

# **CHRISTCHURCH ABBEYDALE**

## **ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

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We continue to use worship material from various sources reflecting our ecumenical ethos. Pastoral care was provided via telephone. Hot meals were provided to some while others received gifts of home-made cakes. Regular collections were also taken to the food bank. Jubilate carried out singing engagements at Lydney and presented a special Christmas Café Church. Funerals were also held during the year.

#### **Membership**

During the year we had 97 members and 39 adherents, the majority of whom live locally. The average weekly attendance was 73 during the first three months. In the second half of the year, when restrictions were in place, the combined average attendance at our two Sunday morning services was 46.

#### **Financial Review**

The running cost of the church is met by the contribution of the members plus the gift aid claimed. Other contributions from fund raising by friends of Christchurch volunteers and members were greatly appreciated, it has all allowed us to operate within our budget.

#### **Potential Future Liability regarding "The Baptist Pension Scheme"**

Under pension legislation, a "Cessation Event" (CE) arises when a church ceases to employ a scheme member and, if the scheme is in deficit at the time, the church is deemed to be a "participating employer" and, depending on the circumstances, is responsible either for meeting its share of the pension deficit in full, or for making additional pension contribution payments until such times as the scheme finances are in a position to meet the pension promises made to members.

Christchurch Abbeydale had a CE in August 2006 when the Baptist Minister left the service of the church. The trustees of the Baptist Pension Scheme has estimated that Christchurch deficit might be about £30,000, however discussions with various bodies are still ongoing, this also include legal representation to former actuarial advisers of the scheme. As a small LEP this will represent an unexpected expenditure. At the end of the financial year this amount is still uncertain.

This situation has been reported to our sponsoring body Gloucestershire Churches Together.

The Baptist Strategy Building Scheme has this year informed us that a long term liability exist in the form of a Building Loan of £5,000 which was given when the church was built. This amount only becomes repayable if the church ceases to exist or moves from the building. They however would like that liability to be shown in our accounts.

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### Reserves Policy

It is the Church Council's policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if funds permit) this should equate to at least three months unrestricted payments. This is following the guidance suggested by the Charity Commission.

This unrestricted fund is to cover unexpected or emergency expenditure that may arise from time to time. In 2021 this fund should be £13,696. The balance of £ 37,213 held in the (COIF Charities Deposit Fund) at the end of the year, meets this policy, together with £ 15,054 in the current account to meet immediate expenditure.

The balance of £18,944 in the COIF Charities Property Fund is a restricted fund retained towards meeting the cost of major building repairs that will be required to be undertaken on the church.

Although not the legal owners of the land and building (this is held by Shared Churches (Gloucester) Ltd which was set up in 1989 for this purpose), Christchurch Abbeydale carries out repairing and maintenance in lieu of a annual rent.

We work towards transferring £2,500 per annum to the COIF Charities Property Fund to meet that responsibility.

### Summary

For the size of the organisation and its range of activities, the figures presented in these accounts are presented on the basis that the organisation can meet its outgoings, and will be a continuing organisation.

Signature: .....

Rev Peter Clarkson

Chair

Signature: .....

Susan Hill FMAAT

Treasurer

Date: .....

21/4/2021



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## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
<b>RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS</b>					
<b>Receipts</b>					
Planned Givings (S/O)	21,794			21,794	23,774
Envelope Givings	11,277			11,277	11,416
Collections	4,552			4,552	6,192
	<b>37,623</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37,623</b>	<b>41,382</b>
Gift Aid Refunded	0	0	0	0	9,822
Charitable Donations	0	0	656	656	1,018
Donations	3,033	0	553	3,586	2,849
a Other Voluntary receipts	445	0	0	445	6,487
b Activities for Generating Funds	1,565	0	0	1,565	6,169
c Receipts from Church Activities	1,458	19,991	0	21,449	7,259
Boys Brigade	0	3,004	1,000	4,004	3,553
Bank Interest	13	0	0	13	30
Misc. Income	0	0	0	0	2,229
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>44,137</b>	<b>22,995</b>	<b>2,209</b>	<b>69,341</b>	<b>80,798</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
d Denominational Payments	7,474	0	0	7,474	7,559
e Ministerial Costs	28,562	0	0	28,562	22,853
f General Church Expenses	990	0	0	990	2,146
Altar Expenses	0	0	0	0	92
Junior Church	61	0	0	61	108
g Administration Cost	1,646	0	0	1,646	1,823
Utility Cost	3,811	0	0	3,811	3,377
h Building Maintenance Cost	2,423	0	0	2,423	3,083
Charitable Givings & Gifts	0	0	1,685	1,685	7,668
Boys Brigade	0	2,320	0	2,320	4,144
Church Activities	729	19,991	0	20,720	3,702
Misc Expenditure	0	0	0	0	27
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>45,696</b>	<b>22,311</b>	<b>1,685</b>	<b>69,692</b>	<b>56,582</b>
Excess of Receipts over Pymts.	<b>-1,559</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>-351</b>	<b>24,216</b>
Transfer between funds	771	-684	-87	0	0
Fixed Asset Purchase - Doors	0	0	0	0	-6,263
B/F from previous year	14,263	579	563	15,405	7,452
Net Transfer To/from Deposit Ac	0	0	0	0	-10,000
<b>Total Funds C/F</b>	<b>13,475</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>15,054</b>	<b>15,405</b>

