

ST GILES' CHURCH, DESBOROUGH

England & Wales · Charity number 1183557

Details

Other names ST GILES ANGLICAN METHODIST CHURCH

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2019-05-23

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSE OF THE CHARITY IS TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF THE PARTICIPATING CHURCHES. IN ACHIEVING ITS PURPOSE, THE CHARITY WILL ENGAGE IN A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES, EITHER ON ITS OWN OR WITH OTHERS, INCLUDING (BUT NOT RESTRICTED TO): A) THE CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC WORSHIP; B) THE TEACHING OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH; C) MISSION AND EVANGELISM; D) PASTORAL WORK, INCLUDING VISITING THE SICK AND THE BEREAVED; E) THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES WITH CHRISTIAN ETHOS FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, INCLUDING (BUT NOT RESTRICTED TO) THE ELDERLY, THE YOUNG AND OTHER GROUPS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS; AND F) THE SUPPORT OF OTHER CHARITIES IN THE UK AND OVERSEAS.

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Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£112,329	£110,691	-	-
2024-12-31	£126,308	£126,989	-	-
2023-12-31	£118,527	£118,032	-	-
2022-12-31	£105,287	£110,284	-	-
2021-12-31	£102,991	£91,928	-	-
2020-12-31	£97,244	£92,980	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Hannah Mary Jeffery	Chair	2016-09-01
ALAN JAMES WINDOW		2022-04-28
ANN WINDOW		2019-03-01
Carolyn Rice		2019-03-01
Catherine Joan Smith		2016-09-01
Clare Walters		2024-04-24
DAVID CHARLES COX		2019-03-01
Jeffrey Martin Lawrence		2020-09-20
Jo-Anne Moore		2021-04-29
June Mary Pereira		2022-04-28
Karen Elaine Dougan-Mabbutt		2016-09-01
Katie elizabeth Steel		2016-09-01
Kim Louise Rowbotham		2021-05-29
Leigh Kenward		2023-04-24
Lisa Rachel Spreakley		2024-04-24
PAULINE CLARKE Mrs		2016-09-01
Peter Shuker		2016-09-01
Philip Rice		2016-09-01
Rev Andrew Farrington		2023-04-24
Rev Neil Malcolm Clarke		2016-09-01
Rev Noel Nhariswa		2022-04-28
Steven Burt		2019-03-01
Timothy David Jeffery		2020-09-20
Wendy Doreen Steel		2020-09-20

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St Giles Church AGM Minutes 2025

Sunday 18th May 2025 10.00 am

1. Opening Prayer

Revd Hannah Jeffery opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Appointment of Chairpersons

Revd Hannah Jeffery & Revd Noel Nhariswa were appointed joint chairs to the meeting. Proposed by Neil Clarke, seconded by Alan Window and unanimously approved.

3. Appointment of AGM Secretary

Katie Steel was appointed secretary to the AGM. Proposed by Hannah Jeffery, seconded by Alan Window and unanimously approved.

4. Attendance and Apologies for absence

Present

Revd Hannah Jeffery	Revd Noel Nhariswa	Martin Lawrence	Samuel Steel
Katie Steel	Peter Shuker	Wendy Steel	Philip Rice
Lisa Spreckley	Alison Wilson	Carolyn Rice	Cath Smith
Tim Jeffery	Ann Window	Roy Perry	Amelia Underwood
Pauline Clarke	Alan Window	Angela Lloyd	Revd Jo Giles
Gwen Hurst	Stella Freeman	Steve Burt	Rachel Limmage
Joyce Parish	Kim Rowbotham	Nicky Winch	Jo Moore
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Linda Kenward	Leigh Kenward	David Cox	David Boyer
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Apologies

Karen Dougan-Mabbutt Karen Lennox Andy Murphy

5. Minutes of the last meeting

With no amendments, the minutes of the meeting dated Wednesday 24th April 2024 were signed as a true record. Proposed by Linda Kenward, seconded by Pauline Clarke and unanimously approved.

6. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

7. Election of Trustee Members

The following people were duly elected as Trustee members.

Nominee

David Cox
Karen Dougan-Mabbutt
Kim Rowbotham
Peter Shuker

Proposed By:

Martin Lawrence
Katie Steel
Tony Walters
Kim Rowbotham

Seconded by:

Margaret Panter
Ann Window
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8. Election of Church Wardens

The following people were duly elected as Church Wardens.

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Pauline Clarke	Alan Window	Ann Window
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There were no nominations. Alan Window continues to serve in this role.

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Due to the size of the East Mercia circuit, it was agreed that 2 stewards from St Giles would be the reps. Therefore, Peter Shuker and Ann Window were unanimously elected as Representatives to the Circuit Meeting.

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14. Election of Methodist Church Council

The following people were duly elected to the Methodist Church Council.

Nominee	Proposed By:	Seconded by:
Karen Dougan-Mabbutt	Katie Steel	Linda Kenward
David Cox	Helen Burt	Katie Steel
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15. Deanery Synod Report

There were no questions regarding the circulated deanery synod report.

16. Church Fabric Report

There were no questions regarding the circulated fabric report.

17. Church Lands Report

There were no questions regarding the circulated church lands report.

18. Desborough Town Lands & Loakes' Charity Trust Report

There were no questions regarding the circulated town lands & Loakes charity report.

19. Church Membership Report

The St Giles membership figures are as follows:
Anglican: 6, Methodist: 1, Joint: 151, **Total: 158**

20. Finance Report

(a. presentation of the accounts, b. adoption of accounts and c. appointment of an independent examiner)

a. Thanks were extended to all the church's givers. The church continues to give away 5% despite just braking even. In the future it is hoped that reliance on the festival income would be reduced.

b. The accounts were proposed by Linda Kenward, seconded by Carolyn Rice and unanimously approved.

c. Bill Featherstone has offered to continue in this role for one more year. Therefore, the appointment of Bill Featherstone as independent examiners was proposed by Eric Lennox, seconded by Steve Burt and unanimously approved.

21. Safeguarding

There were no questions or comments regarding safeguarding. Pauline Clarke reported that all DBS checks, safeguarding training and risk assessments are all up to date. There have been no referrals this year. Pauline extended thanks to Leigh Kenward for his work as deputy safeguarding officer.

22. Health and Safety

There were no questions regarding Health & Safety.

23. Reports from the Organisations

There were no questions regarding the reports from organisations.

24. Report from the Rector

There were no questions regarding the Rector's report.

25. Report from the Minister

There were no questions regarding the Minister's report.

26. AOB

There were no matters of AOB.

With no other business the meeting with prayer.

Signed:

Date:

Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Designated	Total 2025	Total 2024
See Notes	1	2	3	7		
Receipts						
Voluntary income	84,135.59	60.00			84,195.59	97,703
Activities for generating funds	4,799.20			11,044.72	15,843.92	16,752
Income from Church activities	7,165.73				7,165.73	6,474
Investment income	948.44	3,731.17	75.69	7.80	4,763.10	4,844
Other	688.12				688.12	635
Total receipts	97,737.08	3,791.17	75.69	11,052.52	112,656.46	126,408
Payments						
Fundraising costs				1,391.15	1,391.15	1,363
Charitable activities	5,600.39				5,600.39	6,224
Ministry	69,419.15				69,419.15	73,116
Church maintenance	24,101.28				24,101.28	39,741
Administration	9,555.06	179.00			9,734.06	6,252
Other	601.51				601.51	292
Total payments	109,277.39	179.00		1,391.15	110,847.54	126,989
Net receipts against payments	(11,540.31)	3,612.17	75.69	9,661.37	1,808.92	(581)
Transfers between funds	10,289.65			(10,289.65)		
Net after transfers	(1,250.66)	3,612.17	75.69	(628.28)	1,808.92	(581)
Recognised gains/(losses) on investments			(2,386.80)		(2,386.80)	1,336
Net Income/(Expenditure)	(1,250.66)	3,612.17	(2,311.11)	(628.28)	(577.88)	755
Funds B/f at 1st Jan 2025 [Note 5]	43,653.54	29,990.48	61,375.40	24,132.32	159,151.74	158,397
Funds C/f at 31st Dec 2025 [Note 5]	42,402.88	33,602.65	59,064.29	23,504.04	158,573.86	159,152

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Cash Funds:		
Bank accounts [see Note 4A]		83,130.61
CBF Deposit Fund		39,567.09
Cash		13.87
		122,711.57
Investment Assets:		119,410
CBF Investment Fund - Income Units		57,316.01
		59,703
Net Current Receivables/(Payables)		(16,709.87)
		(16,604)
Specific Reserves		
Music Fund		(185.83)
Holiday Club Fund		(393.41)
Anniversary Window Fund		(56.27)
Memorial Garden Fund		(4,108.34)
		(3,278)
Total Assets		158,573.86
		159,152

Note 1: Analysis of General [Unrestricted] Fund Receipts and Payments

			2025	2024
Planned giving			61,206.47	61,667
Tax recovered			13,766.67	17,419
Loose collections			5,861.66	7,128
Donations			3,300.79	11,286
Total voluntary income			84,135.59	97,500
Community centre hire			4,199.20	5,891
Donations in lieu of centre hire			600.00	448
Activities for generating funds			4,799.20	6,339
Flower festival			1,914.48	1,404
Weddings			1,917.00	2,596
Funerals			2,496.00	2,319
Other activities			838.25	156
Income from church activities			7,165.73	6,474
Church lands			683.76	635
Miscellaneous income			4.36	
Business continuity grant				
Other income			688.12	635
Donations made [see Note 4D]			5,550.19	6,224
Friday family fun			(218.43)	
Junior Church / Tiny Tots / Bubble Church			268.63	
Charitable activities			5,600.39	6,224
Parish share			51,065.00	51,641
Methodist assessment			16,800.00	16,356
Bereavement Counsellor			600.00	3,600
Clergy expenses (net)			954.15	1,519
Ministry			69,419.15	73,116
	Church	Centre		
Gas	1,823.27	1,966.45	3,789.72	5,126
Electricity	1,376.94	2,101.08	3,478.02	3,897
Insurance	3,185.96	1,515.69	4,701.65	4,506
Repairs and maintenance	10,319.75	(776.13)	9,543.62	20,839
Clock				313
Lighting				
Altar	425.49		425.49	547
Organ	237.11		237.11	447
Business Rates		216.13	216.13	346
Cleaning		201.70	201.70	2,290
Telephone		511.84	511.84	490
Water		996.00	996.00	940
Miscellaneous				
Church maintenance	17,368.52	6,732.76	24,101.28	39,741
Postage and stationery			500.29	1,050
Photocopiers			821.33	927
Music			563.69	677
Youth			571.69	518
Administrator and secretary			7,051.93	2,837
Card Fees			46.13	83
Publicity				
Administration			9,555.06	6,092
Awards and Gifts			(59.00)	
Miscellaneous			660.51	292
Other Expenditure			601.51	292

Note 2: Restricted Funds

	Bell	Fabric	Totals
Funds brought forward 1st Jan. 2025	9,539.36	20,451.12	29,990.48
Voluntary income	60.00		60.00
Investment income	416.98	3,314.19	3,731.17
Other			
Total receipts	<u>476.98</u>	<u>3,314.19</u>	<u>3,791.17</u>
Payments			
Fund raising costs			
Charitable activities			
Ministry			
Fabric maintenance			
Administration	179.00		179.00
Other			
Total payments	<u>179.00</u>	<u> </u>	<u>179.00</u>
Net receipts against payments	<u>297.98</u>	<u>3,314.19</u>	<u>3,612.17</u>
Transfers between funds			
Funds carried forward 31st Dec 2025	<u>9,837.34</u>	<u>23,765.31</u>	<u>33,602.65</u>

Note 3: Endowment Funds

	Slow	Tailby	Totals
Funds brought forward 1st Jan. 2025	59,702.81	1,672.59	61,375.40
Voluntary income			
Investment income		75.69	75.69
Other			
Total receipts	<u> </u>	<u>75.69</u>	<u>75.69</u>
Payments			
Fund raising costs			
Charitable activities			
Ministry			
Church maintenance			
Administration			
Other			
Total payments	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Net receipts against payments	<u> </u>	<u>75.69</u>	<u>75.69</u>
Transfers between funds			
Recognised gains on investments	(2,386.80)		(2,386.80)
Funds carried forward 31st Dec 2025	<u>57,316.01</u>	<u>1,748.28</u>	<u>59,064.29</u>

Note 4: Other Financial Analyses

A: Bank Accounts

The balances of the several bank accounts of the Church are as follows:-

	2025	2024
General Fund - Santander	31,611.60	29,125
General Fund - Lloyds	374.34	3,571
General Fund - Lloyds Deposit	31,856.79	30,908
Bell Fund	9,837.34	9,539
Events	7,117.24	7,678
Holiday Club	585.02	653
Printers		
Tailby Fund	1,748.28	1,673
	<u>83,130.61</u>	<u>83,148</u>

B: Money raised at Church Festivals (net of expenses)

Flower Festival	1,914.48	1,404
Barrows and Baskets	2,090.58	1,805
Christmas Tree Festival	7,177.38	7,107
	<u>11,182.44</u>	<u>10,316</u>

C: The clergy expenses for St Giles are shown net of the expenses (and refunds of those expenses) made by the other three parishes. This means the amount of clergy expenses for St Giles are clearly seen.

D: Donations

	Ex Designated Funds	Ex General Funds	Total
General		2,938.00	
Mustard Seed Appeal			
Diocese in Europe			
CAP			
Funerals			
RC Kettering Huxloe - Agona Swedru, Ghana			
Hannah's Bike Ride for Daisy		1,050.00	
Love in Action			
Royal British Legion		968.19	
MWIB (Sunshine)			
Bishop's Charities			
Childrens Society		200.00	
Ukraine			
WATOTO Childcare		394.00	
Womens World Day of Prayer			
Methodist Church Misson Fund			
Civic Service			
Memorial Garden			
Cransley Hospice			
Christian Aid			
	<u>5,550.19</u>	<u>5,550.19</u>	

Note 5: Analysis of Assets, Liabilities and Specific Reserves at 1st January 2025 and 31st December 2025

	<u>B/F at 01/01/25</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>
Bank Accounts:					
Bells	9,539.36			9,539.36	
CCLA (Bequests/Fabric)	36,252.90		15,801.78	20,451.12	
Endowment - Slow	59,702.81				59,702.81
Endowment - Tailby	1,672.59				1,672.59
Events	7,677.64		7,677.64		
Holiday Club	652.90		652.90		
Lloyds	3,571.35	3,571.35			
Lloyds Deposit	30,908.35	30,908.35			
Printers					
Santander	29,125.49	29,125.49			
Cash:					
Cash	9.60	9.60			
Debtors/Creditors:					
Accounts Receivable/Prepayments	4,150.00	4,150.00			
Accounts Payable/Accruals	(20,753.83)	(20,753.83)			
Specific Reserves:					
Music Fund	(22.81)	(22.81)			
Holiday Club Fund					
Anniversary Window Fund	(56.27)	(56.27)			
Memorial Garden Fund	(3,278.34)	(3,278.34)			
	159,151.74	43,653.54	24,132.32	29,990.48	61,375.40

	<u>C/F at 31/12/25</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>
Bank Accounts:					
Bells	9,837.34			9,837.34	
CCLA (Bequests/Fabric)	39,567.09		15,801.78	23,765.31	
Endowment - Slow	57,316.01				57,316.01
Endowment - Tailby	1,748.28				1,748.28
Events	7,117.24		7,117.24		
Holiday Club	585.02		585.02		
Lloyds	374.34	374.34			
Lloyds Deposit	31,856.79	31,856.79			
Printers					
Santander	31,611.60	31,611.60			
Cash:					
Cash	13.87	13.87			
Debtors/Creditors:					
Accounts Receivable/Prepayments	7,738.03	7,738.03			
Accounts Payable/Accruals	(24,447.90)	(24,447.90)			
Specific Reserves:					
Music Fund	(185.83)	(185.83)			
Holiday Club Fund	(393.41)	(393.41)			
Anniversary Window Fund	(56.27)	(56.27)			
Memorial Garden Fund	(4,108.34)	(4,108.34)			
	158,573.86	42,402.88	23,504.04	33,602.65	59,064.29

Note 7: Designated Funds

	Bequests	Events	Holiday Club	Printers	Totals
Funds brought forward 1st Jan. 2025	15,801.78	7,677.64	652.90	0.00	24,132.32
Voluntary income					0.00
Activities for generating funds		10,179.82	864.90		11,044.72
Income from Church activities					0.00
Investment income			7.80		7.80
Other					0.00
Total receipts	<u>0.00</u>	<u>10,179.82</u>	<u>872.70</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>11,052.52</u>
Fund raising costs		911.86	479.29		1,391.15
Charitable activities [see note 5]					0.00
Ministry					0.00
Church maintenance					0.00
Administration					0.00
Total payments	<u>0.00</u>	<u>911.86</u>	<u>479.29</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,391.15</u>
Net receipts/(payments)	0.00	9,267.96	393.41	0.00	9,661.37
Transfers between funds		(9,828.36)	(461.29)		(10,289.65)
Funds carried forward 31st Dec 2025	<u>15,801.78</u>	<u>7,117.24</u>	<u>585.02</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>23,504.04</u>

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
St Giles Anglican and Methodist Church, Desborough**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the St Giles Anglican and Methodist Church Desborough for the year ended 31st December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the church, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Church as required by section 130 of the Act; 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 of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Signed: 

Name: Peter Borley-Cox BA (Hons) FCMA CGMA

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies: Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

Address: 22 Cedrus Court, Northampton, NN2 8EU

Date: 12th April, 2026

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Kim Rowbotham	Tony Walters	Clare Walters

14. Election of Methodist Church Council

The following people were duly elected to the Methodist Church Council.

Nominee	Proposed By:	Seconded by:
Karen Dougan-Mabbutt	Katie Steel	Linda Kenward
David Cox	Helen Burt	Katie Steel
Kim Rowbotham	Tony Walters	Clare Walters

15. Deanery Synod Report

There were no questions regarding the circulated deanery synod report.

16. Church Fabric Report

There were no questions regarding the circulated fabric report.

17. Church Lands Report

There were no questions regarding the circulated church lands report.

18. Desborough Town Lands & Loakes' Charity Trust Report

There were no questions regarding the circulated town lands & Loakes charity report.

19. Church Membership Report

The St Giles membership figures are as follows:
Anglican: 6, Methodist: 1, Joint: 151, **Total: 158**

20. Finance Report

(a. presentation of the accounts, b. adoption of accounts and c. appointment of an independent examiner)

a. Thanks were extended to all the church's givers. The church continues to give away 5% despite just braking even. In the future it is hoped that reliance on the festival income would be reduced.

b. The accounts were proposed by Linda Kenward, seconded by Carolyn Rice and unanimously approved.

c. Bill Featherstone has offered to continue in this role for one more year. Therefore, the appointment of Bill Featherstone as independent examiners was proposed by Eric Lennox, seconded by Steve Burt and unanimously approved.

21. Safeguarding

There were no questions or comments regarding safeguarding. Pauline Clarke reported that all DBS checks, safeguarding training and risk assessments are all up to date. There have been no referrals this year. Pauline extended thanks to Leigh Kenward for his work as deputy safeguarding officer.

22. Health and Safety

There were no questions regarding Health & Safety.

23. Reports from the Organisations

There were no questions regarding the reports from organisations.

24. Report from the Rector

There were no questions regarding the Rector's report.

25. Report from the Minister

There were no questions regarding the Minister's report.

26. AOB

There were no matters of AOB.

With no other business the meeting with prayer.

Signed:

Date:

Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Designated	Total 2024	Total 2023
See Notes	1	2	3	7		
Receipts						
Voluntary income	97,499.93	203.00			97,702.93	91,435
Activities for generating funds	6,339.00			10,313.13	16,652.13	14,188
Income from Church activities	6,473.66				6,473.66	9,280
Investment income	908.35	3,844.21	84.30	7.27	4,844.13	2,934
Other	634.68				634.68	689
Total receipts	111,855.62	4,047.21	84.30	10,320.40	126,307.53	118,527
Payments						
Fundraising costs				1,363.25	1,363.25	1,317
Charitable activities	6,223.73				6,223.73	7,744
Ministry	73,116.36				73,116.36	70,995
Church maintenance	39,740.96				39,740.96	31,888
Administration	6,091.92	160.00			6,251.92	5,196
Other	292.46				292.46	892
Total payments	125,465.43	160.00		1,363.25	126,988.68	118,032
Net receipts against payments	(13,609.81)	3,887.21	84.30	8,957.15	(681.15)	495
Transfers between funds	20,257.17			(20,257.17)		
Net after transfers	6,647.36	3,887.21	84.30	(11,300.02)	(681.15)	495
Gains/(Losses) on investments			1,335.93		1,335.93	5,379
Net Income/(Expenditure)	6,647.36	3,887.21	1,420.23	(11,300.02)	654.78	5,874
Funds B/f at 1st Jan 2024 [Note 5]	37,006.18	26,103.27	59,955.17	35,332.34	158,396.96	152,523
Funds C/f at 31st Dec 2024 [Note 5]	43,653.54	29,990.48	61,375.40	24,032.32	159,051.74	158,397

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Cash Funds:						
Bank accounts [see Note 4A]					83,047.68	87,805
CBF Deposit Fund					36,252.90	32,871
Cash					9.60	11
					119,310.18	120,687
Investment Assets:						
CBF Investment Fund - Income Units					59,702.81	58,367
Net Current Receivables/(Payables)					(16,603.83)	(17,335)
Specific Reserves						
Music Fund					(22.81)	(458)
Anniversary Window Fund					(56.27)	(56)
Memorial Garden Fund					(3,278.34)	(2,808)
Total Assets					159,051.74	158,397

Note 1: Analysis of General [Unrestricted] Fund Receipts and Payments

			2024	2023
Planned giving			61,667.49	59,462
Tax recovered			17,418.59	12,299
Loose collections			7,127.54	6,347
Donations			11,286.31	12,942
Total voluntary income			97,499.93	91,050
Community centre hire			5,891.00	5,015
Donations in lieu of centre hire			448.00	112
Activities for generating funds			6,339.00	5,127
Flower festival			1,403.55	2,064
Weddings			2,595.60	3,100
Funerals			2,318.80	3,707
Other activities			155.71	410
Income from church activities			6,473.66	9,280
Church lands			634.68	684
Miscellaneous income				5
Business continuity grant				
Other income			634.68	689
Donations made [see Note 4D]			6,223.73	7,744
Friday family fun				
Mini church				
Charitable activities			6,223.73	7,744
Parish share			51,641.00	50,544
Methodist assessment			16,356.00	15,697
Bereavement Counsellor			3,600.00	3,600
Clergy expenses (net)			1,519.36	1,154
Ministry			73,116.36	70,995
	Church	Centre		
Gas	2,423.22	2,702.55	5,125.77	4,640
Electricity	1,735.17	2,162.25	3,897.42	3,690
Insurance	3,080.87	1,425.31	4,506.18	4,326
Repairs and maintenance	19,062.09	1,777.13	20,839.22	13,431
Clock	313.20		313.20	
Lighting				
Altar	546.55		546.55	421
Organ	447.38		447.38	213
Business Rates		345.81	345.81	
Cleaning		2,289.59	2,289.59	3,679
Telephone		489.84	489.84	457
Water		940.00	940.00	603
Miscellaneous				
Church maintenance	<u>27,608.48</u>	<u>12,132.48</u>	39,740.96	31,462
Postage and stationery			1,049.50	912
Photocopiers			927.16	97
Music			677.27	465
Youth			517.99	159
Administrator and secretary			2,837.40	3,023
Card Fees			82.60	112
Publicity				
Administration			6,091.92	4,767
Awards and Gifts				
Miscellaneous			292.46	892
Other Expenditure			292.46	892

Note 2: Restricted Funds

	Bell	Fabric	Totals
Funds brought forward 1st Jan. 2024	9,034.26	17,069.01	26,103.27
Voluntary income	203.00		203.00
Investment income	462.10	3,382.11	3,844.21
Other			
Total receipts	<u>665.10</u>	<u>3,382.11</u>	<u>4,047.21</u>
Payments			
Fund raising costs			
Charitable activities			
Ministry			
Fabric maintenance			
Administration	160.00		160.00
Other			
Total payments	<u>160.00</u>	<u></u>	<u>160.00</u>
Net receipts against payments	<u>505.10</u>	<u>3,382.11</u>	<u>3,887.21</u>
Transfers between funds			
Funds carried forward 31st Dec 2024	<u>9,539.36</u>	<u>20,451.12</u>	<u>29,990.48</u>

Note 3: Endowment Funds

	Slow	Tailby	Totals
Funds brought forward 1st Jan. 2024	58,366.88	1,588.29	59,955.17
Voluntary income			
Investment income		84.30	84.30
Other			
Total receipts	<u></u>	<u>84.30</u>	<u>84.30</u>
Payments			
Fund raising costs			
Charitable activities			
Ministry			
Church maintenance			
Administration			
Other			
Total payments	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
Net receipts against payments	<u></u>	<u>84.30</u>	<u>84.30</u>
Transfers between funds			
Recognised gains on investments	1,335.93		1,335.93
Funds carried forward 31st Dec 2024	<u>59,702.81</u>	<u>1,672.59</u>	<u>61,375.40</u>

Note 4: Other Financial Analyses

A: Bank Accounts

The balances of the several bank accounts of the Church are as follows:-

	2024	2023
General Fund - Santander	29,125.49	41,014
General Fund - Lloyds	3,571.35	16,638
General Fund - Lloyds Deposit	30,908.35	
Bell Fund	9,539.36	9,034
Events	7,677.64	18,496
Holiday Club	552.90	508
Printers		526
Tailby Fund	1,672.59	1,588
	<u>83,047.68</u>	<u>87,805</u>

B: Money raised at Church Festivals (net of expenses)

Flower Festival	1,403.55	2,064
Barrows and Baskets	1,805.46	1,645
Christmas Tree Festival	7,106.95	6,026
	<u>10,315.96</u>	<u>9,734</u>

C: The clergy expenses for St Giles are shown net of the expenses (and refunds of those expenses) made by the other three parishes. This means the amount of clergy expenses for St Giles are clearly seen.

