

ST THOMAS' CHURCH, WOOLTON HILL

.....making Christ known in our communities

Annual Report and Accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31st December 2020

Administrative Information

St Thomas' Church is in the United Benefice of North West Hampshire in the Deanery of Whitchurch and the Diocese of Winchester.

The correspondence address is The Rectory, The Mount, Woolton Hill, RG20 9QZ

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a registered charity. Charity number: 1173894

PCC members are as follows:

Incumbent:	The Reverend Canon Christine Dale
Church Wardens:	Chris Vane Bridget Wheeler (Hon. Secretary)
Deanery Synod Representatives:	Val Burfield (Safeguarding Officer) Margaret Burgham (until 5 th October 2020) Peter Charles (from 5 th October 2020)
Elected Members:	Jim Hannington Ian Roch Helen Carlile Alan Johnson Margaret Burgham (from 5 th October 2020) Peter Charles (until 5 th October 2020) Genie Stapleton (until 5 th October 2020)
Officer to the PCC	Bob King (Hon. Treasurer)

Structure, Governance and Management

St Thomas' PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent, the Reverend Canon Christine Dale, in promoting the mission of the Church within the parish of Woolton Hill. In addition, it has maintenance responsibilities for the church building. There were 2 regular meetings of the PCC in the year 2020.

The PCC alone could not manage all the tasks the church undertakes and therefore, a number of groups and committees assist with these. The following Committees make recommendations, support the decisions of the PCC and carry out specific tasks as agreed. Their current Terms of Reference are as follows:

Standing Committee (Chair: The Rector): Vice Chair, Wardens, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer meet in advance of each PCC meeting to plan the agenda and review objectives.
(From 27th April 2016 the duties of the Finance Committee were joined with Standing Committee)

Fabric Committee (Chair, Ian Roch): This is a Committee elected by the PCC and is responsible for the planning and execution of all necessary maintenance work on the church building and churchyard.

Social and Fundraising (Chair, Margaret Burgham): This committee plans and arranges social and fundraising events throughout the year, primarily to bring people together and to raise funds for the upkeep of the Church.

Publicity Group (currently in abeyance)

Electoral Roll Report (Jayne Roch) At the 2020 APCM there were 69 names on the Electoral Roll of whom 16 were non-resident. Three people had joined the Electoral Roll, 1 person had died and 1 person had moved away since the last report.

Benefice Committees

The Benefice Council (Chair, The Rector): The Rector and two representatives from each PCC in the North West Hampshire Benefice meet to agree the annual plan of services across the Benefice and discuss items of finance or interest to all the parishes. During 2020 the Council did not meet, instead the churchwardens from all parishes met regularly with the Rector, online, to oversee and review matters during the time of pandemic

The Ministry Team (Chair, The Rector): The Rector, the Associate Priest, 3 Licensed Lay Ministers, 1 Lay Preacher, 1 Reader Emeritus, 1 Licensed Lay Minister in training. The purpose of the Ministry Team is to collaborate together in oversee the worship and ministry across the Benefice.

Review of the year 2020

Finance Report (Bob King) Covid -19 has made 2020 a very difficult year financially but the finances have held up reasonably well considering we have been unable to hold many of the larger annual fundraising events and not being able to hire out the church hall. It shows the importance of our loyal regular contributors to the church and the Lock Trust income. It will not be surprising that the Church did not pay all its Parish Share this year. Of the requested £37,233 we paid £29,600 to the Diocese of Winchester. Total income for the year was £88,328 compared to £100,872 last year. The expenditure for the year was £99,386 compared to £110,171 in 2019. The major expenditure being the installation of drainage and new paths in the lower churchyard. The shared costs of the Benefice that are paid by St Thomas' and apportioned quarterly is still working well to the benefit of all five parishes. The Living Stones money held on deposit in Newbury Building Society stood at £61,621 (£68,662) which includes £5,054 of the Church Hall monies in the same account.