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YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Dec-20	Dec-19
Bank Current Account	15,054	15,405
COIF Deposit Account		
As at Jan 2020	37,115	
Interest during the year	98	
Deposits during the year		
Withdrawals during the year		
As at Dec 2020	37,213	
COIF Property Account		
As at Jan 2020	18,894	
Interest during the year	50	
Deposits during the year	0	
Withdrawals during the year	0	
As at Dec 2020	18,944	

## DESIGNATED AND RESTRICTED FUNDS

	As at	1st Jan 2020		Receipts	Payments	Transfer	31 Dec 2020
a	Boys Brigade	0	Designated	3,004	2,320	-684	0
e	Communion Fund	579	Designated	0	0	0	579
f	Holiday	0	Designated	19,991	19,991	0	0
		<u>579</u>		<u>22,995</u>	<u>22,311</u>	<u>-684</u>	<u>579</u>
b	Charitable Donations	0	Restricted	656	874	218	0
c	Donations	0	Restricted	553	720	167	0
d	Other Voluntary Receipts	563	Restricted	0	91	-472	0
g	Boys Brigade	0	Restricted	1,000	0	0	1,000
		<u>563</u>		<u>2,209</u>	<u>1,685</u>	<u>-87</u>	<u>1,000</u>
		<b>1,142</b>		<b>25,204</b>	<b>23,996</b>	<b>-771</b>	<b>1,579</b>

- (a) The church supports the 7th Gloucestershire Boys Brigade and provides a budget to meet any shortfall. (b) The church support a monthly donation for named charities
- (c) Monies collected as restricted donations to charities and other bodies (d) These were one off appeals which were supported by the church (e) Special request on communion Sunday to the fund, to allow the minister flexibility in supporting relief in need cases put to him. (f) Holiday money refunded by travel company and repaid to travellers. (g) Grant from GCC for Boys Brigade.

**Creditors** The Independent Examiners invoice for the 2020 accounts is expected to be appx £360 (2019 - £360) Baptist Building Loan: £5,000 (2019 £5,000)

**Debtors:** Gift Aid 2019 £9815 and 2020 £9305



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<b>Receipts and Payments Analysis</b>		<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Designated</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
		<b>Fund</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>a</b>	<b>Other Voluntary Receipts</b>					
	Chronicle	353	0	0	<b>353</b>	131
	Sunday & Friday Coffee	92	0	0	<b>92</b>	469
	Appeals & Gifts	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	5,736
	Flowers	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	130
	Communion Fund	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	1
	Books/Cards & Publications	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	20
		<b>445</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>6,487</b>
<b>b</b>	<b>Activities for Generating Funds</b>					
	Letting Fees	1,330	0	0	<b>1,330</b>	5,045
	T @ 3	64	0	0	<b>64</b>	432
	Keep Fit	171	0	0	<b>171</b>	692
		<b>1,565</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,565</b>	<b>6,169</b>
<b>c</b>	<b>Receipts from Church Activities</b>					
	Fees	1,152	0	0	<b>1,152</b>	1,315
	Fetes, Concerts & Plays	306	0	0	<b>306</b>	4,069
	Holidays	0	19,991	0	<b>19,991</b>	1,875
		<b>1,458</b>	<b>19,991</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21,449</b>	<b>7,259</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>						
<b>d</b>	<b>Denominational</b>					
	Baptist	892	0	0	<b>892</b>	892
	Anglican	2,753	0	0	<b>2,753</b>	2,757
	Methodist	3,055	0	0	<b>3,055</b>	3,001
	United Reformed	774	0	0	<b>774</b>	909
		<b>7,474</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,474</b>	<b>7,559</b>
<b>e</b>	<b>Ministerial Cost</b>					
	Employment Cost	23,203	0	0	<b>23,203</b>	19,906
	Visiting Ministers & Expenses	35	0	0	<b>35</b>	729
	Manse Rent	5,324	0	0	<b>5,324</b>	2,218
	Communion Fund	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	0
		<b>28,562</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28,562</b>	<b>22,853</b>
<b>f</b>	<b>General Church Expenses</b>					
	Music Copyright & Gen Exp.	922	0	0	<b>922</b>	1,447
	Flowers	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	129
	Catering & T @ 3	68	0	0	<b>68</b>	570
		<b>990</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>2,146</b>
<b>g</b>	<b>Administration Cost</b>					
	Stationery & Post	315	0	0	<b>315</b>	322
	Photocopier	972	0	0	<b>972</b>	1050
	Web & Accounts	360	0	0	<b>360</b>	451
		<b>1646</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1646</b>	<b>1823</b>
<b>h</b>	<b>Building Maintenance</b>					
	Repairs & Mtce	1,895	0	0	<b>1,895</b>	2,592
	Insurance	493	0	0	<b>493</b>	474
	Cleaning	35	0	0	<b>35</b>	16
		<b>2,423</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,423</b>	<b>3,083</b>