D: Donations

	Ex Designated Funds	Ex General Funds	Total
General		4,102.00	
Mustard Seed Appeal			
Diocese in Europe			
CAP			
Funerals			
RC Kettering Huxloe - Agona Swedru, Ghana			
Love in Action			
British Legion			
MWIB (Sunshine)			
Bishop's Charities			
Childrens Society		300.00	
Ukraine			
WATOTO Childcare		1,781.73	
Womens World Day of Prayer			
Methodist Church Misson Fund		40.00	
Civic Service			
Memorial Garden			
Cransley Hospice			
Christian Aid			
		<u>6,223.73</u>	<u>6,223.73</u>

Note 5: Analysis of Assets, Liabilities and Specific Reserves at 1st January 2024 and 31st December 2024

	<u>B/F at 01/01/24</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>
Bank Accounts:					
Bells	9,034.26			9,034.26	
CCLA (Bequests/Fabric)	32,870.79		15,801.78	17,069.01	
Endowment - Slow	58,366.88				58,366.88
Endowment - Tailby	1,588.29				1,588.29
Events	18,496.09		18,496.09		
Holiday Club	508.16		508.16		
Lloyds	16,638.37	16,638.37			
Lloyds Deposit					
Printers	526.31		526.31		
Santander	41,013.85	41,013.85			
Cash:					
Cash	10.75	10.75			
Debtors/Creditors:					
Accounts Receivable/Prepayments	2,493.67	2,493.67			
Accounts Payable/Accruals	(19,828.70)	(19,828.70)			
Specific Reserves:					
Music Fund	(457.70)	(457.70)			
Anniversary Window Fund	(56.27)	(56.27)			
Memorial Garden Fund	(2,807.79)	(2,807.79)			
	<u>158,396.96</u>	<u>37,006.18</u>	<u>35,332.34</u>	<u>26,103.27</u>	<u>59,955.17</u>
	<u>C/F at 31/12/24</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>
Bank Accounts:					
Bells	9,539.36			9,539.36	
CCLA (Bequests/Fabric)	36,252.90		15,801.78	20,451.12	
Endowment - Slow	59,702.81				59,702.81
Endowment - Tailby	1,672.59				1,672.59
Events	7,677.64		7,677.64		
Holiday Club	552.90		552.90		
Lloyds	3,571.35	3,571.35			
Lloyds Deposit	30,908.35	30,908.35			
Printers					
Santander	29,125.49	29,125.49			
Cash:					
Cash	9.60	9.60			
Debtors/Creditors:					
Accounts Receivable/Prepayments	4,150.00	4,150.00			
Accounts Payable/Accruals	(20,753.83)	(20,753.83)			
Specific Reserves:					
Music Fund	(22.81)	(22.81)			
Anniversary Window Fund	(56.27)	(56.27)			
Memorial Garden Fund	(3,278.34)	(3,278.34)			
	<u>159,051.74</u>	<u>43,653.54</u>	<u>24,032.32</u>	<u>29,990.48</u>	<u>61,375.40</u>

Note 7: Designated Funds

	Bequests	Events	Holiday Club	Printers	Totals
Funds brought forward 1st Jan. 2024	15,801.78	18,496.09	508.16	526.31	35,332.34
Voluntary income					0.00
Activities for generating funds		9,646.32	666.81		10,313.13
Income from Church activities					0.00
Investment income			7.27		7.27
Other					0.00
Total receipts	<u>0.00</u>	<u>9,646.32</u>	<u>674.08</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>10,320.40</u>
Fund raising costs		733.91	629.34		1,363.25
Charitable activities [see note 5]					0.00
Ministry					0.00
Church maintenance					0.00
Administration					0.00
Total payments	<u>0.00</u>	<u>733.91</u>	<u>629.34</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,363.25</u>
Net receipts/(payments)	0.00	8,912.41	44.74	0.00	8,957.15
Transfers between funds		#####	0.00	(526.31)	#####
Funds carried forward 31st Dec 2024	<u>15,801.78</u>	<u>7,677.64</u>	<u>552.90</u>	<u>(0.00)</u>	<u>24,032.32</u>

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31st July 2025

To the Trustees of St Giles Church Desborough:

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I have examined the attached Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities for St Giles Church Desborough for the year ended 31st December 2024 with the books and records produced to me by the Honorary Treasurer and confirm them to be in accordance therewith.

The Statement of Assets and Liabilities sets out the position of St Giles Church Desborough as at 31st December 2024 and the Receipts and Payments Account shows the Income and Expenditure arising during the year to 31st December 2024.



Eric G Lennox BA ACA
Independent Accounts Examiner

ST GILES- CHURCH, DESBOROUGH

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Accounts

St Giles Church AGM Minutes 2022

Thursday 28th April 2022 7.30 pm

1. Opening Prayer

Rev Neil Clarke opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Appointment of Chairpersons

Rev Neil Clarke explained that prior to going on sick leave, Hannah Jeffery requested that he take her place as co-chair of the AGM.

Rev Neil Clarke & Rev Noel Nhariswa were appointed joint chairs to the meeting. Proposed by Karen Dougan-Mabbutt and seconded by Wendy Steel.

3. Appointment of AGM Secretary

Katie Steel was appointed secretary to the AGM. Proposed by Steve Burt and seconded by Wendy Steel.

4. Attendance and Apologies for absence

Present - In Community Centre

Rev Neil Clarke	Rev Noel Nhariswa	Martin Lawrence	James Spencer
Katie Steel	Peter Shuker	Wendy Steel	Philip Rice
Karen Dougan-Mabbutt	Carol Krone	Carolyn Rice	Cath Smith
Marian Heygate	Ann Window	Melvyn Pereira	Daphne Lane
Pauline Clarke	Alan Window	Helen Burt	Joyce Parish
Bill Featherstone	John Toyne	Steve Burt	Wendy East
Richard Steel	Kim Rowbotham	Peter Lyon	Jo Moore
Pamela Lyon	Bob Parish	Rev Sophie Cowan	

Present - On Zoom

Brian Yeomans	Samuel Steel	Stella Freeman	Nicki Winch
Mike Littler	Teresa Littler	Pat Watkin	Peter Watkin
David Cox	Joan Cox	June Pereira	Gloria Jinadu

Apologies

Lynne Bannes-Marshall	Rev Hannah Jeffery	Karen Lennox	Eric Lennox
Katharyn Shuker	Rev Steve Heygate		

An apology was issued with regards to a couple of reports being inaccurate due to a copy/paste error during production. An updated Methodist Minister report was circulated prior to the meeting. The Annual Accounts and reports booklet will be updated and re-circulated after the meeting.

5. Minutes of the last meeting

With no amendments, the minutes of the meeting dated Thursday 29th April 2021 were signed as a true record. Proposed by Karen Dougan-Mabbutt and seconded by John Toyne.

6. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

7. Election of Trustee Members

The following people were duly elected as Trustee members.

Nominee

June Periera
 David Cox
 Peter Shuker
 Karen Lennox
 Kim Rowbotham

Proposed By:

Cath Smith
 Steve Burt
 Samuel Steel
 Pauline Clarke
 Pauline Clarke

Seconded by:

Kim Rowbotham
 Bill Featherstone
 Pauline Clarke
 Wendy Steel
 Alan Window

Neil Clarke announced that Mike Littler intends to step down as Treasurer at the end of the year (December 2022), as so will be co-opted onto the council in May. This will leave space for new people to become trustee's.

8. Election of Church Wardens

The following people were duly elected as Church Wardens.

Nominee

Pauline Clarke
 Steve Burt

Proposed By:

Kim Rowbotham
 David Cox

Seconded by:

Karen Dougan-Mabbutt
 Pauline Clarke

9. Election of Deputy Church Warden

The following people were duly elected as Deputy Church Wardens.

Nominee

Martin Lawrence

Proposed By:

David Cox

Seconded by:

Bill Featherstone

10. Election of Stewards

The following people were duly elected as Church Stewards.

Nominee

Peter Shuker
 Ann Window

Proposed By:

Katie Steel
 Stella Freeman

Seconded by:

Stella Freeman
 Danny Seago

11. Election of Deanery Representatives

The following people were duly elected as Deanery Representatives.

Nominee

Alan Window

Proposed By:

Philip Rice

Seconded by:

Pauline Clarke

12. Representatives to circuit meeting

Due to the creation of the East Mercia Super Circuit, the current reps will continue in their roles until September 2022. At this time, due to the size of the new circuit, only 1 steward and the Treasurer may be circuit reps. However, due to Mike Littler stepping down, it was agreed that 2 stewards from St Giles would be acceptable.

Therefore the following people were unanimously elected as Representatives to the Circuit Meeting.

Nominee

Peter Shuker
 Ann Window

Proposed By:

Pauline Clake
 Pauline Clarke

Seconded by:

Steve Burt
 Steve Burt

13. Deanery Synod Report

Due to a lack of meetings, no deanery synod report was submitted.

14. Church Fabric Report

There were no questions regarding the circulated fabric report.

15. Church Lands Report

There were no questions regarding the circulated church lands report.

16. Desborough Town Lands & Loakes' Charity Trust Report

There were no questions regarding the circulated town lands & Loakes charity report.

17. Church Membership Report

Due to there being no revision of the electoral roll and new people welcomed to the church, it is difficult to give an accurate figure on membership. When the numbers are finalised, the membership figures will be published. It is believed our membership has increased.

18. Finance Report

(a. presentation of the accounts, b. adoption of accounts and c. appointment of an independent examiner)

a. No questions were asked. The accounts were circulated prior to the meeting.

b. The accounts were proposed by Philip Rice, seconded by Alan Window and unanimously passed.

c. Eric Lennox was appointed as independent examiner. Proposed by Alan Window and seconded by Philip Rice.

19. Safeguarding

There were no questions or comments regarding safeguarding. The report was accepted.

20. Health and Safety

There were no questions regarding Health & Safety.

21. Reports from the Organisations

There were no questions regarding the reports from organisations.

22. Report from the Rector

There were no questions regarding the Rector's report.

23. Report from the Minister

There were no questions regarding the Minister's report.

24. AOB

There were no items of any other business.

With no other business, Rev Noel Nhariswa closed the meeting with prayer.

Signed: 

Date: 25th April 2023

Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Designated	Total 2023	Total 2022
See Notes	1	2	3	7		
Receipts						
Voluntary income	91,050.45	385.00			91,435.45	77,112
Activities for generating funds	5,127.00			9,061.42	14,188.42	15,881
Income from Church activities	9,280.09				9,280.09	8,745
Investment income		2,856.19	49.32	28.55	2,934.06	2,108
Other	688.76				688.76	1,653
Total receipts	106,146.30	3,241.19	49.32	9,089.97	118,526.78	105,498
Payments						
Fundraising costs				1,317.32	1,317.32	1,423
Charitable activities	7,744.00				7,744.00	5,311
Ministry	70,995.04				70,995.04	69,676
Church maintenance	31,461.52			426.00	31,887.52	21,837
Administration	4,767.25	428.60			5,195.85	3,542
Other	891.81				891.81	919
Total payments	115,859.62	428.60		1,743.32	118,031.54	102,707
Net receipts against payments	(9,713.32)	2,812.59	49.32	7,346.65	495.24	2,791
Transfers between funds	3,765.02			(3,765.02)		
Net after transfers	(5,948.30)	2,812.59	49.32	3,581.63	495.24	2,791
Gains/(Losses) on investments			5,378.57		5,378.57	(7,477)
Net Income/(Expenditure)	(5,948.30)	2,812.59	5,427.89	3,581.63	5,873.81	(4,686)
Funds B/f at 1st Jan 2023 [Note 5]	42,954.48	23,290.68	54,527.28	31,750.71	152,523.15	157,209
Funds C/f at 31st Dec 2023 [Note 5]	37,006.18	26,103.27	59,955.17	35,332.34	158,396.96	152,523

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Cash Funds:			
Bank accounts [see Note 4A]		87,805.33	88,744
CBF Deposit Fund		32,870.79	30,286
Cash		10.75	10
		120,686.87	119,040
Investment Assets:			
CBF Investment Fund - Income Units		58,366.88	52,988
Net Current Receivables/(Payables)		(17,335.03)	(16,784)
Specific Reserves			
Methodist Grant [see Note 6]			
Business Continuity Grant			
Music Fund		(457.70)	(458)
Lighting, Audio Visual, Roof			
Anniversary Window Fund		(56.27)	(56)
Memorial Garden Fund		(2,807.79)	(2,207)
Total Assets		158,396.96	152,523

Note 1: Analysis of General [Unrestricted] Fund Receipts and Payments

			2023	2022
Planned giving			59,462.13	56,981
Tax recovered			12,299.07	10,231
Loose collections			6,346.93	5,391
Donations			12,942.32	4,107
Total voluntary income			91,050.45	76,711
Community centre hire			5,015.00	4,317
Donations in lieu of centre hire			112.00	784
Activities for generating funds			5,127.00	5,101
Flower festival			2,063.88	1,667
Weddings			3,099.60	2,218
Funerals			3,706.61	3,347
Other activities			410.00	1,513
Income from church activities			9,280.09	8,745
Church lands			683.76	684
Miscellaneous income			5.00	969
Business continuity grant				
Other income			688.76	1,653
Donations made [see Note 4D]			7,744.00	5,444
Friday family fun				(133)
Mini church				
Charitable activities			7,744.00	5,311
Parish share			50,544.00	50,544
Methodist assessment			15,697.33	14,940
Bereavement Counsellor			3,600.00	3,600
Clergy expenses (net)			1,153.71	592
Ministry			70,995.04	69,676
	Church	Centre		
Gas	1,929.47	2,711.01	4,640.48	3,493
Electricity	1,672.54	2,017.92	3,690.46	3,745
Insurance	1,988.34	2,337.53	4,325.87	3,876
Repairs and maintenance	2,325.83	11,105.38	13,431.21	4,259
Clock				
Lighting				
Altar	421.44		421.44	482
Organ	213.03		213.03	190
Business Rates				
Cleaning		3,679.14	3,679.14	4,362
Telephone		456.89	456.89	438
Water		603.00	603.00	408
Miscellaneous				159
Church maintenance	<u>8,550.65</u>	<u>22,910.87</u>	31,461.52	21,411
Postage and stationery			912.16	358
Photocopiers			96.85	189
Music			464.98	514
Youth			159.00	48
Administrator and secretary			3,022.70	2,407
Card Fees			111.56	8
Publicity				
Administration			4,767.25	3,524
Awards and Gifts				(15)
Miscellaneous			891.81	934
Other Expenditure			891.81	919

Note 2: Restricted Funds

	Bell	Fabric	Totals
Funds brought forward 1st Jan. 2023	8,806.27	14,484.41	23,290.68
Voluntary income	385.00		385.00
Investment income	271.59	2,584.60	2,856.19
Other			
Total receipts	<u>656.59</u>	<u>2,584.60</u>	<u>3,241.19</u>
Payments			
Fund raising costs			
Charitable activities			
Ministry			
Fabric maintenance			
Administration	428.60		428.60
Other			
Total payments	<u>428.60</u>	<u> </u>	<u>428.60</u>
Net receipts against payments	<u>227.99</u>	<u>2,584.60</u>	<u>2,812.59</u>
Transfers between funds			
Funds carried forward 31st Dec 2023	<u>9,034.26</u>	<u>17,069.01</u>	<u>26,103.27</u>

Note 3: Endowment Funds

	Slow	Tailby	Totals
Funds brought forward 1st Jan. 2023	52,988.31	1,538.97	54,527.28
Voluntary income			
Investment income		49.32	49.32
Other			
Total receipts	<u> </u>	<u>49.32</u>	<u>49.32</u>
Payments			
Fund raising costs			
Charitable activities			
Ministry			
Church maintenance			
Administration			
Other			
Total payments	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Net receipts against payments	<u> </u>	<u>49.32</u>	<u>49.32</u>
Transfers between funds			
Recognised gains on investments	5,378.57		5,378.57
Funds carried forward 31st Dec 2023	<u>58,366.88</u>	<u>1,588.29</u>	<u>59,955.17</u>

Note 4: Other Financial Analyses

A: Bank Accounts

The balances of the several bank accounts of the Church are as follows:-

	2023	2022
General Fund - Santander	41,013.85	53,635
General Fund - Barclays		1,627
General Fund - Lloyds	16,638.37	7,188
Bell Fund	9,034.26	8,806
Craft Group		
Events	18,496.09	12,523
Holiday Club	508.16	536
Magazine		1,947
Monthly Lunch		
Printers	526.31	944
Tailby Fund	1,588.29	1,539
	<u>87,805.33</u>	<u>88,744</u>

B: Money raised at Church Festivals (net of expenses)

Flower Festival	2,063.88	1,667
Barrows and Baskets	1,644.91	1,602
Christmas Tree Festival	6,025.68	7,158
	<u>9,734.47</u>	<u>10,426</u>

C: The clergy expenses for St Giles are shown net of the expenses (and refunds of those expenses) made by the other three parishes. This means the amount of clergy expenses for St Giles are clearly seen.

D: Donations

	Ex Designated Funds	Ex General Funds	Total
General		2,053.00	
Mustard Seed Appeal			
Diocese in Europe			
CAP		2,000.00	
Funerals		2,265.00	
RC Kettering Huxloe - Agona Swedru, Ghana		1,000.00	
Love in Action			
British Legion		20.00	
MWIB (Sunshine)			
Bishop's Charities			
Childrens Society		350.00	
Ukraine			
WATOTO Childcare			
Womens World Day of Prayer			
Methodist Church Misson Fund		56.00	
Civic Service			
Memorial Garden			
Cransley Hospice			
Christian Aid			
		<u>7,744.00</u>	<u>7,744.00</u>

Note 5: Analysis of Assets, Liabilities and Specific Reserves for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

	<u>B/F at 01/01/23</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>
Bank Accounts:					
Barclays	1,627.05	1,627.05			
Bells	8,806.27			8,806.27	
CCLA (Bequests/Fabric)	30,286.19		15,801.78	14,484.41	
Craft					
Endowment - Slow	52,988.31				52,988.31
Endowment - Tailby	1,538.97				1,538.97
Events	12,522.71		12,522.71		
Holiday Club	535.60		535.60		
Lloyds	7,188.04	7,188.04			
Magazine	1,946.93		1,946.93		
Monthly Lunch					
Printers	943.69		943.69		
Santander	53,634.57	53,634.57			
Cash:					
Cash	9.78	9.78			
Debtors/Creditors:					
Accounts Receivable/Prepayments					
Accounts Payable/Accruals	(16,783.99)	(16,783.99)			
Specific Reserves:					
Methodist Grant					
Business Continuity Grant					
Music Fund	(457.70)	(457.70)			
Lighting, Audio Visual, Roof Funds					
Anniversary Window Fund	(56.27)	(56.27)			
Memorial Garden Fund	(2,207.00)	(2,207.00)			
	<u>152,523.15</u>	<u>42,954.48</u>	<u>31,750.71</u>	<u>23,290.68</u>	<u>54,527.28</u>
	<u>C/F at 31/12/23</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>
Bank Accounts:					
Barclays					
Bells	9,034.26			9,034.26	
CCLA (Bequests/Fabric)	32,870.79		15,801.78	17,069.01	
Craft					
Endowment - Slow	58,366.88				58,366.88
Endowment - Tailby	1,588.29				1,588.29
Events	18,496.09		18,496.09		
Holiday Club	508.16		508.16		
Lloyds	16,638.37	16,638.37			
Magazine					
Monthly Lunch					
Printers	526.31		526.31		
Santander	41,013.85	41,013.85			
Cash:					
Cash	10.75	10.75			
Debtors/Creditors:					
Accounts Receivable/Prepayments	2,493.67	2,493.67			
Accounts Payable/Accruals	(19,828.70)	(19,828.70)			
Specific Reserves:					
Methodist Grant					
Business Continuity Grant					
Music Fund	(457.70)	(457.70)			
Lighting, Audio Visual, Roof Funds					
Anniversary Window Fund	(56.27)	(56.27)			
Memorial Garden Fund	(2,807.79)	(2,807.79)			
	<u>158,396.96</u>	<u>37,006.18</u>	<u>35,332.34</u>	<u>26,103.27</u>	<u>59,955.17</u>

Note 7: Designated Funds

	Bequests	Events	Holiday Club	Magazine	Printers	Totals
Funds brought forward 1st Jan. 2023	15,801.78	12,522.71	535.60	1,946.93	943.69	31,750.71
Voluntary income						0.00
Activities for generating funds		8,490.22	571.20			9,061.42
Income from Church activities						0.00
Investment income			4.05	15.88	8.62	28.55
Other						0.00
Total receipts	<u>0.00</u>	<u>8,490.22</u>	<u>575.25</u>	<u>15.88</u>	<u>8.62</u>	<u>9,089.97</u>
Fund raising costs		819.63	497.69			1,317.32
Charitable activities [see note 5]						0.00
Ministry						0.00
Church maintenance					426.00	426.00
Administration						0.00
Total payments	<u>0.00</u>	<u>819.63</u>	<u>497.69</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>426.00</u>	<u>1,743.32</u>
Net receipts/(payments)	0.00	7,670.59	77.56	15.88	(417.38)	7,346.65
Transfers between funds		(1,697.21)	(105.00)	(1,962.81)		(3,765.02)
Funds carried forward 31st Dec 2023	<u>15,801.78</u>	<u>18,496.09</u>	<u>508.16</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>526.31</u>	<u>35,332.34</u>

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6th April 2024

To the Trustees of St Giles Church Desborough:

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I have examined the attached Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities for St Giles Church Desborough for the year ended 31st December 2023 with the books and records produced to me by the Honorary Treasurer and confirm them to be in accordance therewith.
The Statement of Assets and Liabilities sets out the position of St Giles Church Desborough as at 31st December 2023 and the Receipts and Payments Account shows the Income and Expenditure arising during the year to 31st December 2023.



Eric G Lennox BA ACA
Independent Accounts Examiner

ST GILES- CHURCH, DESBOROUGH

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Accounts

St Giles Church AGM Minutes 2023

Tuesday 25th April 2023 7.30 pm

1. Opening Prayer

Revd Hannah Jeffery opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Appointment of Chairpersons

Revd Hannah Jeffery & Revd Noel Nhariswa were appointed joint chairs to the meeting.

Proposed by Neil Clarke and seconded by Karen Dougan-Mabbutt.

3. Appointment of AGM Secretary

Katie Steel was appointed secretary to the AGM. Proposed by Hannah Jeffery and seconded by Pauline Clarke.

4. Attendance and Apologies for absence

Present - In Community Centre

Revd Hannah Jeffery	Revd Noel Nhariswa	Martin Lawrence	Valerie MacGregor-Andrews
Katie Steel	Peter Shuker	Wendy Steel	Philip Rice
Karen Dougan-Mabbutt	Carol Krone	Carolyn Rice	Revd Neil Clarke
Tim Jeffery	Ann Window	Melvyn Pereira	Robert MacGregor-Andrews
Pauline Clarke	Alan Window	Mark Gudyer	Joyce Parish
Bill Featherstone	John Toyne	Steve Burt	Wendy East
Richard Steel	Kim Rowbotham	Nicky Winch	Jo Moore
Pamela Lyon	Robert Parish	Ralisa Hock	Jo Giles
Katharyn Shuker	Peter Lyon	Lista Nickason	Ray Milson
Mollie Gilyeat	Clare Walters	Tony Walters	Natasha Shackleton
Linda Kenward	Leigh Kenward	David Cox	June Pereira

Present - On Zoom

Gloria Jinadu	Samuel Steel	Karen Lennox	Eric Lennox
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Apologies

Cath Smith	Stella Freeman	Charlotte Gudyer	Elizabeth Featherstone
Norman Nickason			

5. Minutes of the last meeting

With no amendments, the minutes of the meeting dated Thursday 28th April 2022 were signed as a true record. Proposed by Philip Rice and seconded by Pauline Clarke.

6. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

7. Election of Trustee Members

The following people were duly elected as Trustee members.

Nominee

Leigh Kenward
Carolyn Rice
Alan Window

Proposed By:

Tim Jeffery
Wendy Steel
Katie Steel

Seconded by:

Steve Burt
Cath Smith
June Periera

Pauline Clarke
Martin Lawrence
Ann Window

Peter Lyon
Wendy Steel
Katie Steel

Martin Lawrence
Karen Dougan-Mabbutt
David Cox

8. Election of Church Wardens

The following people were duly elected as Church Wardens.

Nominee

Pauline Clarke
Steve Burt

Proposed By:

Peter Lyon
Lynne Banes-Marshall

Seconded by:

Karen Dougan-Mabbutt
Kim Rowbotham

9. Election of Deputy Church Warden

The following people were duly elected as Deputy Church Wardens.

