

The Parish of All Saints and St Wistan
Wigston Magna, Leicestershire
Diocese of Leicester

Parochial Church Council Report for 2021

Administrative Information

This report is presented by the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints and St Wistan, Wigston Magna.

All Saints' Parish Church is located on Moat Street, Wigston Magna, and the Church of St Wistan is situated on Church Nook, Wigston Magna. The parish is part of the Wigston Benefice formed on 1st June 2014. The parish is in the Diocese of Leicester and its official correspondence address is:

until January 2022

The Rectory
8 Harrogate Way
Wigston
LE18 3YB

from January 2022

(during vacancy)
St Thomas' Vicarage
9 Hindoostan Avenue
Wigston
LE18 4UD

2021. The Revd Trevor Thurston-Smith SMMS was Incumbent (Rector) of the Benefice until January 2022. His departure to St Matthew's Perry Beeches in the Diocese of Birmingham was announced during Autumn

The Revd Christopher Johnson is Associate Vicar of the Benefice. Ms Julie Chaplin was licensed as a Reader by the Bishop of Leicester prior to leaving the Benefice in November 2021.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR 2021

- **Aim and purposes**

Wigston Magna Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the clergy of the Wigston Benefice in promoting the ecclesiastical parish and the whole mission of the Church - pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the All Saints Church Room, Bushloe End, Wigston Magna.

The Parochial Church Council is a charity registered with the Charity Commissioners (No.1176458).

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules (CRR) and membership of the PCC consists of the licensed clergy and lay ministers within the Benefice, Church Wardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the

electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. Two members of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod, providing the PCC with a link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. Customarily, the Chair of Wigston Magna PCC is taken by the Rector or by an elected Vice-Chair at their request or in their absence.

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.

The PCC meets regularly in order to fulfil its obligations. Matters are attended to by correspondence where necessary between meetings.

In order to fulfil its function the Council has the following sub committees:

Standing Committee

Membership: Rector, Vice-Chair, Church Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary and two members elected by the PCC. This committee sets the agenda for the PCC and conducts business on behalf of the full Council between meetings. The Committee is limited to expenditure of £500 on any single item.

Working Parties and ad hoc groups are appointed for the following matters:

Finance Group

Individuals appointed to specific tasks on behalf of the Council:

- Safeguarding Co-ordinator for children, young people and Vulnerable Adults
- Church Room Bookings officer
- Electoral Roll Officer

The Parochial Church Council employs;

- An Organist

Persons serving on the Council during 2021

Ex officio		
The Revd Trevor Thurston-Smith	Rector	
The Revd Christopher Johnson	Associate Vicar	
Julie Chaplin	Reader (<i>until November 2021</i>)	
Patrick Thacker	Churchwarden (<i>also Deanery Synod Representative</i>)	
Winsum Wright	Churchwarden (<i>also Deanery Synod Representative</i>)	
The Revd Nick Baker	Assistant Curate	
The Revd Paul Betts	Assistant Curate (<i>from July 2021</i>)	
Elected		
	Term began	Term ends
Margery Whait	2019	2022
Carol Munton	2019	2022
Bill Hardy	2019	2022
Stan Rowland	2020	2023
Dennis Daw	2020	2023
Vacant	2020	2023
Mr Stephen Warden	2021	2024
Mrs Caroline Wordsworth	2021	2024
Brenda Towler	2021	2024

The Electoral Roll is revised in accordance with the requirements of the Church Representation Rules and a report is given at the APCM by the Electoral Roll officer.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to the following objectives and activities:

- Regular public worship open to all
- The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation
- Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved
- Teaching Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups
- Leading Collective Worship (Assembly) in schools
- Promoting Christianity through the staging of events and meetings and the distribution of literature
- Promoting the whole mission of the church through provision of activities for people of all ages and abilities
- Encouraging and enabling individuals to be faithful and effective disciples of Jesus Christ.

Achievements and Performance

Throughout 2021 we have tried to offer a range of worship within our Inclusive Catholic tradition. While the church had to be closed again for public worship due to further Covid-19 restrictions between January and Easter 2021, alternative worship was offered on line (recorded services on 'You Tube', live Services on 'Zoom') with pointers to other on-line resources, and printed resources for each Sunday were posted out to those parishioners who were believed or known to be without internet access and who have been unable to return for worship in church.

Mid-2021 saw the return to a more 'normal' pattern of worship with the return of midweek masses, unrestricted attendances at Occasional Offices, and some more limited gatherings in person. Worship in All Saints remained subject to social-distancing requirements beyond the end of 2021.

The Revd Trevor Thurston-Smith was a Foundation Governor at All Saints CofE Primary School, Wigston, leading Collective Worship in the school on

a regular basis as well as visiting on other occasions where possible. The School normally holds end of term services in All Saints Church three times a year. Groups from other local schools would normally have visited the church regularly and bookings were in place for this to resume in 2022. Normally several schools hold carol services in All Saints during December, but sadly this wasn't possible this year due to lockdown.

A Benefice Lent Course was held online via Zoom.