My thanks go to all those who have worked hard to help generate income and keeping costs down wherever possible. My thanks also go to Bertha Bates and Chris Vane for sharing the banking duties: to Cedric Cottrell for administering the Hall accounts and Judy Anderson who audits the books and produces the formal accounts.

Fabric & Churchyard Report (Ian Roch)

Church

1. Ongoing maintenance and certifications are performed in line with requirements.
2. The central heating boiler has finally failed and discussions re replacement are commencing. Significant expenditure is envisaged.
3. Small pieces of cement mortar have been found on the ground near to the west door, the grass to the rear of the church and inside the bell tower. These are cosmetic and are likely due to general weathering plus the age of the building.
4. The quinquennial inspection is due to take place later this year.

Churchyard

5. A Working Party was held in June. Hopefully one or more Working Parties will be held in 2021. All offers of assistance will be gratefully received.
6. The reinstatement of the ditch along the lower churchyard / Church Lane boundary has been completed. This ditch is now diverting some rainwater away from the churchyard. However, a very boggy patch near to recent graves continues to be a problem. There is believed to be some

old drainage pipes within the churchyard but the condition and routes of these are unknown. One such drain was recently discovered whilst digging a new grave.

7. The extension of the gravel pathway into the lower churchyard has been completed. The cost of the works, including planning permission and various other required reports and certifications was in excess of £10,000. The PCC is most grateful for the donations received which have helped towards this cost.
8. A contractor is engaged for an average of 6 hours per month to cut the grass in front of the church and to cut around the old graves on a twice per year basis. The remainder of cutting in the main churchyard and the lower churchyard is carried out by volunteers. There has also been expenditure in removing the invasion of brambles along the Church Lane and Infants School boundaries. Whilst the PCC has received a number of positive comments as to the condition of the churchyard, this comes at cost of circa £2,000 per year. Again, appreciation is given for the donations received.
9. It is still planned to enable step-free access into the church, but higher priorities have prevailed.

Clock

10. The annual inspection / maintenance check was carried out in July by the Cumbria Clock Company. The clock is working well with no issues to report.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who undertakes countless tasks in and around the Church.

Living Stones Church Project Report – no activity in 2020

Cleaning Report (Margaret Falconer) Access to the church during the last 12 months has been severely restricted because of the pandemic and the church has been locked so only key holders have access. Chris Vane, Val Burfield and Margaret Falconer have on occasion visited to ensure that the church is clean.

Flower Report (Margaret Falconer) There has been little flower arranging during 2020 because of the pandemic. For example, the church was locked at Easter and only a socially distanced masked Christmas service took place for which we did limited flower arrangements. The arrangers are financing their own flowers and will do their arrangements in memory of a loved one. We are fortunate to have kept the team of Sue Wakelin, Diana Durkin Ros Oles, Jean Sharp, Mary Holmes, Bertha Bates, Pat Woodage, Margaret Falconer, Sue Jopson, Bron Sutton and Rosie Cordell. We have not spent money this year, so we still have a balance of £41 in the kitty.

Church Unlocks Report (Angie Maxwell) At the beginning of January 2020, the church continued to be locked and unlocked every day by the usual loyal band of Anthony Clifton, Genie Stapleton, Angie Maxwell, Georgie Robertson, Bridget Wheeler, Steve Green and Rosemary Cahill. However, as the pandemic restrictions gradually came into force, as from the end of March, the church had to be closed to visitors and so the daily routine was stopped in its tracks. As the year went on, the churchwardens arranged to open and close the church as was necessary. Later in the year St Thomas' was open for private prayer on a Sunday and again the churchwardens made the necessary arrangements for this to happen. As ever, thanks are due to all involved in carrying out this very important task to make the church accessible.

Church Hall Report (Nick Harcourt) Covid19 has had the most significant impact on the operation of this Hall, that can be recalled in living memory. It closed the Hall, and effectively stopped the User bookings and Income stream. This happened on 23rd March 2020. Hand sanitising, new rules of operation and cleaning measures were implemented. Track and Trace arrangements were put in place.

