



**Annual Report and 2022 Accounts
for the Parochial Church Council
of St Martin's, Hereford
Part of the Benefice of
South Wye, Hereford**



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Parish Information

St. Martin's Church is situated in Ross Road, Hereford. It is part of the Diocese of Hereford within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Team Office 89 Ross Road, Hereford, HR2 7RJ. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity registered with the Charity Commission. St. Martin's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Anne Dowdeswell, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church Centre complex of St. Martin's, Ross Road, Hereford, and our investment properties.

St Martin's PCC

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. Martin's. The PCC 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. In particular, we try to enable the people of

South Wye 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 it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St. Martin's and the Church Centre.

Membership

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2022 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio:	Reverend Anne Dowdeswell	Team Rector
	Reverend Lauren Bell	Curate
Churchwardens	Julia Ware	
	Irene Goodman	
Deanery Synod Rep	Bev Merrett	
Secretary	John Eden	
Treasurer	Gillian Farlow	
Elected Members	Bev Merrett	Irene Goodman
	John Eden	Geoff Rawcliffe
	Gillian Farlow	Julia Ware
	Clive Wilce	

The PCC meet bi-monthly.

The Standing Committee has authority to transact business between meetings.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the PCC to hold a minimum of £10,000 as a General Reserve to cover running costs in the event of a major problem, another £10,000 in a Restricted Building Fund to meet anticipated building maintenance costs and unforeseen repairs, and a further reserve (3 months staff pay) to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and meet emergencies.

Church Workers Pension Fund

The Scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in

Section 28 of FRS 102. This is because it is not possible to attribute the Pension Builder Scheme's assets and liabilities to specific employers and that contributions are accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pension costs charged to the SoFA in the year are contributions payable by and on behalf of the only eligible member of staff.

Safeguarding

The Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, requires all clergy authorised to officiate; other relevant Church Officers (e.g. Church Wardens) and parochial church councils to have "due regard" to safeguarding policy and practice guidance issued by the House of Bishops. A duty to have due regard to guidance means that a person under that duty is not free to disregard it but is required to follow such guidance unless there are cogent reasons for not doing so. The PCC are committed to the Safeguarding policy, guidance and structures of the church of England and Diocese of Hereford.

Electoral Roll 2022

Members of the Electoral Roll during any part of 2022 are:

- 1 AUER Frances Alexandria Ruth
- 2 BAYLISS Brenda Rosemary
- 3 BISHOP Ann
- 4 CLARKE Elizabeth
- 5 COCKROFT Susan Catherine
- 6 DAVIES Gwendoline May (JEAN)
- 7 DITCHFIELD Margaret Rose
- 8 EDEN John
- 9 ENGLISH Marion Rose
- 10 EVANS Shirley Jane
- 11 EVANS Geoffrey William
- 12 FARLOW Gillian Elizabeth
- 13 GILBERT Dorothy Zoela
- 14 GITTENS Catherine Grace Elizabeth
- 15 GITTENS Sarah Joan
- 16 GOODMAN Susan
- 17 GOODMAN Irene Elizabeth
- 18 GWYNNE Caroline Ellen
- 19 HAMMETT Sarah Jane
- 20 HARDING June Dawn
- 21 HARWOOD Pauline Heather
- 22 HARWOOD Victor
- 23 HEALEY Irene Dorothy
- 24 HUGHES Valerie Mary
- 25 HYDE Leslie Martin
- 26 JONES Dafydd John
- 27 JOSEPH Joan
- 28 KENNETT-WISE John Duncan
- 29 KENNETT-WISE Pamela Jean
- 30 LEESON Nora Betty
- 31 LEWIS Sarah Louise
- 32 LIBBY Ann Josephine
- 33 MARSHALL Paul Zee

