

**The Parish Church of St. Anne
St. Annes-on-Sea, St. Anne (Heyhouses)**



**Annual Report and Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council**

for the year ended 31 December 2020

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Mission Statement

“Growing strong in faith and worship, we work together to serve and care for all.”

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ANNUAL REPORT

Background

St. Annes Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, Father David Lyon, in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, social and ecumenical, within the ecclesiastical parish. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Parish Rooms on Oxford Road, St. Annes and the property at 2 Vicarage Close, St. Annes.

Membership

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

During the year 2020, the following elected and co-opted individuals served as members of the PCC for the full year:

Winston Atkinson	from April 2019 elected for 3 years to 2022, resigned May 2021
Richard Baker	Treasurer and Lay Chair, from April 2019 elected for 3 years to 2022
Lesley Dawson	from April 2019 elected for 2 years to 2021
Denise Duke	Safeguarding Officer, from April 2017 elected for 3 years to 2020, stand-in minute taker to October 2020
Peter Duke	from April 2019 elected for 3 years to 2022
Margaret Imrie	from April 2019 elected for 3 years to 2022
Susan McMahan	from April 2019 elected for 3 years to 2022
Jenny Nuttall	from April 2019 elected for 2 years to 2021
Janice Vause	from April 2019 elected for 2 years to 2021, Secretary from October 2020

During the year 2020, the following elected and co-opted individuals served as members of the PCC for part of the year:

Bill Bloss	from April 2019 elected for 1 year to 2020
Adrian Page	from October 2020 elected for 3 years to 2023
Fiona Wilson	from October 2020 elected for 3 years to 2023

During the year 2020, the following individuals served as members of the PCC in an ex-officio capacity for at least part of the year:

Fr. David Lyon	Vicar (Chairman) - all year
Fr. Aiden Edwards	Curate to August 2020
Kathryn Baker	Churchwarden to October 2020
John Pitches	Churchwarden - all year
Joan Johnson	Reader - all year
Bill Hembrow	Reader - all year
William Cousins	Deanery Synod representative from June 2017 for 3 years to 2020, then re-elected from October 2020 for 3 years to 2023
Brian Hankinson	Deanery Synod representative from July 2018 for 2 years to 2020, then re-elected from October 2020 for 3 years to 2023
Pamela Kinghorn	Deanery Synod representative from April 2019 for 1 year to 2020, then re-elected from October 2020 for 3 years to 2023
William Thomas	Deanery Synod representative from June 2017 for 3 years to 2020, then re-elected from October 2020 for 3 years to 2023

It should be noted that the COVID-19 pandemic caused the APCM in 2020 to be postponed from its usual month (April) to October. Therefore some members served for an extra 6 months.

Committees

The PCC operated through a number of committees, which met regularly throughout the year: including the Land & Buildings Committee, Parish Rooms Committee, Outreach Committee, Mission & Evangelism Committee and the Social and Fundraising Committee.

During the year the PCC was pleased to accept the reports and recommendations of the various Committees. All members appreciate the work done by everyone concerned, including those who are not full members of the PCC; everyone continues to work hard to support the work and worship at St Annes Parish Church.

Church Attendance

There are 207 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, a net increase of 1 over the previous year. There is an approximate 50/50 split between those who are resident in the parish and those who are non-resident. The Regular Weekly Attendance in 2020 was severely affected by the COVID-19 restrictions.

Review of the Year

The COVID-19 pandemic impacted significantly on the activities throughout the year.

During 2020 the full PCC met 4 times with an average attendance of 85%. Some of the meetings were on-line "Zoom" meetings when meeting in person was not possible.

In 2020 the planned giving through envelopes and banker's orders plus collections at services amounted to £56,125, a drop of just under 18% on 2019 caused mainly by the reduced attendance at services. This giving equates to 42% of the total unrestricted fund income. Total unrestricted income dropped by 9%. Unrestricted income was helped by Government grants that were made available to help businesses/organisations through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Unrestricted expenditure decreased by just under 20%, The Additional Curates Society gave a grant to help with the curate's expenses.

