

Parish of Bemerton, Salisbury

Annual Report
and
Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council

Registered Charity: 1183774

for the year ended 31 December 2020

Bemerton Parish Office
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Bemerton Heath
Salisbury SP2 9LE

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Lloyds Bank Plc.
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Aims and Purposes

Bemerton Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, The Reverend Kevin Martin, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the parish buildings namely, St John's Church (Chancel area only) and St Andrews Church at Lower Bemerton along with St Michael and all Angels Church and Community Centre, Bemerton Heath. The Parish covers, Lower Bemerton, Quidhampton, Bemerton, Fugglestone Red and St Peter's Place in Salisbury.

Objectives and Activities

As a Church of England Parish, we provide buildings and facilities for Christian worship and teaching and opportunities for Bible study and fellowship with others. We conduct marriage, baptism and funeral services for those who live within the Ecclesiastical parish or have qualifying connections with it. We provide pastoral care and encourage community life to flourish throughout the whole parish.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and sacrament. When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

We are also an Inclusive Church which means we have officially signed up to offer a warm welcome to all people. We do not discriminate against people on grounds of gender, ethnicity, sexuality, physical or mental disability or any other grounds. Our action on tackling poverty has given us a boost in keeping our Community Fridge open whenever restrictions have allowed us to do so.

In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.
 - To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St John's, St Andrew's and St Michael's.
 - St Michael's Community Centre. To enable as many people as possible to worship in its churches and become part of our parish community.

- To regularly review our worship throughout the parish for content, acceptability and relevance so that services can involve as many groups as possible that live within the parish.
- To put faith into action by the application of prayer and scripture music and sacrament into our worship services.
- To plan activities throughout the year and for public benefit taking into account guidance from the Church Commission and charities for the advancement of religion notably to allow ordinary people to live out their faith in our community through:
 - Worship and prayer, gospel education and development of a knowledge of Jesus
 - Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
 - Missionary and outreach work

Safeguarding

Bemerton Parish PCC reviewed and updated its policy in 2020 and also ensured that posters displayed were clear and prominent. The Parish read and adopted the church commissioners request that safeguarding cases are reported to the commission as well as the diocese.

The Parish safeguarding officer (Helen Pessell) ensured that DBS checks were current, and that training was offered to those in relevant positions. She also ensured her own training was completed and that she attended diocesan updates to understand and implement new policy decisions within the diocese.

Anyone appointed to a new role was appointed using safer recruitment practises.

Performance and Achievements

Our performance and achievements during 2020 with the pandemic was keeping the community fridge running and ensuring the community café was open whenever legally allowed. This enabled people to obtain food at a time when many more people than usual were struggling to put food on the table. Opening the community café when allowed to do so meant we were able to help provide a safe place for people who were feeling isolated to meet up for a drink and a chat in a location where they were encouraged to stay for as long as permitted rather than rushed out the door for the next paying customer to be brought in.

Our achievement was to keep on offering worship and fellowship in person when allowed and on-line when that was the only legal option open to us.

Worship and Prayer

This year has been a difficult year for the Church of England and local parishes due to the restrictions imposed by the UK Government and the Church of England as a result of the global coronavirus pandemic.

The parish remained in vacancy until 16th November 2020 saw the licensing and induction of the new Rector of Bemerton, the Reverend Kevin Martin.

For the first quarter of the year worship services continued at St Andrew's and St Michael's and the parish is grateful and records its thanks to Reverend Kim Stephens and Reverend Martin Hancock who were able to lead our main services of Holy Communion in particular and who were supported on occasions by clergy from other parishes, Salisbury Cathedral and Bishop's Staff. We also record our thanks to Reverend Judy Rees who lead services of Holy Communion in St Andrew's Church on a regular basis and lead Evensong once a month. We would also like to thank Howard Tranter who led Fun Church on the first Sunday of each month. In early 2020 the parish Licensed Lay Minister with Permission to Officiate celebrated 25 years of ministry in the parish which was the only social event we were really able to mark throughout the year.

The whole UK spent the rest of the year in lockdown and area specific restrictions. In the first lockdown services in church were suspended due to the possible risk of transmission of the virus covid-19 amongst members. We were fortunate that services were able to continue using digital technology through the web-based platform "Zoom". Although familiarization with the technology was not possible for the whole congregation, a group of approximately 20 members continued to worship and pray for the needs of the world, the UK and for the parish and its members. Fun Church services continued but it was difficult to maintain the interest of children on zoom services and especially given the changes to their school education during the lockdowns.

