

Parish of Gornal and Sedgley

2021 Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Gornal and Sedgley ¹

Please note - This report is based on the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), approved 15th May 2022, which include the 2021 end of year accounts.

Aims and purposes

Gornal and Sedgley's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Team Rector (Rev Guy Hewlett) and Team Vicar (Rev Catherine Mitchell), in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC has overall responsibility to oversee the maintenance of our churches and halls. However, specific responsibility for the day to day running and maintenance is delegated to the respective District Church Councils (DCC); namely All Saints' church and hall, Sedgley, All Saints DCC; St Peter's church and hall, Upper Gornal, St Peter's DCC; St Andrew's church and hall, St Andrew's DCC.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of our parish community.

Safeguarding

The PCC, and the people of the parish are committed to their Safeguarding responsibilities.

The PCC is aware of its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. The Church of England's safeguarding policy statement, 'Promoting a Safer Church', requires us to have an action plan in place that sets out how the policy is being put into action and committing to review this regularly. This action plan has been presented by Barbara Baker, our PSO and approved by PCC. Safeguarding is an agenda item on every PCC meeting.

¹The Parish of Gornal and Sedgley includes the churches of All Saints', Sedgley St Peter's, Upper Gornal and St Andrew's, The Straits.

The PCC wish to thank our safeguarding officer Barbara Baker for all her hard work during the past 12 months.

Achievements and Performance

The year 2021 continued to be a year of experiences and challenges in our parish's life as we continued to navigate the Coronavirus Pandemic, with the national restrictions' affecting our day to day lives and the worshipping life of the parish through the year.

The Covid-19 virus continued to affect many people, with many of us knowing someone who has been affected by the virus; with several people sadly being lost from our worshipping community; may they rest in peace and rise in Glory. Thankfully the roll out of the vaccines, with first second and booster jabs during the year has made a great difference enabling the country and our churches to open up more and be able to gather with family and friends.

The year began with our churches being closed to worship, with the infection rate increasing before and after Christmas; however, we were able to continue with online worship which we established during 2020. When restrictions were lifted, the Standing Committee agreed that we should resume in person worship on Easter Day.

Risk assessments were regularly revised and updated each time government restrictions were changed. For much of 2021 there were restrictions on max numbers allowed to gather for worship, social distancing, sanitising hands-on entry, wearing face masks and track and trace.

As a parish, we have continued to be greatly blessed by an incredible amount of hard work and ministry that so many are contributing to God's work in this place.

Our Standing Committee and Church Councils have continued to work together to help steer the parish forward, giving a great deal of time and energy, during this time, for which we are grateful and give thanks for the time given with additional meetings that were required during the year.

Many thanks are due to our church wardens, church councils, Authorised Lay Ministers and LLM Canon Jan, in support of the parish's life and ministry during the year; also, thanks to all who give so much time and energy in many ways.

Our worship, post Easter, continued through the year both in person and on-line; with many still connecting through Zoom and Facebook live, via the Wi-Fi Bridge installed at All Saints during 2020, that has been such a blessing.

Many of the Pastoral connections established during 2020, by our pastoral team, continued during much of 2021, with phone calls, and face to face meetings when the lifting of restrictions enabled them to happen again. Many of the friendships during this time continue.

Our parish priorities of prayer and children and young families continued in a mixed mode, with continued on-line prayer opportunities, including morning prayer, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and the twice monthly prayer opportunities on Tuesday afternoons and Tuesday evenings.

We delivered 50+ Easter craft envelopes to children connected with the parish, which were again well received. The toddler groups, Noah's Ark and Little Angels resumed in September, initially with limited numbers to enable social distancing. We also started Café church (Originally named Back2Gather), the first one on 17th October, followed by the second one, both attracting 28 children and 13 adults. Thanks to the team for creating wonderful crafts and activities. The feedback from those who attended was very positive, and we continue to plan for these services during 2022.

