

# **Christ Church Friezland**

## **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)**



## **Reports and meeting agenda**

### **Sunday 24 April 2022**

Covering the period Jan – Dec 2021

## **Agenda**

Chair: Sharon Jones

1. Attendees
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the APCM held on Sunday 18 April 2021
4. Annual report (Sarah Ashworth) and Financial Statement (Deborah Thompson) from Parochial Church Council
5. Report of the Safe Church Policy / Child Protection Officer (Simon Clark)
6. Electoral Roll Officers report (Duncan Ross)
7. Consideration of Supplementary Reports
  - a. Team Rector report
  - b. Deanery Synod report (Duncan Ross)
  - c. The Fabric report (Tony Littlewood)
  - d. Church warden report (John Stevenson / Howard Wrigley)
  - d. Worship Group report (Matt Carson)
  - e. Eco church report (Matt Carson)
  - f. Junior Church report (Rachel Edmonson)
  - g. Choir report (Carol Whitehead)
  - h. Church hall report (Guy Betts)
  - i. Fundraising report including coffee shop (Duncan Ross), Children's Society and 100 Club (Lynda McCrea)
  - j. Little Lights report (Elaine Cartwright)
8. Election of Deputy Wardens
9. Election of PCC Representatives (Tony Littlewood for re-election)
10. Election of Sides-People
11. Appointment of Independent Examiners Close

**ITEM 3: Christ Church Friezland Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meetings, in Church and virtually via Zoom link, Sunday 18 April 2021 at 10:15**

**Minutes of Vestry Meeting Sunday 18 April 2021**

Chair- Sharon Jones

Notes- Lindsey Walsh & Sarah Ashworth via zoom

**1. Attendees**

Duncan Ross, Sheila Ross, John Stevenson, Jill Stott, Mike Donmall, Matt Carson, Yvonne Carson, Sharon Jones, Jean Worrall, David Richardson, Pauline Richardson, Jill Read, Chris Collett, Alan Collett, Ann Forster, Kate Lane, Jo Johnson, Sue Brown, Jill Barratt, Terry Flynn, Janet W Pringle, Rupert Hoare, Tony Littlewood, Deborah Thompson, Simon Clarke, Lindsey Walsh, Guy Betts, Sarah Ashworth, Rachel Edmondson, Heidi Otto

Virtually via Zoom; Howard and Hilary Wrigley, Rosie Bowers, Lynda McCrae

**2. Apologies**

Ann Hibbert

**3. Minutes of Vestry Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020**

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record, with no queries raised.

**4. Election of Church Wardens**

- John Stevenson, proposed by Jill Read and seconded by Sheila Ross.
- Howard Wrigley, proposed by John Stevenson and seconded by Mike Donmall.

Both were elected by the meeting (John re-elected, having stood last year).

Sharon thanked Duncan Ross for all his work as Church warden, for his wisdom and knowledge and for all he continues to bring to the life of the Church.

**Minutes of the Parochial Church Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

Chair- Sharon Jones

Notes- Lindsey Walsh & Sarah Ashworth via zoom

**1. Attendees- as above**

**2. Apologies- as above**

### **3. Minutes of the APCM held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record, with no queries raised.

### **4. Report of the Safe Church Policy/Child Protection Officer**

Simon Clark said that there were no issues relating to the safeguarding of children, young people or vulnerable adults in the last year. He confirmed that the Parish will continue to follow the Manchester Diocese Safeguarding Policy which was re-affirmed at the PCC meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021. The policy statement was read to the meeting and a signed copy posted on the church noticeboard; a copy of the complete policy is available at the back of church.

### **5. Annual report of the Financial Statement from PCC**

Copies of the report had been available and at the back of church prior to the meeting. Deborah Thompson asked if anyone had any questions regarding the report.

There was a query raised over restricted funds. Duncan Ross explained that the funds relate to a small number of bequests left specifically for use in maintenance of the graveyard. These have been invested by the church; the small amount of interest generated annually can be used as seen fit by the PCC. The restricted funds may be used to improve drainage of the graveyard in the future.

The accounts were approved by the meeting and Sharon thanked Deborah for her hard work.

### **6. Electoral Role Officers Report**

Terry Flynn said that due to recent circumstances (Covid restrictions etc.) that it was difficult to keep track of the Electoral Role. Sharon suggested that next year we should aim to contact everyone to make sure it is up to date. Mike Donmall said that plenty of people involved with Church were not currently on the Electoral Role.

### **7. Consideration of Supplementary Reports**

Supplementary reports were available to the meeting. Sharon acknowledged the continuing contribution and work of Junior Church and Friezland Fellowship during the recent lockdown period.

Lynda McCrae (via zoom) gave an overview of the 100 Club. Lynda said that she intends to leave all the prize draws until the end of the year so that all people who have paid in can be included in the draw. She will liaise with Sarah Ashworth.

Sharon noted that the church WhatsApp virtual group has many members and there is an extensive list of email contacts list (about 80 people).

Howard Wrigley spoke (via Zoom) regarding the Worship Group. He said he was impressed with how Friezland Fellowship has blossomed online during recent Covid restrictions and

church closures. He thanked all the contributions from ordinary laity members that have stepped up to support those not comfortable to go to church. He particularly thanked Sarah Ashworth for technical work. A round of applause was given for Sarah by the meeting.

## **8. Election of Deputy Church Wardens**

Simon Clark to continue as Deputy Church Warden.

A second position remains vacant.

## **9. Election of PCC Representatives**

Deborah Thompson and Jill Barrett have served a term of three years but both said that they were happy to continue

- Deborah Thompson was proposed by John Stevenson and seconded by Duncan Ross.
- Jill Barrett was proposed by John Stevenson and seconded by Sheila Ross.

Both were elected by the meeting. There are no other vacancies.

Duncan Ross continues as Deanery Synod Member, but there are two additional PCC vacancies. Lynda McCrae and Matt Carson were proposed, seconded and elected by the meeting. Matt Carson will act alongside Duncan Ross as Deanery Synod Member.

## **10. Election of Sides-People**

Pauline Richardson, David Richardson, Guy Betts, Alan Collett, Jill Read, Terry Flynn, Jill Barrett, Sheila Ross and Duncan Ross had been nominated and seconded prior to the meeting, all were elected by the meeting.

## **11. Appointment of Independent Examiners**

The meeting agreed for Jane Cooksey to continue to examine the Church and Church Hall Accounts.