£73,181 was spent on Christian ministry and grants to charitable causes, including large contributions to the diocese. As in the previous year, there was no outstanding Parish Share owing at the end of 2020, aided by a grant from the Lower Income Communities Funding.

The "Wednesday Men" do much useful work in the church, thereby cutting the maintenance costs considerably.

The house in Vicarage Close was tenanted for the full year.

Further information about the running of the parish during 2020 may be found in the Supplementary Reports on page 25 *et seqq.*

Thank you to those members of the PCC who have completed their terms of service: Lesley Dawson, Jenny Nuttall and Janice Vause. Additionally Winston Atkinson tendered his resignation due to ill health. Your several contributions have been greatly appreciated.

On behalf of the PCC
Fr. David Lyon (chairman)
April 2021

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
					2020 £	2019 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
<i>Incoming resources from donors</i>	2(a)	63,561	1,334	0	64,895	83,675
<i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>	2(b)	500	10,810	0	11,310	18,070
<i>Incoming resources from operating activities to further the Council's objects</i>	2(c)	5,519	0	0	5,519	8,462
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>	2(d)	40,728	188	0	40,915	71,581
<i>Income from investments</i>	2(e)	1,407	676	4,923	7,006	6,882
<i>Other incoming resources</i>	2(f)	33,661	1,490	0	35,151	5,857
TOTAL ACTUAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>145,376</u>	<u>14,497</u>	<u>4,923</u>	<u>164,796</u>	<u>194,527</u>
RESOURCES USED						
<i>Cost of generating funds</i>	3(a)	7,625	0	0	7,625	32,818
<i>Grants - Donations to charities</i>	3(b)	1,380	1,095	0	2,474	6,981
<i>Activities directly relating to the work of the church</i>	3(c)	114,641	10,962	313	125,915	152,031
<i>Salaries & support costs</i>	3(d)	11,245	49	0	11,294	14,295
<i>Church management and administration</i>	3(e)	4,003	0	0	4,003	4,968
TOTAL ACTUAL RESOURCES USED		<u>138,893</u>	<u>12,105</u>	<u>313</u>	<u>151,311</u>	<u>211,094</u>
NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		<u>6,484</u>	<u>2,392</u>	<u>4,610</u>	<u>13,485</u>	<u>-16,568</u>
GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS						
Unrealised (Tangible fixed assets)	5(a)	-3,863	0	0	-3,863	8,137
Unrealised (Investment assets)	5(b)	29	244	15,559	15,832	36,137
CLERGY CHOICE CHARITY FUND AS YET UNUSED FROM 2019 (2018)		<u>694</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>694</u>	<u>694</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>2,379</u>	<u>2,586</u>	<u>20,169</u>	<u>25,135</u>	<u>28,400</u>
<i>BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2020 (2019)</i>		<u>900,154</u>	<u>45,213</u>	<u>261,639</u>	<u>1,207,006</u>	<u>1,178,606</u>
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2020 (2019)		<u><u>902,533</u></u>	<u><u>47,799</u></u>	<u><u>281,809</u></u>	<u><u>1,232,141</u></u>	<u><u>1,207,006</u></u>

BALANCE SHEET

At 31 December 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	5(a)	872,144	876,006
Investment assets	5(b)	259,979	244,147
		<u>1,132,122</u>	<u>1,120,153</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7(a)	10,633	18,290
Cash at bank and in hand	9	89,386	75,510
		<u>100,019</u>	<u>93,800</u>
LIABILITIES:			
AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	8(a)	0	-6,947
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>100,019</u>	<u>86,853</u>
LONG TERM DEBTORS	7(b)	0	0
LONG TERM LIABILITIES	8(b)	0	0
NET ASSETS			
		<u>1,232,141</u>	<u>1,207,006</u>
FUNDS			
	6		
Unrestricted		902,533	900,154
Restricted		47,799	45,213
Endowment		281,809	261,639
		<u>1,232,141</u>	<u>1,207,006</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 4 May 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr. R.W. Baker (lay chair)



Mr J. Pitches (member)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets, and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the financial statements of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.