Part of the Parish of Bemerton covers housing where there are families, couples and individuals who are experiencing extreme financial difficulty and we are aware through contact with these families, and from information gained from schools in the parish, that there are many families who did not have access to computers or Internet especially during the first lockdown. We are aware how being on-line only meant we were missing an opportunity to offer spiritual growth and learning to those who were struggling financially.

In July, when restrictions allowed, we were able to re-open the Community Café and the Community Fridge. Some community groups who run from St Michael's Community Centre were able to resume their activities and we were able to hold services in church once again. Sadly we still had restrictions on what pastoral care

could be offered to people in their own homes but this was made more possible as the year progressed and we followed the strict procedures in place to operate in a Covid secure way.

In July interviews were held for a new parish priest with the appointment to post being announced in late August. Movement out of lockdown into the local Tier system occurred as we began Advent we were able to hold a few advent celebrations and services broadcast from the church as well as outside carol services at St Michael's and St John's. We also held outdoor walking nativity services and encouraged local community engagement with the national 'Doorstep Carols' initiative.

Thanks should be given to Robyn Golden-Hann, who is an Ordinand in Training in the parish who led a Compline Service every Wednesday evening at 9.00pm from the beginning of the first lockdown until the end of the year and in to 2021.

St Michael's Church has three active house groups who were meeting on various days and times on a monthly basis. These are led by Shirley Frayling, Maureen Winstanley and Terri Seaton. In the brief period before lockdown the groups were considering Part of Isaiah, the 10 Commandments and reactions and thoughts on different pictures/images of Christ from around the world.

The groups have not met during lockdown due to inability of some to access the IT necessary but look forward to resuming in 2021.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. We continued to offer these services through 2020 but we, like the rest of the Nation, experienced some severe challenges in doing so. We celebrated four baptisms and three weddings and held eight funerals in our churches this year.

Deanery Synod

The February meeting had a packed agenda:

Mr Keith Leslie, gave a summary report of the recent General Synod meeting including the project 'Living in Love and Faith', containing resources that will help the Church learn how to question human identity, relationships, marriage and sexuality fit within the bigger picture of what it means to embody a Christian vision of living holy lives in love and faith in our culture.

There was a discussion on a study wondering why over 3.5m people live on council estates were unlikely to attend church. The study looked at reasons why the Church of England is generally less effective in communicating with and attracting people from more disadvantaged communities.

This was followed a report of the recent Diocesan Synod; there will be a Fairer Share Review this year.

Salisbury Diocese is taking on the episcopal oversight of the Channel Islands in 2020.

Salisbury Diocese are asking parishes to commit to be an Eco Church in an attempt for the Diocese to become Carbon Neutral by 2030.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to the Salisbury Deanery Plan. The Rural Dean lead the discussion on the Deanery Plan, this plan needs to be able to adapt so the document would remain relevant in the future. The plan needs to be task-based, Synod needs to implement this through a number of task-based subgroups. It was also hoped that if Synod was more focused this would encourage more members to attend the meeting and be involved between the meetings.

The Meeting broke into 5 groups;

- a. Mission (Schools, New Housing & Care Homes). We need to map out the city, find out where the gaps are, where the opportunities are, and then take action.
- b. Community (Civic links, charities and Africa). There are a vast number of charities within the city so we need to get an overview of various charities and which churches are already engaged with them. We can then work out how we can help and then mobilise volunteers. We also need to strengthen links with South Sudan.
- c. Pastoral (Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals). It was noted that the current fee structure was difficult for less well-off and that those fees did not go to the parishes.
- d. Deployment (Clergy and Lay). The parishes would not welcome a reduction in clergy and would want vacancies to be limited to 6 months. We need to reduce the burden on clergy and could consider sharing admin staff across the deanery as well as increasing the training of laity.
- e. Resources (Share allocation, Deanery Fund). A wide brief so difficult to get to grips with.
- f. The next meeting and the first meeting of the new Synod was on Zoom, which must have been a strange introduction to those who had only just been elected to Synod.