### **Other matters discussed:**

- Sharon Jones personally thanked Mike Donmall for his role as pastoral lead at Christ Church Friezland and for encouraging people in their faith. The meeting gave him a round of applause, Mike said that it is a real privilege to serve everyone.
- Sharon also thanked Tony Littlewood for all his work dealing with the water ingress problem. A round of applause was given for Tony.
- Jill Barrett asked when social events might be allowed to be organised, e.g. possibly a tea dance in July and a mini brass band contest on 5th September, to coincide with the one being organised in Greenfield. Mike and Sharon said that they thought July might be too

soon, but that September is possible. Jo Johnson confirmed that this would not clash with Heritage weekend; heritage week runs from Friday 10<sup>th</sup>- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Guy Betts said that there was a clash with an existing booking taken for the Church and Church Hall for a christening on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

- John Stevenson gave the view that we should be positive and plan ahead for events to maintain a sense of normality, being mindful that things might have to change due to government guidance re: Covid.
- Sharon suggested that a Social Committee should be formed. John Stevenson, Guy Betts, Rachel Edmondson and Rosie Bowers all offered to be involved; Mike said that it might be worth asking Carol Whitehead to get choir and musicians involved. Sharon agreed to put this on the agenda for the next PCC meeting as there was a query as whether the role of this would overlap with the existing Fundraising/ Whit Friday Committee.

#### **Prayer and close of meeting**

## **Reports**

### **ITEM 4: PCC annual report and Financial Review**

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

(Registered Charity No 1186595)

Financial year 1st January – 31st December 2021

#### **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. In the first half of 2021 the Covid-19 pandemic continued to impact our work of Worship and Mission. From January we offered one service each Sunday morning. Thursday evening services were reinstated in September. We continued to offer weekly alternative online forms of Worship and Fellowship for both adult and younger members of our community from January-May; switching to a monthly Fellowship option from September.

Our Electoral Roll as at the end of 2021 currently has 59 names.

With the pandemic continue to impact church attendance weekly numbers ranged from 14-66 people (66 present at the Remembrance Day service). Of our Christmas celebrations: 37 attended Midnight Mass; with 22 on Christmas Day. 52 people attended Easter Day Eucharist.

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 8 baptisms, 8 weddings and 6 funerals in our church during 2021.

### **Church and Community**

We were awarded Eco Church silver status by A Rocha UK for our recognition of the value of God's creation. With thanks to Matt, Yvonne and Niamh Carson for their hard work and dedication.

The weekly Thursday afternoon Coffee Shop and Thursday morning Little Lights baby and toddler group, suspended during the pandemic, returned in September. 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 shown great flexibility adapting and switching between online meetings via Zoom, outside sessions and a return to meetings in the hall and we are grateful for all the hard work that goes into these 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 only a few events were held in Church during the latter part of the year (before reintroduction of restrictions), we have actively supported local charities through on-line giving. Including Christian Aid, The Children's Society and Oldham Food Bank to name but a few.

### **Ecumenical Relationships**

The church is a member of Churches Together in Saddleworth. Shared services have been minimised during pandemic restrictions due to the vulnerable nature of many church communities.



## **Financial Review**

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

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £62,016.06 of which £27,758.84 were unrestricted voluntary donations through regular giving, collections at services and one-off donations. A further £5496.37 was from Gift Aid and was allocated directly to the Diocese towards our Parish Share. Fundraising events raised £2,845.28, the Thursday Coffee Shop generated £883.00 and Little Lights £2,137.63

A total of £62,373.34 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 £2,740.83. The sum of £3,794.39 was spent on churchyard maintenance. The contribution we made to the running costs of the Team Ministry was £5,233.26. The Diocese have agreed that repayment of the loan for Tower works can be done over 5 years, 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 £9,540.33 on unrestricted funds. During the year we cashed in an investment which is restricted to be spent on the graveyard (£5,245.17)

Regarding the Tower Project, The Heritage Lottery Fund say that we owe them £18,375 due to them paying us funds before invoices were submitted.

If this is correct, it will impact our ability to pay parish share this year. This matter is ongoing.

(See Appendix 1 for detailed Income and Expenditure accounts and Table 1 below for the report of Assets & 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 £19,200. 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 £10,232.

**Table 1: CCF Assets and Liabilities**

<b>ASSETS &amp; LIABILITIES</b>									
<b>Cash Funds</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
Current account	7670.15	1075.79	3715.12	4618.71	1969.35	4419.74	18210.49	11,501.23	5418
Savings account	309.03	10368.73	2166.08	2958.95	1756.85	2556.55	755.9	1555.03	2394
HLF account	1281.95	3527.37							100
Church hall account	5856.55	10067.25							
Little Lights account	881.31								
<b>Total</b>	<b>15998.99</b>	<b>25039.14</b>	<b>5881.2</b>	<b>7577.66</b>	<b>3726.2</b>	<b>6976.29</b>	<b>18966.39</b>	<b>13,056.26</b>	<b>7912</b>
<b>Investment Assets</b>									
Investment - market value	3905.58	8587.62	8032.92	6766.03	6868.56		5684.53	5608.22	4869
Investment - cost	760.59	1260.77	1260.77	1260.77	1260.77	1260.77	1260.77	1260.77	1260.77
<b>Current Liabilities</b>									
Loans	10000	10000	2000	2000	3000	0	0	1000	3043
Net Reserves	6759.58	16299.91							

**Appendix 1: Receipts and payments 2021****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 has met four times this year with meetings online via Zoom. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life.

These committees 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 15 March 2022.

The Child Protection Officer has reported no incidents of concern during 2021.

### **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 2021 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio members: Rachel Edmondson

Elected Members for 2021

The Reverend Canon Sharon Jones (Team Rector); Reverend John Rosedale (Team Vicar); Anthony Littlewood (Chair); Reverend Michael Donmall (Associate Priest); John Stevenson (Church Warden); Howard Wrigley (Church Warden); Matt Carson (Deanery Synod Member); Guy Betts (PCC member); Duncan Ross (Deanery Synod Member); Jill Barrett (PCC member); Simon Clark (Child Protection Officer); Deborah Thompson (Treasurer); Sarah Ashworth (Secretary); Lindsey Walsh (Secretary); Kate Lane (PCC member); Lynda McCrea (PCC member).

Approved by the Parochial Church council via email on 09/04/22.

### **ITEM 5: Child Protection Coordinator's Annual Report 2022**

I can confirm that there have been no issues reported to me relating to the safeguarding of children, young adults or vulnerable adults since the last APCM . Following the Covid-19 pandemic lockdown and restrictions, Junior Church now has three leaders, all of whom have up to date DBS checks and who are fully engaged in the process of ongoing Safeguarding Training.

The intention of the parish to continue to follow the Manchester Diocese's safeguarding policy was re-affirmed at the PCC meeting of 15th March 2022. A copy of the policy statement is attached to this report and a signed copy is posted on the notice board within church. A copy of the complete policy is kept at the rear of the church.