Nominee

Martin Lawrence

Proposed By:

David Cox

Seconded by:

Karen Dougan-Mabbutt

10. Election of Stewards

The following people were duly elected as Church Stewards.

Nominee

Peter Shuker
Ann Window

Proposed By:

Pauline Clarke
Pauline Clarke

Seconded by:

Steve Burt
Steve Burt

11. Election of Deanery Representatives

The following people were duly elected as Deanery Representatives.

Nominee

Alan Window

Proposed By:

Jo-Anne Moore

Seconded by:

Kim Rowbotham

Thanks were extended to John Toyne, who has decided to step down from Deanery Synod this year, for all his commitment to the role.

12. Representatives to circuit meeting

Due to the size of the East Mercia circuit, it was agreed that 2 stewards from St Giles would be the reps.

Therefore, the following people were unanimously elected as Representatives to the Circuit Meeting.

Nominee

Peter Shuker
Ann Window

Proposed By:

Pauline Clarke
Pauline Clarke

Seconded by:

Revd Neil Clarke
Revd Neil Clarke

13. Deanery Synod Report

Due to a lack of meetings, no deanery synod report was submitted. There will be a service on 24th May at 7.30pm for Thy Kingdom Come.

14. Church Fabric Report

There were no questions regarding the circulated fabric report.

15. Church Lands Report

There were no questions regarding the circulated church lands report.

16. Desborough Town Lands & Loakes' Charity Trust Report

There were no questions regarding the circulated town lands & Loakes charity report.

17. Church Membership Report

The St Giles membership figures are as follows:
Anglican: 8, Methodist: 3, Joint: 135, **Total: 146**

18. Finance Report

(a. presentation of the accounts, b. adoption of accounts and c. appointment of an independent examiner)

a. No questions were asked. The accounts were circulated prior to the meeting. Thanks were extended to the finance team for all their work.

b. The accounts were proposed by Steve Burt, seconded by John Toyne and unanimously passed.

c. Eric Lennox was appointed as independent examiner. Proposed by Pauline Clarke and seconded by Ann Window.

19. Safeguarding

There were no questions or comments regarding safeguarding. The report was accepted.

20. Health and Safety

There were no questions regarding Health & Safety.

21. Reports from the Organisations

There were no questions regarding the reports from organisations.

22. Report from the Rector

There were no questions regarding the Rector's report.

23. Report from the Minister

There were no questions regarding the Minister's report.

24. AOB

Revd Hannah Jeffery reminded everyone to sign onto the electoral roll. Forms of which were available at the meeting.

With no other business, Revd Hannah Jeffery closed the meeting with prayer.

Signed:

Date:

Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Designated	Total 2022	Total 2021
See Notes	1	2	3	7		
Receipts						
Voluntary income	76,710.81	401.00			77,111.81	83,811
Activities for generating funds	5,101.00			10,779.90	15,880.90	9,697
Income from Church activities	8,744.86				8,744.86	2,160
Investment income		1,890.52	0.85	5.21	1,896.58	1,560
Other	1,652.92				1,652.92	5,684
Total receipts	92,209.59	2,291.52	0.85	10,785.11	105,287.07	102,911
Payments						
Fundraising costs				1,423.05	1,423.05	1,084
Charitable activities	5,310.84				5,310.84	5,329
Ministry	69,675.67				69,675.67	67,612
Church maintenance	21,510.82			426.00	21,936.82	13,483
Administration	3,524.35	18.00			3,542.35	3,750
Other	918.55				918.55	671
Total payments	100,940.23	18.00		1,849.05	102,807.28	91,928
Net receipts against payments	(8,730.64)	2,273.52	0.85	8,936.06	2,479.79	10,983
Transfers between funds	1,614.60			(1,614.60)		
Net after transfers	(7,116.04)	2,273.52	0.85	7,321.46	2,479.79	10,983
Gains/(Losses) on investments			(7,477.22)		(7,477.22)	7,672
Net Income/(Expenditure)	(7,116.04)	2,273.52	(7,476.37)	7,321.46	(4,997.43)	18,655
Funds B/f at 1st Jan 2022 [Note 5]	49,970.52	20,825.05	61,984.52	24,429.25	157,209.34	138,554
Funds C/f at 31st Dec 2022 [Note 5]	42,854.48	23,098.57	54,508.15	31,750.71	152,211.91	157,209

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Cash Funds:			
Bank accounts [see Note 4A]		88,719.41	84,319
CBF Deposit Fund		30,094.08	28,314
Cash		9.78	6
		118,823.27	112,638
Investment Assets:			
CBF Investment Fund - Income Units		52,988.31	60,466
Net Current Receivables/(Payables)		(16,883.99)	(13,473)
Specific Reserves			
Methodist Grant [see Note 6]			
Business Continuity Grant			
Music Fund		(457.70)	(458)
Lighting, Audio Visual, Roof			
Anniversary Window Fund		(56.27)	(56)
Memorial Garden Fund		(2,207.00)	(1,907)
Total Assets		152,206.62	157,209

Note 1: Analysis of General [Unrestricted] Fund Receipts and Payments

			2022	2021
Planned giving			56,980.69	54,398
Tax recovered			10,231.35	12,185
Loose collections			5,391.30	5,222
Donations			4,107.47	11,456
Total voluntary income			76,710.81	83,261
Community centre hire			4,317.00	2,690
Donations in lieu of centre hire			784.00	
Activities for generating funds			5,101.00	2,690
Flower festival			1,666.87	
Weddings			2,218.20	828
Funerals			3,346.91	1,332
Other activities			1,512.88	
Income from church activities			8,744.86	2,160
Church lands			683.76	684
Miscellaneous income			969.16	
Business continuity grant				5,000
Other income			1,652.92	5,684
Donations made [see Note 4D]			5,443.98	5,273
Friday family fun			(133.14)	57
Mini church				
Charitable activities			5,310.84	5,329
Parish share			50,544.00	50,544
Methodist assessment			14,940.00	14,670
Bereavement Counsellor			3,600.00	2,000
Clergy expenses (net)			591.67	398
Ministry			69,675.67	67,612
	Church	Centre		
Gas	1,772.43	1,720.18	3,492.61	1,020
Electricity	1,667.41	2,077.64	3,745.05	1,410
Insurance	2,632.40	1,243.72	3,876.12	3,745
Repairs and maintenance	1,882.23	2,476.53	4,358.76	3,562
Clock				
Lighting				
Altar	481.78		481.78	106
Organ	189.60		189.60	
Business Rates				231
Cleaning		4,361.58	4,361.58	1,978
Telephone		438.32	438.32	432
Water		408.00	408.00	414
Miscellaneous		159.00	159.00	159
Church maintenance	<u>8,625.85</u>	<u>12,884.97</u>	21,510.82	13,057
Postage and stationery			357.80	535
Photocopiers			189.01	
Music			514.42	388
Youth			48.00	60
Administrator and secretary			2,406.98	2,758
Card Fees			8.14	10
Publicity				
Administration			3,524.35	3,750
Awards and Gifts			(15.00)	
Miscellaneous			933.55	530
Other Expenditure			918.55	530

Note 2: Restricted Funds

	Bell	Fabric	Totals
Funds brought forward 1st Jan. 2022	8,313.24	12,511.81	20,825.05
Voluntary income	401.00		401.00
Investment income	110.03	1,780.49	1,890.52
Other			
Total receipts	<u>511.03</u>	<u>1,780.49</u>	<u>2,291.52</u>
Payments			
Fund raising costs			
Charitable activities			
Ministry			
Fabric maintenance			
Administration	18.00		18.00
Other			
Total payments	<u>18.00</u>	<u></u>	<u>18.00</u>
Net receipts against payments	<u>493.03</u>	<u>1,780.49</u>	<u>2,273.52</u>
Transfers between funds			
Funds carried forward 31st Dec 2022	<u>8,806.27</u>	<u>14,292.30</u>	<u>23,098.57</u>

Note 3: Endowment Funds

	Slow	Tailby	Totals
Funds brought forward 1st Jan. 2022	60,465.53	1,518.99	61,984.52
Voluntary income			
Investment income		0.85	0.85
Other			
Total receipts	<u></u>	<u>0.85</u>	<u>0.85</u>
Payments			
Fund raising costs			
Charitable activities			
Ministry			
Church maintenance			
Administration			
Other			
Total payments	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
Net receipts against payments	<u></u>	<u>0.85</u>	<u>0.85</u>
Transfers between funds			
Recognised gains on investments	(7,477.22)		(7,477.22)
Funds carried forward 31st Dec 2022	<u>52,988.31</u>	<u>1,519.84</u>	<u>54,508.15</u>

Note 4: Other Financial Analyses

A: Bank Accounts

The balances of the several bank accounts of the Church are as follows:-

	2022	2021
General Fund - Santander	53,634.57	59,183
General Fund - Barclays	1,627.05	1,507
General Fund - Lloyds	7,188.04	5,169
Bell Fund	8,806.27	8,313
Craft Group		
Events	12,522.71	5,378
Holiday Club	535.60	250
Magazine	1,941.64	1,942
Monthly Lunch		
Printers	943.69	1,058
Tailby Fund	1,519.84	1,519
	<u>88,719.41</u>	<u>84,319</u>

B: Money raised at Church Festivals (net of expenses)

Flower Festival	1,666.87	
Barrows and Baskets	1,601.58	1,340
Christmas Tree Festival	7,158.02	4,892
Ladies Craft Group		(266)
	<u>10,426.47</u>	<u>5,965</u>

C: The clergy expenses for St Giles are shown net of the expenses (and refunds of those expenses) made by the other three parishes. This means the amount of clergy expenses for St Giles are clearly seen.

D: Donations

	Ex Designated Funds	Ex General Funds	Total
General		2,006.00	
Mustard Seed Appeal			
Diocese in Europe			
J Osbourne			
Love in Action		36.61	
British Legion		249.76	
MWIB (Sunshine)			
Bishop's Charities			
Childrens Society		180.00	
Ukraine		161.00	
WATOTO Childcare			
Womens World Day of Prayer			
Methodist Church Misson Fund		2,554.50	
Civic Service			
Memorial Garden			
Cransley Hospice			
Christian Aid		256.11	
	<u> </u>	<u>5,443.98</u>	<u>5,443.98</u>

Note 5: Analysis of Assets, Liabilities and Specific Reserves for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

	<u>B/F at 01/01/22</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>
Bank Accounts:					
Barclays	1,507.05	1,507.05			
Bells	8,313.24			8,313.24	
CCLA (Bequests/Fabric)	28,313.59		15,801.78	12,511.81	
Craft					
Endowment - Slow	60,465.53				60,465.53
Endowment - Tailby	1,518.99				1,518.99
Events	5,377.71		5,377.71		
Holiday Club	250.39		250.39		
Lloyds	5,169.14	5,169.14			
Magazine	1,941.64		1,941.64		
Monthly Lunch					
Printers	1,057.73		1,057.73		
Santander	59,182.64	59,182.64			
Cash:					
Cash	6.00	6.00			
Debtors/Creditors:					
Accounts Receivable/Prepayments	1,094.88	1,094.88			
Accounts Payable/Accruals	(14,568.22)	(14,568.22)			
Specific Reserves:					
Methodist Grant					
Business Continuity Grant					
Music Fund	(457.70)	(457.70)			
Lighting, Audio Visual, Roof Funds					
Anniversary Window Fund	(56.27)	(56.27)			
Memorial Garden Fund	(1,907.00)	(1,907.00)			
	<u>157,209.34</u>	<u>49,970.52</u>	<u>24,429.25</u>	<u>20,825.05</u>	<u>61,984.52</u>
C/F at 31/12/22					
	<u>C/F at 31/12/22</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>
Bank Accounts:					
Barclays	1,627.05	1,627.05			
Bells	8,806.27			8,806.27	
CCLA (Bequests/Fabric)	30,094.08		15,801.78	14,292.30	
Craft					
Endowment - Slow	52,988.31				52,988.31
Endowment - Tailby	1,519.84				1,519.84
Events	12,522.71		12,522.71		
Holiday Club	535.60		535.60		
Lloyds	7,188.04	7,188.04			
Magazine	1,941.64		1,941.64		
Monthly Lunch					
Printers	943.69		943.69		
Santander	53,634.57	53,634.57			
Cash:					
Cash	9.78	9.78			
Debtors/Creditors:					
Accounts Receivable/Prepayments					
Accounts Payable/Accruals	(16,883.99)	(16,883.99)			
Specific Reserves:					
Methodist Grant					
Business Continuity Grant					
Music Fund	(457.70)	(457.70)			
Lighting, Audio Visual, Roof Funds					
Anniversary Window Fund	(56.27)	(56.27)			
Memorial Garden Fund	(2,207.00)	(2,207.00)			
	<u>152,206.62</u>	<u>42,854.48</u>	<u>31,745.42</u>	<u>23,098.57</u>	<u>54,508.15</u>

Note 6: Methodist Grant

In March 2018, St Giles Church Desborough received a grant of £20,000 from the Kettering and Corby Methodist Circuit to be split equally between the cost of employing a Bereavement Counsellor and to assist with certain capital projects (Lighting and Audio Visual Equipment). During 2022, the Church has utilised £0 of this grant (2021 - £1,600), and at the end of the year the remaining reserved grant was £0 (2021 - £0).

Note 7: Designated Funds

	Bequests	Events	Holiday Club	Magazine	Printers	Totals
Funds brought forward 1st Jan. 2022	15,801.78	5,377.71	250.39	1,941.64	1,057.73	24,429.25
Voluntary income						0.00
Activities for generating funds		9,858.10	608.80	4.00	309.00	10,779.90
Income from Church activities						0.00
Investment income			0.96	1.29	2.96	5.21
Other						0.00
Total receipts	<u>0.00</u>	<u>9,858.10</u>	<u>609.76</u>	<u>5.29</u>	<u>311.96</u>	<u>10,785.11</u>
Fund raising costs		1,098.50	324.55			1,423.05
Charitable activities [see note 5]						0.00
Ministry						0.00
Church maintenance					426.00	426.00
Administration						0.00
Total payments	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,098.50</u>	<u>324.55</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>426.00</u>	<u>1,849.05</u>
Net receipts/(payments)	0.00	8,759.60	285.21	5.29	(114.04)	8,936.06
Transfers between funds		(1,614.60)			0.00	(1,614.60)
Funds carried forward 31st Dec 2022	<u>15,801.78</u>	<u>12,522.71</u>	<u>535.60</u>	<u>1,946.93</u>	<u>943.69</u>	<u>31,750.71</u>

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6th April 2023

To the Trustees of St Giles Church Desborough:

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I have examined the attached Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities for St Giles Church Desborough for the year ended 31st December 2022 with the books and records produced to me by the Honorary Treasurer and confirm them to be in accordance therewith.

The Statement of Assets and Liabilities sets out the position of St Giles Church Desborough as at 31st December 2022 and the Receipts and Payments Account shows the Income and Expenditure arising during the year to 31st December 2022.



Eric G Lennox BA ACA
Independent Accounts Examiner

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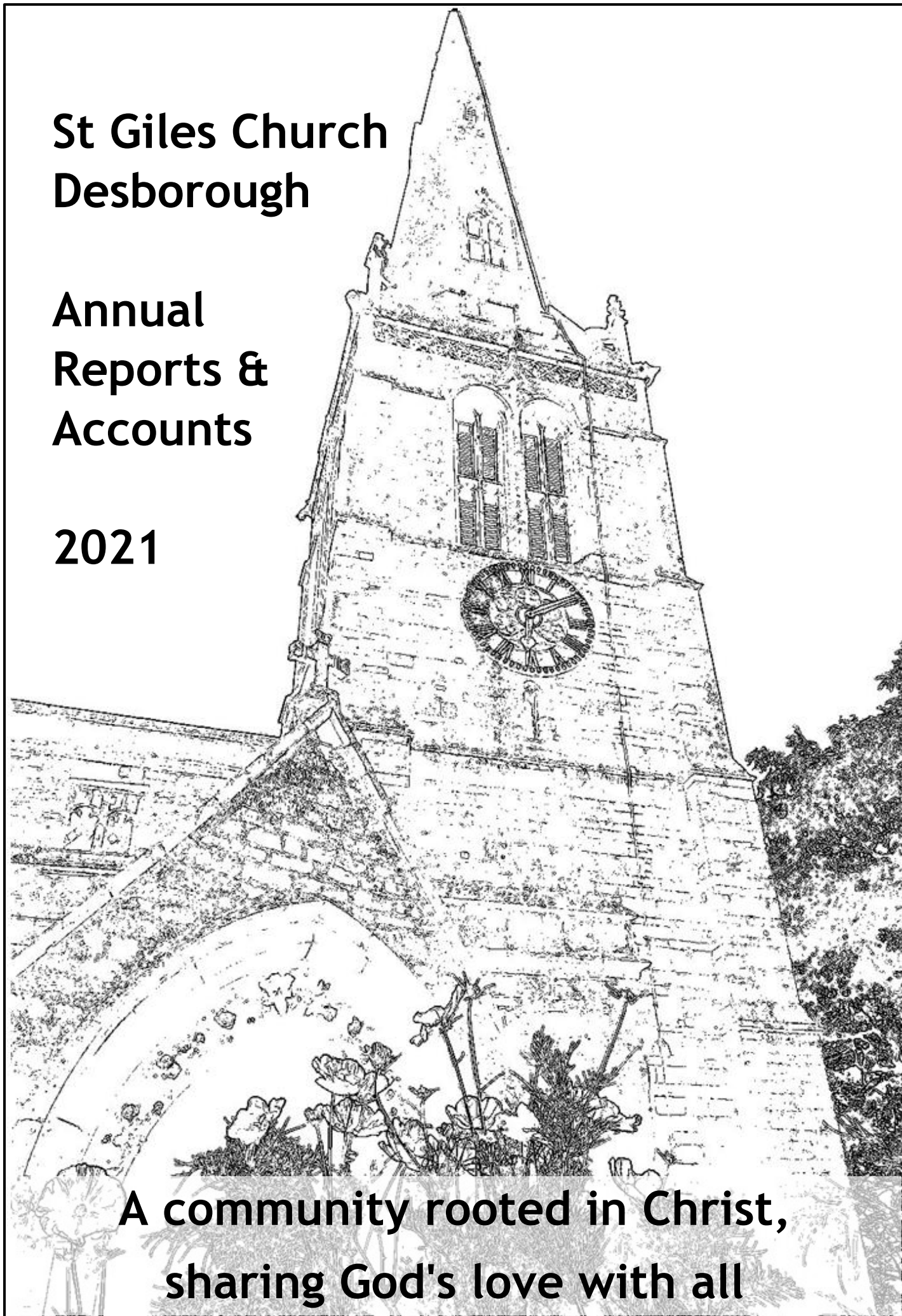
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**A community rooted in Christ,
sharing God's love with all**

St Giles Church
Annual General Meeting
Thursday 28th April 2022

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer
2. Appointment of Chairpersons
3. Appointment of AGM Secretary
4. Apologies for Absence
5. Minutes of the last meeting
6. Matters Arising
7. Election of Trustee Members
8. Election of Church Wardens
9. Election of Deputy Church Warden
10. Election of Stewards
11. Election of Deanery Representatives
12. Representatives to the Circuit Meeting
13. Deanery Synod Report
14. Church Fabric Report (see attached report)
15. Church Lands Report (see attached report)
16. Desborough Town Lands & Loakes' Charity Trust Report (see attached report)
17. Church Membership Report
18. Finance Report (a) Presentation of Annual Accounts
(b) Adoption of the Accounts
(c) Appointment of the Independent Examiner
19. Safeguarding
20. Health & Safety
21. Reports from the Organisations (see attached reports)
22. Report from the Rector (see attached report)
23. Report from the Minister (see attached report)
24. AOB - advised in advance
25. Closing Prayers

ST GILES CHURCH DESBOROUGH

ANNUAL REPORT for the year 2021

Background

St Giles Church, Desborough is the country's oldest Ecumenical Partnership. Our union dates back to 1969. There is a united congregation sharing a Church and Community Centre. We serve the people of Desborough alongside the Baptist, Roman Catholic and United Reform Churches in the town. The Church is part of the Anglican Diocese of Peterborough and in the Kettering and Corby Circuit of the Northampton District of the Methodist Church.

Clergy resourcing the ministry at St Giles

Rector:	Rev. Hannah Jeffery
Methodist Superintendent Minister:	Rev. Andrew Farrington
Methodist Minister:	Rev. Noel Nhariswa
Curate:	Rev. Sophie Cowan
Assistant Priest: (SSM)	Rev. Cannon Neil Clarke
Retired Priest:	Rev. Stephen Heygate

Lay Ministers resourcing the ministry at St Giles

Reader:	Mr John Lund
Reader:	Mr Tim Jeffery
Circuit Local Preacher:	Mr Philip Rice
Lay Pastoral Minister:	Mrs Cath Smith
Licensed Lay Minister:	Mrs Wendy Steel
Bereavement Support Worker:	Mrs Kim Rowbotham
Worship Leader:	Mrs Joan Cox

Church Council

The Church Council meet six times during the year and was chaired by either the Rector or Methodist Minister. There are 15 trustees to the Church Council.

Churchwarden & Safeguarding Officer:	Mrs Pauline Clarke
Churchwarden:	Mr Steve Burt
Deputy Churchwarden:	Mr Martin Lawrence
Church Steward:	Mrs Ann Window
Church Steward:	Mr Peter Shuker
Church Steward:	Mrs Carolyn Rice
Church Secretary:	Mrs Katie Steel
Treasurer:	Mr Mike Littler
Deanery Synod Rep:	Mr John Toyne
Trustee:	Mrs Karen Dougan-Mabbutt
Trustee:	Mr David Cox
Trustee:	Mrs Karen Lennox
Trustee:	Mrs Jeanette Wonfor (resigned in July 2021)
Trustee:	Mrs Gloria Jinadu
Trustee:	Mrs Jo Moore
Co-opted Trustee:	Km Rowbotham

Representatives to the Circuit

Mrs Ann Window, Mr Alan Window, Mr David Cox, Mr Peter Shuker & Mrs Carolyn Rice

Other Positions

Independent Examiner:	Mr Eric Lennox
Church Administrator:	Mrs Wendy East

RECTOR'S REPORT

St Giles - A Community Rooted in Christ Sharing his Love with All

2021 saw a year of continual change as we, along with the rest of the world, attempted to keep up with all the challenges of Covid, whilst trying to find ways to do Church back in the building! It might be fair to coin it 'Year of the Risk Assessment', my thanks go to Pauline Clarke and Peter Shuker who were overseeing the production of countless risk assessments, particularly for the Community Centre! Pauline wrote many herself, and the workload was phenomenal. All this of course, in an effort to keep people safe, whilst we also wanted to do all we could to help people to start meeting face to face once again.

We tried new ways of doing things - and that included a pared down, but very successful plant and produce day in the car park, in lieu of our Barrows and Baskets Festival. Brilliant! Thank you team. And then the Christmas Tree Festival was managed spectacularly - albeit with fewer trees, but it was interesting that many of the punters commented they enjoyed the fact there was more headspace to really take in the amazing contributions. Once again, a sterling effort from the Christmas Tree Festival Committee, thank you. Of course lots of other changes to the way we did things too, from how we served coffee, to how we did worship in the building etc.etc. I could go on but I won't, other than to say - in many ways our hands were forced into our having to make changes, still more changes, and still more - and whilst that was challenging, we often discovered new ways of doing things some of which were even better than before! Let us not lose sight of the fact that while change is often difficult, it can also bring new life.

A key event in the life of St Giles was the LyCiG (Leading your Church into growth) conference, which several of our lay and clergy leaders attended. It was immensely helpful, and has already started to inform our values and priorities for the years ahead. Ultimately - the vision is to ensure we are a growing Church - not just in numbers, but in our outreach to the local community, and in our spiritual growth too. So as we make decisions about the things we do and don't do, do not be surprised to hear me saying, 'How does that fit in with our LyCiG values?'

Another key event for me personally in 2021 was my sabbatical - what a truly blessed time I had, and I am so incredibly grateful to the Ministry team, and to all of you, for releasing me to do that, it was just fantastic - spiritually, emotionally and physically refreshing. Thank you! Sadly I had only been back a couple of months before I was laid low with Covid, and recovery is ongoing, which has meant once again I have had to rely on the Ministry team to keep the show on the road. What an incredible group of people they are, I am so grateful for their love, care and support, also for all of yours - I have been so touched by your love and care, thank you.

So, as I write this, I do so wonder what this next year will hold, I think I'm holding less lightly to what that may be - maybe Covid has taught us that. Maybe the events happening in our world at the moment (I write 13 days into Russia's invasion into Ukraine) have taught us that. But my prayer is, that whatever comes next, we will continue to be a community that is rooted in Christ, and that does all it can to share his love with the world, as we commit ourselves to grow in numbers, in outreach, and in our own faith. One thing I do know - if we are going to do that we all need to be willing to say yes! Yes, to following the way of Christ, yes to getting involved in the mission of our Church, yes to be willing to commit our finances to help enable the mission. I do hope you will join me in saying 'yes' as we look ahead to where God is calling us to be his salt and light in the year ahead.