Our parish Safeguarding Officer Barbara Baker has worked hard with us to ensure that all are safe, and all appropriate training and checks have been done or are being done.

All Saints Hall continues to be a blessing with excellent facilities offered; the hall bookings have re-established during 2021, as restrictions allowed; thanks must go to John Anderson and Gail Griffiths for managing the hall, and bookings and requirements during this challenging time.

Thanks also to Gail Griffiths for all her support and commitment in the parish office.

The closure of St Peter's Church continues to be a cause of concern for the church community; the closure of St Peters was presented and agreed at the Mission and Pastoral Committee meeting on 16th December 2021, however, the process for the final closure decision requires a 28-day opportunity for those petitioning against the closure to file any further objections. It is anticipated that the closure will be concluded during the early part of 2022.

St Peters Church community continues to worship in the hall. The DCC made the difficult decision not to pursue a large-scale major renovation project of the hall, but would concentrate on immediately maintenance work.

St Andrews church continues to be supported by Canon Jan, and we thank Jan for all her hard work in managing so much of the life of the church community. The hall at St Andrew's continues to be used well, but there is scope for more hall bookings, which would improve the financial situation for the church. Long awaited external maintenance and painting was started, that will need to be completed in 2022.

Again, each of our 3 churches have not been able to pay the full parish share asked of us. This is a concern with the anticipated change in 2022, from Parish Share to Ministry Share which emphasises the cost of stipendiary ministry and the expectation that parishes need to be able to cover the cost of ministry that is received.

Thank you to the treasurers in the parish, John Anderson, Sheila Moss and Alan Turner for all their hard work; and thank you all for all you are giving to God's work in money, time and talents.

Occasional offices continued to be a challenge, with restricted numbers being able to attend services during most of the year.

Weddings and Baptisms attendances were also restricted during the first part of the year, with restrictions gradually being lifted, but still with social distancing and the wearing of masks. Chris Williams continued to manage baptism families and wedding couple's expectations with great care and attention and our thanks to Chris for this challenging task.

This year we planned four memorial services for those who had died, over the past two years, all the services were well attended and received.

Our ecumenical relationships between the local church leaders have continued to blossom and this has led to 3 Alpha Courses being delivered in early 2021, online. There have been about 50 participants online and many of our church have attended or helped in leading the courses. Though the Alpha Course one person joining All Saints, being baptised and confirmed.

The Reverend Guy Hewlett announced his retirement as the Rector of the Parish, with his final service planned for the end of February. The Archdeacon of Dudley the Venerable Nikki Groarke advised that as the parish was not able to financially cover the cost of two stipendiary ministers, the diocese would give the parish the opportunity to develop a road map to close the financial gap over a three-year period; if the plan was accepted by the diocese then the vacancy could be advertised. A joint meeting of the PCC and DCC's was planned for early 2022 to discuss the way forward, the future shape of stipendiary ministry in the parish (one of two stipendiary clergy) and the potential of developing a road map to close the gap.

As a parish and the leadership teams of the PCC and DCC's we continue to work within the framework of the Diocese or Worcester initiative of being Kingdom People, with its emphasis on the Gospel main stays of love, compassion, justice and freedom.

Over the coming months in 2022 we will continue the discernment of the shape of stipendiary ministry in the parish; and our priorities, particularly regarding our financial situation, continuing to explore our stewardship, as we move forward together as God's people in the Parish of Gornal and Sedgley.

As we move out of the pandemic, we need to reassess our vision as a parish and mission to our community and how best we can serve and share the love of God in Christ Jesus. There are too many to mention by name but thank you to all who have given so much. Thank you all for all you are in the Lord and for all you are doing.

Together with God we will move forward!