Restricted funds are those funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and the restrictions are provided in Note **Error! Reference source not found.** Endowment funds, where the capital must be retained, are explained in Note **Error! Reference source not found.**

Where funds are not separately invested, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognized when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving under Gift Aid is recognized only when received. Tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognized when the income is recognized. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable, and interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognized in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realized gains or losses are recognized when investments are sold. Unrealized gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Resources Used

All expenditure is accounted for gross.

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when payable. Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these financial statements as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the financial statements by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 1997 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Items acquired since 1 January 1997 have been capitalized and depreciated in the financial statements over their currently anticipated useful economic life (initially over four years) on a straight-line basis.

All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings, individual items under £1,000 or on the repair of movable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 1997 is written off.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2020 £	2019 £
2(a) <i>Incoming resources from donors</i>					
Planned giving:					
Tax efficient planned giving	36,646			36,646	38,533
Income tax recoverable	9,209			9,209	9,693
Other planned giving	3,312			3,312	4,881
Collections (open plate) at services:					
Sunday services	1,699			1,699	5,474
Tax efficient giving (yellow envelopes)	3,748			3,748	6,679
Income tax recoverable (yellow envelopes)	937			937	1,670
Weekday services	289			289	530
Occasional services	285				795
Occasional services (Tax efficient donations)	0			285	0
Occasional services (Income tax recoverable)	0				0
Charity collections		272			892
Charity collections (Tax efficient donations)		10		285	0
Charity collections (Income tax recoverable)		3			0
Sundry donations:					
Card reader donations	87			87	13
Text giving donations	61			61	8
Other donations	1,216	50			3,057
Other donations (Tax efficient donations)	1,407	0		3,024	1,002
Other donations (Income tax recoverable)	352	0			250
Flowers		239			385
Flowers (Tax efficient donations)		265		570	660
Flowers (Income tax recoverable)		66			165
Freewill offerings	441			441	446
Votive candles	412			412	749
Pilgrims Coffee Stop	181			181	839
Babies & Toddlers group	159	0		159	324
Sunday coffee	148			148	751
Tuesday/Saturday a.m. tea & coffee	132			132	129
Loose coins carboy	41			41	231
Donations towards bell repairs		0			0
Donations towards bell repairs (Tax efficient donations)		0		0	110
Donations towards bell repairs (Income tax recoverable)		0			28
Donations towards defibrillator		0		0	150
Donations towards churchyard daffodils		0		0	45
Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme	1,882			1,882	2,254
In Memoriam fund		110			30
In Memoriam fund (Tax efficient donations)		20		135	0
In Memoriam fund (Income tax recoverable)		5			0
Sundry income	114	0		114	50