Then on 1st June 2020, PreSchool recommenced operations, and Beyond, the Group looking after Young people with Autism used the hall for a number of sessions. PreSchool carried on operating as

the Government deemed it was essential for parents to be able to use this facility so that they could go on working. This enabled basic services of Electricity and Gas to be paid. The effective closure of the Hall provided an opportunity to conduct essential works in the Hall. Tied to this was the necessity to identify and secure funding. John Angle, the Project Manager for the Hall, researched all possible sources, and with the fantastic cooperation from Basingstoke and Deane, he secured the major funding resource. Other funding sources were PreSchool and the Hall itself. The B&D Grants were based on proven need, and a Hall contribution. The projects which were implemented, had been agreed by the Committee in conjunction with wide consultation with User Groups. The summaries are shown below:

Sources of Funds		Projects	
LIF Grant	£27,700.00	Roof repairs	£9,950.00
S106	£332.40	External matting	£6,344.46
PreSchool	£500.00	Sound & hearing system	£6,716.08
Hall funds	£2,183.34	Loft floor and shelving	£7,705.74
Total	£30,715.74	Total	£30,715.74

The Hall is well served through the East Woodhay Website, redeveloped by Mark Rand, where the Diary of Bookings is viewable by all. Both John Angle and Mark Rand worked together on introducing this new Diary. The Website also enables Users to place advertising for their Hall activities. The small Hall Committee continues to serve the Hall, which include the two Churchwardens, Chris Vane and Bridget Wheeler; Cedric Cottrell our Treasurer; John Angle our Project Manager and Clare McLaughlin our Secretary. Richard Randall has made a positive contribution to the regular cleaning of the Hall, to maintain a high standard. Woolton Hill Church Hall continues to build on its strengths, and despite the severe imposition of closures to User Groups, and restricted use by PreSchool, the future remains optimistic.

Rotas Report (Margaret Burgham) This is always my opportunity to say thank you to all the Sidespeople, Sacristans, Chalice bearers and Intercessors and that still applies despite it being a very different year. Since the first lockdown on March 23rd, 2020 there have been a limited number of in-church services plus an outdoor Remembrance Day service. Thank you to those who have been willing to serve in church, following all the rules. Thank you again for all your support and commitment.

Social & Fundraising Report (Margaret Burgham) Well! What a strange year this has been! We started off in January 2020 with new ideas for fund raising and social events. This was not to be, and the only event that did take place was the 30th Trivial Pursuits evening when seventy two people enjoyed the usual fun packed evening under the guidance of Rob Small, our question master. A total of £1,055 was raised for church funds. We have a very willing and active committee and hope that 2021 will be a better year for everyone.

Parish Outreach Reports

Good Neighbour and Welcome Pack Report (Carol Currey) Many things changed when the Coronavirus affected 'normal' life in Woolton Hill. However, the Good Neighbour team, which is an informal group of people whose objective is to help others, continued in much the same way albeit socially distancing from March onwards. The group currently are aware of the activities of the Pins and Needles Knitting and Sewing Group which draws its membership from across the Benefice and local community. The group are under the guidance of Mary Herbert and Carol Currey. The group enjoy a monthly get together to knit or sew useful items for organisations, though from March 2020 the knitting and sewing continued individually at home. These items are being stored until we are advised that they can be taken or sent to local hospitals and maternity units, Women's Refuge Centres, Seafarers Mission.

We visit, on request, anyone in the village who would like company, on an ad hoc or regular basis. Requests typically come from church folk or the Neighbourcare organisation in the village. Many people who are not part of the Good Neighbour team visit and support others in the village. Since March 2020 these contacts have been by phone or a card. We arrange and hand deliver baptism cards and birthday cards, for those children, up to the age of five, who have been baptised in St Thomas' Church and still live in the parish. We have volunteers available, on request, to provide transport to/from church. Of course, this has not been possible since March 2020.