Simon Clark. Child Protection Coordinator. 15th March 2022

## **ITEM 6: Electoral Officers report**

Our Electoral Roll as at the end of 2021 currently has 59 names.

Electoral Roll next due for full review in 2025.

## **Item 7: consideration of supplementary reports**

### **Item 7a: Team Rectors annual report**

Not yet available

### **Item 7b: Deanery Synod report**

Christ Church Friezland's lay representatives at Deanery Synod are Matt Carson and Duncan Ross.

The Synod has met 3 times during the year with major structural changes taking the focus of the meeting. The Oldham East Deanery has been merged with the deaneries of Ashton and Oldham West to create a much larger Oldham and Ashton Deanery. A full time Area Dean, Reverend Daniel Ramble, has been appointed to oversee the new Deanery. The costs of the new fulltime appointment are being met by funds from the Archbishop's Council, as support for the wider re-organisation of the Diocese.

Parishes within the Diocese are being grouped in to Mission Communities, to cope with the reduced number of clergy we can afford and to encourage more working together, as we have been doing for many years within the Benefice of the Saddleworth Team Ministry. Our Team Rector, Reverend Canon Sharon Jones has been appointed Mission Community leader for our Benefice.

Duncan Ross has been appointed Deanery Treasurer and Matt Carson has been appointed as Deanery Eco Champion and has already made significant progress in bringing care for God's Creation to the forefront of people's thinking.

Duncan Ross will be stepping down as a Deanery Synod representative at the end of the current triennium, in 2023, after serving for 24 years.

### **Item 7c. The Fabric report (Tony Littlewood)**

Over the last 12 months many regular maintenance tasks were delayed but I am pleased to say many of them have now been completed. During the "Lockdown due to Covid", John Stevenson, one of our Wardens, was able to varnish the floor of the church building and a team of volunteers spent two days thoroughly dusting and cleaning, sorting out cupboards, polishing brasses and the windows were all professionally cleaned. New storage cupboards were installed in the Vicar's vestry and the P.A. system which was upgraded last year received a further upgrade since one of the amplifiers failed and was replaced with a superior model. All the fire-extinguishers have been checked and replaced where necessary. An electrical survey was carried out as part of the long-delayed Quinquennial Inspection and

bar a couple of minor points that were attended to we fully complied with the required standard. The heating system is due a service sometime during the next few months.

Quotations were received for installing new cupboards around the interior of the N.E. wall and also installing a handrail from the stone gatepost to the right of the entrance driveway up to the stepped entrance to the building but both of these are on hold as funds are going to be very tight this year and it seems unlikely we will be able to pay the Parish Share.

A lockable key-box has been installed at the main doorway of the building.

The grass in the graveyard has regularly been cut and strimmed by our long-standing contractor other than for a couple of months when my son Harry stood in for the task as the regular man had fallen and broken his wrist.

Our green gym have made improvements to many areas of the churchyard utilising the timber and wood-chippings from trees that had been declared unsafe by our arboricultural professional and were felled by Limb to Limb. The garden area to the left of the Church entrance has been materially improved and paths have been jetted. Two water-butts were installed to assist in our Eco-Church award.

Taking up a suggestion from Rev. Mike Donmall that it would be a nice idea to light the interior of the Church during the Pandemic I did some research and donated 4 sets of timed LED spotlights that give just sufficient light to the decorated East window and the St. Paul window of the South aisle to be seen from the main road. Having calculated the cost of leaving these on from nightfall to midnight was less than £10 for the whole year it was agreed to continue to leave them running throughout the year as a beacon of light from our beautiful building.

So that it will not be forgotten or overlooked I wish to remind our Meeting of the generous donation of Elsie Bennett that has still not been utilised according to her wishes. I would hope to see this finalised as soon as funds become available.

The Quinquennial Inspection was undertaken by Andrew Kepcyck in June 2021 but we have still not received his report.

Finally, returning to the long running saga of the leaking Tower and our Sub-Committee's dissatisfaction with our current architect, a meeting was arranged with the Diocesan Advisory Committee who have now agreed to send their Vice-Chair (who himself is a qualified architect) to see if he can suggest why rain-water is still getting into the fabric of the building after the huge amount of Heritage Lottery funding that has been spent, including an oversight by HLF in excess funding during the complications of the Pandemic that was used in paying the Parish Share last year that will no doubt require reimbursement in the coming year.

Having offered my resignation as Chair of Fabric & Maintenance owing to my frustration with the apparent lack of support we have received from various sectors, after a little persuasion from members of the Clergy I have agreed to stay on, at least until the Tower problems have been resolved. Tony Littlewood.

## **Item 7d. Church warden report (John Stevenson / Howard Wrigley)**

The year (from April 2021) continued to be disrupted by the Pandemic. Attendances were consequently lower for the Spring and Summer with many parishioners shielding at home.

Until August (when the pews were put back in place) we continued with 'open plan' seating. The successful online services continued into the Summer, but the innovative 'Friezland Fellowship' moved to one meeting/month from September.

As Wardens, we still had difficult decisions to make, with advice from the diocese and incumbent. This meant during communion at first, the celebrant coming to the pews to give the host, but in the Autumn we returned to communicants coming to the altar, but still not sharing the cup.

With schools returning, attendances improved, and we had a record 66 adults on Remembrance Sunday. As Christmas approached, we planned a '3Cs' service-Choir, Christingle and Crib - but sudden rises in Covid cases in children persuaded us to cancel, unfortunately at the last minute.

However, we were still able to host successful concerts, prior to this, with a joint Carol concert from the Pennine Singers and Friezland Band in December and a superb music evening from Greenfield Band in March. We look forward to them providing another concert before long.

With some relaxation of Covid regulations, we were able to re-open the coffee bar on Thursdays and Sundays and restart funding for urgent appeals. Before Christmas it was proposed that we collect for Afghanistan and more recently for the Ukrainian appeal.

Early in 2022 the church submitted our comprehensive Parish Survey, as during the year 2 clergy members of the Saddleworth team have moved on: Aaron Jackman from Dobcross to a parish in Scotland; John Rosedale from Delph to take up his retirement. In addition, Megan Harrison and Rosie Bowers left the area. We shall miss them in the choir. We are indebted to all those moving on for their contribution to the life of the church.

In spite of this, the choir has been wonderfully assisted by Duncan Glenday as our organist for 2 services a month and John Shackleton playing the organ for Service of the Word.

It is with regret that we have to report continuing problems with water ingress into the tower. It is thanks to Duncan Ross and Tony Littlewood that a resolution is still being pursued with the authorities.

