for 2020 — which would have included our usual mix of quiz nights, themed nights and a coach trip to York. We also managed to book in a local Shadows tribute band, the Owd Shadduz, who would have kicked off our autumn "schedule".

Sadly, because of Covid-19 and Lockdown, none of these events were able

to take place and the committee has not met since. We are keeping a close eye on the situation, however, and hope that it won't too long before we can begin planning again.

Ian Wheeler
Social Committee Secretary

i) Parish Magazine 'Open Door'

With the advent of Covid-19, the Open Door magazine has suffered with regard to its physical distribution. GDPR had already reduced our contact with the parish, from around 450 copies to 250 copies delivered. I have added some colour, which we could not afford in print, to brighten up each issue but sadly that does not guarantee readers. I have recently been asked for a PDF copy which can be read on computer, iPhone or iPad, which can be requested by contacting opendoor.greasley@ntlworld.com

Ian Kiddie
Editor

j) Deanery Synod

Three members of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod, these being Barbara Coleman, Eileen Exley and Dennis Pickworth. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the Church.

k) Safeguarding Report

All the required paperwork under the Code of Safer Working Practice has been completed. Safeguarding training for persons holding some responsibility is up to date. DBS requirements have been followed. No safeguarding issues have been reported.

Barbara Coleman
Safeguarding Co-Ordinator & DBS Officer

l) Interregnum Report

The Interregnum Steering Group consisting of PCC members Ian Wheeler, Melanie Clay, Phil Dobson, and Derek Fletcher (replacing Alan Boyden) with Pat Higham being the representative for the wider congregation, has continued to meet throughout the year when necessary, using Zoom and – when permitted—meeting in person. The majority of that time has been spent writing and fine-tuning the Parish Profile. The Profile is a key part of the process of attracting a new priest to our church. It is the document – essentially a brochure – on which any prospective applicants will base their decision to take their application further. In order to attract the right person then it needs to be an appealing and attractive document – and we hope ours is. We have striven to paint as complete a picture of St Mary's as possible, being honest about our strengths and weaknesses and providing a sense of vision about who and what we are looking for.

The Parish Profile, having already been approved by the PCC, finally received approval from Southwell in early January 2021, allowing us to advertise for a new vicar. Ian and Pat will be our representatives on any interviewing panel for a new incumbent (alongside the Archdeacon, Area Dean and Lay Chairman) and, crucially, will have power of veto, should that be necessary.

Ian Wheeler

7. Worship and Prayer

The year started well until the church was forced into a lockdown in March due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Since then the church has opened and closed according to government and Church of England guidelines. When open, the church has had limited numbers due to the distancing rules. Many of our church family have chosen to stay away for health and safety reasons.

We are still in an interregnum and so are grateful for the ministry provided by Barry Cooney and the visiting clergy who have presided at the Holy Communion Services which have been allowed in church. Many members of the congregation have Zoomed into church services elsewhere in the country.

The Remembrance Sunday, Crib Service and Midnight Mass were cancelled with a Holy Communion Service being held on Christmas Morning.

Many of our Church Family have kept in touch with others by the various means available. Unfortunately, indoor parish visiting has not been allowed although some people have managed to chat at a safe distance outside.

The future of the church and its ministry may see some changes due to the Covid virus. But we pray that whatever the future holds we may soon have a new incumbent to lead us on the journey.

Barbara Coleman
Reader

8. Legacy Policy

It is the PCC's policy to record any legacies received and, if given without any restriction, to use them in such a way that -- wherever possible -- reflects the person who has given the legacy. Restricted legacies will be used in accordance with the restriction.

9. Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure. St Mary's is a Registered Charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Mary's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, Churchwardens, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the Church.

All those who attend our services/members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

Individual PCC members receive training as and when deemed appropriate by the PCC. Training may include trustee responsibility training, basic health and safety, risk assessment and management, child protection procedures, safeguarding vulnerable adults.

St Mary's has three paid members of staff. PAYE payroll and a workplace pension scheme are also in place.

10. GDPR and Privacy Notice

In 2018 the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into effect, governing how we handle personal data. St Mary's has followed guidance from Southwell and the Church of England to ensure we comply with GDPR. We have created a privacy notice which explains the commitment and process we use at St Mary's which is on display in church and available to view on our website.

11. Risk Assessments

The PCC undertakes assessments to identify major risks as required. Procedures are then put in place to manage those risks and minimise their impact on the life of the Church.

12. Administrative Information

St Mary's Church is situated in Greasley, Nottinghamshire. It is part of the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Church Office, Church Road, Greasley, Nottinghamshire NG16 2AB.

Current members of the PCC, as of the last Annual Church Meeting on September 30th, 2020, are:

Mr Derek Fletcher (Churchwarden & Chair)

Mrs Melanie Clay (Churchwarden & Giving Secretary)

Mr Ian Wheeler (PCC Secretary)

Mrs Eileen Exley (Deanery Synod rep)

Mr Dennis Pickworth (Deanery Synod rep)

Mrs Barbara Coleman (Reader, Deanery Synod rep & Safeguarding Officer)

Mr Philip Dobson

Mr Stephen Henshaw

Mrs Brenda Hind

Mr Peter Stanton

Mr Anthony Kirby

Mr Derek Burnett

Names of advisors:

1.Architect: Allan Joyce Architects

2.Independent Examiner: Pells Chartered Accountants

Name and address of Bankers and Investment companies:

1.Nat West Bank Ilkeston, Derbyshire DE7 8HF

2.Barclays Bank Northwich, Cheshire CW9 7RB

3.CCLA 85 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4ET

4.CBF Church of England Funds Jubilee House, Westgate, Southwell NG25 0JH