- 34 MASON Doris Jean
- 35 MC.CARTHY Claire Deanne
- 36 MERRELL Michelle Lynne
- 37 MERRITT Beverly Anne
- 38 MORRIS Ann Elizabeth
- 39 MUSSELL Irene Christabel
- 40 NEVILL Jackie
- 41 PEMBRIDGE Elizabeth Mary
- 42 PRICE Marlene Mary
- 43 RANYARD Susan
- 44 RAWCLIFFE Deanne Elizabeth
- 45 RAWCLIFFE Geoffrey Norman
- 46 RICKERS Barbara Joan
- 47 RICKERS William Kendall
- 48 ROGERS Margaret Doreen
- 49 SAUNDERS Beris Pamela
- 50 SEYMOUR Janet Ethel
- 51 SHARLAND Joan Margaret
- 52 SHARPE Pamela
- 53 SPICER SCOFIELD Andrea Joy
- 54 SPICER SCOFIELD Marie Louise
- 55 TALBOYS Margaret Edith
- 56 TREHERNE Dianne Margaret
- 57 WALKINGTON Claire
- 58 WARD Gillian Mary
- 59 WARE Julia Dawn
- 60 WATKINS Debra Georgina
- 61 WIGGINS Gaye Clare
- 62 WILCE Clive Anthony
- 63 WILCE Marion Elsie Jean
- 64 WILCE Susan Caroline
- 65 WILCOX Sarah
- 66 WILLIAMS Heather Elizabeth
- 67 WOODCOCK Alison

Churchwardens' Report

In Spring 2022 it was good to be back to normal with steady numbers, the eucharist at the altar and the church open all week. Hudson, a member of Chill'n'Church was a great help as he attended the Sunday Services and was willing to lend a hand with the duties.

Sue Cockroft had a very successful coffee on 18th June and raised money for St Martins. Julia and Irene attended the Churchwardens' Visitation at St Peter's Church on 21st June and found it a very meaningful service.

In September Chill'n'Church members began taking part in Services and at the Pet Service they were very useful in keeping the animals in order. On 22nd September a number attended a First Aid Course arranged by David Bland.

Thirty people came to the church to watch the Queen's Funeral together. In November the hall opened again and thanks are due to those who sorted out the cupboards, washed crockery and cutlery and got everything ready for the various activities. The Uniformed Organisations attended the service on Remembrance Sunday and we had the usual Act of Remembrance in the Churchyard. This was very well attended.

As Pre-School Praise was only attended by one family and this spasmodically it was decided to discontinue.

At Christmas we had a successful Fair and Draw and once again Chill'n'Church members helped.

In January 2023 we had a Jumble Sale to raise money towards the new Hall Boiler.

On 5th March we met Barry Stevens who began his work as Chaplain at the Hereford Academy. We were delighted with the SIAMS report for the Academy and that the part played by St Martins was noted for its impact. Chill'n'Church prepared and led their own service and we hope this will be the first of many.

There was a lunch at the Bishop's Palace to mark the end of the Intergenerational Missioner Project and they shared ideas and various activities they had led. Fortunately David has now a new role as Community Pastor and is continuing Monday Meals, Food Share and Messy Church. He is also involved in helping those in the Three Counties Hotel.

Bible Studies continue on Tuesdays from 1-2 o'clock followed by Coffee Time, and then at 3.30 the Narthex becomes a 'Warm Space' and toasted sandwiches are served.

The Hall has now got a new boiler and water heater.

Thank you to all who help in any way at St Martins and thank you for your faithfulness in attending.

*Julia Ware
Irene Goodman
Churchwardens*

Treasurers Report

We started 2022 with such optimism. Just as we began to ease back into our pre-pandemic activities we had "the fire" which overshadowed everything else last year. The Parish Hall was closed until October whilst remedial works were undertaken; uninsured losses of over £20,000 were incurred due to a change in Fire Regulations. Luckily, we had £20,000 in Property Reserves to cover most of these extra costs. Now we must factor the cost of a new hall boiler (£12,500) into 2023 costings.

There was a surplus of £11,060 for the year, down from £43,408 in 2021. When we factor in the £28,000 in FoodShare Grant funding to be spent within the year this turns into a loss of nearly £17,000. Having spent over £20,000 on fire related costs this is not surprising.

Income:

Receipts for the year were virtually the same as 2021.

Planned Giving was down by £1,000.

Other Voluntary Receipts were up by £6,500 largely due to small FoodShare Grants.