The Rural Dean gave an update on the Deanery Plan and the forming of four task-based sub-groups which will be tasked to developing and implementing the Plan. All new members were going to be asked to join one of the 5 sub-groups.

The rest of the evening was spent reporting the last Diocesan Synod, commenting on the 2021 Diocesan budget and the plan to claw back the £1 million deficit within 5 years. This led onto a discussion the Fair Share consultation process that will end in March 2021.

Church Buildings

St Andrews

The fabric of St Andrew's is generally in good repair.

The table which stands just inside the door to the church was polished to repair the water staining sustained when the fire extinguisher was set off in 2019.

The report from the Quinquennial inspection conducted in September 2019 was received in April and there are no urgent items of work, a section of guttering needs to be replaced. There are some repairs required to stonework and some interior treatment of woodwork required in the next year or so.

At the start of Lockdown in March the south west nave window was vandalised with a number of panes of glass broken and some of the leadwork damaged. This was repaired by Salisbury Cathedral glass and claimed against the building insurance.

Plans were started to replace the board with the list of rectors as it is full.

The ongoing plans to replace the curtain with cupboards are still ongoing and are likely to become a larger project including moving of some memorials. This would then require redecoration of the building.

Friends of St Andrew's Report 2020

The Friends met twice in 2020, once in January and again in October.

At the January meeting plans were finalised for the George Herbert Evensong to be held on 1st March at 4pm. This was led by Judy Rees with a talk by Canon Vernon White followed by scones and medlar jelly.

The table which stands just inside the door to the church was polished to repair the water staining sustained when the fire extinguisher was set off in 2019.

Cruets were purchased for the home communion set which was donated to the parish by Rachel Lucas (widow of Canon Paul Lucas). Repair of this set is now complete.

Further discussions were had about how best to replace the curtained area with a cupboard and an alternative option for moving the memorials was considered. This was put on hold until we are able to take it forward with the new Rector and in conjunction with work, primarily decorating, identified within the Quinquennial inspection report.

St John's

There is no change to the condition of the Chancel.

St John's Churchyard

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) sign which was installed in 2019 on a short post close to the lych gate was damaged over the summer.

Discussion with the Archdeacon resulted in agreement that a replacement sign could be attached to the churchyard wall and the CWGC replaced it in time for Remembrance Sunday. This is under faculty with the Diocese rather than the Parish. Bemerton Community Projects requiring Faculty Permission:

The handrails alongside the steps between the main church door and the lych gate were installed.

Approval for installation of lighting alongside the main path from the church to the lych gate and a lantern light within the lych gate reached the public notice stage in 2020. Note – this has now been approved.

A faculty remains approved but on hold for the installation of notice boards by Bemerton Community.

Bemerton Community are keen to increase their storage space outside the church and informal advice has been sought from the DAC.

St Michael's

2020 was the year of Covid-19, with St Michaels church being closed for worship at various times of the year.

The faculty to upgrade the Audio Visual system was granted. During Lockdown 1 the AV system was installed and was fully functioning for the Sunday service. of 16th July. The certificate of wiring for St Michael's Church has been obtained whilst other electrical work was being carried out on site.

In the Spring the front door to the church was causing concern as the lock failed to engage at times, the lower fire doors were also not closing properly. Both these matters were rectified. However, in December after Christmas the lower fire doors were discovered to be damaged although the security of the door was not compromised. During January a quotation for a full repair was sought.

One of the two internal front doors was not functioning properly. As this was a potential health & safety issue a set of new springs bought and fitted to rectify this problem.

In the Spring, the glass notice board had been distorted probably caused by a gust of wind. The distorted door was realigned and more care will be taken opening the doors on the noticeboard in windy conditions.

As a result of the winter storms a minor leak in the left-hand aisle was discovered, water only penetrated the building if rain was forced in with wind blowing in a particular direction. The situation will be monitored and if the situation becomes worse, we will look to hire a 'cherry picker' to examine the roof externally in this corner.

During the Spring lockdown the Churchwardens discussed with Maureen Winstanley as to which pictures from our stock of artwork should be rehung in the Church following the internal decoration in 2019.

In the Autumn a faculty was drawn up to allow the purchase of a credence table to be bought in the memory of Barbara Tinkler. Faculty approval was still being sought at the year end.