Community Café Report (Carol Currey) Until March 2020 the Community Café was held in St Thomas' Church and continued to be a sociable place for local people to enjoy each other's company. It has been available every Friday morning from 9.30 to 11.00 (other Church events permitting). Tea, coffee and biscuits have been regularly available and from time to time cakes are also brought to share. Marmalade and jam are often available too. Books and jigsaws are exchanged amongst the group and the topics discussed within it are many and various. Numbers attending were between 12 and 15 each week. New people to the village have been able to meet established villagers and friendships have been forged. It provided a really happy outreach opportunity. There are 8 volunteers for the Café, of which 3 take it in turns to be 'on duty'. A dish is available for donations and on a quarterly basis these are given as follows - 50% is given to a charity chosen by the people in the café and 50% to St Thomas to cover the expenses of the café. It is hoped that the café will reopen as soon as the Covid rules allow.

Festival Leaflets Report (Rosemary Cahill) By mid-March 2020, 1900 Easter leaflets had been copied by co-ordinator Sue and sorted into designated packs as requested by EW, H & WH. The East Woodhay and Highclere Coronavirus Community Support (EWHCCS) Newsletter arrived just in time to be included in all the Easter packs. The list of services was by then totally irrelevant, but the Easter message remained. This Newsletter including NWHB entry continued to be circulated weekly. Over 50 teams distributed Christmas leaflets to every household in the Benefice as usual. Christmas leaflets were produced to a tight timetable, with the complications of services being both in church (booking needed) and online, all within the third lockdown restrictions.

Musical accompanists and Choir Report (Bertha Bates) The Choir sang for church services in January and February 2020, then came lockdown. We were, however, able to have a choir of six at the Not the Carol Service and again on Christmas Day. We must thank Peter Stanley for playing the organ when allowed during the past year.

Bell Ringers Report (Christopher Pack) Ringing continued much as normal with practices alternating with Burghclere until the first lockdown in March started & ringing stopped. Some towers were able to ring occasionally with social distancing in place but with the small size of St. Thomas' ringing chamber that was impossible. I wish to record my thanks to all the ringers from various towers who come & make possible practices, weddings & the odd service ringing that we are able to perform.

St Thomas' Handbells Report (Nicole Bentham) The year began normally enough with a contingent attending the Handbell Ringers GB South East Region birthday rally in January where we were delighted to take delivery of a brand new bass F bell to replace one we had had on loan for a year. Rehearsals were in full swing for a performance at the Parkinson's Society lunch in March when lockdown struck and everything ground to a halt. By September the Covid regulations allowed six of us to meet in the churchyard to practise, so by working a weekly rotation everyone was able to have a go. The appreciative response of occasional passers-by encouraged us to plan three outdoor events at Christmas, ringing at Broadmead Care Home, St Thomas' Infant School and finally to welcome the congregation to St Thomas' *Not the Carol Service*. All three proved exceptionally rewarding and fulfilling. As ever, we are most grateful to Genie for her tireless energy and enthusiastic leadership.

Children's Ministry Report (Jayne Roch) Sunday Club began 2020 in person with the theme of Miracles, we continued during the summer and autumn terms via zoom with the themes of Joshua and Peace. We have welcomed up to 8 children aged between 4 and 10 to these sessions, along with their parents. We have regularly provided children to read lessons and write prayers for the All Together services, which have taken place via zoom. From February to July, we held Confirmation Sessions for 6 young people from across the Benefice. The first session was in person and then we moved to zoom sessions. Due to restrictions the Confirmation Service had not taken place by the end of 2020. A remote Christingle service was held at the beginning of December. Many families joined us, with Christingles that they had made, for the usual Christingle songs and stories about the work of the Children's Society. Also, through the autumn term, and linked with the Sunday Club theme of Peace, we collected decorated hands to construct the word Peace on a banner. This was displayed outside the church over the Christmas period. Many people had great fun trying to 'find' their hand on the banner. The socially distanced 'Come to Bethlehem' morning held on the 19th December in church attracted many families who journeyed around the church finding out about the Christmas story by asking nativity characters questions. It proved to be great fun for the characters too and the morning went very quickly. Moyra Harkness 'retired' from Sunday Club at the end of 2020 after more than 10 years of service during this stint as a leader. We thank Moyra for her work with many young people over this time and we will really miss her as part of the team. Many thanks to all involved for the hard work that they put into Children's Ministry. Also, thanks to the PCC and wider church family for their support and prayers.