The following outlines, with these eight characteristics, the achievements and performance of the parish

1. Deeply rooted in prayer and study of the scriptures,

- Prayer is the most important activity we do as Christians. There are several opportunities that have been established within the parish; morning prayer each week at 9:15, which moved on line from the start of the pandemic, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Also, two prayer meetings have continued once a month on a Tuesday afternoon, and once a month on a Tuesday evening, both are now on line.
- The Thursday Fellowship Group continued on-line through the year and attracted members from outside the parish.

2. Renewed and transformed by regular worship,

- The year began with our churches being closed to worship, with the infection rate increasing before and after Christmas; however, we were able to continue with online worship which we established during 2020. When restrictions were lifted, the Standing Committee agreed that we should resume in person worship on Easter Day. Risk assessments were regularly revised and updated each time government restrictions were changed. For much of 2021 there were restrictions on maximum numbers allowed to gather for worship, social distancing, sanitizing hands on entry, wearing face masks and track and trace.
- Our worship, post Easter, continued through the year both in person and on-line; with many still connecting through Zoom and Facebook live, via the Wi-Fi Bridge installed at All Saints during 2020, which has been such a blessing.

3. Equipped to witness to the Gospel of love, compassion, justice and freedom,

- Sadly, the pandemic has had an impact on the parish moving forward to gain confidence and experience in sharing God's love.

- Occasional offices continued to be a challenge, with restricted numbers being able to attend services during most of the year.
 - Weddings and Baptisms attendances were also restricted during the first part of the year, with restrictions gradually being lifted, but still with social distancing and the wearing of masks. Chris Williams continued to manage baptism families and wedding couple's expectations with great care and attention and our thanks to Chris Williams.
 - This year we planned four memorial services for those who had died, over the past two years, all the services were well attended and received.
4. Dedicated to helping children and young people to belong and be nurtured in faith,
- We delivered 50+ Easter craft envelopes to children connected with the parish, which were again well received.
 - The toddler groups, Noah's Ark and Little Angels resumed in September, initially with limited numbers to enable social distancing.
 - We also started Café church (Originally named Back2Gather), the first one on 17th October, followed by the second one, both attracting 28 children and 13 adults. Thanks to the team for creating wonderful crafts and activities. The feedback from those who attended was very positive, and we continue to plan for these services during 2022.
 - We have continued to engage with the diocesan CYD project "Baptism Books" sending out the resources each month to baptism families.
 - Unfortunately, the "Open the Book" team was not able to visit the schools again during the year. The Team also kept in touch with the school.
5. Devoted to growing deeply as disciples, offering our time, talents and money to God
- We continue to be blessed by many people in the parish working hard to keep the buildings in good order through the pandemic, especially when we returned more fully in September, with unrestricted services.
 - Despite the hard work of our treasurers, each of our 3 churches has not been able to pay the full parish share asked of us.

- In 2020 the Charity Commission advised the parish of a historical charity associated with the parish that was dormant (Sedgley Combined Charity) which the Treasurer of All Saints has been researching. The transfer of funds and governance was concluded during 2021.

6. Resourced and released to minister to others

- Within the parish we are blessed with several people who minister to the church and individuals; we have a licensed lay minister, Canon Jan Humphries and appreciate and value her ministry with us. There are also several Authorized Lay Ministers (ALM's) who take on specific roles within the parish within worship, pastoral care and youth. With two new pastoral ALM's in training during the year.
- The pastoral team was formed at the start of the pandemic continued to keep in regular contact with parishioners.

7. Ready to engage with and serve our community

- The parish continued to support and serve at the local foodbank throughout the year.
- During 2021 St Peters and St Andrews were able to host several fairs during the year which brought in well needed income, and enabled connections with the community.

8. Committed to making our buildings fit for purpose as a spiritual and community resource

- As a church St Peter's made the difficult decision in 2018 to request the PCC to petition for closure of the church building, due to the considerable repair costs which the DCC and church community have no ability to raise. We continue to wait the final closure of the building. The church (the people) continue to worship in the hall.
- The St Peter's DCC made the decision that the extent of the work and resources (people) to progress an extensive refurbishment project to make a combined worship and community space was too great and

agreed to spend resources (money and people) in only progressing essential repairs.