In October 2021 a Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Norfolk was held.

The monthly service at Amberwood Care Home was set to return in early 2022.

Our Benefice website and Facebook page is used along with a weekly e-mailing list.

Wigston Magna Parochial Church Council. Reg Charity 1176458
Statement of Accounts January 1 to December 31 2021
General Account

RECEIPTS

Personal Giving	2021
Personal Standing Order	4,064.00
Bequeaths / Legacies	0.00
GA envels, candles etc	19.92
PG Scheme SO donations	12,916.69
PG Scheme Gift Aid	1,443.96
Roof Lights	244.00
Donations	3,851.25
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	22,539.82

Collective Giving	
Offertory collections	3,764.91
Offer + donates Gift Aid Claimed	1,443.96
Petty Cash funds	0.00
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	5,208.87

Other Receipts	
Church Room income	1,271.00
Weddings	4,189.00
Funerals	3,227.00
Tax / VAT Refunds	0.00
Grants received	1,000.00
Walsingham Pilgrimage	1,573.00
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	11,260.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS **39,008.69**

Bank Movements 68,609.36

GROSS RECEIPTS **107,618.05**

Petty Cash held x 2 funds 100.00

RECEIPTS

Personal Giving	2020
Personal Standing Order	3,889.00
Bequeaths / Legacies	0.00
GA envels, candles etc	25.09
PG Scheme SO donations	10,694.26
PG Scheme Gift Aid	2,673.67
Roof lights	62.50
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	17,344.52

Collective Giving	
Offertory collections	5,286.49
Offer + donates Gift Aid Claimed	1,781.77
Petty Cash funds	193.95
Donations	2,092.44
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	9,354.65

Other Receipts	
Church Room income	984.57
Weddings	3,235.00
Funerals	1,755.00
Tax / VAT Refunds	2,887.92
Grants received	2,000.00
Walsingham Pilgrimage	666.00
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	11,528.49

TOTAL RECEIPTS **38,227.66**

Bank Movements 38,000.00

GROSS RECEIPTS **76,227.66**

PAYMENTS

SUPPLIERS	2021
COPIER USAGE	0.00
UTILITIES	3,933.53
SMITHS [clocks]	0.00
FIRE / SAFETY SERVICING	0.00
E-BOUND AVX Ltd - Alarms	345.60
REDEMTORIST	228.73
RSCM / WEBSITE	362.00
INSURANCES; All Saints	4,631.31
INSURANCES; Church rooms	2,385.83
INSURANCES; St Wistans	6,033.85
LICENCES [2020 paid in 2019]	455.58
CHRISTIAN RESOURCES	83.17
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	18,459.60

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

CHARITY DONATIONS; given	0.00
CHURCH MAINT; All Saints	4,060.61
CHURCH MAINT; St Wistans	2,088.80
CHURCH ROOMS MAINT	50.00
DIOCESE FEES	3,004.00
FUND RAISING COSTS	0.00
ORGAN COSTS	0.00
PILGRIMAGES	1,573.00
PARISH GIFT	17,000.00
CONSUMABLES	549.07
Bank charges	60.00
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	28,385.48

PERSONNEL

ARCHITECT [St Wistans]	0.00
BELL RINGERS remuneration	150.00
CLERGY / READERS FEES+EXPS	659.04
AUDITOR	60.00
ORGANIST remuneration	2,282.99
REIMBURSEMENTS	0.00
TREASURERS EXPS	0.00
SECRETARIES EXPS	0.00
VERGER remuneration	1,050.00
PPE [C19 protection]	99.99
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	4,302.02

TOTAL EXPENDS 51,147.10

BANK MOVEMENTS 41,010.00 [to NatWest]

GROSS PAYMENTS 92,157.10

EXCESS / DEFICIT -12,138.41

Petty Cash 0.00

PAYMENTS

SUPPLIERS	2020
COPIER USAGE	311.06
UTILITIES	3,676.46
SMITHS [clocks]	520.80
FIRE / SAFETY SERVICING	802.79
E-BOUND AVX Ltd - Alarms	181.20
REDEMTORIST	147.33
WEBSITE	0.00
INSURANCES; All Saints	4,463.70
INSURANCES; Church rooms	2,299.48
INSURANCES; St Wistans	4,936.64
LICENCES [2020 paid in 2019]	0.00
CHRISTIAN RESOURCES	3.74
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	17,343.20

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

CHARITY DONATIONS; given	1,169.68
CHURCH MAINT; All Saints	20,872.25
CHURCH MAINT; St Wistans	5,241.60
CHURCH ROOMS MAINT	0.00
DIOCESE FEES	1,750.00
FUND RAISING COSTS	0.00
ORGAN COSTS	508.20
PILGRIMAGES	500.00
DIOCESE GIFT	20,000.00
Royal School Church Music	358.00
CONSUMABLES	724.82
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	51,124.55