Monday Study Group (Mary Herbert) It is with regret that I report that The Monday Study Group has not met during 2020. The winter conditions and illness of membership prevented us from meeting prior to lockdown in March.

Home Group Report (Rosemary Cahill) Early in 2020, 3 meetings, studying Colossians and Philemon were held at Lawling. This led up to Lent when we joined in with the rest of the Benefice. We looked forward to meeting again when allowed. The lockdown came before any further plans could be made. Discussions with the members suggested that Zoom did not appeal nor did garden meetings when permissible. The way forward remains unclear.

Bible Reading Fellowship Several different notes are used by 15 people across the Benefice, 1 of which is posted to a previous resident. The BRF year runs from May, with a single reduced annual subscription for more than 5 readers. September and the following January come through in good time and orders can always be amended. The notes also include the BRF book list, occasional extracts and details of other initiatives available or planned. Contact Rosemary for more information. The pandemic did not disturb this valuable resource, with deliveries Covid secure.

Pins and Needles Report (Mary Herbert) We were able to hold our February Blessing in St Thomas' just prior to lockdown in March and we were able to get many items into their respective charities prior to the first lockdown. I am pleased to report that the ladies did not lessen their "productivity" during the year, and it was a delight in November between lockdowns to hold our biannual Blessing of the items. Again, we were able to distribute some – mainly to the Women's Refuge in Andover and personal bags on the wards at West Berks Hospital. All the other items are in store. This is very much a Benefice and Community group and we own heartfelt thanks to all those folks who continued to contribute knitting wool during the year especially during the periods of lockdown which kept us going. The majority of our ladies live alone and these contributions were a blessing to them as well as to those to whom the items go. The sewing group said goodbye to Jeanette Chadwick who has relocated to Salisbury to be closer to family. We will miss her expertise and her ability to work with our oddments and make bags with a special difference which the Women's Refuge were pleased to receive alongside our usual bags which they use for toiletries and

toys bags for new arrivals. I am pleased to report that we still support all of the charities mentioned in last year's report and can be found in Carol Currey's Neighbour Report.

School Report (The Rector) Headteacher Mrs Pearce-King left the school in July after some seven years to further her career. Due to the pandemic the usual farewells and thank you events were much curtailed. However in July we were able to hold a leavers' service for year 2 children (2 services were needed to accommodate the numbers socially distanced) during which a farewell was also made to Mrs Pearce-King with sincere thanks for her hard work. In the meantime the governing body began to work closely with that of the Junior School. A plan to federate the two schools was made and consultations held when permitted. By September 2020 agreement had been reached and recruitment for an Executive Headteacher had begun. The Federation came into being at the end of September 2020 and a single governing body was formed. The first round of recruitment was unsuccessful, and a second round began and would run its course in early 2021. During the pandemic the school achieved wonderful work in adjusting and moving teaching onto online platforms, whilst continuing to support families. The Rector continued to support collective worship by recording videos for use in the children's class worship.

We thank the serving Foundation governors (The Rector, Stephen Waite and Jenny Graham).

Whitchurch Deanery Synod Report (Val Burfield) Deanery meetings have focused on finance for the majority of the time. Funding is an ongoing concern in this diocese as it has very little income apart from the monies provided by the church membership. A presentation by the Diocesan Head of financial Operations told us of the current deficit in funding within the Winchester Diocese and outlined various ways we might try to increase our income. However, the deanery was thanked and praised for the way it had contributed to the income of the diocese. Dodi reports regularly on the way the deanery is supporting the schools and churches in Mityana. Essential toilets are the latest project being funded. During lockdown many churches reported on the success of zoom and other media for delivering church services and meetings.