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**DECLARATIONS**

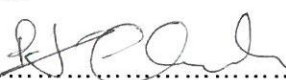
I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council

Signature of Treasurer .....  ..... Date: 21/4/2021

Name: Susan Hill FMAAT

Presentation to the \*Church Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts have been presented to the Church Council on Wednesday 21st April 2021 and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....  .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting: Rev Peter Clarkson

Date: ... 21/4/2021

## **Independent examiner's report on the unaudited financial statements to the trustees of Christchurch Abbeydale**

I report on the unaudited Receipts and Payments of Christchurch Abbeydale for the year ended 31st December 2020

### **Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

**The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees** consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (The 2011 Act) and that an Independent Examination is needed

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of The 2011 Act and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as Council members concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view. and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention.

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements.
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met, or
- 2 to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Mary Adlard  
The Pippins  
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#### **Achievements and Performance (contd)**

We continue to use worship material from various sources reflecting our ecumenical ethos. Pastoral care was provided via telephone. Hot meals were provided to some while others received gifts of home-made cakes. Regular collections were also taken to the food bank. Jubilate carried out singing engagements at Lydney and presented a special Christmas Café Church. Funerals were also held during the year.

#### **Membership**

During the year we had 97 members and 39 adherents, the majority of whom live locally. The average weekly attendance was 73 during the first three months. In the second half of the year, when restrictions were in place, the combined average attendance at our two Sunday morning services was 46.

#### **Financial Review**

The running cost of the church is met by the contribution of the members plus the gift aid claimed. Other contributions from fund raising by friends of Christchurch volunteers and members were greatly appreciated, it has all allowed us to operate within our budget.

#### **Potential Future Liability regarding "The Baptist Pension Scheme"**

Under pension legislation, a "Cessation Event" (CE) arises when a church ceases to employ a scheme member and, if the scheme is in deficit at the time, the church is deemed to be a "participating employer" and, depending on the circumstances, is responsible either for meeting its share of the pension deficit in full, or for making additional pension contribution payments until such times as the scheme finances are in a position to meet the pension promises made to members.

Christchurch Abbeydale had a CE in August 2006 when the Baptist Minister left the service of the church. The trustees of the Baptist Pension Scheme has estimated that Christchurch deficit might be about £30,000, however discussions with various bodies are still ongoing, this also include legal representation to former actuarial advisers of the scheme. As a small LEP this will represent an unexpected expenditure. At the end of the financial year this amount is still uncertain.

This situation has been reported to our sponsoring body Gloucestershire Churches Together.

The Baptist Strategy Building Scheme has this year informed us that a long term liability exist in the form of a Building Loan of £5,000 which was given when the church was built. This amount only becomes repayable if the church ceases to exist or moves from the building. They however would like that liability to be shown in our accounts.

# CHRISTCHURCH ABBEYDALE

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

## Church Council Annual Report (contd)

### Reserves Policy

It is the Church Council's policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if funds permit) this should equate to at least three months unrestricted payments. This is following the guidance suggested by the Charity Commission.

This unrestricted fund is to cover unexpected or emergency expenditure that may arise from time to time. In 2021 this fund should be £13,696. The balance of £ 37,213 held in the (COIF Charities Deposit Fund) at the end of the year, meets this policy, together with £ 15,054 in the current account to meet immediate expenditure.