We have introduced a new contactless direct payment system for purchases— called 'Sum Up'. This does away with cash and has increased payments and donations. This was particularly useful at the Christmas fair, which was a great social and financial success.

During the year we have improved our sound/P.A. system with the purchase of a new amplifier and it is thanks to Matt Carson (ably assisted by Tom Ashworth) for operating this.

Sadly, this year, 2 long-standing members of our congregation have died – Janet Watt-Pringle and Jean Williamson. Both were much loved members of our church family.

In conclusion I could not, in my first year as Churchwarden, have coped without the excellent tuition of my colleague, John Stevenson, the experience of Duncan Ross, or the continued support of the Rev. Mike Donmall.

Howard Wrigley and John Stevenson (Churchwardens)

## **Item 7d. Worship Group report (Matt Carson)**

### **WG Meetings**

As pandemic restrictions have started to ease, the Worship Group has been meeting bi-monthly, using Zoom. The group has been Chaired by Matt Carson with Yvonne Carson as secretary. There are around twelve regularly attendees, but all are welcome. Many thanks to all those who have attended, contributing ideas and enthusiasm.

During the past year we have said goodbye to our ALM for Prayer, Meg Harrison, and to Rosie Bowers, retired priest who assisted in leading worship on many occasions. Both will be sorely missed, but we are glad to have Duncan Ross reinstated as ALM for Worship.

### **A return to worship**

The pandemic continues to impact, but constraints are slowly being lifted. We continue to support those wearing masks and socially distancing, while also providing space for fellowship after Sunday worship. Communion continues without wine being distributed to all and we look forward to direction from the Diocese on how to return safely to consumption of wine at the appropriate time.

While there are some who have not been able to return to regular Sunday worship in church it is with gladness that we have seen most come back. The pandemic has brought unprecedented challenge and change. The flexibility of everyone to abide by the frequently changing rules and conditions of worship has been very much appreciated.

Additionally, it is lovely to have welcomed new faces in the past year and we hope they feel at home in Christ Church Friezland. It is the responsibility of us all to show the love of Christ through our warm and inclusive welcome, offering friendship to all who pass through the doors. Take encouragement that this is often acknowledged by visitors and guests, actively drawing people in.

While we no longer have monthly pianist accompaniment, we now have an organist for most Sunday services. Many thanks to Hilary Henderson for her service to us on the piano and to Duncan Glenday and John Shackleton for their gifting with the organ. Thanks to Carol Whitehead and the choir for their gift of time and skills in worship. Thanks also to Tom Ashworth for his diligence in learning and running the PA with Matt as part of the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme.

The laity continue to lead one service a month of Morning Prayer with the Saddleworth Clergy Team leading us for the rest of the month. We have thanked and said goodbye to Rev John Rosedale, now retired, and last year to Rev Aaron Jackman, who moved to a posting in Scotland.

Junior Church continues to thrive and took opportunity in the good weather last year to hold their services outside - this was a valued experience that will feature again. This academic year there has also been a return to Thursday evening services every week of the year (except at Christmas).

This is a great opportunity for families with children balancing commitments to get to a service and have time to worship and learn more about the Christian faith. All are welcome at this service too.

Rev Mike has also started a short service on Tuesday mornings once a month and the church has been opened for the whole community to pray at times of special need, such as in relation to the Russian war on Ukraine. Last, but not least, Friezland Fellowship continues to meet online once a month (3rd Sundays) creating a lay-led space to discuss a variety of spiritual topics in more depth.

It has been lovely to return to marking key life events with a number of postponed baptisms and weddings finally celebrated. With sadness, care and love several funerals have also been held.

Thanks to all who help with the preparation and running of these important moments, including to Hilary Wrigley and the Baptism Buddy team.

Care for the environment has been integral to our worship throughout, with hymns that recall the beauty of the earth and weekly intercessions that hold the earth in prayer and specifically our brothers and sisters in Namibia. Some special services were held, such as Harvest, a Climate Sunday service in support of COP26 and a celebration of the environment in January along with other churches in the Oldham & Ashton Deanery.

It isn't possible to thank everyone individually, but the service of many in the congregation is highly valued in enabling a thriving life of worship at Christ Church Friezland. A lot of work happens in the background and is highly valued, such as Rev Mike visiting people in their homes to administer communion where they are not able to get to church, training sacristans and sides people, refreshing orders of service, and more.

## **Item 7e. Eco church report (Matt Carson)**

### **Our Carbon Footprint**

Last year Christ Church Friezland (CCF) again sent data for assessment by the Church of England Energy Footprint Tool. The calculation for 2020 - a pandemic year in which church buildings were closed for a time - was 20 tonnes of carbon. Unsurprisingly this is down on 2018 (29 tonnes) and 2019 (31 tonnes), but still above average (17 tonnes) for a Manchester church.



However, in October last year we took the very important decision to change energy supplier. Having now switched to Green Energy UK, all our gas and electricity is carbon neutral! This is a major step forward for CCF in becoming carbon net zero, well before the CofE target of 2030.

We should still reduce our energy consumption, so that we are not wasteful, and explore the generation of our own energy, the surplus of which could be fed back into the grid to help others.

We could reduce the carbon footprint of consumables - eucharist elements, refreshments, cleaning products, etc. Some are already carbon neutral (e.g., Cheeky Panda products), but most are not.

We must offset any carbon, for which we are still responsible, by investing in schemes or projects that counter any negative impact e.g., by planting trees, by building wind/solar farms, etc.

### Recognition

What great joy, late last year, to hear that CCF had been given Silver in the Eco Church Award! The positive changes we have all made is a major achievement - not to be underestimated - and huge thanks go to you all, once again. So many in our congregation work tirelessly to make CCF a beacon in our community. It is your hard work, acknowledged by this award, which encourages others (here and in the wider community) to do more for God's earth and combat the climate crisis.

Saddleworth Benefice is leading the way in the Manchester Diocese by being the only Mission Community where every single church is registered with Eco Church. Not only that, 7 of the 9 churches have been awarded - 4 with Silver and 3 with Bronze! It also puts Oldham & Ashton Deanery at the forefront of the climate battle in our Diocese too. That's a really significant signpost to the rest of the Diocese and has only been possible due to your continued efforts.

The Saddleworth Independent and Saddleworth Monthly have also featured this news, which helps spread the word in the locality. We want to demonstrate to our community that we care for this environment and encourage them to join us in that too.

### Other activity in 2021

We thanked God for his creation through our annual Creationtide Morning Prayer service in September and through a special Harvest liturgy in October. We registered our Climate Sunday service, sharing our voice with others in the nation in support of making significant change at COP26 in Glasgow. We joined with others in the Benefice in walking with the Young Christian Climate Network on their pilgrimage from St Ives to Glasgow.