Finally, another thank you. To so many of you I cannot name you all, but so many have contributed to the life of St Giles in ways that are often unseen, and yet so important, over this past year. Thank you to the old hands, who have just faithfully kept serving. Thank you to the folk who have been with us a little while and have over the last year taken on new roles and responsibilities - fantastic! Welcome to the new hands - how wonderful it has been to welcome you into our family and you have brought us fresh perspective and new life. Thank you to each and every one of you for being part of our community.

Rev. Hannah Jeffery

METHODIST CIRCUIT

Churches in the Kettering and Corby Methodist Circuit have gradually returned to a more usual pattern of worship and fellowship. It has been a joy to celebrate Holy Communion in bread and wine shared amongst the congregation. Singing is an integral part of Methodist worship. This was much missed during some of the Covid measures. Heart and Soul are lifted when joined with others singing the praise of our Lord, Jesus Christ. 'My chains fell off, my heart was free' has never felt so poignant when first sung after months of quietness.

Fellowship groups have gradually returned, lunches and refreshments are served, conversations shared, and love and care given. In addition to Noel and I, Fiona Farrington has continued tirelessly to maintain contact with people who have been isolating, ill and bereaved. We are learning a new pattern of Church: those who can and do attend those who found on-line to be more convenient and helpful, and those who need contact at home or by mail.

Acknowledgement is given to the diligent work done by Church Stewards and Safeguarding Officers who have prepared, agreed, and then constantly amended, Risk Assessment. This labour of love has brought us safely through the pandemic.

With sadness, Cottingham Methodist Church has been acknowledged as 'mission served.' After 200 years of witness and outreach the last worship has been held. The premises have been sold and the proceeds of the sale will be used to support ministry throughout the remaining Circuit. There is on-going pastoral care to the remaining members of Cottingham Methodist Church.

Central, Kettering and Burton Latimer Methodist Churches have combined trusteeship to form one Church worshipping in two places, making the very best use of resources. This has also given Noel more time to share in the team ministry at St. Giles Church

Rev. Andrew Farrington

WELLBEING

The Pastoral care and Wellbeing of our Church family, benefice and community has continued during 2021. The ways in which we could offer that care was again drastically changed by the Covid 19 virus and the different restrictions that we had to comply with.

During the lockdown at the beginning of the year, our team of volunteers were again 'phoning everyone who wanted a call, available for shopping for those unable to get out or shielding and sending birthday cards to those unable to celebrate. Sunday service sheets have continued to be delivered to those not back in Church - thank you to Richard Steel and Bill Adcock for their help. In the Autumn we went into the Community Centre - changing our day to Wednesday to join with the Church family coming for refreshments before the 11am service. Kim was able to continue the gardening group, now on a Tuesday morning, tending flowerbeds on the Millennium Green.

'Love in Action' were still not able to offer meals - due to a lack of a co-ordinator. Lifts to Church or hospital were able to restart again in the summer, although more drivers are needed, and the Sunday Lunches restarted in December, although with reduced numbers in order to be as safe as possible. Home communions resumed in the Autumn and we welcomed three new people to the team. Services in the Care Homes were severely disrupted this year. We managed to go back in the Summer with a reduced team, following the restrictions imposed by each care home. Thank you to Martin Bolter for playing keyboard.

We were very sad when our hospital visitor Jean Wardle died this year and miss her loving care. Hospital visiting has not been able to take place, but we are looking for a volunteer for this when we are able to go back in again.

The confidential prayer email continued during 2021.

Kim Rowbotham worked as our bereavement support worker and I have appreciated all her help and support. I have been privileged to be able to help with occasional funeral services. All the team have completed their Safeguarding (DBS) checks and training. Thank you to all who helped in any way during 2021, and to the clergy team for their support.

We would welcome anyone to join us who has a heart to care for our Church family and our community.

Cath Smith - Lay Pastoral Minister

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

I've continued to make contact with bereaved families, offering support as needed. Some relationships have developed. Events were able to recommence, with the church open on Mothering Sunday and Lights for Loved Ones at Christmas. Our 'Darkness to Light' service took place in October on a smaller scale to comply with Covid guidelines and was recorded for the Church of England's podcast series "Exploring Faith". Grateful thanks to all who have supported this ministry, helping to share God's love with all.

Kim Rowbotham

WORSHIP BAND

We are so happy to be back and able to sing in Church again following the restrictions that were in place, the Band had quite a long time off where we all missed spending time worshipping together through our love of music. The band members are Katie, Sam, Karen, Sonia, Carolyn, Charlotte, Naomi and Phil. We have had to get used to so many new rules and work through a lot of changes over the last eighteen months or so. I took over the role as co-ordinator for the musicians from Katie back in July so would just like to take this opportunity to thank Katie for all her work and commitment over the last 'I don't know how many years' and hope that I can fill her boots to ensure we deliver the worship style of music that everyone enjoys.

We are always looking for more musicians so when you read this and you are one and would like to be involved in the worship ministry then please talk to me or one of the other band members.

Karen Dougan-Mabbutt

COME and SEE

This course is constructed to let people examine the Christian faith, either for the first time, or as a refresher of a faith that has perhaps got a bit rusty.

There are usually about ten sessions held on a fortnightly basis. In brief we look at who Jesus is and his death and resurrection, the Bible, prayer, baptism and membership of a Church (this can be through Confirmation), the work of the Holy Spirit, Holy Communion, what is eternal life and the nature of commitment to Christ.

This year's 'Come and See' group is made up from members from Holy Trinity Rothwell, All Saints Braybrooke and St Giles Desborough and potentially up to five people may seek to be Confirmed at the end of it. The cross fertilisation of ideas can be refreshing and challenging to more orthodox views on Christianity.

Many thanks to Sophie and Jo for co-leading these sessions.

Revd. Steve Heygate

ALPHA MUMS

Alpha Mums group continues to meet weekly on a Wednesday evening, via zoom, 18 months after our original meeting in June 2020! We still have many of the original group + 1 or 2 welcome, new arrivals.

The group has grown in faith & knowledge, and are excellent in supporting each other in prayer!

They have also played a major part in blessing the community, by, for instance, baking & distributing cake. Many of them have also developed various ministries in the life of our church.

We are currently studying the Beatitudes, part of the Pilgrim series, & many of us also took part in the Advent course. If anyone, would like to join us, please email me at wendysteel@btinternet.com

Wendy Steel

HOUSE GROUP

On alternate Friday's a group of us meet at Steve Burt's home for Bible Study, fellowship and 'putting the world to rights'. Over the last two years the group has suffered with the death of Jean Wardell and Mick Harvey, Christians of immense faith, knowledge, and ever willing encouragers for

the rest of us. One or two others have left for other reasons but there are still six or seven of us representing the Desborough and Rothwell parishes.

Currently we are studying St Luke's Gospel and new members are always welcome, a Bible and sense of humour are the only requirements needed.

Revd. Steve Heygate

FRIDAY HOUSE GROUP

We are a small group of ladies, who meet in person, weekly on Friday afternoons at 2pm. We are currently discussing Romans, in line with some of the other groups. If anyone would like to join us for Bible study, fellowship, & light refreshments, please contact Wendy Steel on 07951 817234 or 01536760730.

Wendy Steel

GAPSTILE CLOSE - HOUSE GROUP

We meet fortnightly on a Monday evening with a constant number of seven to ten people attending each meeting. At the beginning of the year we were meeting through Zoom but re-commenced face to face meetings again in September, which enabled more members to attend the group. This year we completed the study of Mark's Gospel and are currently studying The Book of Romans.

We also support a young Christian in Africa with her work in the community, and her family. One project we helped was the installation of a water well in their village.

Carol Krone

20's - 30's GROUP

The 20's and 30's group have continued to meet on zoom once or twice a month. We have been working through Romans using a resource created by Revd. Steve. Our meetings have proven to be a great time of fellowship getting to know God's word, worshipping together, and praying for one another.

Revd. Sophie Cowan

ENGAGE

Engage (a discipleship group for anyone aged 11+!, including adults) continued to meet over zoom for many months of 2021. Sadly we did lose touch with a few of our members who struggled with meeting in this way, but a good core continued to attend. As the lighter evenings and warmer weather began to come in early spring, we experimented with meeting outside, and had a good outdoor event around a fire pit, and also did some reflective walks, all of which went down well. Sadly we then felt it wise to revert back to zoom in the late autumn but as Covid once again began to settle a little we started once again to meet face to face.

We are now in the process of trying to rebuild the group, and structure a programme that includes plenty of fun whilst also time to engage and explore our faith together.

We currently meet just once a month on a Sunday evening and would love to welcome newcomers - any age 11+! Meeting intergenerationally has proved to be a great way to learn from each other and if you are up for putting your faith into practice (that is the key value for Engage) alongside having fun and engaging in creative ways to encounter God, then do get in touch with Hannah to find out more!

Rev. Hannah Jeffery

DESBOROUGH TOWN LANDS & LOAKES' CHARITY TRUST

The balance of the bank account started the year at £1,513.51. The trustees met on Wednesday 19th of May 2021 and the decision was made to distribute funds as follows: £1,000 to Marlow House

and £400 to Desborough Town Welfare. A further meeting of the Trustees is to be held on 18th of May 2022.

Pauline Clarke - Churchwarden

CHURCH LANDS

The Church Lands income for 2021 - £683.76

Mike Littler - Treasurer

'A' TEAM

As the Covid restrictions are being eased there is a lot to do, however, it is great to be meeting again and enjoying the fellowship.

Pleased to say we have another David who has joined us and practised his skills as a plumber repairing the Ladies toilets! As I write this report we are currently decorating the Office and joining Bill Adcock in pruning the trees in the Church drive. Want to know more? please come and join us on a Monday morning.

David Cox

PROPERTY REPORT

The fabric of the Church remains in good order, thanks to the continuing efforts of the 'A' Team. There are no additions to the Inventory, but several alterations to the Church were made during the year:

1. Various actions from the Quinquennial Report were effected, mostly by the voluntary labour of the 'A' team and others.
2. The tomb stones were tested for their stability.
3. Annual services were carried out including the fire extinguishers, clock, roof alarm and lightning conductor.
4. The organ was tuned.
5. Church members undertook a deep clean of the Church.
6. Members of the 'A' team undertook various aspects of maintenance including the repair of the rendering to one of the buttresses, clearing of the guttering and gullies and cleaning the cellar steps.

The Churchwardens would like to thank all those individuals who put in a great deal of hard work and commitment to contribute to the appearance of St. Giles and its' grounds.

Pauline Clarke and Steve Burt - Church Wardens

RINGING MASTER / STEEPLE KEEPER

This year's report reflects on what has been a strange time for all bell ringers due to the Covid restrictions. Things became much more positive when Jane suggested we may be able to practice at Brampton Ash and we were warmly welcomed by Julia, the Church Warden. The practices were well supported with organised pre booked attendances; we were sorry to end our sessions there when clock repairs started, but we were extremely lucky to get the go ahead to restart "semi" normal ringing at St Giles.

What a pleasure and relief to be able to ring again as a band when previously the only allowed ringing was tolling a bell for the 10am Sunday service.

Ventilations conditions in the belfry are not ideal. Covid wise, but we are managing with the open organ rear door, the ventilators which Kim kindly installed and limiting numbers in the belfry to 10. We were sorry to lose Deborah, our Secretary earlier in the year, when she moved to Devon. Many thanks to Tony for volunteering to take over.

We have been very fortunate in keeping the majority of our ringers, many other towers have not been so fortunate.

Jessica is now making very good progress and will hopefully be able to join us on Sunday mornings. She impressed many Kettering Branch ringers when we had our November meeting at Burton Latimer - well done Jessica! We have really enjoyed the company of Lily Osborne who is our latest recruit. Jane has been helping her "to get to know the ropes" and we have all enjoyed her glowing smile.

It has also been pleasing to welcome back Nick Toseland who soon picked up his old skills again. We have not rung any quarter peels for the last two years apart from the Bob Triples we rang for the Christmas Tree Festival / Gala Evening on Friday 26th of November. It was also pleasing to chime carols for the Festival, thanks to all who volunteered. /Contd.

I would like to offer my thanks to all our ringers, who's positive attitude has kept things going during a very difficult time. Let us hope 2022 will bring less restrictions and allow us to make more progress.

Thanks, as ever to Murray for his constant help and support and to Jane for her input, especially training our new recruits and running the first half of our practices.

Bill Adcock

STEEPLE KEEPER

I have made inspections in the bell chamber during the lockdown period and pleased to find things in good working order. We do need a tidy up in the Bell Chamber and Clock room and I am looking for a volunteer or two to give a helping hand.

Bill Adcock

BRASS CLEANING

Brass cleaning restarted when St Giles opened for more regular services.

At present a few volunteers are cleaning the brasses at Festival times and Christmas and Easter. I remain very grateful to these ladies for undertaking this task. In time, I hope that the monthly rota will return.

Liz Adcock

CHURCH CLEANING

Due to the small number of volunteers, the church has been cleaned fortnightly with minimal tidying in the intervening week. A Big Church Clean took place on 16th October and extra cleaning has been implemented when required after services and events in accordance with Covid guidelines.

Kim Rowbotham

HEALTH & SAFETY

It is reported that all necessary required maintenance checks and tests have been completed (fire alarm and emergency lighting), and there has been four minor accidents reported.

Pauline Clarke - Churchwarden

SAFEGUARDING

This year we have ensured that all new and existing children's workers and those working with adults have appropriate DBS checks and are admitted using safer recruiting procedures. Signs about safeguarding are displayed and the website complies with Diocesan requirements.

This year a great deal of refresher training was undertaken and now the vast majority of our volunteers working with both adults and children have now completed up to date safeguarding training.

All risk assessments and written job roles for all children's and adult's workers are in place and in most cases have been reviewed. All groups have been made aware of the safer environment guidelines.

There were two causes for concern during the year, which were referred to the DSL. Advice was also sought from the Diocesan Safeguarding Team on other matters.

We continue to use the Parish Dashboard initiative to manage our approach to safeguarding and this has proved to be beneficial in ensuring we are complying with current Church policy.

Pauline Clarke - Safeguarding Officer

ECO CHURCH GROUP

This group was formed in the Spring, as a sub-committee of the Church Council in response to the challenge from the National Churches to make our practices more sustainable. Several members of the group attended a very useful Eco Church Conference hosted by the Methodist District. The group has registered with La Rocha as an Eco Church and has been working on the various aspects of the Eco Church Survey at each meeting.

We had a visit from members of the Northamptonshire Wildlife Trust, who surveyed the Church grounds and made many useful recommendations, which we are currently following up.

The Junior Church undertook an Eco Project in the Spring and Summer, making bug hotels, preparing the ground for a wildflower area in the Churchyard and planting bulbs.

A survey of plants and wildlife in the Churchyard was also undertaken. Top tips for a more eco-friendly lifestyle have appeared in our Church 'e' mails monthly since November and many more initiatives are planned for the future. Look out for Bicycle stands in the car park. Bat boxes in the Churchyard and a Psalm 23 garden in the Memorial Garden to name but a few! We are hoping to attain a Bronze Award on the Eco Church survey in the near future!

Pauline Clarke - on behalf of the Eco Church Group

'LOVE IN ACTION' SUNDAY LUNCH

The first Sunday Lunch to be held since the pandemic took place in December, some twenty two months since we last met. We held two Christmas lunches to limit numbers in the Hall and everyone was very glad to be back together again. Going forward, we have asked our ladies and gentlemen to book a lunch every alternate month, so that we don't exceed our number limit. There are some noticeable gaps at our table as several of our members have passed away since we last met but we are pleased that we have welcomed some new people. Our aim is still to welcome people who would normally eat Sunday lunch alone. It has also been great to have new volunteers to supplement our team.

Pauline Clarke - on behalf of the Sunday Lunch team.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

After 18 months of not being able to meet, we finally got together again in September 2021, using the small hall to facilitate social distancing, and following the safety guidelines by keeping our meetings informal. The only guest speaker we had was Cath Smith, who offered to come and take a Harvest Festival Service in October, which we all enjoyed. As we could not do our usual World Day of Prayer service in March 2021, we decided to do a simple version in November, without guests or speakers. The subject was "Build on a Strong Foundation." We learned a great about Vanuatu, and found it very interesting and educational. All members had at least one speaking part in the service, and Anne, our pianist led us through some quite difficult songs. We even learned some words of the language! At the end of November, we decorated a tree for the Christmas Tree Festival, entitled "The Holly and the Ivy," with Clare doing the lion's share of the decorating. For our last meeting before Christmas, we sang carols and had tea and mince pies, kindly baked by Joan. We also had our Secret Santa. /Contd. Meetings resumed on January 12th, 2022 and we hope to be able to meet weekly from now on.

Penny White

GAMING BOARD GROUP

The St Giles Desborough Board Gaming Group have been regularly meeting online throughout the Covid period and have recently returned to meeting in the Community Centre every second Monday from 7 pm. We have between five and ten participants but there is always room for more. Games have varied from the classic to the latest. We have not yet played Monopoly. The Group can be found on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/316118445722011> or search for the name, alternatively contact Alan Window or Peter Shuker.

Alan Window

BASKETS & BARROWS FESTIVAL

Another year when we could not hold the Festival in its usual format !

However, we did our best. On Saturday 15th May we closed the car park and set up our plant stalls in the fresh air. It was a little too fresh at times as we had a number of rain showers. But from 10.0 am onwards we had a steady stream of customers.

The committee had put many measures in place to cut down the risk of Covid. Alan manned the gate to keep numbers manageable and attacked everyone with hand sanitizer. We had a card reader as well as c

Katharine and Peter were at the cashiers table and had to rig up a tarpaulin to keep dry. Susan was in a gazebo selling the produce. The kitchen team were serving tea and cake in the Scout tent. At the end of the day we had raised over £600, a good effort and everyone was so happy to be out again, there was great friendly atmosphere despite the rain.

We plan to do something similar this year but hopefully will be able to move some things indoors now things are slightly less restricted.

Stella Freeman - and the B&B team

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

A very scaled down Christmas Tree Festival joyfully happened this year. There were many things that could not happen, though creative thinking reigned, technology was tested out and our exhibitors stunned us with their wonderfully lit trees again. Let's hope that words like social distancing and "Please wear your mask" will only apply to 2021.

Our visitors were asked to pre-book for our busiest times to avoid queuing and having too many people in the church at any one time, though it was not essential to do so and the numbers were closely monitored. Certain areas of the church were admired from a distance especially the East Window and the Lady Chapel and a one-way system around the displays meant exiting through the atmospheric displays of the Choir Vestry through the Tower Door. QR code scanning speeded up the voting procedure of 3,800 votes.

One-way systems in the Community Centre allowed for waitress service Refreshments (e.g., tea, coffee, cake, but no main meals), a Gift stall, Tombola's and Charity Christmas cards in the Large Hall, and Produce, Gift Packs, Books and a Raffle to take place in the Small Hall. The foyer acted as a sanitisation point, entering through the ramp door and exiting by the double doors.

Your favourite trees were awarded mini lit Christmas trees and were awarded to:

- "Tree-Rex" by Teresa & Tamzin, the Favourite Tree by an Adult
- "Rudolf Re-Cycled Reindeer" by Phase 3, Loatlands Primary School, the Favourite Tree by a Child's Group
- "Fraser digs Christmas" by Fraser, the Favourite Tree by Child

There were Special Mentions for "D.T.J.F.C" by Desborough Town Juniors Football Club, "Heroes for Heroes" by Elliot and Ava Ginns, "Santa's gone nuts!!" by Desborough Royal British Legion Women's Section and "Afternoon Tree" by Revive Coffee Shop.

It was not possible to contact all of our past exhibitors because of circumstances this year but we do hope that you will contact us to be included another year. If you are new to us and have never entered a tree before we are always willing to encourage you to have a go!

And the headline news is we are:

The longest running Christmas Tree Festival in the country.

Committee: Steve & Helen Burt, Rev. Neil & Pauline Clarke, Stella & Sean Freeman, Eric Lennox, Kim Rowbotham, Katharyn & Peter Shuker, Sarah Toseland, Ann & Alan Window (01536 761329)
Ann Window - Secretary of the St Giles Christmas Tree Festival

TINY TOTS

Tiny Tots continue to meet at 2pm every Thursday during term time at St. Giles Community Centre, the session is free for children up to five years old (pre-school).

Tiny Tots is very popular and has grown in numbers recently, in fact we have never seen so many joining our group! We have a story, songs and a craft activity each week. At present, we are using Christian Bible stories and other stories too. Each week we follow a theme, last week the children brought their favourite teddy along.

For the Christmas Tree Festival our entry was "Climatree" all the children made decorations, and the tree looked wonderful.

Recently we saw Lisa performing Jesus' first Miracle - turning water into wine !.

It is a pleasure to welcome John Lund back who gives the Blessing each week.

There is a lovely atmosphere within the group and a time to play and chat too.

Lisa Smith - on behalf of the Tiny Tots team.

MINI CHURCH

Mini Church continued to meet each month during the pandemic, firstly online and then once the Church opened again we met on the 4th Sunday of each month in the Church leading worship, it was so good to still be able to continue with Mini Church and I hope that everyone enjoyed the different style of worship leading. Mini Church was led by a number of volunteers - Jeanette, Karen and Rebecca. In October of last year Jeanette stepped down from Mini Church due to moving to a different area, we would like to say a big thank you to Jeanette for all that she gave to Mini Church during the last eleven and a half years, this then led to Gloria joining the Mini Church team.

In December we held the traditional Mini Church Nativity in the Church and it was lovely to experience a little bit of normality had returned, in January we moved Mini Church back to the Community Centre where we now meet on the fourth Sunday, we will however, make at least one appearance in Church during each quarter so you don't forget who we are and so we can get you all up bouncing to the action songs!

Karen Dougan-Mabbutt

JUNIOR CHURCH

The first half of the year saw us in Lockdown again but as the weather changed in late Spring, the team decided to start our meetings again. We decided to meet outdoors and embark on an 'Eco project', which began with a investigation of the plants and wildlife in our Church grounds. We continued by making a Bug Hotel, planting bulbs and preparing the ground for the planting of a wild flower area in the Churchyard. Since September, we have resumed our meetings indoors using material planned to follow the lectionary readings. It has been great to welcome a good number of children. We were able to hold our Christingle services in person this year.

We had three services to limit numbers at each service and the Christingle's were constructed by the children during the services.

Pauline Clarke - on behalf of the Junior Church team.

HOLIDAY CLUB

We were able to have Holiday Club in person this year but with restricted numbers and for only three days. The theme was "The New Normal".

We had two teams and had all the usual games and activities with our own puppet video's to replace a play. There were plenty of volunteers and some great conversations with the children. It was a tremendous year which the children and adult all enjoyed.

Around 30 children joined the club, which made all the work worthwhile. No BBQ this year but we hope the club will be back to normal in 2022.

Revd Neil Clarke - on behalf of the Holiday Club Team

FRIDAY FAMILY FUN

Friday Family Fun started to meet again in October 2021. We meet on the second Friday in the month in the Community Centre from 5pm - 7pm. We have six messy craft activities, a bible story an action song and we finish the evening by sharing a meal together.

When we started back in October we welcomed four new families that had not been before and received some great feedback from them all. We like to include the whole family in all the crafts, songs and story.

This session is a really an integral part of the ministry here at St. Giles and helps us to share the word of Jesus with the wider community. If after reading this report you would like to join us, then please do so, you will be very welcome, and will see a completely different side of worship.

Finally, but by no means least, I would like to say a big thank you to the whole of the F.F.F. team - Kim, Katie, Lyndsey, Lauren, Clare, Pauline, Teresa, Karen L, Steve, Cath and Wendy who do an amazing job each month.

Karen Dougan-Mabbutt

SCOUTS - 3rd DESBOROUGH

We have 20 Scouts and 5 Adults, the section is going from strength to strength.

Having missed vast chunks of 2020 and part of 2021 to Covid-19 (The Zoom Years), some of the basic skills are lacking. For example, only four of our current Scouts have been camping as Scouts. There are only so many skills that can be taught on zoom, but we are making up for that with our busy programme and extra weekend activities.

Whilst I can tell you that we have missed our normal two or three camping trips a year, I can also tell you that we are coming back with a bang this summer, 21 Scouts and 5 Adult Leaders are going to Hawkthirst Scout Activity Centre on Kielder Water in Northumberland, for a four-day Scouting Extravaganza. We are being joined on this Expedition into the back of beyond (it's past Hadrian's Wall) by 1st Kettering Scouts (10 Scouts and 1 Adult) something we are looking forward to.

This last year we have been able to do many outdoor things like Raft Building, Canoeing, walking from Market Harborough to Desborough and then having a meal in the Community Centre. We have also completed lots of Badge work, like the Pioneering Badge, The Photography Badge, the Circus Skills Badge and First Aid Badge to name just a few.

Our biggest need as a Group is for a Treasurer. If you are capable of doing that or know someone who is, please get in touch, alternatively ask them to get in touch with me.

Yours in Scouting

Ian Krone - Group Scout Leader 3rd Desborough (St Giles) Scout Group

CUBS - 3rd DESBOROUGH

What a lovely group of children we have! sixteen in total, aged from 8 to 10 1/2 years. They make us very proud. They represent themselves, Scouting and St. Giles extremely well. /Contd.

Our activities are challenging and varied as the programme is set to allow the Cubs to earn their Silver Scout Award, the highest accolade they can gain whilst with us.