Activities for Generating Funds were down by £7,000:

Gift Day down £1,100, Fundraising down by £820, Parish Hall hires down by £2,400.

Both Fundraising and Hall hire had already been decimated compared to pre-pandemic levels. We received a Grant of £1,200 from the Diocese towards the cost of heating this winter.

A Bonus Ball surplus of £1,300 augmented PCC funds in 2022 largely thanks to Sue Cockroft and her patient record keeping and gentle reminders. Thank you Sue.

Payments:

We increased our Parish Offer in 2022 to £20,000 compared to £16,000 in 2021. Church Running Expenses were up by £5,000 due to FoodShare Grants received and spent. The Hall Maintenance costs were up by £3,000 mainly due to incidental fire related costs.

Church Gas costs doubled from the previous year when we were under lockdown.

Extra costs were incurred upgrading Flat 3 during the 3 month period when it was unoccupied during a changeover of tenancy. We also received no income for the 3 months it was unoccupied.

The growth in our FoodShare activities is undoubtedly a wonderful thing and has increased the St Martin's profile and has been of great benefit to the South Wye community.

Thanks also to Pam Sharpe and Heather Williams for organising and distributing Draw tickets. Thank you also to Jackie Nevill and her team for the ever-popular Christmas Fair.

As long as we continue with our fundraising efforts and have no more major catastrophes I am hoping our finances will remain stable throughout 2023.

Finally, thank you for your continuing support and encouragement throughout the year. It has been very challenging and I really appreciate your kindness.

Gillian Farlow
Treasurer

Return of Parish Finance

January to December 2022

Parish ref :

180075

Parish :

Hereford: St Martin

INCOMING RESOURCES

Voluntary income / receipts		UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)
01	Tax efficient planned giving	17716	—
03	Collections at services	2885	—
04	All other giving and voluntary receipts, including special appeals (recurring and one-off)	4050	2402
06	Gift Aid recovered	5706	—
07	Legacies received (capital value)	—	—
08	Grants (include recurring and one-off)	18589	19400
TOTAL Voluntary income		48947	21802

Activities for generating funds

09	Gross income from fundraising activities	6090	—
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Income from investments

10	Dividends, interest, income from property etc	32796	313
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Church activities

11	Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals etc)	20378	—
12	Gross income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall). NOT fundraising.	5938	70

Other incoming resources

13	Other incoming resources / receipts not already listed	—	—
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TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES (from Financial Statements)

A	Unrestricted	114149
B	Restricted	22185
C	TOTAL	136334

Planned givers and legacies

14	Number of tax efficient planned givers	24
16	Number of new legacies received	0

Your diocese can supply notes to explain what each section is. These are consistent with the guidance provided in PCC accountability, 2017.

Contact (Phone or

Looking back across 2022, were there any exceptional circumstances or significant changes?

A fire in the Parish Hall resulted in closure of the Hall for most of 2022. Due to changes in Fire Regulations a cost of £13,000.
One member of staff is enrolled in the CWPf Pension Builder Scheme. Due to reductions in working hours staff have been depreciated by 25% in line with PCC policy. The FoodShare Current Account includes £26,000 Project S

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RESOURCES EXPENDED

UNRESTRICTED RESTRICTED

Costs of generating income		
17	Fund-raising activities (costs and payments)	976 —
Church activities		
18	Mission giving and donations	47 82
19	Diocesan parish share contribution	20000 —
20	Salaries, wages and honoraria	17513 8030
21	Clergy and staff expenses	75 —
Church expenses		
22	Church expenses: Mission and evangelism costs	— 10697
23	Church running expenses	24668 50
24	Church utility bills	2753 —
25	Costs of trading	20009 —
Major capital expenditure		
27	Major repairs to the church building	— —
28	Major repairs to the church hall or other PCC property, including redecoration	376 20000
29	New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or any other PCC property	— —
SUB-TOTAL for Church activities & expenses		86417 38859
99	Other outgoing resources / payments	— —

TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED (from Financial Statements)			
D	Unrestricted	86416	
E	Restricted	38858	
F	TOTAL	125274	