We expressed our environmental responsibility in creative worship and celebration, such as Deanery Eco Day in January 2022, taking the form of TLC work on our grounds: litter picking, creating bug houses from fallen branches and more. Last summer & autumn, Junior Church held well received services outside in the grounds, providing inspiration to others in

experimenting with 'Forest Church'. Many thanks too to those who organised and contributed as we continued the new tradition of mounting a Pumpkin Prayer Trail round the church grounds last October.

Huge thanks to those who regularly conduct Green Gym work around the grounds - often unsung hard manual labour - caring for our churchyard, so we can all continue to enjoy its beauty.

The first Sunday of the month has seen the welcome return of a Fairtrade stall at church. The Carson family continue to run a monthly ethical/eco co-op, buying goods from Ethical Superstore for over a dozen families in church - let Matt or Yvonne know if you would like to find out more!

The support of CCF enables Yvonne and Matt assist others in their eco journey too. In 2021 they ran eco services twice at St Thomas, Delph and once at Holy Trinity, Dobcross. By the time 2022 APCM, eco services will have been conducted at Kilngreen, Diggle and St Annes, Lydgate with another planned at Holy Trinity, Dobcross before summer. Matt continues as a member of the Manchester Diocese Environment Working Group, led by Bishop Mark Ashcroft. Matt has also been nominated as the Eco Champion for the new Oldham & Ashton Deanery and is working with Area Dean Rev Daniel Ramble to actively promote the environment across the whole deanery.

Also, over the last year, we have seen the installation of water butts, allowing rainwater to be collected and used for grounds maintenance and for tending graves - thanks to Dave Cartwright.

We confirmed that none of the products used on the land (pesticides, fertiliser, etc) are harmful to it. We continue to encourage planting that allows bees and butterflies to thrive and are exploring mowing regimes that support local nature. Junior Church led a 'Churches Count on Nature' wildlife survey last summer and this will now be an annual review of the variety of life in our churchyard.

#### Aims for 2022

Supported by the PCC, we continue to embed good eco practice and explore more ways to reduce our carbon footprint through consumables. We aim, eventually, to gain Gold Eco Church accreditation, but the criteria are tough to meet and there is a way for us to go yet. There are some key elements where your help is needed, so please get in touch if you can help.

As part of our personal lives, we should all consider the following:

- Reducing energy consumption at home e.g., through more efficient light bulbs or heating systems, improved home insulation, not leaving lights on unnecessarily, etc.
- Switching energy suppliers to those with 100% renewable electricity and gas
- Walking or cycling to church
- Car-sharing where walking or cycling to services is not practical

- Generally reducing car use in our daily lives where we can
- Limiting our waste by first reducing, then reusing before, finally, recycling what we use
- Looking for fair trade and ethically sourced goods
- Shopping with your 'LOAF' (choosing Local, Organic, Animal-friendly, Fair-trade products)
- Ensuring personal savings are ethically invested
- Engaging with local leaders (MP, councillors, etc) on local environmental issues
- Getting involved in local conservation work, e.g., RSPB at Dove Stone, Canal Pathways, etc.
- Organising or taking part in community clean-up projects, like litter picks
- Organising events to get people out, enjoying God's green earth, e.g., walks, cycle rides
- Participating in sustainability initiatives like Fair-trade Fortnight, Earth Hour
- Participating in campaigns about national and global environmental issues
- Using the church land for recreation, contemplation, and prayer

### **Item 7f. Junior Church report**

Over the past twelve months at Junior Church, we've continued to try and adapt our worship to changing circumstances, while keeping our children engaged and welcoming new faces.

After Easter last year, we decided to hold outside sessions on Sunday mornings, using the benches and space in the church grounds. This was initially with the aim of reducing the risk of Covid spread but has had the added benefit of connecting with the natural world during our worship, as well as reducing the use of resources in the Church Hall. It has also proved popular with the children, who've enjoyed exploring and outdoor games. The weather throughout the summer term fortunately allowed us to continue outside and it was only in September/October that we moved back indoors to the Church Hall.

Numbers of children attending Junior Church have not quite returned to pre-pandemic levels, especially since the Thursday evening services were re-introduced across the Saddleworth Team. With the recognition that some families who attend on Thursdays may not be engaging in any other way with a church or parish, we've been trying to make more of a connection between them and our Junior Church. There is currently a list of fourteen children and young people who come to Junior Church and on average we would expect to see between eight to ten of them each Sunday. There have been no changes to the leaders who are Sarah Ashworth, Helene Betts and Rachel Edmondson. Since January we have enjoyed the assistance of Niamh Carson and Lexy Clarke as Duke of Edinburgh volunteers, both of whom have taken part in planning and running activities. Our main resource for ideas remains the Roots magazines.

In May, Junior Church led the CCF "Churches Count on Nature" event. Assisted by adult members of the congregation, we attempted to identify as many species of plant and animals in the church grounds as we could, to contribute to biodiversity data. At Harvest, we took an active part in the Service and the Mothering Sunday Service of the Word was led completely by Junior Church. October saw another Pumpkin Prayer Trail, which was beautifully filmed by Nikki Johnson and is fast becoming an annual event. Unfortunately, the Christingle/Carol/Crib Service was cancelled due to Covid but we managed to distribute as many Christingle oranges as we could.

Harvest Queen Amelie nobly remains in her role another year! Having missed out on so much over the past two years, she and her retinue look forward to finally taking part in the Whit Walks in June.

### **Item 7g. Choir report**

Choir practices are held on weekly (Mondays to Thursdays on rotation) during school term times when hymns and anthems are rehearsed and prepared for upcoming services. Rehearsals are an opportunity for choristers to enjoy sharing enjoyable social time together combining it with some hard work learning, brushing up and finalising anthems for performances.

The music in our repertoire ranges from the Renaissance to the 21st century. Since March 2020 until September 2021, COVID prevented choirs of all genre singing and performing together. During this time, we were unable to rehearse and perform the challenging styles of music we are used to (so we are understandably all a bit rusty). It's surprising how quickly familiar pieces can begin to be resurrected though, even after such a length of time, but please bear with us whilst we work to ensure they are at an acceptable standard for performing at services!

As guidance, from the government, WHO and the diocese, has begun to be lifted, we have been able to meet together again. We began rehearsing together again mid-September 2021 but attendance has been unavoidably sporadic to date for various reasons (COVID related or other). Things are beginning to get better though. Since recommencing, however, choristers are required to take a lateral flow test before rehearsals and services to ensure each other's safety due to the close proximity when rehearsing together.