We have visited many places, including West Lodge, Laser tag and Adrenaline Alley which they found to be very exciting. There are some budding Adrenaline junkies in the group! As with the majority of Scouting members, no matter what section they attend, they love to build fires and cook on them. This is an integral part of our programme. It is always the 'eating' part of this activity they enjoy the most, so roll on the lighter evenings and let us see what we can 'conger up'! There are many Cubs that have an arm full of badges, though this is not always the marker to which we measure their achievements it is just reward for all the hard work they put in. They learn many skills, not only practical ones but social too. This is extremely important to us as Leaders for them

to be able to express themselves and have consideration for others whilst in a safe and fun environment. Making memories along the way.

We are always looking for help on our Executive Committee, if you are able to spare us any time at all please make yourself known to a member of the Leadership Team. Scouting is awesome! Our worldwide movement is life changing. Hopefully you can see the children growing and getting equipped for all that is ahead, we know we can.

Yours in Scouting

Cub Leadership Team

BEAVERS - 3rd DESBOROUGH

The start of the year was quite challenging.

During 2020 we delivered crafts and badge work to the Beavers homes until Christmas. Then up to Easter we joined in Zoom meetings with the Cubs. Once we received the 'go ahead' to resume meetings in April 2021 we had to find ways to keep everyone safe from Covid-19, and from April to October 2021 we held our meetings outdoors.

We met in the Recreation Ground, the Millennium Green, the Pocket Park and we even had a nature walk in the Cemetery. The area on the grass behind the Community Centre proved invaluable, even the English weather did not deter us! Since November we have been indoors and have been concentrating on badge work.

We have 18 Beavers, three of whom will be moving into the Cubs. We have a healthy waiting list most of whom will join this coming year once more Beavers go up into Cubs.

This has been a very enjoyable year for us.

Diana Yeomans - Beaver Leader

TREASURERS REPORT

A slightly better-than-expected financial result for 2021 with a net income of £18,655.37. This appears on the surface to be a really good performance, but we should look a little deeper and see that all is not as it seems.

Receipts report an increase of 5.9% (£5,667) with payments reporting a small reduction of 1.1% (£1,052). This is showing us a positive result of £10,983 plus gains on investments of £7672, a net income of £18,655. High level this is a good result for 2021 especially with the challenges faced improved compared to 2020 and that is a positive.

Another huge positive is the fact that we have been working towards a position where we can donate 5% of our income to worthwhile causes, and it is pleasing to report that we have made provision for donations of £5,000 within the 2021 figures. The actual detail of where those donations will be directed has yet to be determined.

However, when looking deeper we note:

- Plan giving has reduced by 3.8% (£2176) and gift aid by 2.1% (£260).
- Interest on investments (£1,560) is not guaranteed and has been reducing with low interest rates in recent years. However this should be a similar figure each year.
- Bequests and donations are normally a "one-off" which total £11,456.
- We had a business continuity grant (BCG) of £5,000 which will not be repeated.

If we remove the "exceptional items" noted above (bequests, donations and BCG) there would be a deficit of £5,473. This may be considered a harsh calculation but we shouldn't rely on these "exceptional items" to keep the Church in profit so we can do our work and support activities and charities. The concern is the 'planned giving' growth, we currently have 53 contributors +5 still on the old scheme. Please could we ask if you are not a contributor now and would like to be to speak to the clergy or me? We still have quite a few who contribute by the collections plate or envelopes, thank you for your donations as well.

I would like to finish as usual with my thanks to Eric for his constant support and advice, Wendy for managing the day-to-day administrative duties, Richard Steel and Richard Watts for their continuing support.

Mike Littler - Treasurer

Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Designated	Total 2021	Total 2020
See Notes	1	2	3	7		
Receipts						
Voluntary income	83,260.75	46.00		504.00	83,810.75	81,563
Activities for generating funds	2,690.00			7,006.51	9,696.51	4,909
Income from Church activities	2,160.41				2,160.41	3,412
Investment income		1,553.93	0.79	4.99	1,559.71	1,655
Other	5,683.76				5,683.76	5,705
Total receipts	93,794.92	1,599.93	0.79	7,515.50	102,911.14	97,244
Payments						
Fundraising costs				1,083.87	1,083.87	249
Charitable activities	5,329.20				5,329.20	3,981
Ministry	67,611.69				67,611.69	66,004
Church maintenance	13,056.77			426.00	13,482.77	18,335
Administration	3,749.79				3,749.79	3,863
Other	529.60	141.00			670.60	548
Total payments	90,277.05	141.00		1,509.87	91,927.92	92,980
Net receipts against payments	3,517.87	1,458.93	0.79	6,005.63	10,983.22	4,264
Transfers between funds	2,140.79			(2,140.79)		
Net after transfers	5,658.66	1,458.93	0.79	3,864.84	10,983.22	4,264
Gains/(Losses) on investments			7,672.15		7,672.15	3,410
Net Income/(Expenditure)	5,658.66	1,458.93	7,672.94	3,864.84	18,655.37	7,674
Funds B/f at 1st Jan 2021 [Note 5]	44,311.86	19,366.12	54,311.58	20,564.41	138,553.97	130,880
Funds C/f at 31st Dec 2021 [Note 5]	49,970.52	20,825.05	61,984.52	24,429.25	157,209.34	138,554

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Cash Funds:			
Bank accounts [see Note 4A]		84,318.53	75,188
CBF Deposit Fund		28,313.59	26,765
Cash		6.00	4
		112,638.12	101,958
Investment Assets:			
CBF Investment Fund - Income Units		60,465.53	52,793
Net Current Receivables/(Payables)		(13,473.34)	(7,871)
Specific Reserves			
Methodist Grant [see Note 6]			(1,600)
Business Continuity Grant			(5,000)
Music Fund		(457.70)	(458)
Lighting, Audio Visual, Roof			
Anniversary Window Fund		(56.27)	(56)
Memorial Garden Fund		(1,907.00)	(1,212)
Total Assets		157,209.34	138,554

St Giles Anglican and Methodist Church Desborough
Financial Statements for the Period Ended 31st December 2021

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Note 1: Analysis of General [Unrestricted] Fund Receipts and Payments

			2021	2020
Planned giving			54,397.82	56,574
Tax recovered			12,185.13	12,445
Loose collections			5,221.62	2,982
Donations			11,456.18	8,018
Total voluntary income			83,260.75	80,020
Community centre hire			2,690.00	2,546
Donations in lieu of centre hire				336
Activities for generating funds			2,690.00	2,882
Flower festival				156
Weddings			828.41	297
Funerals			1,332.00	2,614
Other activities				345
Income from church activities			2,160.41	3,412
Church lands			683.76	684
Miscellaneous income				21
Business continuity grant			5,000.00	5,000
Other income			5,683.76	5,705
Donations made [see Note 4D]			5,272.65	3,984
Friday family fun			56.55	(2)
Mini church				
Charitable activities			5,329.20	3,981
Parish share			50,544.00	50,544
Methodist assessment			14,670.00	14,850
Bereavement Counsellor			2,000.00	
Clergy expenses (net)			397.69	610
Ministry			67,611.69	66,004
	Church	Centre		
Gas	548.23	472.05	1,020.28	670
Electricity	584.21	825.77	1,409.98	1,108
Insurance	2,578.66	1,166.17	3,744.83	3,639
Repairs and maintenance	1,708.79	1,852.80	3,561.59	9,463
Clock				
Lighting				
Altar	106.09		106.09	233
Organ				
Business Rates		230.61	230.61	
Cleaning		1,978.39	1,978.39	2,087
Telephone		432.00	432.00	438
Water		414.00	414.00	506
Miscellaneous		159.00	159.00	190
Church maintenance	5,525.98	7,530.79	13,056.77	18,335
Postage and stationery			534.56	645
Photocopiers				88
Music			387.58	471
Youth			59.75	
Administrator and secretary			2,757.94	2,573
Card Fees			9.96	35
Publicity				
Administration			3,749.79	3,813
Awards and Gifts				132
Miscellaneous			529.60	297
Other Expenditure			529.60	429

Note 2: Restricted Funds

	Bell	Fabric	Totals
Funds brought forward 1st Jan. 2021	8,402.97	10,963.15	19,366.12
Voluntary income	46.00		46.00
Investment income	5.27	1,548.66	1,553.93
Other			
Total receipts	<u>51.27</u>	<u>1,548.66</u>	<u>1,599.93</u>
Payments			
Fund raising costs			
Charitable activities			
Ministry			
Fabric maintenance			
Administration			
Other	141.00		141.00
Total payments	<u>141.00</u>	<u></u>	<u>141.00</u>
Net receipts against payments	<u>(89.73)</u>	<u>1,548.66</u>	<u>1,458.93</u>
Transfers between funds			
Funds carried forward 31st Dec 2021	<u>8,313.24</u>	<u>12,511.81</u>	<u>20,825.05</u>

Note 3: Endowment Funds

	Slow	Tailby	Totals
Funds brought forward 1st Jan. 2021	52,793.38	1,518.20	54,311.58
Voluntary income			
Investment income		0.79	0.79
Other			
Total receipts	<u></u>	<u>0.79</u>	<u>0.79</u>
Payments			
Fund raising costs			
Charitable activities			
Ministry			
Church maintenance			
Administration			
Other			
Total payments	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
Net receipts against payments	<u></u>	<u>0.79</u>	<u>0.79</u>
Transfers between funds			
Recognised gains on investments	7,672.15		7,672.15
Funds carried forward 31st Dec 2021	<u>60,465.53</u>	<u>1,518.99</u>	<u>61,984.52</u>

Note 4: Other Financial Analyses

A: Bank Accounts

The balances of the several bank accounts of the Church are as follows:-

	2021	2020
General Fund - Santander	59,182.64	55,366
General Fund - Barclays	1,507.05	1,387
General Fund - Lloyds	5,169.14	3,751
Bell Fund	8,313.24	8,403
Craft Group		266
Events	5,377.71	721
Holiday Club	250.39	533
Magazine	1,941.64	1,438
Monthly Lunch		567
Printers	1,057.73	1,239
Tailby Fund	1,518.99	1,518
	<u>84,318.53</u>	<u>75,188</u>

B: Money raised at Church Festivals (net of expenses)

Flower Festival		156
Barrows and Baskets	1,339.50	1,113
Christmas Tree Festival	4,891.56	601
Ladies Craft Group	(265.76)	(121)
	<u>5,965.30</u>	<u>1,750</u>

C: The clergy expenses for St Giles are shown net of the expenses (and refunds of those expenses) made by the other three parishes. This means the amount of clergy expenses for St Giles are clearly seen.

D: Donations

	Ex Designated Funds	Ex General Funds	Total
General		4,536.00	
Mustard Seed Appeal			
Diocese in Europe			
J Osbourne			
Love in Action			
British Legion		15.00	
MWIB (Sunshine)			
Bishop's Charities			
Childrens Society		503.95	
WATOTO Childcare			
Womens World Day of Prayer			
Methodist Church Misson Fund			
Civic Service			
Memorial Garden			
Cransley Hospice			
Christian Aid		217.70	
		<u>5,272.65</u>	<u>5,272.65</u>

Note 5: Analysis of Assets, Liabilities and Specific Reserves for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

	<u>B/F at 01/01/21</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>
Bank Accounts:					
Barclays	1,387.05	1,387.05			
Bells	8,402.97			8,402.97	
CCLA (Bequests/Fabric)	26,764.93		15,801.78	10,963.15	
Craft	265.76		265.76		
Endowment - Slow	52,793.38				52,793.38
Endowment - Tailby	1,518.20				1,518.20
Events	720.50		720.50		
Holiday Club	533.18		533.18		
Lloyds	3,751.40	3,751.40			
Magazine	1,437.52		1,437.52		
Monthly Lunch	566.94		566.94		
Printers	1,238.73		1,238.73		
Santander	55,366.10	55,366.10			
Cash:					
Cash	4.24	4.24			
Debtors/Creditors:					
Accounts Receivable/Prepayments	419.80	419.80			
Accounts Payable/Accruals	(8,290.76)	(8,290.76)			
Specific Reserves:					
Methodist Grant	(1,600.00)	(1,600.00)			
Business Continuity Grant	(5,000.00)	(5,000.00)			
Music Fund	(457.70)	(457.70)			
Lighting, Audio Visual, Roof Funds					
Anniversary Window Fund	(56.27)	(56.27)			
Memorial Garden Fund	(1,212.00)	(1,212.00)			
	<u>138,553.97</u>	<u>44,311.86</u>	<u>20,564.41</u>	<u>19,366.12</u>	<u>54,311.58</u>
	<u>C/F at 31/12/21</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>
Bank Accounts:					
Barclays	1,507.05	1,507.05			
Bells	8,313.24			8,313.24	
CCLA (Bequests/Fabric)	28,313.59		15,801.78	12,511.81	
Craft					
Endowment - Slow	60,465.53				60,465.53
Endowment - Tailby	1,518.99				1,518.99
Events	5,377.71		5,377.71		
Holiday Club	250.39		250.39		
Lloyds	5,169.14	5,169.14			
Magazine	1,941.64		1,941.64		
Monthly Lunch					
Printers	1,057.73		1,057.73		
Santander	59,182.64	59,182.64			
Cash:					
Cash	6.00	6.00			
Debtors/Creditors:					
Accounts Receivable/Prepayments	1,094.88	1,094.88			
Accounts Payable/Accruals	(14,568.22)	(14,568.22)			
Specific Reserves:					
Methodist Grant					
Business Continuity Grant					
Music Fund	(457.70)	(457.70)			
Lighting, Audio Visual, Roof Funds					
Anniversary Window Fund	(56.27)	(56.27)			
Memorial Garden Fund	(1,907.00)	(1,907.00)			
	<u>157,209.34</u>	<u>49,970.52</u>	<u>24,429.25</u>	<u>20,825.05</u>	<u>61,984.52</u>

Note 6: Methodist Grant

In March 2018, St Giles Church Desborough received a grant of £20,000 from the Kettering and Corby Methodist Circuit to be split equally between the cost of employing a Bereavement Counsellor and to assist with certain capital projects (Lighting and Audio Visual Equipment). During 2021, the Church has utilised £1600 of this grant (2020 - £3,600), and at the end of the year the remaining reserved grant was £0 (2020 - £1,600).

Note 7: Designated Funds

	Bequests	Craft	Events	Holiday Club	Magazine	Monthly Lunch	Printers	Totals
Funds brought forward 1st Jan. 2021	15,801.78	265.76	720.50	533.18	1,437.52	566.94	1,238.73	20,564.41
Voluntary income					504.00			504.00
Activities for generating funds			6,761.51				245.00	7,006.51
Income from Church activities								0.00
Investment income				4.87	0.12			4.99
Other								0.00
Total receipts	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6,761.51</u>	<u>4.87</u>	<u>504.12</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>245.00</u>	<u>7,515.50</u>
Fund raising costs		265.76	530.45	287.66				1,083.87
Charitable activities [see note 5]								0.00
Ministry								0.00
Church maintenance							426.00	426.00
Administration								0.00
Total payments	<u>0.00</u>	<u>265.76</u>	<u>530.45</u>	<u>287.66</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>426.00</u>	<u>1,509.87</u>
Net receipts/(payments)	0.00	(265.76)	6,231.06	(282.79)	504.12	0.00	(181.00)	6,005.63
Transfers between funds			(1,573.85)			(566.94)	0.00	(2,140.79)
Funds carried forward 31st Dec 2021	<u>15,801.78</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,377.71</u>	<u>250.39</u>	<u>1,941.64</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,057.73</u>	<u>24,429.25</u>

St Giles Church AGM Minutes 2021

Thursday 29th April 2021 7.30 pm

1. Opening Prayer

Rev Hannah Jeffery opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Appointment of Chairpersons

Rev Hannah Jeffery was appointed chair to the meeting. Proposed by John Toyne and seconded by Rev Neil Clarke.

3. Appointment of AGM Secretary

Katie Steel was appointed secretary to the AGM. Proposed by Hannah Jeffery and seconded by Steve Burt.

4. Attendance and Apologies for absence

Present - In Church

Rev Hannah Jeffery	Joan Cox	Martin Lawrence	Lynne Banes-Marshall
Katie Steel	Peter Shuker	Wendy Steel	Philip Rice
Karen Dougan-Mabbutt	Steve Smith	Carolyn Rice	Jenny Johnson
Ray Milson	Ann Window	Gloria Jinadu	Olusegun Jinadu
Pauline Clarke	Alan Window	Helen Burt	Lois Bulcock
Rev Neil Clarke	John Toyne	Steve Burt	Wendy East
David Cox	Kim Rowbotham	John Lund	Jo Moore
Lindsey Hillman-Gamble	Bob Parish	Joyce Parish	

Present - On Zoom

Rev Sophie Cowan	Samuel Steel	Tim Jeffery	Margaret Panter
Cath Smith	Diane Sweeny	Carol Krone	Karen Lennox
Yvonne Leasing	Grenville Leasing	Bill Featherstone	Eric Lennox
Stella Freeman	Dione Seago	Mike Littler	Teresa Littler
Bill Adcock	Liz Adcock	Louise Ross	Carol Almond
Nicki Winch	Helen Woods	Jeanette Wonfor	Katharyn Shuker
Pat Watkin	Shane Ross		

Apologies

Rosemary Bucket	Gwen Hurst	Roy Perry	Jean Perry
Nick Toseland			

5. Minutes of the last meeting

With no amendments, the minutes of the meeting dated Sunday 28th April 2019 were signed as a true record. Proposed by Peter Shuker and seconded by Rev Neil Clarke.

6. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

7. Election of Trustee Members

The following people were unanimously elected as Trustee members.

Nominee	Proposed By:	Seconded by:
Karen Dougan-Mabbutt	Katie Steel	Pauline Clarke
Gloria Jinadu	Wendy Steel	Jeanette Wonfor
Jo-Anne Moore	Cath Smith	Wendy Steel

8. Election of Church Wardens

The following people were unanimously elected as Church Wardens.

Nominee	Proposed By:	Seconded by:
Pauline Clarke	Karen Lennox	Karen Dougan-Mabbutt
Steve Burt	Helen Burt	Pauline Clarke

9. Election of Deputy Church Warden

The following people were unanimously elected as Deputy Church Wardens.

Nominee	Proposed By:	Seconded by:
Martin Lawrence	David Cox	Kim Rowbotham

10. Election of Stewards

The following people were unanimously elected as Church Stewards.

Nominee	Proposed By:	Seconded by:
Peter Shuker	Ann Window	Katie Steel
Ann Window	Katharyn Shuker	Alan Window

11. Election of Deanery Representatives

The following people were unanimously elected as Deanery Representatives.

Nominee	Proposed By:	Seconded by:
John Toyne	Katie Steel	Pauline Clarke

12. Representatives to circuit meeting

The following people were unanimously elected as Representatives to the Circuit Meeting.

Nominee	Proposed By:	Seconded by:
Peter Shuker	Rev Hannah Jeffery	Karen Dougan-Mabbutt
Ann Window	Rev Hannah Jeffery	Karen Dougan-Mabbutt
Alan Window	Rev Hannah Jeffery	Karen Dougan-Mabbutt

David Cox
Carolyn Rice

Rev Hannah Jeffery
Rev Hannah Jeffery

Karen Dougan-Mabbutt
Karen Dougan-Mabbutt

Prayers were said for all those being elected this year and for those who continue to serve.

13. Deanery Synod Report

There were no questions regarding the attached deanery synod report.

14. Church Fabric Report

There were no questions regarding the attached fabric report.

15. Church Lands Report

There were no questions regarding the attached church lands report.

16. Desborough Town Lands & Loakes' Charity Trust Report

There were no questions regarding the attached town lands & Loakes charity report.

17. Church Membership Report

There were no questions regarding the attached church membership report. It was reported that we currently have 177 members. We have lost 16 members due to death or re-location, however we have also gained 6 members. This number is probably higher, as due to Covid people have been unable to access the sign up forms etc. There are 93 people signed up to the electoral roll.

18. Finance Report

(a. presentation of the accounts, b. adoption of accounts and c. appointment of an independent examiner)

a. Mike Littler presented the accounts. No questions were asked. Our income has been reduced because of Covid and the lack of festivals, however we have been fortunate with some of our income.

b. The accounts were proposed by Pauline Clarke, seconded by Steve Burt and unanimously passed. Thanks were extended to the whole finance team.

c. Eric Lennox was appointed as independent examiner. Proposed by Hannah Jeffery and seconded by Philip Rice.

19. Safeguarding

Pauline Clarke reported that we have completed 95% of our targets. DBS checks have been completed, safer recruiting procedures are being used. Refresher training has begun and risk assessments have been completed for all groups and activities. Pauline reported that there were 2 causes for concern last year. These have now been closed. There is one cause for concern this year which is still ongoing. Thanks were extended to Pauline for all her hard work.

20. Health and Safety

There were no questions regarding Health & Safety.

21. Reports from the Organisations

There were no questions regarding the reports from organisations.

22. Report from the Rector

There were no questions regarding the Rector's report.

23. Report from the Minister

There were no questions regarding the Minister's report.

24. AOB

There were no items of any other business.

With no other business, Hannah Jeffery thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.

Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Designated	Total 2021	Total 2020
See Notes	1	2	3	7		
Receipts						
Voluntary income	83,260.75	46.00		504.00	83,810.75	81,563
Activities for generating funds	2,690.00			7,006.51	9,696.51	4,909
Income from Church activities	2,160.41				2,160.41	3,412
Investment income		1,553.93	0.79	4.99	1,559.71	1,655
Other	5,683.76				5,683.76	5,705
Total receipts	93,794.92	1,599.93	0.79	7,515.50	102,911.14	97,244
Payments						
Fundraising costs				1,083.87	1,083.87	249
Charitable activities	5,329.20				5,329.20	3,981
Ministry	67,611.69				67,611.69	66,004
Church maintenance	13,056.77			426.00	13,482.77	18,335
Administration	3,749.79				3,749.79	3,863
Other	529.60	141.00			670.60	548
Total payments	90,277.05	141.00		1,509.87	91,927.92	92,980
Net receipts against payments	3,517.87	1,458.93	0.79	6,005.63	10,983.22	4,264
Transfers between funds	2,140.79			(2,140.79)		
Net after transfers	5,658.66	1,458.93	0.79	3,864.84	10,983.22	4,264
Gains/(Losses) on investments			7,672.15		7,672.15	3,410
Net Income/(Expenditure)	5,658.66	1,458.93	7,672.94	3,864.84	18,655.37	7,674
Funds B/f at 1st Jan 2021 [Note 5]	44,311.86	19,366.12	54,311.58	20,564.41	138,553.97	130,880
Funds C/f at 31st Dec 2021 [Note 5]	49,970.52	20,825.05	61,984.52	24,429.25	157,209.34	138,554

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Cash Funds:			
Bank accounts [see Note 4A]		84,318.53	75,188
CBF Deposit Fund		28,313.59	26,765
Cash		6.00	4
		112,638.12	101,958
Investment Assets:			
CBF Investment Fund - Income Units		60,465.53	52,793
Net Current Receivables/(Payables)		(13,473.34)	(7,871)
Specific Reserves			
Methodist Grant [see Note 6]			(1,600)
Business Continuity Grant			(5,000)
Music Fund		(457.70)	(458)
Lighting, Audio Visual, Roof			
Anniversary Window Fund		(56.27)	(56)
Memorial Garden Fund		(1,907.00)	(1,212)
Total Assets		157,209.34	138,554

Note 1: Analysis of General [Unrestricted] Fund Receipts and Payments

			2021	2020
Planned giving			54,397.82	56,574
Tax recovered			12,185.13	12,445
Loose collections			5,221.62	2,982
Donations			11,456.18	8,018
Total voluntary income			83,260.75	80,020
Community centre hire			2,690.00	2,546
Donations in lieu of centre hire				336
Activities for generating funds			2,690.00	2,882
Flower festival				156
Weddings			828.41	297
Funerals			1,332.00	2,614
Other activities				345
Income from church activities			2,160.41	3,412
Church lands			683.76	684
Miscellaneous income				21
Business continuity grant			5,000.00	5,000
Other income			5,683.76	5,705
Donations made [see Note 4D]			5,272.65	3,984
Friday family fun			56.55	(2)
Mini church				
Charitable activities			5,329.20	3,981
Parish share			50,544.00	50,544
Methodist assessment			14,670.00	14,850
Bereavement Counsellor			2,000.00	
Clergy expenses (net)			397.69	610
Ministry			67,611.69	66,004
	Church	Centre		
Gas	548.23	472.05	1,020.28	670
Electricity	584.21	825.77	1,409.98	1,108
Insurance	2,578.66	1,166.17	3,744.83	3,639
Repairs and maintenance	1,708.79	1,852.80	3,561.59	9,463
Clock				
Lighting				
Altar	106.09		106.09	233
Organ				
Business Rates		230.61	230.61	
Cleaning		1,978.39	1,978.39	2,087
Telephone		432.00	432.00	438
Water		414.00	414.00	506
Miscellaneous		159.00	159.00	190
Church maintenance	5,525.98	7,530.79	13,056.77	18,335
Postage and stationery			534.56	645
Photocopiers				88
Music			387.58	471
Youth			59.75	
Administrator and secretary			2,757.94	2,573
Card Fees			9.96	35
Publicity				
Administration			3,749.79	3,813
Awards and Gifts				132
Miscellaneous			529.60	297
Other Expenditure			529.60	429

Note 2: Restricted Funds

	Bell	Fabric	Totals
Funds brought forward 1st Jan. 2021	8,402.97	10,963.15	19,366.12
Voluntary income	46.00		46.00
Investment income	5.27	1,548.66	1,553.93
Other			
Total receipts	<u>51.27</u>	<u>1,548.66</u>	<u>1,599.93</u>
Payments			
Fund raising costs			
Charitable activities			
Ministry			
Fabric maintenance			
Administration			
Other	141.00		141.00
Total payments	<u>141.00</u>	<u></u>	<u>141.00</u>
Net receipts against payments	<u>(89.73)</u>	<u>1,548.66</u>	<u>1,458.93</u>
Transfers between funds			
Funds carried forward 31st Dec 2021	<u><u>8,313.24</u></u>	<u><u>12,511.81</u></u>	<u><u>20,825.05</u></u>

Note 3: Endowment Funds

	Slow	Tailby	Totals
Funds brought forward 1st Jan. 2021	52,793.38	1,518.20	54,311.58
Voluntary income			
Investment income		0.79	0.79
Other			
Total receipts	<u></u>	<u>0.79</u>	<u>0.79</u>
Payments			
Fund raising costs			
Charitable activities			
Ministry			
Church maintenance			
Administration			
Other			
Total payments	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
Net receipts against payments	<u></u>	<u>0.79</u>	<u>0.79</u>
Transfers between funds			
Recognised gains on investments	7,672.15		7,672.15
Funds carried forward 31st Dec 2021	<u><u>60,465.53</u></u>	<u><u>1,518.99</u></u>	<u><u>61,984.52</u></u>

Note 4: Other Financial Analyses

A: Bank Accounts

The balances of the several bank accounts of the Church are as follows:-

	2021	2020
General Fund - Santander	59,182.64	55,366
General Fund - Barclays	1,507.05	1,387
General Fund - Lloyds	5,169.14	3,751
Bell Fund	8,313.24	8,403
Craft Group		266
Events	5,377.71	721
Holiday Club	250.39	533
Magazine	1,941.64	1,438
Monthly Lunch		567
Printers	1,057.73	1,239
Tailby Fund	1,518.99	1,518
	<u>84,318.53</u>	<u>75,188</u>

B: Money raised at Church Festivals (net of expenses)

Flower Festival		156
Barrows and Baskets	1,339.50	1,113
Christmas Tree Festival	4,891.56	601
Ladies Craft Group	(265.76)	(121)
	<u>5,965.30</u>	<u>1,750</u>

C: The clergy expenses for St Giles are shown net of the expenses (and refunds of those expenses) made by the other three parishes. This means the amount of clergy expenses for St Giles are clearly seen.