In October it was decided to trial the serving of coffee after the services in the Community Centre. One of the other benefits would be suspension of carrying heavy urns into church. Unfortunately, Lockdown stopped this plan being carried out. On Monday 16 November the Parish celebrated a most joyous event when our new Rector, Rev Kevin Martin, was licensed at the evening service at St Michaels, 9 people attended this Covid secure event within the church and over 2 dozen households attending on the Facebook video link.

Pastoral Care

Bemerton parish have 5 LPA's (Lay Pastoral Assistants). At the beginning of the year we met as we usually do monthly to support each other and pray for those who we are each supporting. We also visited and offer communion to those living in Bemerton Lodge, Hedley Davis Court and those accessing the Jo Benson Day Centre and also gave Home Communion to those not able to access church services.

Most of these activities were curtailed in March with the first lockdown as the homes discouraged visitors. Parish support however has continued as needed and as we are able.

November saw Kevin Martin as rector arriving and we managed one LPA meeting before the next lockdown. We look forward to hopefully a more normal 2021.

St Michael's Community Centre

Laurence Newton took over as acting Community Centre manager in March 2020 and following interviews in August 2020 was appointed as the permanent Community Centre Manager.

Following our Electrical Safety Test, we were required to rewire the community Centre. Howard applied for and successfully obtained 3 grants which allowed us to rewire the Centre and install energy efficient LED lighting throughout in June. This money also paid for the toilets to be upgraded with hot water and hand dryers which was completed in September. Wiltshire council also gave a grant of £400 to purchase a new Table Tennis Table.

We unfortunately had to shut the Centre at the end of March 2020 and reopened in June 2020 with social Distancing restrictions due to the Covid pandemic. During the second lockdown later in the year we kept the community Fridge open and had 'Baby Senseo' and 'Slimming World' groups operating as they were permitted under the lockdown rules.

Credit Union left and moved to Swindon at the end of 2019 and Age UK have leased the 2 rooms at the back of the annex slightly later than first thought, but they are now in and settled.

At the end of the year, despite all the ups and downs and Covid restrictions we managed to make a profit of £926.97. And we would like to say a very big thankyou to all our volunteers who have helped keep the Café and Community Fridge running as much as possible throughout the year and without whose endeavours we would

not have been able to achieve all that we have in an unpredictable and turbulent year.

Also a thank you for the support and help of the Community Centre Management Committee with specific mention of thanks to Howard Tranter who completed a number of grant applications which resulted in the funding we received.

Ecumenical Relationships

The pandemic prevented our traditional Good Friday Walk of Witness through the parish with Bemerton Methodists and St Gregory's Roman Catholics, or any other joint services or events taking place. But we remained in touch, with the Methodist Minister, Rev'd Steve Hawkes leading some assemblies in our church primary school in Lower Bemerton. Salisbury Baptist Church partnered with us for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with representatives from each congregation visiting each other's church on the Sunday morning; as well as praying earnestly for us when we were faced with rewiring the Community Centre and making a small gift from their church funds towards the cost, as an act of loving fellowship.

Discussion were had with leaders from the other denominations in the parish about Christmas services but with the Covid restrictions it was decided it would be best to commit to working together afresh in 2021 when restrictions allow.

Financial Review of 2020

This year has been a difficult year financially. The COVID restrictions have made it impossible to do very much in the way of fund raising; many weddings were unable to happen reducing fees that come to the church by over a half; and with many weeks when St Michael's and St Andrew's were closed for services, collection money was reduced by more than 60%.

However, regular church members continued to give openhandedly even when services were just on Zoom, with those who use planned giving envelopes in many cases giving directly into the church bank account instead or posting in cheques, and some saying they had spent less because of lockdown making extra donations. We also received a legacy of £5000 from the will of a past church member, and the Government furlough scheme kept employment costs down during the first lockdown.

Some other costs were also less because of all that was not able to happen – no paschal candle, no Mothering Sunday posies, no printing of weekly news sheets or church cleaning – and with St John's Place closed we were given a payment holiday from our contribution to the overheads for the chancel area for which we are responsible, saving us £1000.

