



Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of Christ Church Friezland

(Registered Charity No 1186595)

Financial year 1st January – 31st December 2020

Aim and purposes

Christ Church Friezland Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Team Rector, Team Vicar and all Assistant Clergy of the Benefice of the Saddleworth Team Ministry in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church and Church Hall of Christ Church Friezland.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at Friezland. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the people that live within our parish.

Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and 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. 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 Christ Church Friezland and the Church Hall.

Worship and Prayer

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling.

The Covid-19 pandemic has restricted our work of Worship and Mission this year, as the Church has been closed for much of the time, in line with Government guidance. Since March we have been limited to only offering one service each Sunday that Church has been open. We are fortunate that thanks to the computer skills of some of our community we have been able to offer alternative on-line forms of Worship and Fellowship for both adult and younger members of our community

Due to the Pandemic restrictions the average weekly attendance, counted during October, was 37. On Christmas Day 40 people attended our service. We were unable to hold any services at Easter.

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 have celebrated 2 baptisms, 2 weddings and 2 funerals in our church during 2020.

Church and Community

The Pandemic has delayed completion of the restoration of the Tower and West Wall.

We are continuing our efforts to be the best Eco Church we can, setting ourselves and the Community some challenging targets to achieve “Silver” status.

The weekly Thursday afternoon Coffee Shop and Thursday morning Little Lights baby and toddler group have been suspended due to the Pandemic.

The Whit Friday procession of Witness and Brass Band Contest was cancelled due to the Pandemic

Our Church Hall continues to be a great asset to both the Church and the local community and we acknowledge the work of all those volunteers who make it succeed, especially during these challenging times.

Our Junior Church has adapted well to meetings via Zoom and we are grateful for all the hard work that goes in to those weekly sessions

Friezland Fellowship has developed as an on-line Church community as a result of the Pandemic and we acknowledge the innovation and voluntary work that goes in to the weekly sessions.

Pastoral Care

Our Pastoral Care Team has been vital during the Pandemic.

Mission and Evangelism

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. During the year, whilst unable to hold events in Church, we have actively supported local charities through on-line giving.

Ecumenical Relationships

The church is a member of Churches Together in Saddleworth. The pandemic has curtailed our usual events.

Financial Review

The PCC supports in principle the General Synod motion challenging church members to assess annually their financial giving as a proportion of income and asks our church members to aspire to a target of giving 5% of their income (subject to personal interpretation) to and through the Church and a similar amount to other work that helps to build God's kingdom.

The PCC has a Legacy Policy, to provide a process for accepting and acknowledging gifts made to the Church in Wills

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £65,016.33 of which £24,794.19 were unrestricted voluntary donations through regular giving, collections at services and one off donations. A further £3,535.50 was from Gift Aid and was allocated directly to the Diocese towards our Parish Share. All our major Fund-raising events this year have been cancelled due to the pandemic.

A total of £60,521.14 was spent from unrestricted funds to provide the Christian Ministry from Christ Church Friezland. Routine building repairs and maintenance during the year were kept to a minimum, totalling £1,543.95. The sum of £3,460.73 was spent on churchyard maintenance. The contribution we made to the running costs of the Team Ministry was £5,700.22. Costs of the ongoing project to repair and restore the Tower and West Wall during the year have been £12,097.34. The Diocese have agreed that repayment of the Loan can be deferred to next year due to the Pandemic.

Our contribution to the diocesan parish share, that largely provides the stipend and housing for clergy, was once again paid in full (£37,750).

The net result for the year was a deficit of receipts over payments of £20,072.64 on unrestricted funds.

(See Appendix for detailed Income and Expenditure accounts and report of Assets and Liabilities.)

Reserves Policy

In line with Charity Commissioner requirements, it is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £21,272. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The cash balance held on unrestricted (including designated) funds at the year-end was £21,511.

Volunteers

We thank all the volunteers who work so hard to keep our Worshipping community together during these unprecedented times.

Structure, governance and management

The PCC is a Registered Charity, number of 1186595.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At Christ Church the membership of the PCC consists of the Team Rector, Associate Priest, Churchwardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The full PCC was only able to meet once in person this year but has held other meetings via Zoom on-line. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees, which include Worship, Church Hall management, Maintenance, Fund Raising and Little Lights baby and toddler group are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly with minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

The Safe Church Policy has been reviewed and reaffirmed at the PCC held on 23 February 2021.

The Child Protection Officer has reported no incidents of concern during 2020.