D: Donations

	Ex Designated Funds	Ex General Funds	Total
General		4,536.00	
Mustard Seed Appeal			
Diocese in Europe			
J Osbourne			
Love in Action			
British Legion		15.00	
MWIB (Sunshine)			
Bishop's Charities			
Childrens Society		503.95	
WATOTO Childcare			
Womens World Day of Prayer			
Methodist Church Misson Fund			
Civic Service			
Memorial Garden			
Cransley Hospice			
Christian Aid		217.70	
	<u> </u>	<u>5,272.65</u>	<u>5,272.65</u>

Note 5: Analysis of Assets, Liabilities and Specific Reserves for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

	<u>B/F at 01/01/21</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>
Bank Accounts:					
Barclays	1,387.05	1,387.05			
Bells	8,402.97			8,402.97	
CCLA (Bequests/Fabric)	26,764.93		15,801.78	10,963.15	
Craft	265.76		265.76		
Endowment - Slow	52,793.38				52,793.38
Endowment - Tailby	1,518.20				1,518.20
Events	720.50		720.50		
Holiday Club	533.18		533.18		
Lloyds	3,751.40	3,751.40			
Magazine	1,437.52		1,437.52		
Monthly Lunch	566.94		566.94		
Printers	1,238.73		1,238.73		
Santander	55,366.10	55,366.10			
Cash:					
Cash	4.24	4.24			
Debtors/Creditors:					
Accounts Receivable/Prepayments	419.80	419.80			
Accounts Payable/Accruals	(8,290.76)	(8,290.76)			
Specific Reserves:					
Methodist Grant	(1,600.00)	(1,600.00)			
Business Continuity Grant	(5,000.00)	(5,000.00)			
Music Fund	(457.70)	(457.70)			
Lighting, Audio Visual, Roof Funds					
Anniversary Window Fund	(56.27)	(56.27)			
Memorial Garden Fund	(1,212.00)	(1,212.00)			
	138,553.97	44,311.86	20,564.41	19,366.12	54,311.58

	<u>C/F at 31/12/21</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>
Bank Accounts:					
Barclays	1,507.05	1,507.05			
Bells	8,313.24			8,313.24	
CCLA (Bequests/Fabric)	28,313.59		15,801.78	12,511.81	
Craft					
Endowment - Slow	60,465.53				60,465.53
Endowment - Tailby	1,518.99				1,518.99
Events	5,377.71		5,377.71		
Holiday Club	250.39		250.39		
Lloyds	5,169.14	5,169.14			
Magazine	1,941.64		1,941.64		
Monthly Lunch					
Printers	1,057.73		1,057.73		
Santander	59,182.64	59,182.64			
Cash:					
Cash	6.00	6.00			
Debtors/Creditors:					
Accounts Receivable/Prepayments	1,094.88	1,094.88			
Accounts Payable/Accruals	(14,568.22)	(14,568.22)			
Specific Reserves:					
Methodist Grant					
Business Continuity Grant					
Music Fund	(457.70)	(457.70)			
Lighting, Audio Visual, Roof Funds					
Anniversary Window Fund	(56.27)	(56.27)			
Memorial Garden Fund	(1,907.00)	(1,907.00)			
	157,209.34	49,970.52	24,429.25	20,825.05	61,984.52

Note 6: Methodist Grant

In March 2018, St Giles Church Desborough received a grant of £20,000 from the Kettering and Corby Methodist Circuit to be split equally between the cost of employing a Bereavement Counsellor and to assist with certain capital projects (Lighting and Audio Visual Equipment). During 2021, the Church has utilised £1600 of this grant (2020 - £3,600), and at the end of the year the remaining reserved grant was £0 (2020 - £1,600).

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6th April 2022

To the Trustees of St Giles Church Desborough:

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I have examined the attached Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities for St Giles Church Desborough for the year ended 31st December 2021 with the books and records produced to me by the Honorary Treasurer and confirm them to be in accordance therewith.
The Statement of Assets and Liabilities sets out the position of St Giles Church Desborough as at 31st December 2021 and the Receipts and Payments Account shows the Income and Expenditure arising during the year to 31st December 2021.



Eric G Lennox BA ACA
Independent Accounts Examiner

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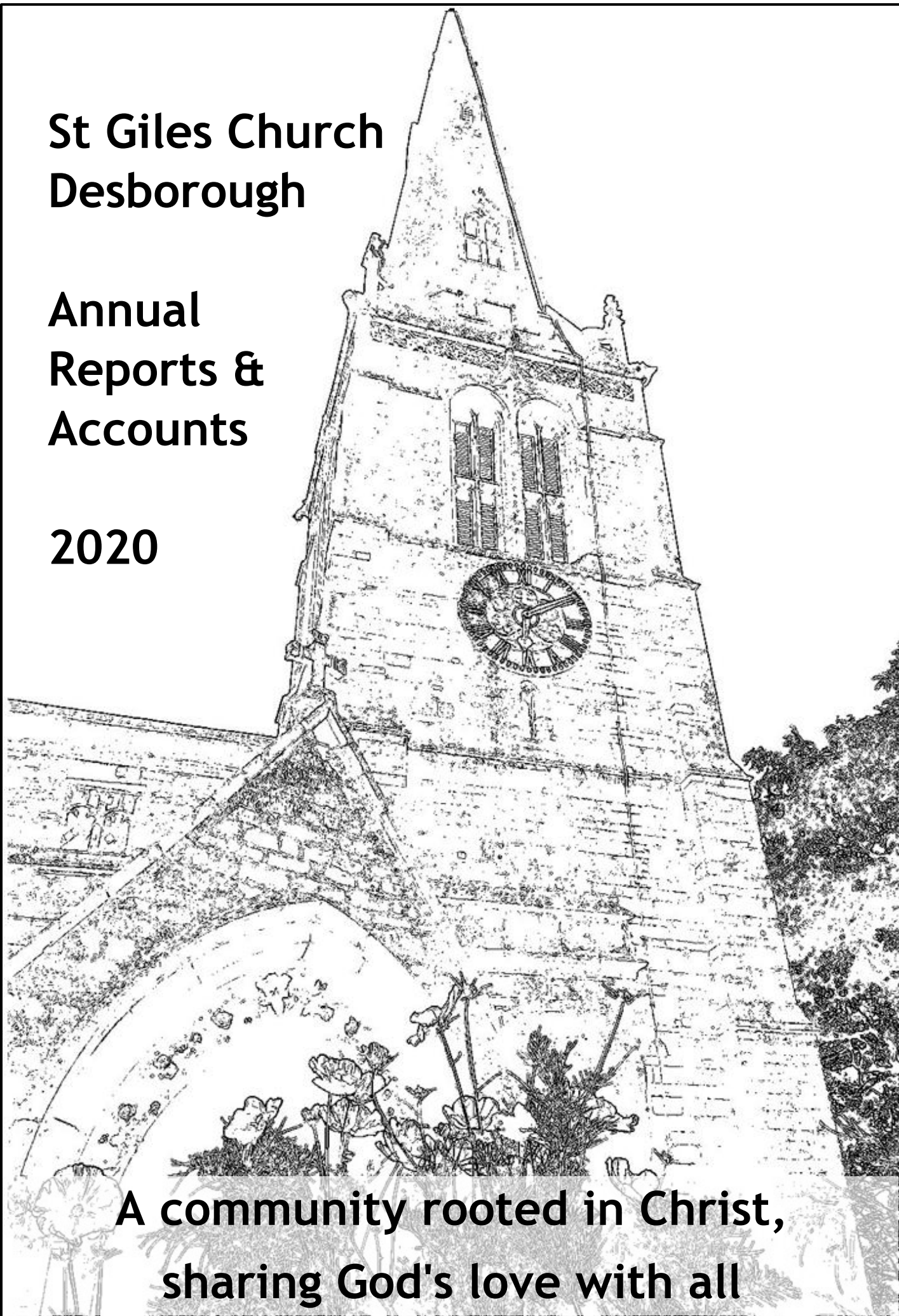
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Accounts

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2020



**A community rooted in Christ,
sharing God's love with all**

St Giles Church
Annual General Meeting
Thursday 29th April 2021

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer
2. Appointment of Chairpersons
3. Appointment of AGM Secretary
4. Apologies for Absence
5. Minutes of the last meeting
6. Matters Arising
7. Election of Trustee Members
8. Election of Church Wardens
9. Election of Deputy Church Warden
10. Election of Stewards
11. Election of Deanery Representatives
12. Representatives to the Circuit Meeting
13. Deanery Synod Report (see attached report)
14. Church Fabric Report (see attached report)
15. Church Lands Report (see attached report)
16. Desborough Town Lands & Loakes' Charity Trust Report (see attached report)
17. Church Membership Report
18. Finance Report (a) Presentation of Annual Accounts
(b) Adoption of the Accounts
(c) Appointment of the Independent Examiner
19. Safeguarding
20. Health & Safety
21. Reports from the Organisations (see attached reports)
22. Report from the Rector (see attached report)
23. Report from the Minister (see attached report)
24. AOB - advised in advance
25. Closing Prayers

ST GILES CHURCH DESBOROUGH

ANNUAL REPORT for the years 2019 & 2020

Background

St Giles Church, Desborough is the country's oldest Ecumenical Partnership. Our union dates back to 1969. There is a united congregation sharing a Church and Community Centre. We serve the people of Desborough alongside the Baptist, Roman Catholic and United Reform Churches in the town. The Church is part of the Anglican Diocese of Peterborough and in the Kettering and Corby Circuit of the Northampton District of the Methodist Church.

Clergy resourcing the ministry at St Giles

Rector:	Rev. Hannah Jeffery
Methodist Superintendent Minister:	Rev. Andrew Farrington
Curate:	Rev. Sophie Cowan
Assistant Priest: (SSM)	Rev. Cannon Neil Clarke
Retired Priest:	Rev. Stephen Heygate

Lay Ministers resourcing the ministry at St Giles

Reader:	Mr John Lund
Reader:	Mr Tim Jeffery
Local Preacher:	Mr Philip Rice
Lay Pastoral Minister:	Mrs Cath Smith
Licensed Lay Minister:	Mrs Wendy Steel
Bereavement Support Worker:	Mrs Kim Rowbotham

Church Council

The Church Council meet six times during the year and was chaired by either the Rector or Methodist Minister. There are 15 trustees to the Church Council.

Churchwarden:	Mrs Pauline Clarke
Churchwarden:	Mr Steve Burt
Deputy Churchwarden:	Mr Martin Lawrence
Church Steward:	Mrs Ann Window
Church Steward:	Mr Peter Shuker
Church Steward:	Mrs Carolyn Rice
Church Secretary:	Mrs Katie Steel
Treasurer:	Mr Mike Littler
Deanery Synod Rep:	Mr John Toyne
Deanery Synod Rep:	Mr David Woods (resigned in January 2021)
Trustee:	Mrs Karen Dougan-Mabbutt
Trustee:	Mr David Cox
Trustee:	Mrs Karen Lennox
Trustee:	Mrs Jeanette Wonfor
Trustee:	Mrs Lucy Eglinton (resigned in January 2021)

Representatives to the Circuit

Mrs Ann Window, Mr Alan Window, Mr David Cox, Mrs Joan Cox & Mrs Carolyn Rice

Other Positions

Independent Examiner:	Mr Eric Lennox
Church Administrator:	Mrs Wendy East

Rector's AGM report for St Giles Desborough 2019-20

St Giles - A Community Rooted in Christ Sharing his Love with All

2019 report (please note this report was written ready for our AGM in 2019, which of course never happened!)

It's been a joy to share in leading St Giles over the past two years, and one of the huge highlights for me has been seeing many people really grow in their journeys of faith. It's encouraging to look back and to see how God has so evidently been at work.

I'll draw your attention to just a few things below, which for me are particularly encouraging in terms of how they reflect the aims of our mission statement.

- The pastoral team have continued to do some amazing work with those who are lonely, bereaved or housebound and I'm incredibly grateful to them. Sunday lunches, the wellbeing café, love in action, home visits, Lights for Loved Ones, open church and more. What a huge amount a small team of people do to offer ministry to so many. Thank you! They really are sharing God's love with our community.
- Our youth and children's work has grown and we now have a team who do Junior Church on both Sundays in the month that are not all age services. Our youth groups have continued too and the intergenerational Engage group has really helped some of our young people and adults discover more about what it means to be rooted in Christ. The tots group is thriving and Friday Family Fun and Mini Church continue to be great places for some of our newer families to go, and we're beginning to see some of these folk grow in faith and commitment. Thank you to all those involved in our youth and children's work.
- Our focus on discipleship last year was key for some, who chose to engage with some of the discipleship practices and had their faith significantly grow as a result.
- We had a fantastic 50th anniversary celebratory weekend in October, and my thanks go to the team organising the events that continue to follow as we celebrate being an ecumenical partnership. Our effort to celebrate more together is helping us become a stronger community.
- We had the joy of seeing Tim Jeffery and Wendy Steel licensed as Lay Ministers, as we celebrated with them their call to serve and the ministry they are offering to St Giles - great examples of people growing in their calling to serve Christ. And there are others too who whilst not doing formal training are growing in leadership and faith, and that's been wonderful to see.

There is always so much more I could say, but these are just a few examples of how we've grown and are beginning to live out our mission to be a community rooted in Christ, sharing his love with all.

In amongst the growth we have also had to let go of some things, and maybe most significantly for this year the Monday lunch team felt they were no longer able to continue. The Church Council are looking at how we can build on some of the ministry they were offering, and of course the Wellbeing Café is open to all who would appreciate some company and friendship. I offer my grateful thanks to the Monday lunch team for their faithful ministry over many years.

We've also seen some significant work on the buildings over this last year - new lighting and an AV system for the church, and a new flat roof for the Community Centre. Thank you to all of those, who did much of the ground work to enable that to happen - never a quick process when dealing with listed buildings !

It's also been a year in which we've said goodbye to several of our longstanding members who have either moved away or died. We give thanks to God for them and for all they contributed to the life of St Giles, and whilst we grieve for those who have died, we rejoice too that we know that they live on in Christ.

And of course we've welcomed two new members of clergy - Sophie and her family joined us in her capacity as curate last summer, and Andrew and his wife Fiona as our new Methodist minister a few months later. Welcome to both of them - it feels like you've been with us forever, which I'm sure is a sign of how well you've settled in....I hope you feel that too!

My thanks as always to those who continue to support me in my role, particularly the ministry team and the stewards and wardens, but many others too - I really appreciate the encouragement and the support you give. Thank you!

Lastly but most importantly - let us continue to thank God for his presence and work amongst us, and pray for his guidance as we seek to continue to be a growing community rooted in him, sharing his love with the world.

2020

At our Council away day in February 2020 we reflected on the theme of growth, recognising that for growth to come that has to mean change, and for growth to be healthy it also has at times to mean pruning and sometimes even death. Just as we were then starting to set targets following that away day, we found ourselves in lockdown and moved into a year that none of us would have predicted. Whilst the resulting year proved hugely challenging for so many people, it's good to see where God has been at work in all sorts of ways. Below are just a few things that have stood out.

- Church moved online - both worship services and Thoughts for the Day were put up for people to use as a way to stay connected and grow in faith. For those who weren't able to get online we provided hard copies of our weekly worship.
- Meetings moved online too, and many have said - let's keep going with that!
- The pastoral team did an incredible job of adapting what they were doing in order to help pastorally care for people in the community
- Many people grew in faith - the Alpha mums group was a great success, as was the Advent group. Engage continued to meet and it was good to see that group growing in their faith.
- We tried different ways of blessing the community - given that we couldn't do the things we'd 'normally' do - the Christmas blessing and cakes delivered to doorsteps are just two examples amongst many!
- Lots of people have stepped up and got involved in ways that they may never have done without lockdown. We've had new people contributing to Thoughts for the Day, many folk volunteering to help the pastoral team, new leaders for tiny tots helping that group to continue, and so much more - fantastic.

All the above are just some indicators of how God has been working in us and through us in 2020. There has been much lament too, and let us not forget those who have lost loved ones, had their wedding cancelled, or have struggled with isolation and loneliness. But in it all God has journeyed with us, blessed us, and provided for us.

And so back to our vision day in February 2020 when we thought about what was bearing fruit and what needed pruning. Well much fruit was borne in 2020. Some of that fruit we won't want to stop going forward, and the Church Council will be reflecting on what we want to have as our 'Covid keeps'. But also in 2020, much pruning or even cutting has happened almost without invitation. We have stopped doing so many things. The Church Council will be reflecting on that too, as we consider, of the things that were cut in 2020, which do we need to allow to grow again post Covid, even if they look a little different, and which do we recognise in retrospect weren't bearing fruit, and don't need revitalising, hard, but vital questions.

As I finish I do want to give an especial thanks to the ministry team and the wardens and stewards, all of whom have done an incredible job in all sorts of ways throughout 2020. It's been an exhausting year, but so encouraging to work with a group of people who have been so willing to give of their gifts and their time to serve the church and community here in Desborough. And thank you too to all our members of St Giles - you make up a wonderful family and maybe 2020 more than ever before, has seen us finding ways to support and love each other like never before. Old and young alike have got involved in caring for each other, and it's been wonderful to see. Others of you have done other things which have been such a blessing - if I were to start naming folk I'd leave someone out, but needless to say, thank you all for all you've done - whether that be to pray for us, make phone calls, build nativity sets, deliver services, wind the church clock and more. I could go on and on and on! 2020 for me has been a remarkable demonstration of what it means for the Body of Christ to work well together - each part playing its part - with each one being important. What a privilege and joy it is to minister with you all. Thank you!

Rev. Hannah Jeffery

KETTERING & CORBY METHODIST CIRCUIT

2020/21 has proven to be quite a challenging year. Who would have thought that just twelve months ago we would have need to launch into live-streaming and YouTube as the principle means of providing worship? We have developed our skills, mainly by trial and error, but also by team working. The Ascension tide 'Thy Kingdom Come' gave a welcome opportunity for Circuit Local Preachers to join the regular St. Giles Church clergy and lay leadership to bring a daily sign that all are one in Christ. Likewise the Virtual Nativity Play, 'God is with us - everywhere', demonstrated a sharing of gifts and talents - musical and acting. The Circuit remains committed to the regular planning of trained people, lay and ordained, to lead worship at St. Giles Church and throughout the Circuit. All of this reflects the vision established in the Single Congregation LEP agreement.

Caring for friends and neighbours is the essence that brings congregations together. The Circuit took the decision, just before the first lockdown in March 2020, to employ a pastoral visitor, Fiona Farrington. The opportunity to physically visit anyone was, alas, quickly removed by social-distancing rules. Undaunted, Fiona has been able to compliment Cath, Kim, and all the team at St Giles Church in their provision of excellent phone-based care.

It has been interesting to work with the subtlety differing responses that the two denominations have made to the C-19 rules/guidance. We have often needed to consider which route to take. It has been helpful to have two distinctive buildings 'owned' by two different Churches. The Community Centre has tended to follow the guidance issued by the Methodist Church and this has enabled its use during the Autumn period. How we long for the Centre to, once more, be filled day by day! I wish to thank Pauline Clarke and Peter Shuker for their working with me as we developed Risk Assessments to keep everyone safe. Wendy East has skilfully kept bookings in good order. I have enjoyed the opportunities to meet and communicate with Group Leaders.

The requirement for a new heating system led us to make use of the new Property Consents system. By careful planning, the approval for this essential repair was given in record time. Revised room hire arrangements through Standard Form Licences will give security to both the Church and those using the premises.

We rejoice in the ecumenical foresight that led to the formation of 'Revive Cafe'. Members of St. Giles Church form a significant part of the volunteer team. I look forward to continuing to assist the development of an outreach plan at Revive. This will certainly include 'signposting' clients to all the town Churches.

The Circuit has been blessed to increase the ordained staffing as we welcomed Rev. Noel Nharsiwa and his family from Zimbabwe. Noel has pastoral charge of Burton Latimer, Central Kettering, and Cottingham Methodist Churches. He looks forward to occasionally leading worship at St. Giles Church.

The Conference of the Methodist Church (General Synod) has asked all Circuits to review their structures and to consider partnerships with adjoining Circuits. The Circuit Leadership Team are pursuing this. Decisions regarding the report 'God in love unites us - marriage and relationship' were delayed during 2019/20. The Conference will return to this in June 2021 having received indicative votes and comments from District Synods. Ann Window is a District Rep to the Conference.

As lead Northampton Methodist District Ecumenical Officer, I always remain certain that (especially at this time) we provide the best witness to the Gospel message and Christ's love and compassion when to work in partnership. United by the one true God, the love of Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit we strive to be as light, peace and hope to a world in need of care and healing.

Rev Andrew S Farrington

DEANERY SYNOD

The first meeting of 2020 was held at Hayfield Cross School. The programme included a presentation on "Open the Book", which proved to be thought provoking. This was followed by a financial report and a Deanery update.

The next meeting was due to be held at St. Giles but had to be cancelled due to Covid restrictions. Instead a service was held via Zoom from the Church of St. Peter & St. Paul in Kettering.

Our final meeting of the year was in October conducted by Rev. Hannah Jeffery, our Rural Dean, via Zoom. David Walsh gave a Financial Report and stated that to the end of August the percentage of parish shares paid was actually higher than last year, not quite the catastrophe the Deanery were expecting! He also stated that there would be no increase in Parish share in 2021 and that all stipends and salaries were frozen. Rev. Hannah closed the meeting with final prayers. Let us hope that we will actually be able to meet again sometime in 2021.

John Toyne

WELLBEING

The Pastoral care and Wellbeing of our Church family, benefice and community has continued during 2020. The ways in which we could offer that care were drastically changed by the Covid-19 virus and the different restrictions that we had to comply with.

Within a few days of the first lockdown, in March, we had volunteers to undertake weekly 'phone calls to all the Church family and a lot of these are still continuing their calls. Another team of volunteers undertook shopping for those who were shielding, and also collecting prescriptions. A third team of volunteer offered to deliver Sunday service sheets to those who were unable to receive the online Church services. Many thanks go to all those volunteers.

The Wellbeing care continued on a Tuesday morning from 10am to 12 noon in the Community Centre until the first lockdown.

After that was lifted, the wellbeing group met outside on the benches around the War Memorial, or in the Revive cafe for a socially distanced chat, and as the weather deteriorated in the Autumn, we went on walks together, observing all restrictions. At present we keep in touch by telephone calls. Kim was able to continue the gardening group on a Wednesday morning during the summer for a while tending flowerbeds on the Millennium Green.

As restrictions lifted in the summer, we started to meet and sit on the seats at the top of Havelock Street every Monday morning and invited people to come and chat - we also talked with passers-by - a way of connecting with people who were on their own. We were able, for a time, to sit outside with Church family too, to enjoy a takeaway coffee. We also went on 'Walk and Talk', one to one walks, whilst we were able.

'Love in Action' were unable to offer meals, or lifts to Church or hospital, the Sunday lunches ceased and as yet not able to resume. However, the Alpha group baked and delivered cupcakes and a Christmas card to all who used to attend the lunches. Home communion also had to cease.