The PCC (church general fund) ended the year having spent £16,000 more than it had received in income – less than the £22,000 predicted at the start of the year, but

not sustainable in the long run. In addition, there was capital expenditure of £29,000 for the instalment of new sound and video equipment and work on the automatic opening and closing of the church door in St Michael's occasioned by safety concerns. To meet all this expenditure £45,000 was withdrawn from investments (£30,000 from Fixed Interest Securities and £15,000 from the Church Hall investment).

St Michael's Community Centre was also affected by the COVID restrictions and closures, without which it would have been in an even stronger position than it is, with a surplus of income over expenditure of almost £1000 for the year. The total rewiring of the Centre and other maintenance work were heavy expenses, and gratitude is due to the grant making bodies who responded so positively to requests for financial help.

Friends of St Andrew's also ended the year in a good place with a small surplus of income over expenditure.

A copy of the audited accounts is provided at Annex 1.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our churches and Community Centre clean, safe, lively, warm and welcoming. In particular we wish to thank those who help behind the scenes at services, including the flower arrangers, technical teams, the churchwardens and sides people, those who maintain the sites and fabric of the buildings including those that meet with potential contractors, the Centre Manager and Café and Community Fridge volunteers.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointing PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. Bemerton PCC comprises the incumbent, churchwardens, the reader and members who are elected by those on the electoral roll who are usually members of the congregation. All who attend services at our churches are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll to allow them to stand for election to the PCC.

PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the life of the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are spent. In 2020 the PCC met 8 times mostly by Zoom digital technology due to Covid-19 regulations. Attendance averaged 90% at each meeting. The PCC has a standing committee dealing with issues between PCC meetings around finance and those decisions devolved to them by the PCC. The Standing committee met 5 times in 2020. There is also a sub-committee of the PCC which has oversight of St Michael's Community Centre and which reports back fully at PCC meetings and which met 8 times in 2020.

Administrative Information

St Michael's, St Andrew's and St John's are located in the Parish of Bemerton part of the Diocese of Salisbury within the Church of England.

The parish office is located within the Community Centre at 96 St Michael's Road, Bemerton Heath, Salisbury SP2 9LE. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity registered with the charity commission. The PCC is required to hold an annual meeting and the minutes from the meeting held in October 2020 covering the operating year 2019 are provided in Annex 2.

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

The parish was in vacancy until 16th November 2020, without a Rector or any ordained ministers licensed to the parish although there is one Licensed Lay Minister with permission to officiate as part of the ministry team. In November the Reverend Kevin Martin became Rector of Bemerton and joined the PCC as an Ex-Officio member. PCC members who have served from 6th October 2020 until the annual meeting to be held on 27th May 2021 are as follows:

Ex-Officio Members

Incumbent: The Reverend Kevin Martin (from 16th November 2020)

Churchwardens

Hilary Bird Frank Pessell (from 06.10.20)

Deanery Synod Representatives

Gillian Newton (from 06.10.2020 – 2023)

Terri Seaton (from 06.10.2020 – 2023)

Elected members

Howard Tranter (from 06.10.2020 - 2023)

Joanna Hancock (from 06.10.2020- 2023)

Mike Bird (2018 - 2021)

Debbie Ford (2018 – 2021)

Colin Frayling (2019 – 2022)

Helen Pessell (2019 – 2022)

Annex 1

Audited Accounts for 2020

Bemerton Parochial Church Council

Balance Sheet detailed

	As at 31/12/2020	As at 31/12/2019
Fixed assets		
7550: Fixed Interest Securities	18,269.21	46,981.84
7555: Parish Room	—	—
7565: Church Hall	76,578.00	87,082.59
7570: 3.5% War Loan	—	—
7575: Warre Trust	120,721.20	112,923.54
Total Fixed assets	215,568.41	246,987.97
Current assets		
6501: Bemerton PCC current account	19,491.79	17,338.55
6502: St.Andrews Current account	4,417.25	4,089.20
6503: Community centre current account	7,276.91	6,349.94
6510: CCLA (CBF) deposit account - St.Michaels	10.69	10.69
6515: CCLA deposit - St.Andrews	14,881.00	14,818.09
6520: CCLA Deposit - Community Centre	—	—
6525: St Andrew's Pay Pal	91.29	85.53
6530: St Andrew's Gift Aid Tax due	24.34	31.11
6531: Community Centre Petty Cash	—	—
Z05: Accounts Receivable	—	—
Total Current assets	46,193.27	42,723.11
Liabilities		
6699: Agency collections	2,390.04	754.73
Z04: Accounts Payable	—	—
Total Liabilities	2,390.04	754.73
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	259,371.64	288,956.35
Reserves		
Excess / (deficit) to date	(43,165.15)	(35,750.11)
Z01: Starting balances	288,956.35	289,470.07
Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets	13,580.44	35,236.39
Total Reserves	259,371.64	288,956.35