It is lovely to be gathering together again, but during the time we were unable to do this some other changes happened to the choir - we depleted by 5!

We said farewell to Megan at the service on 3rd October. Megan has moved to be nearer her eldest son. She is now a fully fledged member of the choir and LAY minister at St James, Thornham (but is always looking for opportunities to come back and sing with us when she can). Martin and Shirley have not yet rejoined us. Fiona has moved to Leigh to be nearer her daughter and we said farewell to Rosie at the service on 6th February as she has moved to Shaw. On a brighter note, Dave has rejoined us! 😊

This means we are now a much smaller choir of just 9 when everyone is in attendance. Whilst everyone endeavours to be available on Sundays, full attendance is currently challenging as, like everyone else, the choristers try to balance long overdue catch-ups with nearest and dearest which often can only happen at weekends due to other commitments too. So please bear with us as we work towards a better form of 'normality' over the coming months.

The normal pattern is that choristers lead the singing in church - on Sunday mornings, in a variety of seasonal services, particularly during Advent, Christmas and during Holy Week (Easter), and at occasional festivals, confirmation services and weddings.

Although not at full cohort, since regrouping in September, the choir have been able to perform anthems during some Sunday morning services, at Christmas and Candlemas and on Mothering Sunday. We supported the Horseperson's service in December and there are a couple of weddings penciled in for summer 2022. One disappointment was the necessary and unavoidable cancellation of the Carol, Crib and Christingle Service 2021. The choir had worked hard preparing Christmas anthems and carols for performance but the ongoing challenges of COVID had other ideas. Midnight Mass, however, was well attended which was uplifting to see and the choir were able to perform one of the rehearsed carols at communion. It is hoped we will be able to reintroduce the '9 Lessons and carols' carol service in December as we enjoy the opportunity to celebrate Christ's birth through music. We are currently preparing for Easter Sunday and are picking up, dusting off and practising a variety of anthems to perform at services throughout the year.

The choir have resumed processing in at the start of the 9.30am service but we currently remain in the stalls at the end of the service. This will be reviewed in due course. In consultation with Reverend Mike, some changes are being/have been made to the communion service music and these changes will be introduced to the congregation as they arise throughout the year.

We are very fortunate to have Duncan Glenday playing the organ for us at the communion services on the 1st and 4th Sundays of each month and John Shackleton playing for the Service of the Word on the 3rd Sunday. Until an organist becomes available, the service on the 2nd Sunday continues to be supported by hymns and music on CD. A special thank you to Matt Carson and Tom Ashworth for ensuring this is hiccup free and for managing the sound production for the choir which works so well every week.

To fully support our music in church it is essential that the organ is maintained and the piano is tuned on a regular basis. Lockdown has prevented this. The piano was last tuned in March 2020, just before lockdown but our organ has not been tuned or maintained since 2019. It is noticeable that there are a lot of niggly little problems with it which need to be sorted and rectified before they become major issues (for example, some keys and stops sticking). Problems have been reported by both Duncan and John and has been mentioned to the church wardens. We hope that a maintenance/tuning session can be arranged asap please to correct any issues before they escalate further. Thank you.

Christ Church is a wonderful vibrant community in which everyone's contribution is greatly appreciated. If you are interested in joining the choir here at Friezland, please feel free to talk informally to any member of the choir and/or to Carol (our Choir leader) – they will be very pleased to provide further details of exactly what goes on and may even tell you how much fun it is too! You will be most welcome and we always have vacancies!

We continue to seek to worship God by responding joyfully to his gifts through the spiritual communion of music. We are beginning to be able to perform, share and express our faith through music once again – and we are forever grateful for that.

Carol Whitehead

## **Item 7h. Church hall report**

### **Church hall committee**

The hall committee comprises Guy Betts, Tony Littlewood, Lindsey Gledhill, John Stevenson, Stuart Gledhill and David Buckley. Meetings are provisionally quarterly. If you are interested in joining the committee or have business experience which could help then please let one of the committee know.

### **Church hall users, bookings and website**

Regular hall users include the preschool group (daily during term time); Preschool are now back regularly and doing well. Elaine and Dianne are looking to step down and are trying to sell the business to a new owner. The hall committee have been in negotiations with the prospective buyers and it is hoped this change will be made by September.

Other hall users include brownies, guides, rangers and rainbows, a keep fit group (Tuesday evening) , kickboxing (Thursday evening), flower club and children's dance and musical theatre class on a Saturday morning.

The hall was also used by a charity group for several weeks during the summer holidays in 2021 "relax kids Oldham".

Booking are still much reduced from pre-covid with many bookings being for children's parties. This saves on money and time required for setting up the hall and putting tables / chairs away. Very few events are requesting a bar. Given the number of regular users the hall has it is difficult to take on many large bookings due to the restricted time for setting the hall up etc..

Recommendations are being made via word of mouth and via social media which is encouraging. Many hall enquiries are now coming via the website which has proved very useful for advertising our facilities.

### **Treasurer's report and financials**

The hall continues to suffer the effects of the pandemic with reduced revenues from regular users whose meetings have been interrupted and many fewer bookings. (£1180 v. approx. £4000 pre covid)

Many of our overheads are fixed (energy, waste management, insurance) and the pandemic required continued cleaning and employment of a cleaner regularly. The increase in energy bills has also been addressed below. Overheads continue to increase in line with inflation.

It is unclear whether bookings will recover to pre-covid levels and it is unlikely that any revenue will be received from the bar in the near future due to difficulties with stocking and staffing when bookings are still very uncertain. The strategy for 2022 has to be to encourage and look after our regular users. The hall committee has recently increased hiring fees for all users as of April 2022 which will bring in additional revenue to cope with the increased costs.

The main difficulty here is finding time to chase up fees due from regular users.

The hall transferred £7250 to church last year with an overall excess of payments over receipts of £4210.30

At end of year the bank balance of the hall was £5856.55

#### Bar and licence

Very few events have requested a bar (three in past twelve months). Provisionally Tony from the king bill is entrusted with providing the bar although he has had difficulty finding staff for this and one event had to have the bar cancelled and John Stevenson had to step in to staff the bar on a different occasion.

The licence is held by the committee which means we are not reliant on a personal licence holder to provide the bar or entertainment.

#### Utilities

As with church the hall has also moved to 100% green gas and electricity via geuk. The energy bills are higher as a result of this although they would have gone up anyway due to the current energy crisis as the hall is not protected by the energy price cap as it is not a residential property.

The phone is provided by BT and we are looking to move this to a cheaper tariff.