Cash and investment balances		
31	Cash and deposit balance as at 31st December	33180 60585
32	Investments as at 31st December	— —

Account basis: On which basis are your accounts prepared? (indicate ONE)		
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Date 06 Mar 2023

Name GILLIAN FARLOW

Position HON TREASURER

or E-mail)

ges that may have led to unusual figures? Please provide details in the box below.

we incurred uninsured losses of £22,000 wiping out Reserves. The Hall boiler now requires replacemenr at a further since the COVID restrictions, the overpayment of contributions resulted in a small refund. The FoodShare van has Specific Grand funding to be spent in 2023. Our Charity Commission Registration Number is .1179658.

Receipts and Payments Account

For the period from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Planned giving	17,716	—	—	—	17,716	18,798
Collections and other giving	4,492	—	—	—	4,492	3,703
Other voluntary receipts	2,605	16,619	21,801	—	41,025	34,516
Gift Aid recovered	5,706	—	—	—	5,706	6,307
Other receipts	1,611	—	—	—	1,611	840
Activities for generating funds	5,205	6,535	—	—	11,741	18,223
Investment Income	—	32,796	313	—	33,109	34,554
Receipts from church activities	200	20,659	70	—	20,930	19,348
Total receipts	37,538	76,610	22,184	—	136,333	136,291
Payments						
Cost of generating funds	975	—	—	—	975	1,047
Missionary and Charitable Giving	47	—	81	—	128	975
Parish Share	20,000	—	—	—	20,000	15,999
Clergy and Staffing costs	—	17,587	8,030	—	25,617	25,400
Church Running Expenses	8,084	18,950	10,696	—	37,732	32,403
Hall Running Costs	156	19,852	—	—	20,008	16,616
Church Repairs & Maintenance	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hall Repairs & Maintenance	—	375	20,000	—	20,375	—
New Building work	—	—	—	—	—	—
Governance Costs	135	250	50	—	435	440
Total payments	29,398	57,017	38,858	—	125,274	92,883

Excess of receipts over payments before transfer	8,139	19,593	(16,673)	—	11,059	43,408
<i>Transfers</i>						
Gross transfers between funds - in	16,544	31,710	23,874	—	72,129	120,712
Gross transfers between funds - out	(23,296)	(48,414)	(417)	—	(72,129)	(120,712)
Excess of receipts over payments before other...	1,386	2,889	6,783	—	11,059	43,408
Net movement in funds	1,386	2,889	6,783	—	11,059	43,408
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>						
All assets at 01 January 2022	692,211	16,508	59,401	—	768,121	724,713
All assets at 31 December 2022	693,598	19,397	66,184	—	779,180	768,121

St Martin with St Francis PCC
Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)
As at: 31 December 2022

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed assets - Tangible assets						
2931 : 27 Web Tree Avenue	242,298.00	—	—	—	242,298.00	242,298.00
2932 : 211 Ross Road	137,518.00	—	—	—	137,518.00	137,518.00
2933 : Parish Centre plus 3 flats	300,000.00	—	—	—	300,000.00	300,000.00
2935 : BU15 UHT FoodShare Van	—	—	5,600.00	—	5,600.00	7,490.00
Total	679,816.00	—	5,600.00	—	685,416.00	687,306.00
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
6501 : Lloyds Bank PCC current account	13,377.49	—	225.00	—	13,602.49	12,108.32
6502 : Lloyds Bank Roof current account	405.00	—	—	—	405.00	482.00
6503 : Nat West Bank properties current account	—	13,350.41	300.00	—	13,650.41	30,482.00
6504 : Nat West Bank WBN current account	—	461.95	73.39	—	535.34	7,753.69
6506 : Nat West FoodShare current account	—	—	35,841.04	—	35,841.04	—
6510 : CCLA (CBF) PCC Gen deposit account	—	—	15,279.21	—	15,279.21	15,080.86
6512 : CCLA (CBF) Properties deposit Account	—	—	83.91	—	83.91	83.09
6520 : Santander HSWTM Team Council Account	—	5,585.11	—	—	5,585.11	6,177.49
6525 : CCLA HSWTM Savings Account	—	—	8,782.31	—	8,782.31	8,668.30