As at
31/12/2020

As at
31/12/2019

Represented by Funds		
Unrestricted	17,179.39	16,661.46
Designated	18,174.21	46,886.84
Restricted	103,296.84	112,484.51
Endowment	120,721.20	112,923.54
Total	259,371.64	288,956.35

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts					
Planned giving	29,496.30	—	—	29,496.30	26,963.85
Collections and other giving	4,821.64	—	—	4,821.64	6,370.73
Other trading activities	80.40	—	—	80.40	1,245.49
Other voluntary receipts	6,273.64	24,323.55	—	30,597.19	10,725.77
Gift Aid recovered	7,811.29	24.34	—	7,835.63	7,414.15
Investments	5,766.25	62.91	—	5,829.16	5,931.08
Other receipts	1,702.86	29,613.40	—	31,316.26	46,477.06
Receipts from church activities	2,013.00	—	—	2,013.00	4,197.00
Total income	57,965.38	54,024.20	—	111,989.58	109,325.13
Payments					
Missionary and Charitable Giving	3,630.00	—	—	3,630.00	3,905.00
Parish Share	51,716.10	—	—	51,716.10	50,615.50
Clergy and Staffing costs	4,818.58	—	—	4,818.58	7,264.22
Church Running Expenses	13,029.88	574.65	—	13,604.53	18,930.83
Hall Running Costs	—	52,132.63	—	52,132.63	46,069.72
Church Repairs & Maintenance	29,252.89	—	—	29,252.89	380.70
Total expenditure	102,447.45	52,707.28	—	155,154.73	127,165.97
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(44,482.07)	1,316.92	—	(43,165.15)	(17,840.84)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	45,000.00	—	—	45,000.00	20,000.00
Gross transfers between funds - out	(30,000.00)	(15,000.00)	—	(45,000.00)	(20,000.00)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains / losses on investment assets	1,287.37	4,495.41	7,797.66	13,580.44	35,236.39
Net movement in funds	(28,194.70)	(9,187.67)	7,797.66	(29,584.71)	17,395.55
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	63,548.30	112,484.51	112,923.54	288,956.35	271,560.80
Total funds carried forward	35,353.60	103,296.84	120,721.20	259,371.64	288,956.35

Bemerton Parochial Church Council

Analysis of income and expenditure Selected period: 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Receipts						
Planned giving						
0101 - Gift Aid - Bank	26,962.00	—	—	—	26,962.00	22,591.00
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	936.00	—	—	—	936.00	2,115.50
0201 - Planned giving	1,598.30	—	—	—	1,598.30	2,257.35
Planned giving Totals	29,496.30	—	—	—	29,496.30	26,963.85
Collections and other giving						
0301 - Loose plate collections	1,448.96	—	—	—	1,448.96	4,082.52
0302 - Baptism loose plate	—	—	—	—	—	146.16
0304 - Funeral Loose plate	—	—	—	—	—	268.50
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	3,372.68	—	—	—	3,372.68	1,873.55
Collections and other giving Totals	4,821.64	—	—	—	4,821.64	6,370.73
Other voluntary receipts						
0410 - Giving through church boxes	9.50	—	—	—	9.50	—
0550 - Donations appeals etc	1,264.14	—	—	—	1,264.14	5,033.60
0551 - Coffee & Chat	—	—	—	—	—	1,800.00
0701 - Legacies	5,000.00	—	—	—	5,000.00	1,000.00
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	—	—	23,446.20	—	23,446.20	2,000.00
0910 - Fund Raising	80.40	—	—	—	80.40	964.25
1250 - Magazine income - advertising	—	—	—	—	—	166.00
1260 - Parish magazine sales	—	—	—	—	—	115.24
1400 - Friends of St.Andrews	—	—	877.35	—	877.35	892.17
Other voluntary receipts Totals	6,354.04	—	24,323.55	—	30,677.59	11,971.26
Gift Aid recovered						
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	7,811.29	—	24.34	—	7,835.63	7,414.15
1001 - Dividends	5,766.19	—	—	—	5,766.19	5,826.80
1020 - Bank and building society interest	0.06	—	62.91	—	62.97	104.28
Gift Aid recovered Totals	13,577.54	—	87.25	—	13,664.79	13,345.23
Other receipts						
0901 - Other funds generated	1,163.62	—	—	—	1,163.62	150.04
1000 - to be assigned	—	—	—	—	—	789.00
1300 - Photocopier	74.04	—	—	—	74.04	360.43
1310 - Insurance claims	465.20	—	—	—	465.20	—
1500 - Community Centre running	—	—	29,613.40	—	29,613.40	45,177.59
Other receipts Totals	1,702.86	—	29,613.40	—	31,316.26	46,477.06
Receipts from church activities						
1101 - Fees for weddings & Banns	986.00	—	—	—	986.00	2,231.00
1102 - Fees for funerals & monuments	1,027.00	—	—	—	1,027.00	1,966.00
Receipts from church activities Totals	2,013.00	—	—	—	2,013.00	4,197.00