The balance of £18,944 in the COIF Charities Property Fund is a restricted fund retained towards meeting the cost of major building repairs that will be required to be undertaken on the church.

Although not the legal owners of the land and building (this is held by Shared Churches (Gloucester) Ltd which was set up in 1989 for this purpose), Christchurch Abbeydale carries out repairing and maintenance in lieu of a annual rent.

We work towards transferring £2,500 per annum to the COIF Charities Property Fund to meet that responsibility.

### Summary

For the size of the organisation and its range of activities, the figures presented in these accounts are presented on the basis that the organisation can meet its outgoings, and will be a continuing organisation.

Signature: .....



Rev Peter Clarkson

Chair

Signature: .....



Susan Hill FMAAT

Treasurer

Date: .....

21/4/2021



# CHRISTCHURCH ABBEYDALE

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
<b>RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS</b>					
<b>Receipts</b>					
Planned Givings (S/O)	21,794			21,794	23,774
Envelope Givings	11,277			11,277	11,416
Collections	4,552			4,552	6,192
	<b>37,623</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37,623</b>	<b>41,382</b>
Gift Aid Refunded	0	0	0	0	9,822
Charitable Donations	0	0	656	656	1,018
Donations	3,033	0	553	3,586	2,849
a Other Voluntary receipts	445	0	0	445	6,487
b Activities for Generating Funds	1,565	0	0	1,565	6,169
c Receipts from Church Activities	1,458	19,991	0	21,449	7,259
Boys Brigade	0	3,004	1,000	4,004	3,553
Bank Interest	13	0	0	13	30
Misc. Income	0	0	0	0	2,229
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>44,137</b>	<b>22,995</b>	<b>2,209</b>	<b>69,341</b>	<b>80,798</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
d Denominational Payments	7,474	0	0	7,474	7,559
e Ministerial Costs	28,562	0	0	28,562	22,853
f General Church Expenses	990	0	0	990	2,146
Altar Expenses	0	0	0	0	92
Junior Church	61	0	0	61	108
g Administration Cost	1,646	0	0	1,646	1,823
Utility Cost	3,811	0	0	3,811	3,377
h Building Maintenance Cost	2,423	0	0	2,423	3,083
Charitable Givings & Gifts	0	0	1,685	1,685	7,668
Boys Brigade	0	2,320	0	2,320	4,144
Church Activities	729	19,991	0	20,720	3,702
Misc Expenditure	0	0	0	0	27
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>45,696</b>	<b>22,311</b>	<b>1,685</b>	<b>69,692</b>	<b>56,582</b>
Excess of Receipts over Pymts.	<b>-1,559</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>-351</b>	<b>24,216</b>
Transfer between funds	771	-684	-87	0	0
Fixed Asset Purchase - Doors	0	0	0	0	-6,263
B/F from previous year	14,263	579	563	15,405	7,452
Net Transfer To/from Deposit Ac	0	0	0	0	-10,000
<b>Total Funds C/F</b>	<b>13,475</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>15,054</b>	<b>15,405</b>

# CHRISTCHURCH ABBEYDALE

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Dec-20	Dec-19
Bank Current Account	15,054	15,405
COIF Deposit Account		
As at Jan 2020	37,115	
Interest during the year	98	
Deposits during the year		
Withdrawals during the year		
As at Dec 2020	37,213	
COIF Property Account		
As at Jan 2020	18,894	
Interest during the year	50	
Deposits during the year	0	
Withdrawals during the year	0	
As at Dec 2020	18,944	

## DESIGNATED AND RESTRICTED FUNDS

	As at	1st Jan 2020	Receipts	Payments	Transfer	31 Dec 2020
a Boys Brigade	0	Designated	3,004	2,320	-684	0
e Communion Fund	579	Designated	0	0	0	579
f Holiday	0	Designated	19,991	19,991	0	0
	<u>579</u>		<u>22,995</u>	<u>22,311</u>	<u>-684</u>	<u>579</u>
b Charitable Donations	0	Restricted	656	874	218	0
c Donations	0	Restricted	553	720	167	0
d Other Voluntary Receipts	563	Restricted	0	91	-472	0
g Boys Brigade	0	Restricted	1,000	0	0	1,000
	<u>563</u>		<u>2,209</u>	<u>1,685</u>	<u>-87</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	1,142		25,204	23,996	-771	1,579

- (a) The church supports the 7th Gloucestershire Boys Brigade and provides a budget to meet any shortfall. (b) The church support a monthly donation for named charities
- (c) Monies collected as restricted donations to charities and other bodies (d) These were one off appeals which were supported by the church (e) Special request on communion Sunday to the fund, to allow the minister flexibility in supporting relief in need cases put to him. (f) Holiday money refunded by travel company and repaid to travellers. (g) Grant from GCC for Boys Brigade.