Churchwarden's Report (Chris Vane) The role of Churchwardens certainly changed during 2020, as the various restrictions to church life came into force. The necessary form-filling continued, including all the paperwork required to bring the lower churchyard paths project to a satisfactory conclusion. Huge thanks to Bertha Bates and Steve Luff Smith for their part in this. During lockdown our main task was to be caretakers of the building - checking regularly that all was in order internally and externally and enabling access for the regular annual servicing visits when this was allowed. We also had the duty to interpret and facilitate the 7 iterations of the Church of England Risk Assessment Template for Opening Church Buildings to the Public, so that when possible the church could be open for services and for private visits. It was a particular pleasure to enable safely 'Come to Bethlehem' and the two Christmas services. Zoom meant that the normal round of official meetings could continue, but we look forward to a time when 'face to face' is possible once again.

In Conclusion (The Rector)

2020 was certainly an extraordinary year. My sincere thanks to everyone who stepped up during the pandemic to keep things as needed running, even though often behind the scenes. To reduce the transmission of the virus services in church were stopped nationally before Mothering Sunday, during Holy Week we made a tentative start with online 'zoom' services and on Easter Sunday the 'zoom' service was attended by 109 people. 'Zoom' services continued for the rest of the year, and a mix of online and 'in church' services were arranged once we were permitted to hold services in person again. Whilst not to everyone's taste, and indeed also not accessible to those without IT facilities, the online services have served to hold the worshipping community together from across our parishes. Unexpectedly perhaps these online services have helped us get to know each other a bit better. At Christmas some new thoughts about taking Christmas outside the church building helped us proclaim the nativity afresh as did some new creative ideas for worship, according to

regulations, within the building. It was a joy to discover the Christmas message of love and peace in Christ was unchanged and so our worship and prayer continued.

Pastorally a regular weekly e-mail from the Rector to a combined parishes and other interested parties circulation list has kept folk informed. Some telephone contacting and online 'zoom' chats have helped keep folk connected. Alongside this a wonderfully positive collaboration arose between Neighbourcare, our churches, Parish Councils and local societies in order to provide practical support with prescription deliveries, help with shopping and pastoral phone support. A regular newsletter kept local folk informed. Many church members were already involved with Neighbourcare and many more joined the volunteer team.

The reports contained in this document show the challenges faced and we know challenges still continue. It has undoubtedly been a worrying time, many families have been bereaved and sadly many funerals have taken place with reduced numbers and in sad circumstances. Weddings and baptisms have been postponed – so future joys are awaited. We still do not know when we may be able to sing a hymn together in church – but the day will come and then we will rejoice indeed!

Thank you for journeying together, and apart, this year. May we continue to be confident in our call to follow Christ, in knowing the love of God, loving one another and in serving our neighbour. For so we will recognise God with us and among us, and so we will make Christ known in our communities.

Rev'd Canon Christine Dale

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Woolton Hill Parochial Church Council

Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council of St Thomas Woolton Hill

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2020, Charity no 1173894 which are set out on pages 2 to 7, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Respective responsibilities of the Church Council and Examiner

As the members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of accounts, you consider that the audit requirements of the Regulation and Section 144(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission and to be found in the Church guidance 2006 edition.

The examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you, as Trustees, concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiners 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 requirements :
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Act; and
 - (b) to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirement of the Act and the Regulationshave 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.

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Date: 26th April 2021

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Statement of activities for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Note	2020				2019
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
Incoming Resources	4					
Planned Voluntary Income	a	25,209	0	0	25,209	27,316
Unplanned Voluntary income	b	873	135	0	1,009	3,545
Other Voluntary income	c	8,820	0	0	8,820	6,858
Ordinary income	d	15,478	1,037	7,709	24,224	35,542
Extraordinary income	e	28,492	575	0	29,067	27,611
Total incoming resources		78,872	1,747	7,709	88,328	100,872
Resources Used	5					
Ministry	a	31,868			31,868	39,612
Building Costs	b	55,507	0		55,507	59,296
Service Costs	c	2,078			2,078	2,913
Administration	d	2,638			2,638	5,639
Grants & other extraordinary expenditure	e	70	7,225	0	7,295	2,712
Total Resources Used		92,161	7,225	0	99,386	110,171
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		13,289	5,478	7,709	11,058	9,299
Transfers		7,400		7,400	0	0
Unreleased gains/(losses) (i.e. Revaluation of Lock Trust)			1,117	13,524	14,641	28,860
Net movement of funds		5,889	4,360	13,833	3,583	19,561
Balance brought forward		26,039	82,810	248,622	357,471	337,910
Balance Carried Forward		20,150	78,449	262,455	361,054	357,471