Services could not continue in the Care Homes, although a video call service was held monthly with Beech Close from Summer onwards. We have tried to keep in touch through cards written to residents and with Christmas cards.

Healing Services have been unable to go ahead. Cards have been sent, but home visits were not possible, although at the end of the first lockdown, visits were enjoyed in gardens, within restrictions, weather permitting. Jean Wardle has been unable to visit those in hospital due to present restrictions.

The confidential prayer 'e' mail continued during 2020, and has been extended to include all the Churches in the Benefice.

Kim Rowbotham has worked as our Bereavement Support worker, her help and support has been much appreciated during the year.

All the team have completed their Safeguarding (DBS) checks and training. Thank you to all who helped in any way during 2020, and to the Clergy team for their support. We would welcome anyone who has a heart to care for our Church family and our Community to join us.

Cath Smith - Lay Pastoral Minister

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Support has continued to be offered in accordance with Covid-19 safety guidelines- by telephone, doorstep conversations and accompanying people on walks. Some of those unable to attend funerals due to the restrictions have been supported. Invitations were sent for Open Church events on 1st of November to coincide with the online 'Darkness to Light' service and for 'Lights for Loved Ones and Loss' on 19th of December.

Kim Rowbotham

HEALING SERVICE

This would normally take place on Sunday evening, once a month at 6pm. It is a quiet reflective service. Unfortunately, due to the Covid virus we have not been able to hold any services since March 2020.

Wendy Steel

WORSHIP BAND

Despite the Church building being closed for most of the year, the band have come together to produce a song digitally using the wonders of technology. We were also been able to provide musical accompaniment to the online Holiday Club in July. We have bid a sad farewell to our drummer and percussionist, Clive and Caspian. Our loss will be Northampton's gain as Ali takes up her Curacy placement. Charlotte has also moved to new pastures as she begins her university degree in Wales. We look forward to seeing her again in the holidays. Although we cannot meet to play together at the present time, we remain in touch the best we can. If anyone has taken up an instrument during lockdown or just fancies taking part, please do be in touch, we would love to hear from you! All are welcome.

Katie Steel

ALPHA for MUM'S

This group has been meeting, via zoom since the 3rd of June 2020. We originally arranged to meet at one of the ladies homes, but, once again that was not possible. However, Hannah suggested we met on line, this we did led by Hannah and Sophie, with input from eight other ladies (all Mum's). We have met regularly each week on Wednesday evening at 8 pm. The course was originally intended to last eight weeks, but it went on for much longer than that, and we still meet now. As from 21st October 2020 Hannah & Sophie decided to step down as leaders due to pressure of work, so Gloria and I agreed to facilitate it. This group have really bonded well, grown enormously in faith, and via zoom meetings plus a lively What's App group, have shared thoughts that they would not have done, if we had met in person. Just before Christmas, each of the ladies delivered cake to all those who would normally attend the Sunday lunch which delighted most of the recipients! We have travelled quite a journey over the last eight months. We have learnt more about the Christian faith, prayed together, grown together, shed a few tears and enjoyed lots of laughter. I would recommend this way of experiencing Alpha and would encourage other people to 'have a go' maybe a Dad's group? You will be surprised!

Wendy Steel

GAPSTILE HOUSE GROUP

We are a mixed group of Christian denominations and have been managing to meet via Zoom fortnightly on a Monday evening since September and have continued to study Mark's Gospel. Prior to that we did try to work on an individual basis on study material sent to us at the beginning of the pandemic, but we found that this didn't work and people were more receptive to the Zoom meetings. Unfortunately a few members are unable to access Zoom but we hope to see them again when we can meet face to face.

Carol Krone

FRIDAY HOUSE GROUP

Our house group usually meet fortnightly on Friday afternoon at 2 pm. We are a small group of ladies who meet to study the Bible, share fellowship and drink tea! The last time we were able to meet was 21st February 2020 due to Covid 19.

Wendy Steel

20's - 30's GROUP

This group was created during the first lockdown last year as a response to the need for something for this particular age group. We continue to meet over Zoom once every 2 weeks to socialise and have bible study sessions. We take it in turns to lead the sessions and provide sweets. Before Christmas we were looking at the early church in the book of Acts. During Lent we have been looking at some shorter reflections. It is hoped that when restrictions allow, we can add a third element to our group in the form of social action. We have welcomed new people to the group who have recently moved and hope to continue increasing in number.

Katie Steel

ENGAGE

The Engage group consists of adults and young people aged 11+ who meet together once or twice a month to have fun, support each other, and explore what it means to be a follower of Christ. 2019 saw us continuing to explore the beatitudes, using material known as the 9 beats.

The group engaged really well with this, and put into practice some of the ideas that came out of our discovery of what it might mean in real life to live the way of life Jesus was suggesting in the beatitudes.

In September 2019 we then invited several new folk to the group, and managed on one evening to get eighteen people into the living room in the Vicarage for a crazy evening of laughter, food and an introduction to youth Alpha. So began a new programme together, using youth Alpha to help us explore and understand the Christian faith. By this point our meetings were happening in the Vicarage, which the group agreed made for a friendlier, more personal space.

2020 - By February 2020 we were getting closer to going into lockdown, and ahead of that agreed that having 18+ people crammed together in one room wasn't a good idea! And then of course, lockdown hit. Since then the group have done what lots of others have done, and moved online. Sadly that has meant that some of our members have found it more difficult to come, and have not been able to join us, but we still have up to 15 adults and young people joining us on zoom once a fortnight - we have found ways to make it fun! and have also made use of some great online resources and have been focussing on going deeper into the Bible. We've explored the gospel of Luke in some depth, and as always have looked at how we can apply some of what we're learning to our current lives. We miss not meeting in person, and look forward to the day when we can again share pizza and cake together in the same room! But it has been lovely to stay connected with at least most of our members. The group is open to anyone over the age of 11, so be in touch with Hannah if you would like to join!

Rev. Hannah Jeffery

CHURCH LANDS

The Church lands income for the year 2020 is £683.76

Mike Littler

DESBOROUGH TOWN LANDS & LOAKES' CHARITY TRUST

The balance of the bank account started the year at £1,509.91. The trustees met on Tuesday 20th May 2020 and decided to distribute funds as follows: £1,000 to Marlow House and £400 to Desborough Town Welfare. A further meeting of the Trustees is to be held on 19th May 2021.

Pauline Clarke - Churchwarden

'A' TEAM

What a year!! We have not met as a full team during 2020. We have, however, carried out some essential work in the Community Centre, the main one being to carry out a full insulation programme to the heating pipe work located in the cellar. After this followed the installation of a replacement central heating boiler to the property. To say I miss the company of fellow team members would be an understatement but we do still talk to each other!!

David Cox

FABRIC REPORT

The fabric of the Church remains in good repair, thanks to the continued efforts of the 'A' Team. There are no additions to the inventory, but several alterations to the Church were made during the year:

1. Various actions from the Quinquennial Report were effected, mostly by the voluntary labour of the 'A' team and others.
2. The tomb stones were tested for their stability.
3. Repairs were made to the Church outer doors and the Clergy Vestry door. Locks were replaced following the two breaks ins in December.
4. A new panel was installed to seal in the traces of asbestos in the Chancel.
5. The glass in one of the Lady Chapel windows was replaced.
6. A new safe was installed in the Clergy Vestry.
7. The medieval chalice was taken to Peterborough Cathedral for safe keeping.
8. Other silverware was treated with Select DNA.
9. The Churchyard perimeter wall was rebuilt by Kettering Borough Council.
10. A new addition was made to the stained glass window in the Lady Chapel to commemorate 50 years of the Anglican and Methodist partnership.

The Churchwardens would like to thank all those individuals, who put in a great deal of hard work and commitment to contribute to the appearance of St Giles and its' grounds.

Pauline Clarke and Steve Burt - Churchwardens

RINGING MASTER / STEEPLE KEEPER

This year's report reflects on what has been a surreal time for all bell ringers. Things ground to a halt in March due to Covid-19 and do not look likely to return to normal until May 2021 at the earliest! Disappointing, as ringing was good and progress was being made. Jessica was starting to show positive improvement when ringing ceased, we do hope to see her again when we get back to normal. We do need to recruit a couple of new learners to increase band numbers. Please give some thought re anyone you know who may be interested.

It has been very pleasing we have managed to get together occasionally and keep in touch during the year when permitted, that is most important. The present lockdown has been most unfortunate creating a 'non-ringing' situation. We have just one quarter peal to our credit this year namely: Friday 29th of November 2019 - Bob Triples - rung to celebrate the Christmas Tree Festival /Gala Night. This was Kim's first quarter on the 8, well done Kim! I would like to offer my thanks to ringers who helped during the year 2019 Christmas Tree Festival and for chiming for services during the current year their efforts are always appreciated by both the Church and townsfolk.

The Christmas Tree Festival did not proceed this year 2020, due to the pandemic but it was good to chime a few carols for the Christmas services. Thanks to all our volunteers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Deborah Wallis for all her hard work and dedication as our Secretary as she moves to pastures new. Deborah set a high standard for a long time and will be a hard act to follow. However, we are very pleased that Tony Gale has kindly offered to take over the position, many thanks Tony. Finally, I hope that when we are allowed back in the belfry we can all remember how to ring! I feel it could be a major challenge!

Moving on as Steeple Keeper - there is no Steeple Keeper's report as such this year; but I am pleased to report that things look good in the bell chamber apart from the usual 'attendance' of flies and insects. We need a tidy up in the Bell chamber and Clock room in the New Year and I will be looking for a volunteer or two to lend a helping hand.

Bill Adcock

BRASS CLEANING

With the Church being closed during the lockdown it has not been possible to clean the brasses for several months. However, at the end of August 2020, when St Giles had the “deep clean”, Gwen Hurst and I cleaned the brasses to ensure St Giles was sparkling clean!

The brasses were cleaned again to celebrate Christmas, hopefully we can resume once normality prevails! Thanks to all who remain committed to helping clean the brasses.

Liz Adcock

CHURCH CLEANING

The Church cleaning rota was suspended during our periods of lockdown. A Big Clean was carried out on the 29th of August 2020 prior to re-opening. Following this, due to the limited use of the Church building and fewer volunteers, cleaning was reduced to fortnightly and followed Covid-19 safety guidelines. Grateful thanks to all who offered their time to clean.

Kim Rowbotham

HEALTH & SAFETY

It is reported that all necessary required maintenance checks and tests have been completed (fire alarm and emergency lighting), and there has been one accident reported.

Pauline Clarke - Churchwarden

SAFEGUARDING

This year we have ensured that all new and existing children’s workers and those working with adults have appropriate DBS checks and are admitted using safer recruiting procedures. Signs about safeguarding are displayed and the website complies with Diocesan requirements.

Training is ongoing, but the vast majority of our volunteers working both with adults and children have now completed up to date safeguarding training.

All risk assessments have been put in place this year and we have now established written job roles for all children’s and adult’s workers. All groups have been made aware of the safer environment guidelines.

There were two causes for concern during the year, which were referred to the DSL. Advice was also sought from the Diocesan Safeguarding Team on other matters.

We have signed up to the Parish Dashboard initiative to manage our approach to safeguarding and this has proved to be beneficial in ensuring that we are complying with current Church policy.

Pauline Clarke - Safeguarding Officer.

INSPIRE MAGAZINE

Production of the magazine has been suspended since March 2020 due to Covid-19 restrictions. A Christmas card was delivered to subscribers who have little or no other contact with the Church. Subscriptions received for 2020 are being held until further plans are discussed.

Kim Rowbotham

MONTHLY LUNCH

After many years, I believe almost twenty, we decided to hang up our aprons in November 2019. The team enjoyed those years preparing the lunches but with everyone getting older, the youngest being nearly seventy the oldest ninety, we were finding it increasingly hard work to carry on.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank all our ‘customers’ over the years for their continued support, this enabled us to contribute towards some of the repairs to the larger appliances in the kitchen.

Helen Wignell

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

Although we have not been able to meet together for our weekly meetings in the Community Centre for some time, we have continued to keep in touch by phone, socially-distanced walks or simply by a chat if we happen to meet in the street. Our last meeting was held on 11th March 2020, when we celebrated the World Day of Prayer, a service from Zimbabwe. We welcomed visitors and readers from the other Desborough Churches. Rev. Sophie Cowan was our Guest Speaker. It was something to look back on with pleasure as we began the first lockdown later in the month.

We have continued to send and receive Birthday cards, and flowers have been delivered to those members celebrating milestone birthdays, instead of our usual "Secret Santa" at Christmas.

We have all appreciated regular contact and support and look forward to meeting again in the not-too-distant future.

Penny White

CRAFT GROUP

At the moment we have twenty seven members who normally meet on Monday afternoon to enjoy various crafts, but due to the Corid-19 restrictions this has not been possible during 2020. A warm welcome is extended to anyone who wishes to spend a couple of hours in congenial company whilst working on their preferred craft, and ultimately continuing to contribute towards the three festivals held at St Giles throughout the year.

Carol Waxman

'LOVE IN ACTION' LUNCH

The last Sunday lunch we shared together was in February 2020, when good company and food was enjoyed as normal. Little did we know that February was to our last time together for 2020. We have missed seeing our regulars and cooking for them, but we were very pleased that the ladies of the Alpha group decided that they would like to bake cakes for our regulars and deliver them. We asked the ladies to also deliver a Christmas card from the team. Since then I have seen many of you on our daily walk and it has been good to chat at a distance or on the telephone. We know how much you miss the lunches and we do hope that we will be able to join together again very soon.

Pauline Clarke - on behalf of the Sunday Lunch Team.

GAME BOARDING GROUP

Since March 2020 we have not been able to meet at the Community Centre due to Covid-19, so we moved to online using Face Book and Board Game Arena. We have thirty seven members and meet online on Monday evenings at 7 pm, playing a variety of board games. We have a league which we use to decide the player who chooses the next game.

Alan Window

BARROWS & BASKETS FESTIVAL

Like so many other activities Barrows and Baskets was a non-event in 2020. We did however try to adapt to changed circumstances and hold a virtual festival. The plants had been ordered from the supplier in January and were thriving so we did not want to waste them. We compiled a list and offered them for sale from my garden at pre-arranged times on what would have been the festival date, paid for direct to Eric by phone. This went very well and with the addition of sales of jams and marmalade which we offer at every fund raising festival, we were able to add our bit to the Church coffers. Meanwhile, Alan organised a face book competition for our Church family and friends to make and photograph a decorated basket and submit on line for others to see and vote for their favourite. In this was we were able to continue the Festival albeit much reduced.

We will be able to at least do this again and hopefully more in 2021 to ensure we continue to celebrate the life of the Church and the 'doll in the basket' for another year.

Stella Freeman

FLOWER FESTIVAL

Our thanks to everyone who helped with another happy weekend of "It's a Small World". The Flower Festival weekend continues to be a celebration of our Patronal Festival and an attempt to reach out to our wider community. It was a positive experience to be able to include a display from the Desborough and District Dolls House Club - thanks to them. All those involved and everyone who visited had a positive experience and one they will wish to repeat.

Preparations are already underway for this year. "Better Together", the culmination of a year's celebrations of our Anglican and Methodist Partnership's 50th Anniversary. We shall be including a Lego display and would love to have your model included. It will be held on September 4th to 6th so please make a note in your diaries. We welcome all of you to be part of the weekend.

Alas, as we all know, the 2020 festival, along with most other events didn't happen hence there is nothing to report apart from giving thanks to Stella for opening her garden and selling produce to mark when it would have been.

Whether there will be a Flower Festival in 2021 is anyone's guess. If it does happen, we may not have the luxury of having a long time to plan so it will be all hands to the pumps. If there is one thing we have learnt in 2020 it is that we can rely on the St Giles family for help when it is needed. Thank you in advance of it happening.

Carol Johnson

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2020

The Committee took the festival in 'Virtual' mode this year, with web pages on the St. Giles site and on Face book. A large number of tree entries appeared on the Face book page, both regular and new exhibitors supporting the festival.

We wanted to provide a little of the festive cheer across the town and fortunately we managed to slip in a few actual trees into the Church, (of course, the committee were socially distanced and stuck to the 72 hour gaps allowed between service contacts). The trees were themed around the positives of the COVID-19 challenges and included a tribute to Captain Sir Tom Moore and his fund-raising walk for the NHS; grounded planes leaving a pollution free sky; the Food Bank providers, supporters and contributors; the 75th Anniversary of the NHS; all the technical challenges overcome by providing worship online and the different ways of keeping in touch; the rainbow colours and symbol of the NHS; and a reflection on the "Comfort and Joy" that has been shown throughout the year and supported by Peterborough Diocese.

On the East Window the Nativity scene lit up by the Bethlehem star shone out to our 2020 Festival title "Light in our Darkness". The Organ Pipes displayed thousands of tiny coloured paper Christmas tree shapes stuck together as one large Nativity scene. Not many people were able to view our Church exhibits so a video of them went on line too!

The Festival's Prayer Tree is so popular that a "Padlet" was created for prayers to be put on virtually. Our much sought after jams, marmalades and chutneys, along with Christmas Gift packs were advertised online and were "Click and Collected" on what would have been festival opening day, i.e., the first weekend of Advent. Young people could listen to a reading of "The Candle in the Window" and colour a candle to shine from their window during Advent. Also available to watch were several Christmas videos and readings.

The town's Advent Windows were well supported this year the St. Giles contribution was to light up a stunning NHS rainbow in the North Window. Hopefully all these efforts cheered the town up and made the Christmas season special.

The Committee have challenged themselves to do things differently and as such have made sure we put on a festival in 2021.

Ann Window - Secretary on behalf of the Christmas Tree Festival Committee -Steve & Helen Burt, Neil Clarke, Stella & Sean Freeman, Eric Lennox, Kim Rowbotham, Katharyn & Peter Shuker, Sarah Toseland, Alan Window.

TINY TOTS

During 2019 we really enjoyed meeting every Thursday afternoon during term time. We had lots of really enjoyable sessions with a Bible story, craft and a cup of tea. It was so lovely to see the children playing and the Mum's chatting away.

Highlight of 2019 - Tiny Tots worked very hard to create a basket of flowers for the Barrows & Basket festival, and actually won the Favourite Children's Basket!

Many of the children who attend Tiny Tots joined in the Christmas Nativity held in St Giles Church, they all dressed up as characters from the Nativity and sang the songs really well.

2020 - As we haven't been able to meet we have been sending out weekly online sessions, consisting of a story, a song and craft ideas. Fiona Farrington and I alternate on a weekly basis and follow up by posting to the Tiny Tots face book page.

Lisa Smith

MINI CHURCH

Mini Church continued to meet on the 4th Sunday of the month until March 2020, the congregation continued to grow with approximately 20 to 25 families attending each month. During the first lockdown when the Church was closed, we continued to worship using our Mini Church Face book page. Once we were able to go into the Church we then held our service within the main 10 am service which was lovely. December saw us celebrating the nativity story and many of the children dressed up and joined in from their seats. Currently we are holding services online and in January we held our first zoom call service which was well attended.

Mini Church will continue to deliver a service every month through zoom. We look forward to the time we can all worship together in the same building again.

Karen, Jeanette, Hannah

HOLIDAY CLUB

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, the Holiday Club had to be run on-line this year. An enthusiastic team prepared videos, puppet shows, activities and games.

We used a secure application, to ensure that only the children and their responsible adults could gain access to the site or communicate with the children.

As usual the club ran for five days, over the first week of the school holidays. Leaflets were distributed by post to a few living outside of Desborough, but the majority were sent out by Havelock and Loatlands Schools.

We provided the children with a list of objects they would need for the craft activities and, if they could not get or find these, we delivered those objects to their door. The children could upload the pictures they drew and photographs of their crafts they had made. There was also a team time when the children could chat with the team leaders each day. Around twenty five children joined the club, which made all the work worthwhile. No BBQ this year but we hope the club will be back as normal in 2021 but if not we will be on-line again!

Rev. Neil Clarke - On behalf of the Holiday Club Team

FRIDAY FAMILY FUN

Friday Family Fun continued to run well during 2019 until March 2020, meeting on the first Friday of every month in the Community Centre. Unfortunately, we have not been able to meet since March 2020 due to Covid-19.

We have a strong team of approximately twelve helpers all of whom we could not continue to run Friday Family Fun without. To each and every one of you a sincere thank you for your continued support. We had at least ten families and around twenty children attending each month some coming from Kettering to join us for an evening of Craft, Bible story and a family meal. We look forward to the time when we are able to welcome families back again.

Karen Dougan-Mabbutt on behalf of all F.F.F. leaders & helpers.

LINK UP

From April 2019 to March 2020 Link Up continued to meet every Sunday during term time, and is still run by Simon Pearce and myself. We learnt what it meant to make new friends, to make new starts and we had just started to watch the Greatest Showman, intending to learn about how the film related to God and ourselves. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 we have been unable to meet since March 2020, but as soon as we are able we will continue to meet again, meanwhile all the children that attend will receive postcards as part of keeping in contact.

Karen-Dougan-Mabbutt

ESCAPE

Escape is a youth group for 11+ year olds, and pre Covid-19 times met a couple of times a month on a Sunday evening to do all kinds of things ranging from sports nights, to make Christmas wreaths and more. Ready, steady cook is always a popular option. Sadly the group has not been able to continue during 2020, but we hope it will be able to restart sometime in 2021! We have managed to keep in touch with most of our young people during 2020 and will work hard to re-establish connections in person as soon as we are able.

Rev. Hannah Jeffery

SCOUTS GROUP

Well, what a year we have all had, this time last year we were preparing for a “get to know each other” weekend camp with other Scouts from across the county. Over 100 Scouts and Leaders were to travel to a Jamboree in Austria in August 2020. As the pandemic grew, we first cancelled the camp then postponed our participation in the Jamboree until 2021. However, in January this year we took the sad decision to cancel the entire trip. The planning team have already met to discuss possible destinations for a trip in 2023.

When the first lockdown came, I did not want the Scouts to forget about Scouting so I set up weekly Scout Zoom meetings and encouraged them to post to our Facebook site. We have completed several badges, joined with other groups, done online cooking and have had Virtual Camps, that’s camping in the garden or making a den in the house and following the itinerary set out for them with regular Zoom meetings to share what we have been doing. In January we decided to ScoutZoom every other week as children are being asked to spend more and more time in ‘online’ education.

CUBS

When lockdown came the Cubs took to setting online challenges posted on Facebook. They have also joined in with some District and National run online activities such as the Photographers badge and the Digital Citizen badge. Some of the Cubs have even joined in with some of the Scouts activities like the Virtual Camps. Since September the Cubs have been Zoomin’g every week but from half term every other week.

BEAVERS

Our youngest group have been very busy, their Leadership team recognising that they are a little young for weekly Zoom meetings have been setting weekly challenges and craft activities. Since September they have been joining with the Cubs Zoom meetings as well. Beavers have also been joining in with the online Group Activities like the Virtual ‘Campathome’ world record camp attempt that was held in April 2020 with 96,342 people not sleeping in their beds across 68 countries. We had 73 adults and children from Desborough participating.

I even came across one our Beavers (and Father) litter picking, whilst I was out walking. He told me he was fed up with all the mess people had left so he was tidying up, he also received sponsorship to do it, so looking after the Environment and raising funds for the NHS at the same time. The future of Scouting looks to be in good hands. Yours in Scouting

Ian Krone - Group Scout Leader.

TREASURER REPORT

2020 proved to be a challenging year for us all. The spread of COVID-19 and the restrictions set by the government hit us all hard including St Giles Church.

The church has been closed for the majority of the year, festivals cancelled as well as our major services around Easter, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas. Besides having a profound effect on our mental wellbeing, this has also had an effect on St Giles church finances.

Although the end of year financial accounts report a profitable end, £7,674,39, the major contributing factor has been interest from investments. We ended 2020 16.6% (£19,366) behind the voluntary income received in 2019. We would like to thank those of you who continued to contribute within the Planned Giving programme, via envelopes or donations. During these challenging times, every donation helps.

2021 has continued with COVID-19 restrictions for the first quarter, which again impacts on St Giles Church finances. If you would like to contribute towards the work of St Giles Church please do not hesitate to contact me.

I would like to thank Wendy East for her continued support. I would also like to thank Eric Lennox for his patience and support for without this, these accounts would never be completed.