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Receipts Grand totals	57,965.38	—	54,024.20	—	111,989.58	109,325.13
Payments						
<i>Missionary and Charitable Giving</i>						
1801 - Giving to Christian Aid	1,000.00	—	—	—	1,000.00	1,200.00
1830 - Giving - South Africa	1,000.00	—	—	—	1,000.00	1,200.00
1831 - Giving - Morning Star	1,000.00	—	—	—	1,000.00	1,200.00
1850 - Giving - Other Charities	630.00	—	—	—	630.00	305.00
<i>Missionary and Charitable Giving Totals</i>	3,630.00	—	—	—	3,630.00	3,905.00
<i>Parish Share</i>						
1910 - Parish share etc	51,716.10	—	—	—	51,716.10	50,615.50
<i>Parish Share Totals</i>	51,716.10	—	—	—	51,716.10	50,615.50
<i>Clergy and Staffing costs</i>						
2050 - Salary of parish administrator	4,933.83	—	—	—	4,933.83	6,757.51
2103 - Working Expenses - others	(115.25)	—	—	—	(115.25)	506.71
<i>Clergy and Staffing costs Totals</i>	4,818.58	—	—	—	4,818.58	7,264.22
<i>Church Running Expenses</i>						
2201 - Parish training and mission	325.00	—	—	—	325.00	1,029.81
2202 - St Peters Place	—	—	—	—	—	1,044.83
2210 - Social Events	7.76	—	—	—	7.76	—
2301 - Church running - insurance	3,122.63	—	—	—	3,122.63	3,123.44
2302 - Legal Fees	—	—	—	—	—	647.20
2310 - Church office - telephone & broadband	845.93	—	—	—	845.93	792.59
2313 - Church office - equipment	98.63	—	—	—	98.63	—
2315 - Church Office - Photocopier	72.25	—	—	—	72.25	74.56
2320 - Organ / piano tuning	—	—	—	—	—	48.00
2330 - Church maintenance	684.65	—	—	—	684.65	1,463.84
2331 - Cleaning	799.00	—	—	—	799.00	842.11
2340 - Upkeep of services	336.67	—	—	—	336.67	885.94
2360 - Administration	525.93	—	—	—	525.93	742.77
2401 - Church running - electric	1,271.75	—	—	—	1,271.75	1,855.90
2410 - Church running - gas	3,432.00	—	—	—	3,432.00	1,801.00
2420 - Church running - water	107.68	—	—	—	107.68	107.74
2501 - Magazine expenses	—	—	—	—	—	264.90
2845 - St John's Place Lease/Utilities contribu	1,400.00	—	—	—	1,400.00	2,400.00
3000 - Friends of St.Andrews running	—	—	574.65	—	574.65	1,806.20
<i>Church Running Expenses Totals</i>	13,029.88	—	574.65	—	13,604.53	18,930.83
<i>Hall Running Costs</i>						
2805 - Community Centre Running	—	—	32,037.67	—	32,037.67	46,069.72
2815 - Community Centre Maintenance	—	—	20,094.96	—	20,094.96	—
<i>Hall Running Costs Totals</i>	—	—	52,132.63	—	52,132.63	46,069.72