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Balance Sheet at 31 December 2020

	Note	2020	2019
Investments		275,135	260,015
Current Assets			
Debtors	6	2,105	937
Cash and Bank Balances			
Nat West - General account	8	1,879	5,214
Newbury Building Soc LSP & Church f	9	61,621	68,662
Nat West - LSP		1,727	599
Church Hall Santander Bank & cash	10	14,036	18,293
Lloyds - Lock Trust account		4,806	4,497
		84,069	97,265
Deduct Creditors	7	255	746
		361,054	357,471
Funds	11		
Unrestricted		20,150	26,039
Restricted		78,449	82,810
Endowment - permanent		262,455	248,622
		361,054	357,471

The attached notes on pages 4 to 7 form part of these accounts

Approved by the Woolton Hill Parochial Church Council on
26th April 2021

Rev'd Canon Christine Dale
Chairman

R.King
Honorary Treasurer

Woolton Hill Parochial Church Council

Notes forming part of the financial statement for year to 31 December 2020

1. Accounting Policies

(a) General

The accounts are based on the Church Accounting Regulations 2006.

The accounts have been prepared on the accruals basis, except where noted below, under the historical cost convention, except for investments, which are shown at valuation

The accounts include all material transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible.

Where costs have been incurred for the whole benefice, just those that relate to St Thomas' are recorded in the accounts.

(b) Funds

The general fund receives the regular income of the PCC and is used to pay its recurring expenses, and is not subject to any restriction.

The Church Hall funds are separately run under the auspices of the PCC.

The Special Collection fund is a restricted fund into which received sums donated at collections and for other specific reasons are passed onto the designated recipient.

The Churchyard Fund represents the money received for the upkeep of the churchyard and has been restricted to that activity.

The Lock Trust consists of a permanent endowment fund and a restricted distributable income fund.

The Living Stones Project represents the money received and spent on the the development of the Church and is restricted to this purpose.

(c) Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and donations are recognised when made.

Amounts receivable under Gift Aid are recognised when honoured by the donor.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid is recognised when received.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for when received.

Dividends and interest are accounted for when received.

(d) Application of Resources

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid.

(e) Cost related to the work of the church

The diocesan parish quota is accounted for when payable.

(f) Church Properties

Church properties are excluded from the accounts under the Charities Act 2011. The PCC, however, has responsibility for maintaining and insuring the properties. The Church, the Church Hall and contents of both buildings are presently insured for a total of £11,200,000

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Notes forming part of the financial statement for year to 31 December 2020 (continued)

- 2 Within the North West Hampshire Benefice, St Thomas' PCC pays for the combined Benefice office and other combined costs and is then reimbursed by the other parishes in the Benefice. As at 31 December 2020, St Thomas' PCC was owed £109.05 (£936.60 2019) for office expenses, altar supplies and other Benefice costs from the other Benefice PCCs.
- 3 The Living Stones Project is abbreviated in the accounts to LSP. The project is specifically to raise funds for the refurbishment, reordering and development of the Church.

	2020				2019
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
4 Ordinary Income					
voluntary income					
(a) Planned giving					
Tax on Gift Aid	6,884	0	0	6,884	6,113
Gift Aid	18,325	0	0	18,325	21,202
	25,209	0	0	25,209	27,316
(b) Unplanned giving					
Church collections	873	135	0	1,009	3,545
(c) Other Voluntary income					
Fundraising	541	0	0	541	5,505
Donations & Legacies	8,279	0	0	8,279	1,353
	8,820	0	0	8,820	6,858
(d) Ordinary income					
Hire of hall	12,889		0	12,889	22,003
Fees	2,545	0	0	2,545	3,830
Churchyard		0		0	50
Dividends and interest	44	1,037	7,709	8,790	9,660
	15,478	1,037	7,709	24,224	35,542
(e) Extraordinary income					
LSP		575		575	100
Wayleave	15			15	15
Grants Church Hall	28,477	0		28,477	27,496
	28,492	575	0	29,067	27,611
Total incoming resources	78,872	1,747	7,709	88,328	100,872