Mike Littler - Treasurer

Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total 2020	Total 2019
See Notes	1	2	3	4		
Receipts						
Voluntary income	80,020.17	1,362.68	180.00		81,562.85	82,029.53
Activities for generating funds	2,882.31	2,026.90			4,909.21	22,236.56
Income from Church activities	3,412.37				3,412.37	9,788.07
Investment income		7.54	1,640.80	6.42	1,654.76	1,787.73
Other	5,704.96				5,704.96	768.81
Total receipts	92,019.81	3,397.12	1,820.80	6.42	97,244.15	116,610.70
Payments						
Fundraising costs		249.08			249.08	1,652.04
Charitable activities	3,981.06				3,981.06	3,657.60
Ministry	66,004.18				66,004.18	65,853.80
Church maintenance	18,334.70				18,334.70	30,827.56
Administration	3,812.62	50.00			3,862.62	5,792.64
Other	429.17		119.00		548.17	7,612.18
Total payments	92,561.73	299.08	119.00		92,979.81	115,395.82
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

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Lighting, Audio Visual, Roof			
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Donations			8,018.31	1,473
Total voluntary income			80,020.17	79,636
Community centre hire			2,546.31	7,718
Donations in lieu of centre hire			336.00	386
Activities for generating funds			2,882.31	8,104
Flower festival			156.30	1,614
Weddings			297.00	2,948
Funerals			2,614.00	3,921
Other activities			345.07	1,305
Income from church activities			3,412.37	9,788
Church lands			683.76	684
Miscellaneous income			21.20	85
Business continuity grant			5,000.00	
Other income			5,704.96	769
Donations made [see Note 5D]			3,983.50	3,501
Friday family fun			(2.44)	157
Mini church				
Charitable activities			3,981.06	3,658
Parish share			50,544.00	51,608
Methodist assessment			14,850.31	12,901
Bereavement Counsellor				
Clergy expenses (net)			609.87	1,344
Ministry			66,004.18	65,854
	Church	Centre		
Gas	202.02	468.30	670.32	1,856
Electricity	335.64	772.66	1,108.30	2,717
Insurance	2,499.29	1,139.31	3,638.60	3,630
Repairs and maintenance	1,918.65	7,544.74	9,463.39	15,614
Clock				
Lighting				
Altar	232.65		232.65	295
Organ				828
Business Rates				302
Cleaning		2,087.32	2,087.32	3,156
Telephone		438.32	438.32	417
Water		506.24	506.24	582
Miscellaneous		189.56	189.56	
Church maintenance	5,188.25	13,146.45	18,334.70	29,399
Postage and stationery			644.67	1,142
Photocopiers			88.33	245
Music			471.45	441
Youth				199
Administrator and secretary			2,573.35	3,315
Card Fees			34.82	
Publicity				
Administration			3,812.62	5,343
Awards and Gifts			132.17	
Miscellaneous			297.00	7,527
Other Expenditure			429.17	7,527

Note 3: Restricted Funds

	Bell	Fabric	Totals
Funds brought forward 1st Jan. 2020	8,304.80	9,359.52	17,664.32
Voluntary income	180.00		180.00
Investment income	37.17	1,603.63	1,640.80
Other			
Total receipts	<u>217.17</u>	<u>1,603.63</u>	<u>1,820.80</u>
Payments			
Fund raising costs			
Charitable activities			
Ministry			
Fabric maintenance			
Administration			
Other	119.00		119.00
Total payments	<u>119.00</u>	<u> </u>	<u>119.00</u>
Net receipts against payments	<u>98.17</u>	<u>1,603.63</u>	<u>1,701.80</u>
Transfers between funds			
Funds carried forward 31st Dec 2020	<u>8,402.97</u>	<u>10,963.15</u>	<u>19,366.12</u>

Note 4: Endowment Funds

	Slow	Tailby	Totals
Funds brought forward 1st Jan. 2020	49,383.33	1,511.78	50,895.11
Voluntary income			
Investment income		6.42	6.42
Other			
Total receipts	<u> </u>	<u>6.42</u>	<u>6.42</u>
Payments			
Fund raising costs			
Charitable activities			
Ministry			
Church maintenance			
Administration			
Other			
Total payments	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Net receipts against payments	<u> </u>	<u>6.42</u>	<u>6.42</u>
Transfers between funds			
Recognised gains on investments	3,410.05		3,410.05
Funds carried forward 31st Dec 2020	<u>52,793.38</u>	<u>1,518.20</u>	<u>54,311.58</u>

Note 5: Other Financial Analyses

A. Bank Accounts

The balances of the several bank accounts of the Church are as follows:-

	2020	2019
General Fund - Santander	55,366.10	38,608
General Fund - Barclays	1,387.05	1,267
General Fund - Lloyds	3,751.40	
Bell Fund	8,402.97	8,305
Craft Group	265.76	386
Events	720.50	623
Holiday Club	533.18	649
Magazine	1,437.52	1,274
Monthly Lunch	566.94	562
Printers	1,238.73	1,207
Tailby Fund	1,518.20	1,512
	<u>75,188.35</u>	<u>54,393</u>

B: Money raised at Church Festivals (net of expenses)

Flower Festival	156.30	1,614
Barrows and Baskets	1,113.30	2,631
Christmas Tree Festival	600.86	7,452
Ladies Craft Group	(120.55)	1,212
	<u>1,749.91</u>	<u>12,910</u>

C. The clergy expenses for St Giles are shown net of the expenses (and refunds of those expenses) made by the other three parishes. This means the amount of clergy expenses for St Giles are clearly seen.

D: Donations

	Ex Designated Funds	Ex General Funds	Total
General		3,871.00	
Mustard Seed Appeal			
Diocese in Europe			
J Osbourne			
Love in Action			
British Legion		15.00	
MWIB (Sunshine)			
Bishop's Charities			
Childrens Society			
WATOTO Childcare			
Womens World Day of Prayer			
Methodist Church Misson Fund			
Civic Service			
Memorial Garden			
Cransley Hospice			
Christian Aid		97.50	
		<u>3,983.50</u>	<u>3,983.50</u>

Note 6: Analysis of Assets, Liabilities and Specific Reserves for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

	<u>B/F at 01/01/20</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>
Bank Accounts:					
Barclays	1,267.05	1,267.05			
Bells	8,304.80			8,304.80	
CCLA (Bequests/Fabric)	25,161.30		15,801.78	9,359.52	
Craft	386.31		386.31		
Endowment - Slow	49,383.33				49,383.33
Endowment - Tailby	1,511.78				1,511.78
Events	623.34		623.34		
Holiday Club	648.97		648.97		
Lloyds					
Magazine	1,273.97		1,273.97		
Monthly Lunch	562.11		562.11		
Printers	1,206.89		1,206.89		
Santander	38,608.13	38,608.13			
Cash:					
Cash	0.07	0.07			
Debtors/Creditors:					
Accounts Receivable/Prepayments	13,163.79	13,163.79			
Accounts Payable/Accruals	(4,699.75)	(4,699.75)			
Specific Reserves:					
Methodist Grant	(5,200.00)	(5,200.00)			
Business Continuity Grant					
Music Fund	(457.70)	(457.70)			
Lighting, Audio Visual, Roof Funds					
Anniversary Window Fund	(304.81)	(304.81)			
Memorial Garden Fund	(560.00)	(560.00)			
	<u>130,879.58</u>	<u>41,816.78</u>	<u>20,503.37</u>	<u>17,664.32</u>	<u>50,895.11</u>

	<u>C/F at 31/12/20</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>
Bank Accounts:					
Barclays	1,387.05	1,387.05			
Bells	8,402.97			8,402.97	
CCLA (Bequests/Fabric)	26,764.93		15,801.78	10,963.15	
Craft	265.76		265.76		
Endowment - Slow	52,793.38				52,793.38
Endowment - Tailby	1,518.20				1,518.20
Events	720.50		720.50		
Holiday Club	533.18		533.18		
Lloyds	3,751.40	3,751.40			
Magazine	1,437.52		1,437.52		
Monthly Lunch	566.94		566.94		
Printers	1,238.73		1,238.73		
Santander	55,366.10	55,366.10			
Cash:					
Cash	4.24	4.24			
Debtors/Creditors:					
Accounts Receivable/Prepayments	419.80	419.80			
Accounts Payable/Accruals	(8,290.76)	(8,290.76)			
Specific Reserves:					
Methodist Grant	(1,600.00)	(1,600.00)			
Business Continuity Grant	(5,000.00)	(5,000.00)			
Music Fund	(457.70)	(457.70)			
Lighting, Audio Visual, Roof Funds					
Anniversary Window Fund	(56.27)	(56.27)			
Memorial Garden Fund	(1,212.00)	(1,212.00)			
	<u>138,553.97</u>	<u>44,311.86</u>	<u>20,564.41</u>	<u>19,366.12</u>	<u>54,311.58</u>

Note 7: Methodist Grant

In March 2018, St Giles Church Desborough received a grant of £20,000 from the Kettering and Corby Methodist Circuit to be split equally between the cost of employing a Bereavement Counsellor and to assist with certain capital projects (Lighting and Audio Visual Equipment). During 2020, the Church has utilised £3600 of this grant (2019 - £13,600), and at the end of the year the remaining reserved grant was £1,600 (2019 - £5,200).

Note 2: Designated Funds

	Bequests	Craft	Events	Holiday Club	Magazine	Monthly Lunch	Printers	Totals
Funds brought forward 1st Jan. 2020	15,801.78	386.31	623.34	648.97	1,273.97	562.11	1,206.89	20,503.37
Voluntary income				20.00	1,312.50	4.83	25.35	1,362.68
Activities for generating funds			1,726.90		300.00			2,026.90
Income from Church activities								0.00
Investment income					1.05		6.49	7.54
Other								0.00
Total receipts	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,726.90</u>	<u>20.00</u>	<u>1,613.55</u>	<u>4.83</u>	<u>31.84</u>	<u>3,397.12</u>
Fund raising costs		120.55	12.74	115.79				249.08
Charitable activities [see note 6]								0.00
Ministry								0.00
Church maintenance								0.00
Administration					50.00			50.00
Total payments	<u>0.00</u>	<u>120.55</u>	<u>12.74</u>	<u>115.79</u>	<u>50.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>299.08</u>
Net receipts/(payments)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(120.55)</u>	<u>1,714.16</u>	<u>(95.79)</u>	<u>1,563.55</u>	<u>4.83</u>	<u>31.84</u>	<u>3,098.04</u>
Transfers between funds			(1,617.00)	(20.00)	(1,400.00)		0.00	(3,037.00)
Funds carried forward 31st Dec 2020	<u>15,801.78</u>	<u>265.76</u>	<u>720.50</u>	<u>533.18</u>	<u>1,437.52</u>	<u>566.94</u>	<u>1,238.73</u>	<u>20,564.41</u>

St Giles Church AGM Minutes 2019

Sunday 28th April 2019 10.00 am

The AGM this year took place during the 10.00 am worship service. Aspects of the worship service have not been included in the official minutes.

1. Opening Prayer

Rev Hannah Jeffery opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Appointment of Chairpersons

Rev Hannah Jeffery was appointed chair to the meeting. Proposed by Philip Rice and seconded by Lynne Banes-Marshall.

3. Appointment of a Secretary

Katie Steel was appointed secretary to the AGM. Proposed by Philip Rice and seconded by Tim Jeffery.

4. Attendance and Apologies for absence

Present

Rev Hannah Jeffery	Joan Cox	Veronica Mickley	Lynne Banes-Marshall
Katie Steel	Peter Shuker	Eleanor Nelson	Elizabeth Toyne
Karen Dougan-Mabbutt	Gwen Haines	Tim Jeffery	Jenny Johnson
Karen Bruce	Ann Window	Michael Cole	Sue Wood
Pauline Clarke	Alan Window	Helen Burt	Jacki Cook
Neil Clarke	Jeanette Wonfor	Steve Burt	Carol Best
David Cox	Karen Lennox	Samuel Steel	Naomi Clarke
David Woods	Eric Lennox	Wendy East	Helen Johnson
Dionne Seago	Clive Wagner	Wendy Nelson	R. Parish
Jean Perry	Mick Harvey	Janet Tear	Sonia Stanton
Roy Perry	Carol Krone	Doris Panter	Ann Woods
Philip Rice	Joan Paul	Carolyn Rice	Mo Foreman
Lois Bulcock	John Toyne	Lucy Eglinton	Lista Nickason
Shane Ross	Kim Rowbotham	Jean Wardle	Joyce Parish
Stella Freeman	Sue Bailey		

Apologies

Mike Littler	Pat Watkin	Daphne Lane	Margaret Watts
Katharyn Shuker	Jo Barrie	David Eglinton	Richard Watts
Cath Smith	Wendy Steel	Margaret Panter	Norman Nickason
Ernie Panter	Helen Ives		

5. Minutes of last year's meeting and Matters arising

The minutes of last year's meeting were passed unanimously with no matters arising.
Proposed by David Cox, seconded by Philip Rice.

6. Election of Trustee Members

The following people were elected unanimously as Trustee members.

Trustee	Proposed By:	Seconded by:
Katie Steel	Ann Window	Karen Dougan-Mabbutt
Ann Window	Katie Steel	Karen Dougan-Mabbutt
Steve Burt	Kim Rowbotham	Karen Dougan-Mabbutt
Pauline Clarke	Karen Lennox	Lynne Baynes-Marshall
Jeanette Wonfor	Cath Smith	Karen Dougan-Mabbutt
Lucy Eglinton	Katie Steel	Tim Jeffery
Carolyn Rice	Kim Rowbotham	Katie Steel

7. Election of Church Wardens (2)

The nominees for Church Warden were:

Pauline Clarke	Proposed by: Karen Lennox	Seconded: Lynne Banes-Marshall
Steve Burt	Proposed by: Kim Rowbotham	Seconded by: Karen Dougan-Mabbutt

Pauline Clarke and Steve Burt were unanimously elected as Church Wardens.

8. Election of a Deputy Church Warden (1)

The nominees for Deputy Church Warden were:

Martin Lawrence	Proposed by: Pauline Clarke	Seconded: Karen Dougan-Mabbutt
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Martin Lawrence was unanimously elected as Deputy Church Warden.

9. Election of Stewards (3)

The nominees for Stewards were:

Peter Shuker	Proposed by: Pauline Clarke	Seconded by: Joan Cox
Ann Window	Proposed by: Katie Steel	Seconded by: Karen Dougan-Mabbutt
Carolyn Rice	Proposed by: Pauline Clarke	Seconded by: Martin Lawrence

Carolyn Rice, Peter Shuker and Ann Window were unanimously elected as Stewards.

10. Election of Deanery Representatives

The nominees for Deanery Representatives were:

David Woods	Proposed by: Pauline Clarke	Seconded by: Steve Burt
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David Woods was duly elected to serve on Deanery Synod alongside John Toyne.

11. Representatives to circuit meeting

The previous representatives were Ann and Alan Window, David and Joan Cox and Carolyn Rice. All agreed to continue in this role.

12. Deanery Synod Report

There were no questions regarding the attached deanery synod report.

13 & 14 & 15. Church Fabric, Church Lands & Town Lands Report

There were no questions regarding the attached fabric, church lands and town lands reports.

16. Church Membership Report

There were no questions regarding the attached church membership report.

17. Finance Report

(a. presentation of the accounts, b. adoption of accounts and c. appointment of an independent examiner)

a. Neil Clarke presented the accounts. No questions were asked.

b. The accounts were proposed by Karen Dougan-Mabbutt, seconded by John Toyne and unanimously accepted. Thanks were extended to the whole finance team.

c. Eric Lennox was appointed as independent examiner. Proposed by Pauline Clarke, seconded by Ann Window and unanimously approved.

18. Safeguarding & Health and Safety

Pauline Clarke reported that included in this year's annual reports and accounts booklet there is the annual safeguarding audit. Pauline highlighted 3 tasks, of which one has already been completed. The annual audit was proposed by Steve Burt, seconded by Karen Dougan-Mabbutt and unanimously passed.

Pauline Clarke said that there are no health and safety concerns to report, only that when the scaffolding was up for the recent lighting project, it was noticed that the floor is unstable and will need addressing in the future.

19. Reports from the Organisations

The reports can be found attached in the annual reports and accounts document. There were no questions or comments.

20 & 21. Reports from the Rector & Minister

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22. AOB

Pat Watkin requested that whenever there is a natural disaster, a retiring collection plate be put at the back of the church and the proceeds sent to the appropriate aid agency. This was proposed by Sue Wood, seconded by Lois Bulcock and unanimously agreed. Eric Lennox agreed to make this happen.

With no other business, Hannah Jeffery thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.

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Donations			8,018.31	1,473
Total voluntary income			80,020.17	79,636
Community centre hire			2,546.31	7,718
Donations in lieu of centre hire			336.00	386
Activities for generating funds			2,882.31	8,104
Flower festival			156.30	1,614
Weddings			297.00	2,948
Funerals			2,614.00	3,921
Other activities			345.07	1,305
Income from church activities			3,412.37	9,788
Church lands			683.76	684
Miscellaneous income			21.20	85
Business continuity grant			5,000.00	
Other income			5,704.96	769
Donations made [see Note 5D]			3,983.50	3,501
Friday family fun			(2.44)	157
Mini church				
Charitable activities			3,981.06	3,658
Parish share			50,544.00	51,608
Methodist assessment			14,850.31	12,901
Bereavement Counsellor				
Clergy expenses (net)			609.87	1,344
Ministry			66,004.18	65,854
	Church	Centre		
Gas	202.02	468.30	670.32	1,856
Electricity	335.64	772.66	1,108.30	2,717
Insurance	2,499.29	1,139.31	3,638.60	3,630
Repairs and maintenance	1,918.65	7,544.74	9,463.39	15,614
Clock				
Lighting				
Altar	232.65		232.65	295
Organ				828
Business Rates				302
Cleaning		2,087.32	2,087.32	3,156
Telephone		438.32	438.32	417
Water		506.24	506.24	582
Miscellaneous		189.56	189.56	
Church maintenance	<u>5,188.25</u>	<u>13,146.45</u>	18,334.70	29,399
Postage and stationery			644.67	1,142
Photocopiers			88.33	245
Music			471.45	441
Youth				199
Administrator and secretary			2,573.35	3,315
Card Fees			34.82	
Publicity				
Administration			3,812.62	5,343
Awards and Gifts			132.17	
Miscellaneous			297.00	7,527
Other Expenditure			429.17	7,527

Note 3: Restricted Funds

	Bell	Fabric	Totals
Funds brought forward 1st Jan. 2020	8,304.80	9,359.52	17,664.32
Voluntary income	180.00		180.00
Investment income	37.17	1,603.63	1,640.80
Other			
Total receipts	<u>217.17</u>	<u>1,603.63</u>	<u>1,820.80</u>
Payments			
Fund raising costs			
Charitable activities			
Ministry			
Fabric maintenance			
Administration			
Other	119.00		119.00
Total payments	<u>119.00</u>	<u></u>	<u>119.00</u>
Net receipts against payments	<u>98.17</u>	<u>1,603.63</u>	<u>1,701.80</u>
Transfers between funds			
Funds carried forward 31st Dec 2020	<u>8,402.97</u>	<u>10,963.15</u>	<u>19,366.12</u>

Note 4: Endowment Funds

	Slow	Tailby	Totals
Funds brought forward 1st Jan. 2020	49,383.33	1,511.78	50,895.11
Voluntary income			
Investment income		6.42	6.42
Other			
Total receipts	<u></u>	<u>6.42</u>	<u>6.42</u>
Payments			
Fund raising costs			
Charitable activities			
Ministry			
Church maintenance			
Administration			
Other			
Total payments	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
Net receipts against payments	<u></u>	<u>6.42</u>	<u>6.42</u>
Transfers between funds			
Recognised gains on investments	3,410.05		3,410.05
Funds carried forward 31st Dec 2020	<u>52,793.38</u>	<u>1,518.20</u>	<u>54,311.58</u>

Note 5: Other Financial Analyses

A: Bank Accounts

The balances of the several bank accounts of the Church are as follows:-

	2020	2019
General Fund - Santander	55,366.10	38,608
General Fund - Barclays	1,387.05	1,267
General Fund - Lloyds	3,751.40	
Bell Fund	8,402.97	8,305
Craft Group	265.76	386
Events	720.50	623
Holiday Club	533.18	649
Magazine	1,437.52	1,274
Monthly Lunch	566.94	562
Printers	1,238.73	1,207
Tailby Fund	1,518.20	1,512
	<u>75,188.35</u>	<u>54,393</u>

B: Money raised at Church Festivals (net of expenses)

Flower Festival	156.30	1,614
Barrows and Baskets	1,113.30	2,631
Christmas Tree Festival	600.86	7,452
Ladies Craft Group	(120.55)	1,212
	<u>1,749.91</u>	<u>12,910</u>

C: The clergy expenses for St Giles are shown net of the expenses (and refunds of those expenses) made by the other three parishes. This means the amount of clergy expenses for St Giles are clearly seen.

D: Donations

	Ex Designated Funds	Ex General Funds	Total
General		3,871.00	
Mustard Seed Appeal			
Diocese in Europe			
J Osbourne			
Love in Action			
British Legion		15.00	
MWIB (Sunshine)			
Bishop's Charities			
Childrens Society			
WATOTO Childcare			
Womens World Day of Prayer			
Methodist Church Misson Fund			
Civic Service			
Memorial Garden			
Cransley Hospice			
Christian Aid		97.50	
		<u>3,983.50</u>	<u>3,983.50</u>

Note 6: Analysis of Assets, Liabilities and Specific Reserves for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

	<u>B/F at 01/01/20</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>
Bank Accounts:					
Barclays	1,267.05	1,267.05			
Bells	8,304.80			8,304.80	
CCLA (Bequests/Fabric)	25,161.30		15,801.78	9,359.52	
Craft	386.31		386.31		
Endowment - Slow	49,383.33				49,383.33
Endowment - Tailby	1,511.78				1,511.78
Events	623.34		623.34		
Holiday Club	648.97		648.97		
Lloyds					
Magazine	1,273.97		1,273.97		
Monthly Lunch	562.11		562.11		
Printers	1,206.89		1,206.89		
Santander	38,608.13	38,608.13			
Cash:					
Cash	0.07	0.07			
Debtors/Creditors:					
Accounts Receivable/Prepayments	13,163.79	13,163.79			
Accounts Payable/Accruals	(4,699.75)	(4,699.75)			
Specific Reserves:					
Methodist Grant	(5,200.00)	(5,200.00)			
Business Continuity Grant					
Music Fund	(457.70)	(457.70)			
Lighting, Audio Visual, Roof Funds					
Anniversary Window Fund	(304.81)	(304.81)			
Memorial Garden Fund	(560.00)	(560.00)			
	130,879.58	41,816.78	20,503.37	17,664.32	50,895.11
C/F at 31/12/20					
Bank Accounts:					
Barclays	1,387.05	1,387.05			
Bells	8,402.97			8,402.97	
CCLA (Bequests/Fabric)	26,764.93		15,801.78	10,963.15	
Craft	265.76		265.76		
Endowment - Slow	52,793.38				52,793.38
Endowment - Tailby	1,518.20				1,518.20
Events	720.50		720.50		
Holiday Club	533.18		533.18		
Lloyds	3,751.40	3,751.40			
Magazine	1,437.52		1,437.52		
Monthly Lunch	566.94		566.94		
Printers	1,238.73		1,238.73		
Santander	55,366.10	55,366.10			
Cash:					
Cash	4.24	4.24			
Debtors/Creditors:					
Accounts Receivable/Prepayments	419.80	419.80			
Accounts Payable/Accruals	(8,290.76)	(8,290.76)			
Specific Reserves:					
Methodist Grant	(1,600.00)	(1,600.00)			
Business Continuity Grant	(5,000.00)	(5,000.00)			
Music Fund	(457.70)	(457.70)			
Lighting, Audio Visual, Roof Funds					
Anniversary Window Fund	(56.27)	(56.27)			
Memorial Garden Fund	(1,212.00)	(1,212.00)			
	138,553.97	44,311.86	20,564.41	19,366.12	54,311.58

Note 7: Methodist Grant

In March 2018, St Giles Church Desborough received a grant of £20,000 from the Kettering and Corby Methodist Circuit to be split equally between the cost of employing a Bereavement Counsellor and to assist with certain capital projects (Lighting and Audio Visual Equipment). During 2020, the Church has utilised £3600 of this grant (2019 - £13,600), and at the end of the year the remaining reserved grant was £1,600 (2019 - £5,200).

Note 2: Designated Funds

	Bequests	Craft	Events	Holiday Club	Magazine	Monthly Lunch	Printers	Totals
Funds brought forward 1st Jan. 2020	15,801.78	386.31	623.34	648.97	1,273.97	562.11	1,206.89	20,503.37
Voluntary income				20.00	1,312.50	4.83	25.35	1,362.68
Activities for generating funds			1,726.90		300.00			2,026.90
Income from Church activities								0.00
Investment income					1.05		6.49	7.54
Other								0.00
Total receipts	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,726.90</u>	<u>20.00</u>	<u>1,613.55</u>	<u>4.83</u>	<u>31.84</u>	<u>3,397.12</u>
Fund raising costs		120.55	12.74	115.79				249.08
Charitable activities [see note 6]								0.00
Ministry								0.00
Church maintenance								0.00
Administration					50.00			50.00
Total payments	<u>0.00</u>	<u>120.55</u>	<u>12.74</u>	<u>115.79</u>	<u>50.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>299.08</u>
Net receipts/(payments)	0.00	(120.55)	1,714.16	(95.79)	1,563.55	4.83	31.84	3,098.04
Transfers between funds			(1,617.00)	(20.00)	(1,400.00)		0.00	(3,037.00)
Funds carried forward 31st Dec 2020	<u>15,801.78</u>	<u>265.76</u>	<u>720.50</u>	<u>533.18</u>	<u>1,437.52</u>	<u>566.94</u>	<u>1,238.73</u>	<u>20,564.41</u>

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15th March 2021

To the Trustees of St Giles Church Desborough:

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I have examined the attached Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities for St Giles Church Desborough for the year ended 31st December 2020 with the books and records produced to me by the Honorary Treasurer and confirm them to be in accordance therewith.

The Statement of Assets and Liabilities sets out the position of St Giles Church Desborough as at 31st December 2020 and the Receipts and Payments Account shows the Income and Expenditure arising during the year to 31st December 2020.



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