- All of our buildings have comprehensive COVID Secure risk assessments and cleaning schedules that have been regularly updated in line with Government and Church of England guidelines.
- The church building of St Andrew continues to be at the heart of the local community and is blessed by the response by the community for the fairs offered during the year.
- The usage of the hall at St Andrews by local groups increased during 2021, as restrictions were lifted, and has brought in well needed funds.
- The church of All Saints has continued to be well maintained and overseen by our Church Wardens.
- The parish hall at All Saints lost income at the start of the year, due to the restrictions, but once lifted the regular hall hirers returned, once again bringing in well needed funds.
- The PCC and DCC's of the churches continue to discern how we can make our buildings more flexible and appealing for both worship and community resources.

Financial Review

From 2021 financial accounts

Income	£163,067
Expenditure	£180,544
Excess	(-)£17,477
Balance brought forward from 31st Dec 2019	£201,520
Increase in value of shares	£10,116
Balance at 31st December 2021	£204,226

See also Statement of Financial Activities for the Year ended 31st December 2021 for further information.

Reserves Policy

All three churches now have reserves policies in place

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our churches friendly and welcoming places, and in building the community. In particular we want to mention our licensed lay minister Canon Jan Humphries and our church wardens Mr John Anderson, Mr Keith Tomlinson, Mr Dave Moss and Mr Edward Grist. We would also like to thank all of our PCC and DCC members, and all who give so much of their time for the church community.

Structures, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. In the Parish of Gornal and Sedgley the membership of the PCC consists of the Team Rector and the Team Vicar, churchwardens from the three churches, the licensed lay minister, the Treasures from each Church, together with members elected by the members of the congregations who are on the electoral rolls of our three churches, ex officio members (Deanery reps) and Co-Opted members. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll as Members. Members are encouraged to stand for election of the PCC.

The PCC, is the executive body of the parish and responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern for the whole parish, including on how any funds of the PCC are to be spent. The PCC delegates specific responsibilities to the individual church councils (DCC's) as set out in the Pastoral Scheme dated April 2008. New members of the PCC receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

There were five planned meetings of the PCC in 2021 (March, two in May, July and December). The second PCC meeting in May 2021 was to confirm parish officers. The average attendance for PCC meetings was 81.5%. The meeting in March was entirely remote on Zoom. In May and July meetings were both in person and on Zoom. Our first full PCC meeting face to face only was December 2021, with a turnout of 75%.

The Standing Committee met four times during 2021 and comprised of clergy, church wardens, treasurers, and PCC secretary. The Standing Committee meeting on 11th August 2021 also included an open invitation to wider PCC members.

The number of electors on the roll for the Gornal and Sedgley Team Ministry at 16th May 2021 is 208 a decrease of 6 from 2020.

There are 49 electors at St Peter's, 131 at All Saints' and 22 at St Andrew's.
(from the electoral roll officer report 16th May 2021)

Administrative Information

The Benefice and Parish of Gornal and Sedgley, consists of the Parish Church of All Saints', Sedgley; the Parish church of St Peter's, Upper Gornal; and the Church of St Andrew's, The Straits. It is in the Kingswinford Deanery, being part of the Diocese of Worcester within the Church of England.