6530 : Santander HSWTM Fees Account	—	—	4,010.00	—	4,010.00	3,809.00
Total	13,782.49	19,397.47	64,594.86	—	97,774.82	84,644.75

Liabilities - Agency accounts

6699 : Agency collections	—	—	4,010.00	—	4,010.00	3,829.00
Total	—	—	4,010.00	—	4,010.00	3,829.00
Net total assets	693,598.49	19,397.47	66,184.86	—	779,180.82	768,121.75

Represented by

Unrestricted - General	693,598.49	—	—	—	693,598.49	692,211.67
Designated - Fees	—	—	—	—	—	(20.00)
Designated - WBN	—	461.95	—	—	461.95	168.93
Designated - office	—	5,585.11	—	—	5,585.11	6,177.49

Designated - prop	—	13,350.41	—	—	13,350.41	10,182.00
Restricted - Deposit	—	—	300.00	—	300.00	300.00
Restricted - FoodShare	—	—	41,441.04	—	41,441.04	13,088.41
Restricted - HSWTMRve	—	—	8,782.31	—	8,782.31	8,668.30
Restricted - Missioner	—	—	73.39	—	73.39	1,691.79
Restricted - PCCRve	—	—	15,504.21	—	15,504.21	15,080.86
Restricted - PropRve	—	—	83.91	—	83.91	20,083.09
Restricted - meals	—	—	—	—	—	489.21
Total	693,598.49	19,397.47	66,184.86	—	779,180.82	768,121.75

Team Rector's Report on 2022

In many ways, 2022 was the year of the fire! An overheating extractor fan started a fire in the void above the toilet ceiling. Mercifully the smoke detectors and fire alarms all worked and the residents in the flats evacuated safely. The remedial works were covered by our insurance, but unfortunately the cost of bringing our fire protection up to 2022 standards were not. The hall was out of use for much of the year as the works continued and the impact on our financial situation was considerable. We are grateful to everyone who worked on the hall, especially to Marlene, Rodney and Mick who worked so hard to enable us to reopen.

Mission and Community

Foodshare and Meals Under David Bland's leadership the Foodshare programme continues to develop and success with a number of grant applications has supported the work and enabled the parish to employ David as Community Pastor at the end of 2022 as the IM project drew to a close. A regular pattern of weekly sessions, at the Scout Hut and St Martin's on a Monday and at Belmont Community Centre on a Friday is augmented by the 'as and when' table at St Martin's which is stocked whenever there is produce available and the Community Fridge at Saxon Hall which is used for very short dated items . The chiller van enables the safe storage and distribution of more produce. We have also returned to offering hot meals on a Monday in the Hall, open to a wider group than the previous 'meals for the homeless' model and proving very welcome during the cost of living crisis. We have also registered as a 'Warm Space' and provided a range of extra sessions including cooking classes and pop up foodshares to meet local needs in tough financial times.

Community Engagement Riverside Primary School were able to come to St Martins to explore Baptism and think about what Christians believe and Lauren has become a governor at Riverside. Anne remains a governor at the Hereford Academy and has also joined the governing body of Blackmarston School.

Chill'n'Church Our youth group Chill 'n' Church has continued to meet weekly during term time and has steadily maintained and increased its student numbers, with now around 40 teenagers being registered with us. We continue to focus our games, crafts, and activities on the coming Sunday's lectionary although we do allow for other themes to be incorporated throughout the year.

Food and snacks are always appreciated by the group and it has been particularly wonderful to celebrate so many of their birthdays with them. The teenagers have grown to have a strong commitment to the youth group and confidently identify St. Martin's as being their church. In the summer we were able to host a lovely BBQ for Chill 'n' Church members and some of their family that could attend, the teenagers also enjoyed climbing up to and learning about the organ that evening, and we were greatly thankful to John Eden for doing this with them.