PERSONNEL

ARCHITECT [St Wistans]	440.00
BELL RINGERS remuneration	75.00
CHURCH ROOM CLEANER	238.09
CLERGY / READERS FEES+EXPS	1,470.47
AUDITOR	0.00
ORGANIST remuneration	3,025.81
REIMBURSEMENTS	67.99
TREASURERS EXPS	0.00
SECRETARIES EXPS	0.00
VERGER remuneration	630.00
PPE [C19 protection]	172.87
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	6,120.23

TOTAL 74,587.98

BANK MOVEMENTS 3,639.00

GROSS PAYMENTS 78,226.98

Petty Cash Funds 500.58

BANK ACCOUNTS	2021	2020
GENERAL ACCOUNT 430		
Account B/F	18,061.35	Account B/F 113,753.89
Receipts	107,618.05	Receipts 52,099.74
Payments	92,157.10	Payments 89,042.04
TOTAL	33,522.30	TOTAL 76,811.59
RESERVE Account 227		
Account B/F	64,974.66	27,023.36
Receipts	8.12	Receipts 75,200.00
Interest	1.82	Interest 4.72
Payments	64,984.27	Payments 13,320.00
TOTAL	0.33	TOTAL 88,908.08
PARISH GIFT Account 308		
Account B/F	998.91	17,525.60
Receipts	5.02	Receipts 14,160.00
Interest	0.02	Interest 14.70
Payments	998.95	Payments 19,000.00
TOTAL	5.00	TOTAL 12,700.30
AWAY DAY FUND 660		Ordinands account
Account B/F	1,039.29	1.13
Receipts	0.00	Receipts 1,200.10
Interest	0.04	Interest 0.10
Payments	1,039.32	Payments 1,201.23
TOTAL	0.01	TOTAL 0.10
AUDIO SYSTEM 860 Restricted		
Account B/F	1,594.92	1,639.08
Receipts	5.00	Receipts 0.00
Interest	0.02	Interest 3.20
Payments	1,594.94	Payments 48.99
TOTAL	5.00	TOTAL 1,593.29
GROSS FUNDS HELD BY PCC	33,532.64	GROSS FUNDS HELD BY PCC 180,013.36

Statement of Assets & Liabilities; December 31 2021

Notes;

1. Financial states of the PCC have been prepared by the treasurer in accordance with the church accounting regulations 2006 on a 'Receipts & Payments' basis.
 2. The assests as shown are recognised but not necessarily valued in the statement of Assets & Liabilities;
 - a. All movable church furnishings held by the Church Wardens on special trust for the PCC which will require a faculty for disposal.
 - b. All items of sacristy and decoration which have an historical or intrinsic value above a nominal £1.
 3. Expenses paid to Clergy may include a small amount which relates to their function as a PCC member.
- No remunerations were made to members in connection to their trustee role on the PCC.

RECONCILIATION

Debtors [owe us]

Gift Aid claims due	1,321.63
VAT Claims due	0.00
Refunds owed	0.00
Donations to be banked	145.00
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	1,466.63

Creditors [we owe]

Payments not cleared	0.00
Brit Gas	95.57
Fees to pay	3,159.00
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	3,254.57

Petty Cash held 100.00

31,844.70

FIXED ASSETS

All Saints Church All Contents. See 'Note 2' in R&P account, page 4.

St Wistans Church All Contents See 'Note 2' in R&P account, page 4.

Church Rooms All Contents See 'Note 2' in R&P account, page 4.

Signed _____ Auditor Date _____

Signed SA. Warden Treasurer I 16 February 2022

Accepted as a true and correct record.

CHAIRMAN PCC _____ Date _____

Mr Geoffrey Warner
Independent Examiner
For Wigston Magna Parochial Church Council 2021

15 February 2022

To the Trustees

I have completed an Independent Examination of the financial statements for 2021 of Wigston Magna PCC. I did this both in the absence of and in the presence of the Treasurer, Mr Stephen Warden.

The treasurer's system of document filing was an understandable and logical system and the same as 2020. Receipts were banked as regular as his personal circumstances allowed and categorised well. The day to day bookkeeping job was being done accurately and efficiently. The statement of accounts were reconciled well to agree back to the bank statements. This made the whole process of validation much quicker and easier.

I again have to make comment on an over spend of £12,138.41 which is not as much as the 2020 overspend but remains significant. The treasurer explained the reduced income set against the unchanged church buildings costs take much of the income with consumables for church services adding to the annual costs. I see the use of the 2018 large reserve is again the safety net against a negative financial situation the trustees must take every precaution and unpopular decision to avoid.

The continued reduced receipts all churches are experiencing due Covid 19 infections and precautions has aggravated the final sums although not to the same degree as 2020. Also the St Wistans church situation, which I understand is beyond the PCCs authority, continues to create significant expenditures relative to the reduced receipts. This will also aggravate the above overspend.

The PCC is still in a reasonably financial stable position and another past 12 months of reduced receipts has now all but used up the 2018 legacy. Beyond that, In common with previous year's independent examiners, I again strongly urge the PCC to show restraint on expenditure to at the least match projected receipts.

In summary, I find the 2021 PCC accounts to be a fair and true representation of the trusts finances.

Yours faithfully

Geoffrey Warner.