#### Maintenance

John Stevenson has carried out maintenance during the year including revarnishing the floor although it looks as though this will need to be done on a regular basis due to wear and tear from the preschool group.

We have an employed cleaner for one hour a day who is paid and pensioned through a payroll management organisation.

Tender graft and Sarah Anderson have continued to maintain the kerbside plants and have also repaired the noticeboard outside the church hall in summer 2021.

The drains have required jetting on two occasions. Once for the ladies toilets (presumed toilet roll stuck) and also the kitchen drain – due to grease build up.

## Future considerations

The hall continued to cover its costs during the pandemic and provided funds for church in 2021.

The main strategy for 2022 is to look after our existing regular hall users and encourage children's parties at weekends as well as larger events and other users during the school holidays.

We continue to try to limit our climate impact and maintain a clean and pleasant environment for our users.

Future maintenance needs will be the ivy and overgrowth to the rear of the hall. Retarmacking the car park and maintaining varnishing of the floor. Please let me know if you know of anyone who works in tarmacking!

If anyone has further ideas as to how the hall can fit into the church Mission Action Plan or play a greater role in community events, then please let someone on the committee know.

Finally, just to place on record my continued thanks to everyone on the committee and our cleaner Janet Rigby who has done a fantastic job during the pandemic and ongoing.

## **Item 7i. Fundraising report**

The covid pandemic has prevented many social events from taking place this year.

However, a Christmas Fair was held in December, which was a great success. The Brass Monkeys opened the Fair with a selection of seasonal music and there was a good variety of stalls. The cafe did a brisk trade in hot turkey sandwiches as well as cakes and hot drinks. The Fair raised £2,413

A week later there was a new event- a Christmas Tree Light Switch On. This was a free event, the purpose being outreach. Friezland Band and the Pennine Singers performed, and the cafe sold mulled wine and mince pies. It was so well attended that it has been decided to repeat the event this Christmas.

Another new event to be held in February was a lunch time concert given by Greenfield Band. It was well attended, and the church benefitted from a generous donation from the band as well as the proceeds of selling hot drinks.

We are now working towards Whit Friday Bands Contest which will be held on June 10th after a two-year absence. Also planned is another lunch time concert by Greenfield Band and a concert from the a cappella group Monday Mondays.

Suggestions for future fund-raising events in which a high proportion of the congregation would participate would be very welcome.

## **Coffee Shop**

Since the easing of lockdown restrictions the Coffee Shop has proved to be a very popular social community attraction, with between 20 to 30 customers each week. A growing



number of regulars, many of whom have no ties to our Church, plus passers-by. The bonus for Church is the steady income generated for Church funds

Thanks to the generosity of our small band of volunteers we always have a good selection of home-made cakes to offer to complement the Fairtrade tea and coffee.

The rota allows each week for one person to provide cake and be on duty serving in the Kitchen and another person just to provide a cake. This tends to work out at once a month being on duty but we would welcome new volunteers to help spread the load, so if you are interested, even if just to bake cakes, please speak to Duncan Ross

### **Children's Society**

I have been the secretary for the Children's Society for over 20 years and feel that now is the time to hand over to someone younger. Over this time Friezland Church has donated a great deal of money to the Society but as I am away at the moment I cannot give the actual figures which I have not yet finalized.

Christmas cards, Christingle and House Boxes have been the main ways of raising money but 2 years of Covid has meant much lower amounts have been possible.

Sandra Procter has kindly offered to take over so will be your new Children's Society Representative. Please give her as much support as you have given me over the years.

Thanking you. Lynda McCrea

### **100 Club**

There were 93 numbers paid for last year. The monthly draws were all done at a Coffee Shop in December by different people present.

The winning numbers are displayed on the notice board.

A total amount of £751 was transferred to the church account after the winnings were paid out.

A number only costs £1 a month, £12 a year. It is a good fundraiser for church as well as each number having the chance to win prizes.

This year, up to now, only 87 numbers have been paid for but it's not too late to get your number or another number.

See Lynda McCrea if interested.

### **Item 7j. Little Lights report**

Little Lights resumed in September 2021 after Covid closure in March 2020.

We opened with certain safety measures in place:

Restricting numbers attending. Managed by online registration. Sarah Ashworth set up Eventbrite for us and also the prepayment online when booking. This system continues to be used. Our thanks to Sarah for setting this up and for her continued support of our group.

Initially from September to December we encouraged the wearing of face masks. There was readily available sanitizer and anti-bacterial wipes placed around all areas in use. We limited the queue for refreshments.

The children's snacks individually made up. Home baked individually wrapped. Teas and coffees served in eco-friendly disposable cups with lids.

We decided not to put out certain activities for example play dough and ball pit We have not as yet reinstated this activity.

The toys used are frequently cleaned as is the equipment used.

With Covid restrictions being lifted we continue to air on side of caution with most of the above measures still in place.

The reopening of Little Lights has been welcomed by the church neighbouring community and has been popular.

We are thankful to all our regular team of volunteers who help on a weekly basis, as well as those who offer help on an ad hoc basis when needed.

Running Little Lights is a big commitment with approximately 3 hours required on a Wednesday to clean and set up. And around 4 hours on the day to help run the session and clear away. We welcome any new volunteers to join our team in support of our church. As well as the physical jobs needed for cleaning and setting up / clearing away, preparing and serving refreshments on the day and booking / registration on the door, there are other support roles needed for example donating a home bake or help at our crafting table or reading a story. We are always open to hear any new ideas / suggestions to improve our group.

We welcome our Vicar joining us to say a few words and our closing prayer when he is available. In early December we gave out Christingle oranges and thank you to those who helped support this activity.

In December Santa came along to our Christmas Little Lights too.

We are looking at promoting our Junior Church at Little Lights by way of leaflet outlining the aims of JC and providing useful information and contacts within church.

I had discussed the possibility of promoting baptisms too however due to the current number of baptisms already booked through Spring and Summer 2022 it was decided to defer this until the Autumn.

The monies raised go directly into the church account. Income from Little Lights throughout 2021: £1256.33 cash or SumUp payments on the day and £881.31 Eventbrite advance payments.

Elaine and Dave Cartwright renewed their DBS checks which are valid for another three years and undertaking to renew the Safeguarding Basic And Foundation Course.

Both will also undertake the Leadership Safeguarding course when dates for this are available from the Diocese. Simon Clark is dealing with this for CCF.