We were also extremely grateful for Sue Cockroft joining us as a core team volunteer and the teenagers really love her help and creativity too. Some Chill 'n' Church members also began to help out at other church events, such as the pet service and Christmas fayre, alongside helping with our Sunday morning worship as altar servers. During each week's youth group session we also continue to hold our daily night prayer service live on Facebook which the teenagers continue to join – and they often log in through the week too. The youth group has expressed enthusiasm for organizing some fundraising events to help towards ongoing costs and potential trips for Chill 'n' Church members.

School Chaplaincy Lauren maintained the Chaplaincy presence in the Hereford Academy through the year, running two lunchtime sessions each week and linking with Chill'n'Church. A Deanery based funding proposal enabled the parish to work towards recruiting and employing Barry Stevens as Chaplain from the beginning of 2023. As whole school collective worship resumed, Lauren and Anne regularly attended on Friday afternoons.

After School Club at St Martin's School Bible Club, a joint programme with Putson Baptist Church, continues to be very popular. Each week the children explore a Bible story through games and crafts. Great thanks are due to the volunteers who regularly support this group.

Young at Heart This friendship group has continued to meet twice monthly, once to enjoy a pub lunch together and with one meeting for games, talks and entertainment.

Tuesday Coffee The Tuesday afternoon coffee group meets each week and provides an important time of fellowship for members and visitors.

Newsletter The weekly newsletter is distributed to over 120 email addresses and 50 copies are delivered by hand or posted. It has enabled us to keep in touch with 'life events' families as well as more established members of our church family. Thank you to those who deliver newsletters each week.

Safeguarding

Through the year Bev Merritt has worked incredibly hard as our Safeguarding Officer. Risk Assessments, safer recruitment and training at different levels for those involved with different areas of work have all been put in place and we are hugely grateful for all of Bev's hard work.

Services and Liturgy

Sunday Services Sunday congregations remain below pre-lockdown levels but are gradually increasing. During 2022 we were able to develop a team of young servers as Cain, Dan and Hudson all offered their time on a Sunday morning. We are hoping that others may join them from the congregation and from Chill n Church and also that we may be able to find better robes for them.

Regular Services The fortnightly communion service at Belmont Community Centre has become established. Holding the service outside often enables people to participate who would not otherwise. Thursday morning Communion at St Martin's has a very small but faithful regular congregation.

Messy Church Through the year Messy Church has returned to something approaching pre-lockdown in style and the community of families that attend regularly are really forming into a congregation. During the summer a series of Messy church walks and picnics were very popular. A group from the Messy Church team attended the International Messy Church conference in Swanwick, which offered lots of inspiration and enthusiasm.

Seasonal Services Easter services were the first for 3 years where we were able to sing in Church and it was lovely to be able to welcome people to a complete set of services for the Triduum. The All Age Harvest Festival was well attended and it was great to welcome the uniformed organisations back again. At Francistide several members of Chill'n'church joined the congregation (two and four legged) for the Pet Service.

Our Act of Remembrance on after the main service on Remembrance Sunday, as well as the services at the War Memorial and in the churchyard on the 11th were very well attended once again. This year we inaugurated the new garden of remembrance for SAS veterans and 4 sets of ashes were interred in November.

At Christmas we enjoyed Carols at the Scout Hut and Belmont Community Centre as well as at St Martin's. The Crib service was well attended and 'midnight' mass at 8pm seemed to suit a lot of people.

Special Occasions Lauren was priested at Petertide and it was lovely that members of the congregation were able to join us in the Cathedral this year. On the 3rd July she presided at the Eucharist for the first time at a lovely and well attended joint service for the Benefice at St Peter's Bullinghope which was followed by a fabulous picnic.

St Martin's also hosted a joint service when Bishop Richard preached and presided on the 4th September.

Two national services, the service of thanksgiving for the Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen and, at the end of the year her funeral service, were shown on a large screen in St Martin's with refreshments afterwards. People were glad to be able to join together to mark these two important although very different occasions.

2022 was the 40th anniversary of the Falklands conflict and this was marked at St Martin's by a number of events and services including a service of Thanksgiving, to which we welcomed family members bereaved by the conflict, veterans and their families, the Lord Lieutenant and a representative of the Falklands Islands government. We also welcomed a number of veterans groups to services through the year including the South Atlantic Medal association and the Welsh Guards.