The correspondence address and administrative centre is All Saints Parish Office, Ladies Walk, Dudley, DY3 3UA

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measures 1956m Church Representation Rules 2006).²

PCC members who served during 2021

Ex Officio members :

- Team Rector: The Reverend Guy Hewlett (Chair) - From 3-9-17
- Team Vicar: The Reverend Catherine Mitchell - From 7-5-17
- Licensed Lay Minister, Deanery Rep and Warden (St Andrew's) Canon Jan Humphries
- Wardens: Mr John Anderson (Also Treasurer) (All Saint's), Mr Keith Tomlinson (All Saints'), Mr Dave Moss (St Peter's), Mr Edward Grist (St Peter's).
- PCC Secretary Mrs Kathryn Elaine Apperley (PCC Secretary – APCM 7th April 2019)
- Deanery Reps: Mr Christopher John Williams, Mrs Joan Sullivan, Mrs Rosemary Sybel Reed, Mrs Sheila Joyce Moss (also PCC Treasurer for St Peter's)
- Mrs Barbara Baker (Parish Safeguarding Officer)

² The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in Clause 4.4.5 of the Pastoral Scheme for the Parish of Gornal & Sedgley, dated 27th April 2008. (The scheme is pursuant to Church Representation Rule 18.)

Elected Members:

- Mrs Tracey Bate
- Ms Suzanne Bradley
- Mrs Joan (Margaret) Dain
- Mr Alan Turner
- Mrs Claire Cox
- Mrs Maureen Matthews

Co-opted

- Elizabeth Jeanne Williams (PCC Electoral Roll Officer)

Report approved by the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Gornal and Sedgley at the PCC meeting on 5th September 2022.

2021 Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Gornal and Sedgley

<u>REPORT ON 2021 ACCOUNTS FOR GORNAL & SEDGLEY TEAM MINISTRY</u>
The attached accounts are an amalgamation of the accounts for each of the three District Church Councils within the team. There are no accounts held specifically for the Parochial Church Council.
Following the Corona Virus pandemic, attendances at all churches have not recovered to pre-COVID levels and giving is reflected by this.
Fundraising opportunities have been greatly reduced due to social distancing and nervousness, which has again resulted in all three DCCs being unable to pay their Parish share in full.
All Saints' have been successful in acquiring grants to help with improvements to their hall by way of a sound system which will benefit the community
All three churches have re-opened fully and continue to observe safe practices whilst encouraging attendance and are looking forward to returning to more social activity and fundraising events.

GORNAL AND SEDGLEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL							
KINGSWINFORD DEANERY							
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021							
	Unrestricted Funds				Restricted Funds		Grand Total
	St. Peter's	St. Andrew's	All Saints'	Total	St Andrew's	All Saints'	
INCOMING RESOURCES							
Tax efficient planned giving	13485	5176	43288	61949	0	0	61949
Other Planned giving	5557	0	6050	11607	0	0	11607
Cash collections at services	707	2749	3437	6893	0	0	6893
All other giving(inc. donations & Appeals)	3699	400	1681	5780	0	1380	7160
Gift Aid recovered	4587	1323	12487	18397	0	0	18397
Legacies received	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grants/Insurance claims	1680	0	14519	16199	0	0	16199
Total voluntary income	29715	9648	81462	120825	0	1380	122205
Gross income from fundraising activities	2260	2478	112	4850	0	0	4850
Dividends, interest and income from property	8	4	6702	6714	0	3402	10116
Net fees (weddings, funerals etc.)	177	209	6007	6393	0	0	6393
Gross income from trading	49	1795	7945	9789	0	0	9789
Other receipts	9714	0	0	9714	0	0	9714
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	41923	14134	102228	158285	0	4782	163067
RESOURCES EXPENDED							
Fundraising activities (costs & payments)	125	0	100	225	0	0	225
Mission giving and donations	1125	0	3670	4795	0	0	4795
Parish Share	18600	7200	56000	81800	0	0	81800
Salaries, wages and honoraria	370	520	9885	10775	0	0	10775
Clergy expenses	1268	0	628	1896	0	0	1896
Mission and evangelism costs	0	0	1100	1100	0	0	1100
Running expenses	7173	2339	14906	24418	0	11439	35857
Utility bills	1761	1401	3075	6237	0	0	6237
Trading costs	0	0	14410	14410	0	0	32410
Major repairs	0	2058	0	2058	0	18000	20058
Repairs to Hall etc.	2660	0	0	2660	0	0	2660
New building work	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Church activities and expenses	33082	13518	103774	150374	0	29439	179813
Governance costs	0	0	600	600	0	0	600
Other outgoing resources/payments	131	0	0	131	0	0	131
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	33213	13518	104374	151105	0	29439	180544
Net Surplus/deficit of Income/expenditure	8710	616	-2146	7180	0	-24657	-17477
Balances forward from 31st December 2020	16294	26928	24676	67898	94	133548	201540
Transfer between accounts	0	0	500	500	0	-500	-500
Increase of value of shares in 2021	0	0	2315	2315	0	17848	20163
BALANCES AT 31 DECEMBER 2021	25004	27544	25345	77893	94	126239	204226