Administrative Information

Christ Church Friezland is situated on Church Road, Greenfield and is part of the benefice of the Saddleworth Team Ministry in the Diocese of Manchester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Team Office, Parish Centre, Station Road, Uppermill, Oldham OL3 6HQ. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity currently registered with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2020 until the date this report was approved are:

| <u>Ex Officio members:</u> | <u>Elected</u> Members |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| Team Rector: The Reverend Canon Sharon Jones - Chair | Anthony Littlewood |
| Associate Priest - Reverend Michael Donmall | Josephine Johnson (to Oct 2020) |
| Church Warden: Duncan Ross | Rachel Edmondson (to Oct 2020) |
| Church Warden: John Stevenson (from Oct 2020) | Lynda McCrea (to Oct 2020) |
| Deanery Synod Member: Mark Leadbeater (to Oct 2020) | Guy Betts |
| Deanery Synod Member: Duncan Ross | Jill Barrett |
| Deanery Synod Member: Megan Harrison (from Oct 2020) | Simon Clark: Child Protection Officer |
| | Deborah Thompson : Treasurer |
| | Howard Wrigley |
| | Sarah Ashworth (from Oct 2020) |
| | Lindsey Walsh (from Oct 2020) |
| | Kate Lane (from Oct 2020) |

Approved by the Parochial Church council at their meeting on 23 February 2021

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Receipts and Payments Account
Year Ended 31 December 2020

| <u>Receipts</u> | 2020 | 2019 |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Envelopes | £2,908.02 | £6,143.31 |
| Direct Giving | £20,863.00 | £19,494.00 |
| Collections | £1,023.17 | £3,630.51 |
| Parish Magazine | £0.00 | £20.00 |
| Book Stall | £0.00 | £84.30 |
| Sundry Donations | £830.50 | £719.25 |
| Donations HLF | £0.00 | £2,500.00 |
| PCC Fees | £2,817.99 | £6,372.00 |
| Sunday Coffee Money | £242.19 | £1,092.02 |
| Church Cards & Crafts | £52.71 | £164.98 |
| Fund Raising | £109.00 | £5,027.09 |
| Whit Friday | £0.00 | £4,500.00 |
| Gift day | 0 | £0.00 |
| CBF Deposit Fund | £241.04 | £234.03 |
| Bank Interest | £2.65 | £7.13 |
| Grant from National Heritage | £9,135.00 | £117,450.00 |
| Thursday Coffee shop | £546.00 | £1,857.60 |
| Little Lights | £1,640.03 | £5,485.30 |
| Charity Collections | £592.90 | £221.47 |
| Just Giving | £626.00 | £624.10 |
| Diocesan Loan (Tower works) | £0.00 | £10,000.00 |
| Diocese Grant (Tower works) | £0.00 | £10,000.00 |
| 100 Club | £1,114.00 | £768.00 |
| Hire of Church | £30.00 | £125.00 |
| VAT refunds | £4,591.28 | £19,924.63 |
| Gift Aid Tax Claim | £3,636.60 | £5,210.18 |
| Receipts from Church hall | 14,014.25 | 24,181.30 |
| | <u>£65,016.33</u> | <u>£245,836.20</u> |

| <u>Payments</u> | 2020 | 2019 |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Gas | £2,339.80 | £2,877.77 |
| Electricity | £873.36 | £1,312.36 |
| Maintenance - Church | £1,543.95 | £2,343.47 |
| Churchyard Maintenance | £3,460.73 | £1,159.99 |
| Salaries & Wages | £216.66 | £2,816.60 |
| Assigned Fees | £1,499.00 | £3,305.00 |
| Junior Church | £0.00 | £65.17 |
| Crux Magazine | £0.00 | £195.50 |
| Parish Share | £37,750.00 | £36,500.00 |
| Charity Payment | £592.90 | £1,237.62 |
| Choir music | £0.00 | £234.47 |
| Extra Ordinary Expenses | £992.75 | £274.08 |
| Ecclesiastical Insurance | £3,755.56 | £3,871.70 |
| Parish expense - team | £5,700.22 | £7,644.12 |
| Water Rates | £275.87 | £244.30 |
| Licenses | £436.18 | £421.43 |
| Printing/stationery | £453.45 | £548.39 |
| Heating maintenance | £0.00 | £1,254.72 |
| Architect | £0.00 | £4,500.00 |
| Surveys on building | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Quantity surveyor | £2,058.00 | £0.00 |
| Drainage work | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Tower works carried out | £10,039.34 | £120,775.10 |
| Scaffold design | £0.00 | £421.20 |
| Guide book | £0.00 | £8,812.00 |
| Loan repayment | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Candles/Altar bread/wine | £302.39 | £838.87 |
| Cash | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Coffee/tea/paper towels | £128.58 | £331.01 |
| Organ tuning and repairs | £0.00 | £210.00 |
| Fund raising expenses | £0.00 | £774.16 |
| Whit Friday expenses | £0.00 | £150.00 |
| Little Lights | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Accountant | £200.00 | £0.00 |
| Church Hall expenditure | 12,470.23 | 20,199.92 |
| TOTAL | £85,088.97 | £223,318.95 |
| Nett of Receipts (- Payments) | -£20,072.64 | £22,517.25 |
| Bank Balance at 1st January 2020 | 3715.12 | 4618.71 |
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| Church hall balance | 10067.25 | 8523.23 |
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I confirm that the income and expenditure account concurs with the accounting records.

 Jane Cooksey FCCA

16-Apr-21