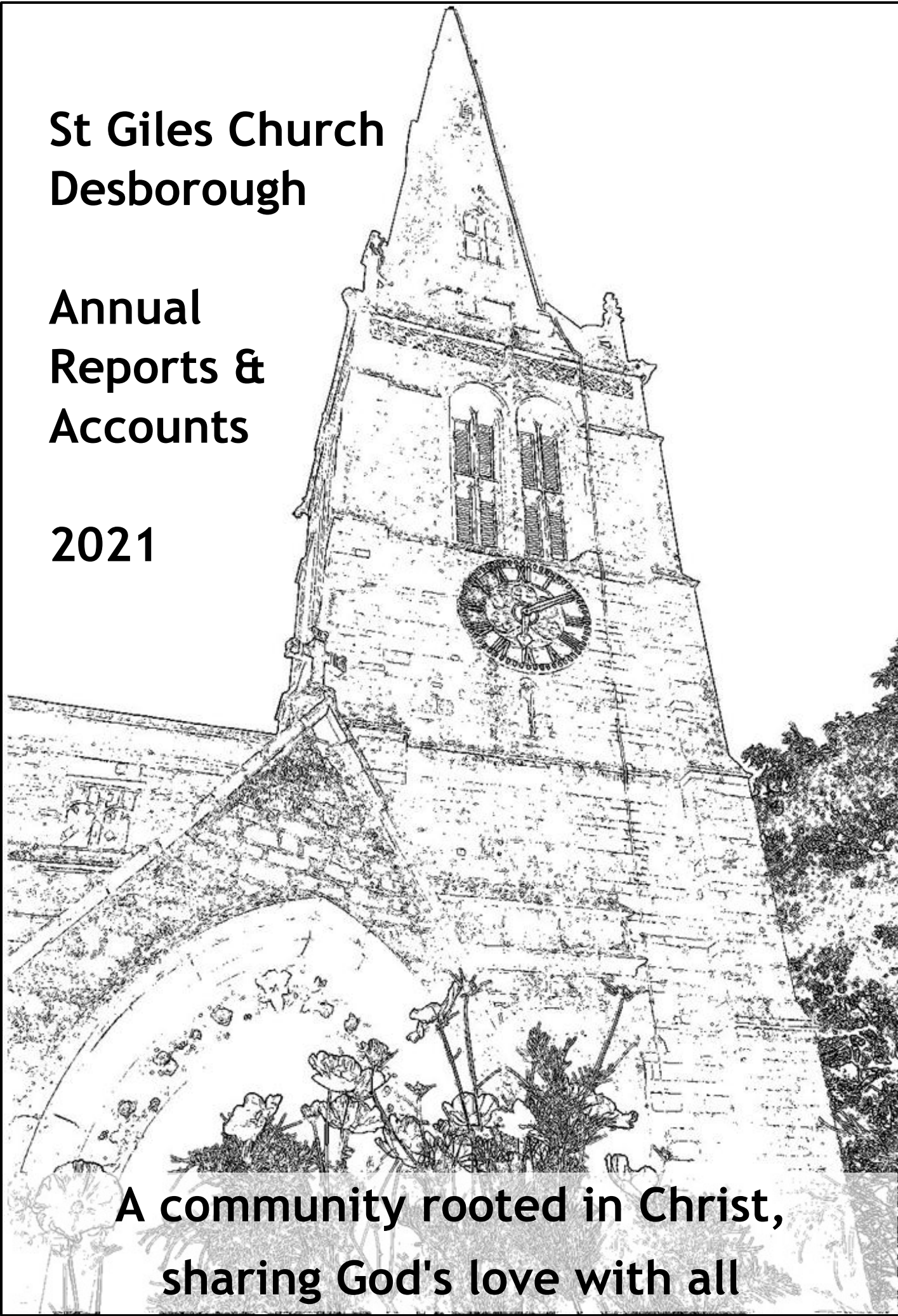


St Giles Church Desborough

Annual Reports & Accounts

2021



**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 Hawkhirst 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>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>0.79</u>	<u>0.79</u>
Payments			
Fund raising costs			
Charitable activities			
Ministry			
Church maintenance			
Administration			
Other			
Total payments			
Net receipts against payments		<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
	84,318.53	75,188

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)
	5,965.30	1,750

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	
		5,272.65	5,272.65

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>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
	84,318.53	75,188

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)
	5,965.30	1,750

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	
		5,272.65	5,272.65

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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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.



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