GORNAL AND SEDGLEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL								
KINGSWINFORD DEANERY								
BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER, 2021								
	ST.PETER'S		ST. ANDREW'S		ALL SAINTS'		2021 TOTAL	2020 TOTAL
CURRENT ASSETS	Unrestricted	Unnrstrct	Restrict	Unnrstrct	Restrict			
CBF Deposits	10,862	8,494					19,356	25,345
Value of CBF Share Accounts				18,673	96,470		115,143	117,053
Current Accounts	12,492	6,511		3,289			22,292	17,980
Bank Deposit a/cs		12,539	94	3,383			16,016	24,629
Building Society a/cs							0	0
Cash in Hand							0	0
CBF Deposit fund at Diocese					29,076		29,076	24,983
Value of Trust Fund at Diocese (shares)					693		693	693
Debtors	1,650						1,650	1,325
Sub Total	25,004	27,544	94	25,345	126,239		204,226	212,008
Less Creditors							0	10,468
Total	25,004	27,544	94	25,345	126,239		204,226	201,540



Parish of Gornal and Sedgley

All Saint's, Sedgley
St Peter's, Upper Gornal
St Andrew's, The Straits

Team Vicar: Rev Catherine Mitchell

5th October 2022

Re: Independent Examiners Reports for accounts Year ending 31/12/21

The Parish of Gornal and Sedgley Year End Accounts Statement is an amalgamated statement containing the year end accounts statements for each church, therefore there is no Overall Independent Examiners Report.

Each church is responsible for its own finances and accounts as per Pastoral Scheme in 2009, at the creation of the Parish of Gornal and Sedgley.

The end of year accounts for each church are examined by independent examiners and the reports are contained within this document, for year ending 31st December 2021.

Rev Catherine Mitchell,
Team Vicar Parish of Gornal and Sedgley

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

Independent Examiner's Report to All Saint's Church - Sedgley

I report to the members on my examination of the accounts of All Saint's Church for the year ended 31st December 2021 which are set out on pages 1 to 3.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As All Saint's Church you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

I report in respect of my examination of the accounts in accordance with instructions given to us by inspecting without carrying out an audit the annexed financial statements from the accounting records of All Saint's Church – Sedgley and from information and explanations supplied to us.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. adequate accounting records were not kept in respect of the church; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



David Guy C/O
Guy & Co Chartered Certified Accountants
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West Midlands
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Date: 22/3/2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

TO THE DISTRICT CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST.PETER, UPPER GORNAL

This report on the accounts of the D.C.C. for the year ended 31st December 2021, which are set out on pages 1 to 5, is in respect of an examination carried out under regulation 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and S.43 of the Charities Act 1993.

As the members of the D.C.C. you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of regulation 25 of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and regulation 7 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission under S.43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the guidance from the C.B.F. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the D.C.C. and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express and audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) Which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act and
 - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act, as also contained in the Church Accounting Regulations 1997

have 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.

J. A. Howell B.A.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of St Andrew's Church,
Gornal and Sedgley, Parochial Church Council.**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021 which are set out on the appended pages to this report.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

- which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
- to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name**John Hopkins**.....

Signed.....

Date**24/02/2022**.....