Prayer and Spirituality

Night Prayer online continues to draw a congregation of more established and newer members of the church.

A Bible study group on Tuesday lunchtimes in St Martin's has become well established.

Events and Fundraising

The loss of the hall affected many of our fundraising activities. The Spring Fair was replaced by an Easter grand draw this year although we were able to return for the Christmas Fair, planned and organised by Jackie Nevill. We ran another gift day in August. Both Gillian Farlow and Sue Cockroft hosted coffee morning fundraisers and we are very grateful to them for their help with this as well as with the bonus ball and other regular fundraising efforts.

Hall Use and Users

Echo, who had been longterm hirers of the 'classroom' restructured their organisation and no longer needed to meet at St Martin's. As the team was evolving we took the opportunity to create a ministry team office and to reorganise the 'choir vestry' for hire as a meeting room, which has worked well so far.

Loss

During the year we were saddened by the deaths Geoff "Gus" Edwards, a stalwart of Scouting and Propus locally, Beris Saunders, a friend and faithful member of our churches for many years and of Sandra Ling a more recent member of our church family. We continue to keep their families in our prayers.

I would like to extend my personal thanks to everyone whose hard work enabled the ministry of the parish to grow this year. Christine and Sharron in the office, who provide so much pastoral as well as administrative support, Lauren whose priestly ministry has been so important, especially to the wedding couples, baptism families and funeral families to whom she ministers with such care, Jackie Nevill for her priestly and organisational skills and gifts which are so important to the benefice, David Bland for his continued work with FoodShare and outreach, Julia Ware and Irene Goodman whose work as Churchwardens is so vital to the life of the Church community, Gillian who has kept us financially secure through such a challenging year, John Eden who serves the parish both as a gifted Musical Director and as secretary to the PCC, all the members of the PCC, the congregations and the wider church family. Thank you all for your support and prayers.

*Anne Dowdeswell
Team Rector*

APCM for Calendar Year 2021
St Martin's, Ross Road, Hereford
Sunday 8th May 2022

Vestry Meeting Agenda

Prayers

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Election of Wardens

APCM Agenda

Minutes of previous meeting

Treasurer's Report included in Annual Report

Churchwardens' and Fabric Report included in Annual Report

Incumbent's Report included in Annual Report

Electoral Roll included in Annual Report

Election of PCC members

Sidesmen and Women

Deanery Synod Representation

Safeguarding Officer

Appointment of External Examiner

A.O.B

**Parish of S Martin, South Wye, Hereford Minutes of EASTER VESTRY
held on Sunday May 8th 2022, 10.45am,
in church following the Parish Eucharist**

Present : Revv Anne Dowdeswell, Lauren Bell: Irene Goodman, Jackie Nevill, Julia Ware, Ann Bishop, Jean Mason, Janet Seymour, Susan Goodman, Pam Sharpe, Bev Merritt, Heather Williams, D J Jones, Marlene Price, Joan Joseph, June Harding, Geoff Rawcliffe, Deanne Rawcliffe, Sue Cockroft, Julia Ware, Gillian Farlow, Clive Wilce, Marion Wilce, Gaye Wiggins, Jean Davies.

Apologies: John Eden

The Meeting opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the meeting held on Sunday 25th October 2021 at St Martin's Church were approved.

Election of Churchwardens

There were two nominations - **Irene Goodman** and **Julia Ware**, both consented to their nomination and continuation in office. The meeting **APPROVED** the election of Irene and Julia. AD thanked the wardens for the work they had done and continue to maintain parish and church life through the current COVID pandemic. Support regarding the reopening of the church to public worship was particularly appreciated.

The APCM for the Parish of S Martin, South Wye, Hereford followed immediately

**Minutes of ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETING for the Parish of S Martin,
South Wye held on Sunday May 8th 2022,
immediately following the Easter Vestry meeting.**

Present : Revv Anne Dowdeswell, Lauren Bell: Irene Goodman, Jackie Nevill, Julia Ware, Ann Bishop, Jean Mason, Janet Seymour, Susan Goodman, Pam Sharpe, Bev Merritt, Heather Williams, D J Jones, Marlene Price, Joan Joseph, June Harding, Geoff Rawcliffe, Deanne Rawcliffe, Sue Cockroft, Julia Ware, Gillian Farlow, Clive Wilce, Marion Wilce, Gaye Wiggins, Jean Davies.