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Notes forming part of the financial statement for year to 31 December 2020 (continued)

	2,020				2,019
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
5 Ordinary Expenditure					
(a) Ministry					
Quota	29,600		0	29,600	37,233
Office Expenses	2,267		0	2,267	2,379
	31,868	0	0	31,868	39,612
(b) Building					
Heat and Light	5,966		0	5,966	6,661
Insurance	3,599		0	3,599	3,721
Repairs	1,056		0	1,056	1,678
Churchyard	10,783	0	0	10,783	10,134
Church Hall	34,103		0	34,103	37,102
	55,507	0	0	55,507	59,296
(c) Service costs					
Music	1,655		0	1,655	2,596
Altar Expenses	198		0	198	133
Other service costs	40			40	100
Children's Ministry	184		0	184	83
	2,078	0	0	2,078	2,913
(d) Administration					
Books and Stationery	303		0	303	363
Photocopier	216		0	216	124
Church Hall cleaning	1,713		0	1,713	4,550
Sundries	53		0	53	93
Telephone and broadband	354		0	354	509
	2,638	0	0	2,638	5,639
(e) Grants made & other extraordinary expenditure					
Church related	70	135	0	205	1,408
LSP - Church development		7,090		7,090	1,304
	70	7,225	0	7,295	2,712
Total Expenses	92,161	7,225	0	99,386	110,171

6 Debtors

Prepayment - Good Exchange	1,996	
Other Benefice parishes	109	937
Total Debtors	2,105	937

7 Creditors & accruals

Made up of	255	746
Deferred income and credit notes - Church Hall	155	646
Church Hall electricity	100	100
Total creditors and accruals	255	746

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8 Within the National Westminster General account at the year end £1,000.90 is owed by the restricted churchyard fund and £3,756.44 is designated for the LSP.

9 Within the Newbury Building Society account total of £61,621.27 is £5,049.33 that belongs to the Church Hall £56,571.94 to Living Stones

10 The Church Hall holds in total £1.34 petty cash, £14,034.96 in its Santander Bank account and £5,049.33 in Newbury Building Society.

11 Funds Analysis

	Opening balance	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Uplift and transfers	Closing Balance
General	3,486	37,412	49,657	10,078	1,319
Church Hall	22,552	41,460	42,503	2,678	18,831
Unrestricted funds	26,039	78,872	92,161	7,400	20,150
Special collections	0	135	135	0	0
Living Stones Project - Church	68,012	1,132	7,090		62,055
Churchyard	14,797	480	0	1,117	16,394
Restricted funds	82,810	1,747	7,225	1,117	78,449
Investments	244,125	0	0	13,524	257,649
Bank Account	4,497	7,709	0	7,400	4,806
Endowment Fund	248,622	7,709	0	6,124	262,455
Grand Total	357,471	88,328	99,386	14,641	361,054

	Investments	Debtors and stock	(Creditors)	Cash / Bank	Total
Endowment	257,649			4,806	262,455
Restricted					
LSP				62,055	62,055
Churchyard	17,395			1,001	16,394
Unrestricted					
General	91	2,105		876	1,319
Church Hall			255	19,086	18,831
	275,135	2,105	255	84,069	361,054

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council of St Thomas Woolton Hill

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2020, Charity no 1173894 which are set out on pages 2 to 7, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Respective responsibilities of the Church Council and Examiner

As the members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of accounts, you consider that the audit requirements of the Regulation and Section 144(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission and to be found in the Church guidance 2006 edition. The examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you, as Trustees, concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiners 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 requirements :
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Act; and
 - (b) to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirement of the Act and the Regulationshave 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.

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Date: 26th April 2021