**Creditors** The Independent Examiners invoice for the 2020 accounts is expected to be appx £360 (2019 - £360) Baptist Building Loan: £5,000 (2019 £5,000)

**Debtors:** Gift Aid 2019 £9815 and 2020 £9305

**CHRISTCHURCH ABBEYDALE**  
**YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

<b>Receipts and Payments Analysis</b>		<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Designated</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
		<b>Fund</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>a</b>	<b>Other Voluntary Receipts</b>					
	Chronicle	353	0	0	<b>353</b>	131
	Sunday & Friday Coffee	92	0	0	<b>92</b>	469
	Appeals & Gifts	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	5,736
	Flowers	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	130
	Communion Fund	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	1
	Books/Cards & Publications	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	20
		<b>445</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>6,487</b>
<b>b</b>	<b>Activities for Generating Funds</b>					
	Letting Fees	1,330	0	0	<b>1,330</b>	5,045
	T @ 3	64	0	0	<b>64</b>	432
	Keep Fit	171	0	0	<b>171</b>	692
		<b>1,565</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,565</b>	<b>6,169</b>
<b>c</b>	<b>Receipts from Church Activities</b>					
	Fees	1,152	0	0	<b>1,152</b>	1,315
	Fetes, Concerts & Plays	306	0	0	<b>306</b>	4,069
	Holidays	0	19,991	0	<b>19,991</b>	1,875
		<b>1,458</b>	<b>19,991</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21,449</b>	<b>7,259</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>						
<b>d</b>	<b>Denominational</b>					
	Baptist	892	0	0	<b>892</b>	892
	Anglican	2,753	0	0	<b>2,753</b>	2,757
	Methodist	3,055	0	0	<b>3,055</b>	3,001
	United Reformed	774	0	0	<b>774</b>	909
		<b>7,474</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,474</b>	<b>7,559</b>
<b>e</b>	<b>Ministerial Cost</b>					
	Employment Cost	23,203	0	0	<b>23,203</b>	19,906
	Visiting Ministers & Expenses	35	0	0	<b>35</b>	729
	Manse Rent	5,324	0	0	<b>5,324</b>	2,218
	Communion Fund	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	0
		<b>28,562</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28,562</b>	<b>22,853</b>
<b>f</b>	<b>General Church Expenses</b>					
	Music Copyright & Gen Exp.	922	0	0	<b>922</b>	1,447
	Flowers	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	129
	Catering & T @ 3	68	0	0	<b>68</b>	570
		<b>990</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>2,146</b>
<b>g</b>	<b>Administration Cost</b>					
	Stationery & Post	315	0	0	<b>315</b>	322
	Photocopier	972	0	0	<b>972</b>	1050
	Web & Accounts	360	0	0	<b>360</b>	451
		<b>1646</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1646</b>	<b>1823</b>
<b>h</b>	<b>Building Maintenance</b>					
	Repairs & Mtce	1,895	0	0	<b>1,895</b>	2,592
	Insurance	493	0	0	<b>493</b>	474
	Cleaning	35	0	0	<b>35</b>	16
		<b>2,423</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,423</b>	<b>3,083</b>

**CHRISTCHURCH ABBEYDALE**

**YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

**DECLARATIONS**

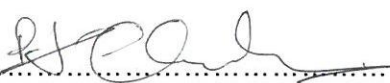
I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council

Signature of Treasurer .....  ..... Date: 21/4/2021

Name: Susan Hill FMAAT

**Presentation to the \*Church Meeting for approval.**

I confirm that the Accounts have been presented to the Church Council on Wednesday 21st April 2021 and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....  .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting: Rev Peter Clarkson

Date: ... 21/4/2021



## **Independent examiner's report on the unaudited financial statements to the trustees of Christchurch Abbeydale**

I report on the unaudited Receipts and Payments of Christchurch Abbeydale for the year ended 31st December 2020

### **Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

**The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees** consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (The 2011 Act) and that an Independent Examination is needed

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of The 2011 Act and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as Council members concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view. and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention.

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements.
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met, or
- 2 to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Mary Adlard  
The Pippins  
Gambles Lane  
Woodmancote  
Cheltenham  
Gloucestershire GL52 9PU

Date:





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31st December 2020

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Date: 25 June 2021