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Church Repairs & Maintenance						
2701 - Church major repairs - structure	2,134.00	—	—	—	2,134.00	380.70
2710 - Church major repairs - installation	27,118.89	—	—	—	27,118.89	—
Church Repairs & Maintenance Totals	29,252.89	—	—	—	29,252.89	380.70
Payments Grand totals	102,447.45	—	52,707.28	—	155,154.73	127,165.97

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ending 31st December 2020

Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations using Data Development Finance Coordinator software. They have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis and include all assets and transactions for which the PCC is responsible in law (those of the Friends of St Andrew's Church Bemerton; St Michael's Community Centre; and the PCC itself). Monies not belonging to us but received and then passed on to those to whom they do belong (such as the part of wedding and funeral fees belonging to the DBF) are recorded as agency receipts and payments.

Funds

The Warre Trust is an endowment fund. The Diocesan Board of Finance is the sole trustee of this fund. The capital of the trust may not be expended. Dividend income from it can be used for the maintenance and general purposes of the church at the discretion of the incumbent and churchwardens. The fund is invested in a holding of 5904.19 units in Central Board of Finance Investment 134001710S, Diocesan ref S45A.

Bemerton Church Hall is a restricted investment fund held by the Diocesan Board of Finance as custodian trustee with the PCC the managing trustee and beneficial owner. During 2004 this fund was created by a merger of the recoupment Scheme and a previously unrestricted Bemerton Church Hall fund. It is held in units of Central Board of Finance Investment Fund 1340016665, Diocesan ref B102. The fund capital can only be drawn on by the PCC with the prior consent by the DBF for specific approved projects or purposes.

The Fixed Interest Securities Fund is an investment fund designated for PCC reserves/saving, held by the PCC as managing trustee and beneficial owner of units in Central Board of Finance Fixed Interest Securities Fund 634111001K. There is no restriction on the use of the capital or income. Dividends are paid into the church current account as income.

St Michael's Community Centre is a restricted fund. Rental income is received from the PCC lease of part of the premises to the Trussell Trust for a charity shop; to AgeUK as office space; from regular and occasional lettings of the 2 halls; profits from the church run café and donations. This is expended on heating, lighting, insurance, employee wages, minor maintenance of the building and other running costs. Grants are sought for major maintenance work.

Friends of St Andrew's Bemerton (F.O.S.A.B.) is treated as an excepted charity under the umbrella of the PCC and its accounts included within the PCC's accounts. As income is raised and used for a specific purpose it is a restricted fund.

The General Fund is the unrestricted fund that covers all other PCC capital, income and outgoings arising from the church's life and activities.



Fixed Assets Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with section 96 (2) (a) of the Charities Act 1993. Movable church furnishings held by the rector and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected at any reasonable time. Such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Investments are valued at market bid value at December 31st

Current assets

These comprise cash held in current accounts or on deposit with the Central Board of Finance and small amounts of F.O.S.A.B money in PayPal.

Incoming Resources

Income to the General Fund is largely from individual giving by parishioners, supplemented by Gift Aid tax reclaimed from HMRC, dividends on investments and the parish's part of statutory fees for weddings, funerals, and monuments in the churchyard.

Outgoing Resources

Roughly one tenth of giving by church members was given to charities, divided between 3 main charities and smaller donations made occasionally by the PCC. Bemerton's Parish Share for 2020 of just under £52,000 was paid in full. New sound and video systems were installed in St Michael's. In addition to the usual church running costs, the PCC pays £200 a month to St John's Place as specified by the lease from the diocese of the building to Bemerton Community Ltd to manage as a Community Centre, as the PCC's share of the costs of heating, insurance, and cleaning for the 20% of the building (the chancel area) that is still the responsibility of the PCC and used occasionally for baptism, funeral, wedding and other services. For the 5 months that the building was closed by COVID restrictions in 2020 the PCC was given a payment holiday.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
BEMERTON PCC

On accounts for the year
ended

DECEMBER 31st 2020

Charity no
(if any)

1183774

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2020**

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust'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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

10/02/2021

Name:

BRIAN PETER CHAPMAN

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

IER

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Oct 2018

Address: _____

Disclosure

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.