Apologies: John Eden

1. The Rector opened the APCM, and the minutes of the meeting held on Monday May 10th 2021 were **APPROVED** and signed. Proposed: **Irene Goodman** Seconded: **Clive Wilce**. All in favour.

The Rector referred to the complete document, circulated in advance of the meeting, containing the Rector's Report, the Financial Report, including the Return of Parish Finance and the Independent Examiner's Report, and the Churchwardens' Report.

2. Treasurer's Report (pages 6 & 7 of Annual Report)

Gillian Farlow referred to her report, which showed St Martin's was in good financial position, having secured a number of grants from Herefordshire Council related to the COVID situation, and securing a number of savings related to ongoing expenditure. Gillian F thanked everyone in the parish for their support, both financial, and practical. We had built up sizeable reserves, and reported a healthy surplus to end of 2021 (£43000 - which included legacies) however, the 'rainy day fund' was now likely to be heavily drawn upon, following the Hall fire and associated uninsured losses. We also received £10k for the purchase and operation of a refrigerated vehicle to use in connection with FoodShare. The PCC had reduced its 'Parish Offer' during the COVID crisis, as trading was non-existent and income through services, events and fees were very much reduced. The Christmas Fayre, and the Bonus Ball scheme have been very useful sources of revenue, and continue to be so.

AD thanked Gillian for her hard work and perseverance throughout a very challenging period, and asked that the meeting :

- (a) Accept the Accounts (previously approved by the PCC)
 - (b) Note the Return of Parish Finance, to be submitted to the Diocese
- Outcome : **Accepted**, with no objections.

The meeting applauded GF's efforts.

3. Churchwardens' Report Irene Goodman referred to, and read the Churchwardens' Report as it appears on page 5 of the reports document. Outcome: **Accepted**, no objections.

AD thanked the Churchwardens for their help, support and commitment over the last year.

4. Rector's Report AD referred to her report, contained in the document previously circulated, page 15-19, and expressed thanks to those who worked

towards re-establishing clubs, activities and meeting as well as services, following the easing of restrictions. Precautions are still in place, especially around distribution of communion and movement within the building. Sue Goodman commented on Jo Child's leaving the Parish, where she had been well liked and was much missed. AD said that in a forthcoming Magazine, there would be a thank you note from Jo, which she has recently sent. AD commented that Jo's valedictory collection had been given to the St Martin's FoodShare project, as requested by her.

5. Electoral Roll The latest Electoral Roll is available and data submitted to the Diocese as part of the Annual Return. The number on roll is currently 69.

6. Election of PCC The following had valid and complete nomination forms submitted prior to the APCM: John Eden, Gillian Farlow, Irene Goodman, Geoff Rawcliffe, Julia Ware, Bev Merritt, Clive Wilce

It was proposed by **Sue Cockroft** and seconded by **Deanne Rawcliffe** that all nominees be elected 'en bloc' to serve for a further year.

Outcome: **All elected, all agreed, no abstentions.**

7. Sidesmen/women : This parish does not elect to this role

8. Deanery Synod Representative : Bev Merritt is content to continue, subject to the consent of the meeting.

Outcome : **All in favour/agreed**

9. Child Protection Representative (actually Child and Vulnerable Persons Officer) Bev Merritt has taken up the role and been trained at Diocesan Levels. (assumed role January 2022, upon retirement from her employment.) The meeting **approved** Bev Merritt continuing as CVPO for 2022/23.

10. External Examiner Jane Hicks, a Public Sector Accountant, has undertaken the Independent Examination of Accounts for 2021, and is content to continue for a further year. She had received a fee and donated 50% back to the Parish. The Meeting agreed to send flowers to thank Jane for her work and generosity. All **agreed** for her appointment for 2022.

11. Any other business

There being none...

Meeting closed with prayer at 11.25am