Elaine Cartwright

**Christ Church Friezland**  
**Receipts and Payments Account**  
**Year Ended 31 December 2021**

**Receipts**

	2021	2020
	General	Restricted
Envelopes	£4,504.60	£2,908.02
Direct Giving	£21,577.60	£20,863.00
Collections	£1,676.64	£1,023.17
Parish Magazine	£0.00	£0.00
Book Stall	£20.00	£0.00
Sundry Donations	£427.00	£878.14
Donations HLF	£0.00	£0.00
PCC Fees	£5,080.00	£2,817.99
Sunday Coffee Money	£273.10	£242.19
Church Cards & Crafts	£0.00	£52.71
Fund Raising	£2,845.28	£109.00
Whit Friday	£0.00	£0.00
Gift day	0	£0.00
CBF Deposit Fund	£249.62	£241.04
Bank Interest	£0.31	£2.65
Grant from National Heritage	£0.00	£9,135.00
Thursday Coffee shop	£883.00	£546.00
Little Lights	£2,137.63	£1,640.03
Charity Collections	£0.00	£592.90
Just Giving	£504.41	£626.00
Diocesan Loan (Tower works)	£0.00	£0.00
Diocese Grant (Tower works)	£0.00	£0.00
Profit on sale of investments		£5,245.17
100 Club	£998.00	£1,114.00
Hire of Church	£120.00	£250.00
VAT refunds	£0.00	£4,591.28
Gift Aid Tax Claim	£5,496.37	£3,636.60
Receipts from Church hall	15,222.50	13,964.25
	<u>£62,016.06</u>	<u>£5,245.17</u>
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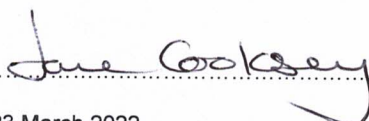
**Payments**

	2021	2020
	General	Restricted
Gas	£2,019.70	£2,339.80
Electricity	£554.02	£873.36
Maintenance - Church	£2,740.83	£1,543.95
Churchyard Maintenance	£3,794.39	£3,460.73
Salaries & Wages	£500.00	£216.66
Assigned Fees	£2,288.00	£1,499.00
Junior Church	£110.00	£0.00
Crux Magazine	£0.00	£0.00
Parish Share	£37,750.00	£37,750.00
Charity Payment	£1,122.79	£592.90
Choir music	£0.00	£0.00
Extra Ordinary Expenses	£445.64	£992.75
Ecclesiastical Insurance	£3,761.69	£3,755.56
Parish expense - team	£5,233.26	£5,700.22
Water Rates	£305.72	£275.87
Licenses	£448.58	£436.18
Printing/stationery	£238.12	£453.45
Heating maintenance	£0.00	£0.00
Architect	£0.00	£0.00
Surveys on building	£0.00	£0.00
Quantity surveyor	£0.00	£2,058.00
Drainage work	£0.00	£0.00
Tower works carried out	£2,245.42	£10,039.34
Scaffold design	£0.00	£0.00
Guide book	£0.00	£0.00
Loan repayment	£0.00	£0.00
Candles/Altar bread/wine	£137.94	£302.39
Cash	£0.00	£0.00
Coffee/tea/paper towels	£73.50	£128.58
Organ tuning and repairs	£0.00	£0.00
Fund raising expenses	£245.22	£0.00
Whit Friday expenses	£0.00	£0.00
Little Lights	£503.94	£0.00
Accountant	£100.00	£200.00
Church Hall expenditure	12,182.80	12,470.23
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£76,801.56</b>	<b>£85,088.97</b>
<b>Nett of Receipts ( - Payments)</b>	<b>-£9,540.33</b>	<b>-£19,855.00</b>

***Bank Balance at 31st December 2021***

<i>HLF account at 31st December</i>	£2,424.98	£5,245.17	1075.79
<i>Church hall balance</i>	1281.95		3527.37
<i>Saver account balance at 31st December</i>	5856.55		10067.25
<i>Little Lights bank account</i>	309.03		10368.73
<i>Investments at cost</i>	881.31		0
	<u>760.59</u>		<u>1260.77</u>
	<u>11514.41</u>	<u>5245.17</u>	<u>26299.91</u>

I confirm that the income and expenditure account concurs with the accounting records.

 Jane Cooksey FCCA

23 March 2022

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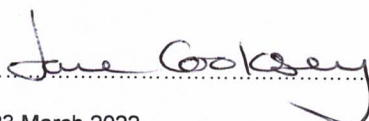
**Payments**

	2021	2020
	General	Restricted
Gas	£2,019.70	£2,339.80
Electricity	£554.02	£873.36
Maintenance - Church	£2,740.83	£1,543.95
Churchyard Maintenance	£3,794.39	£3,460.73
Salaries & Wages	£500.00	£216.66
Assigned Fees	£2,288.00	£1,499.00
Junior Church	£110.00	£0.00
Crux Magazine	£0.00	£0.00
Parish Share	£37,750.00	£37,750.00
Charity Payment	£1,122.79	£592.90
Choir music	£0.00	£0.00
Extra Ordinary Expenses	£445.64	£992.75
Ecclesiastical Insurance	£3,761.69	£3,755.56
Parish expense - team	£5,233.26	£5,700.22
Water Rates	£305.72	£275.87
Licenses	£448.58	£436.18
Printing/stationery	£238.12	£453.45
Heating maintenance	£0.00	£0.00
Architect	£0.00	£0.00
Surveys on building	£0.00	£0.00
Quantity surveyor	£0.00	£2,058.00
Drainage work	£0.00	£0.00
Tower works carried out	£2,245.42	£10,039.34
Scaffold design	£0.00	£0.00
Guide book	£0.00	£0.00
Loan repayment	£0.00	£0.00
Candles/Altar bread/wine	£137.94	£302.39
Cash	£0.00	£0.00
Coffee/tea/paper towels	£73.50	£128.58
Organ tuning and repairs	£0.00	£0.00
Fund raising expenses	£245.22	£0.00
Whit Friday expenses	£0.00	£0.00
Little Lights	£503.94	£0.00
Accountant	£100.00	£200.00
Church Hall expenditure	12,182.80	12,470.23
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£76,801.56</b>	<b>£85,088.97</b>
<b>Nett of Receipts ( - Payments)</b>	<b>-£9,540.33</b>	<b>-£19,855.00</b>

***Bank Balance at 31st December 2021***

<i>HLF account at 31st December</i>	£2,424.98	£5,245.17	1075.79
<i>Church hall balance</i>	1281.95		3527.37
<i>Saver account balance at 31st December</i>	5856.55		10067.25
<i>Little Lights bank account</i>	309.03		10368.73
<i>Investments at cost</i>	881.31		0
	<u>760.59</u>		<u>1260.77</u>
	<u>11514.41</u>	<u>5245.17</u>	<u>26299.91</u>

I confirm that the income and expenditure account concurs with the accounting records.

 Jane Cooksey FCCA

23 March 2022