2 INCOMING RESOURCES (continued)

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	TOTAL FUNDS	
	Funds	Funds	Funds	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>2(a) Incoming resources from donors (continued)</i>					
In memory of Revd. John Catley	500			500	0
In memory of Suzanne Newton (To bell restoration fund)		0			1,310
In memory of Suzanne Newton (To bell restoration fund) (Tax efficient)		235		294	590
In memory of Suzanne Newton (To bell restoration fund) (Income tax r		59			148
In memory of Geoffrey Tolson	200			200	0
In memory of Margaret Garner	0				0
In memory of Margaret Garner (Tax efficient donations)	50			63	0
In memory of Margaret Garner (Income tax recoverable)	13				0
In memory of William Holt	40			40	0
In memory of John Bebbington (To external lighting fund)		0		0	292
In memory of Margaret Hill	0			0	246
In memory of Noel Edwards (To pew cushions fund)		0		0	155
In memory of Michael Walker	0			0	94
In memory of John McIntyre (To Lancashire Teaching Hospitals)		0		0	22
	<u>63,561</u>	<u>1,334</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>64,895</u>	<u>83,675</u>
<i>2(b) Other voluntary incoming resources</i>					
Grants (Grundy bequest)	0	8,930		8,930	0
Legacies	500	1,000	0	1,500	2,000
Revd. A.J.A. Edwards' leaving presentation		810		810	0
Donation (Churchyard Maintenance)		70		70	70
Loan for Vicarage Close refurb. (Bishop legacy)		0		0	10,000
Grants (Bishop legacy)	0	0		0	6,000
	<u>500</u>	<u>10,810</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>11,310</u>	<u>18,070</u>
<i>2(c) Incoming resources from operating activities to further the Council's objects</i>					
Parochial fees	3,774			3,774	5,610
Parish Rooms lettings (charitable purposes)	857			857	2,036
Magazine sales	850			850	699
Bookstall & Heritage Mural	38			38	117
	<u>5,519</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,519</u>	<u>8,462</u>
<i>2(d) Activities for generating funds</i>					
Parish Rooms lettings (fund raising purposes)	13,491			13,491	37,936
2 Vicarage Close rental	9,000			9,000	4,818
Mobile telephone aerial (rent)	7,902			7,902	6,628
Mobile telephone aerial (electricity)	6,818			6,818	3,324
Social and Tree Festival Committee	1,550	0		1,550	4,157
50:50 Club	1,163			1,163	5,156
Magazine adverts	414			414	438
Project Committee	0	0			2,539
Project Committee (Tax efficient donations)		150		188	1,000
Project Committee (Income tax recoverable)		38			250
Sale of Christmas cards	183			183	180

2 INCOMING RESOURCES (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2020 £	2019 £
2(d) <i>Activities for generating funds (continued)</i>					
Sale of facemasks - COVID-19	147			147	0
EasySearch and EasyFundraising	41			41	104
Charity Tree Festival	10	0			4,310
Charity Tree Festival (Tax efficient donations)	0	0		10	0
Charity Tree Festival (Income tax recoverable)	0	0			0
WWI & WWII trail guidebooks	8			8	0
Grand Raffle	0	0		0	464
Sale of 2020 calendars	0			0	260
Photocopier	0			0	18
	<u>40,728</u>	<u>188</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>40,915</u>	<u>71,581</u>
2(e) <i>Income from investments</i>					
Dividends and interest:					
Churchyard Maint. a/c	0	51	3,688	3,739	3,649
Repairs & Renewals a/c	80	67	1,235	1,382	1,342
General & Stewardship a/c	1,323			1,323	1,312
Hinchliffe Bequest a/c		540		540	529
Hartley Bequest a/c		9		9	19
Higher interest bequests a/c	4	3		8	18
Woodhead Bequest a/c		5		5	13
	<u>1,407</u>	<u>676</u>	<u>4,923</u>	<u>7,006</u>	<u>6,882</u>
2(f) <i>Other incoming resources</i>					
Lower Income Communities Funding grant	19,190			19,190	2,713
Government Business Support Grant - COVID-19	10,000			10,000	0
HMRC Job Retention Scheme Grant - COVID-19	4,429			4,429	0
Additional Curates Society (Curate's expenses)		1,490		1,490	745
Council tax refund (Curate's house)	42			42	0
Insurance claim (2 Vicarage Close drain repair)	0			0	2,285
Insurance premium rebate	0			0	74
Parish Rooms electricity refund	0			0	40
	<u>33,661</u>	<u>1,490</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>35,151</u>	<u>5,857</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u><u>145,376</u></u>	<u><u>14,497</u></u>	<u><u>4,923</u></u>	<u><u>164,796</u></u>	<u><u>194,527</u></u>

3 RESOURCES USED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2020 £	2019 £
3(a) <i>Cost of generating funds</i>					
Loan repayment for 2 Vicarage Close refurb.	2,400			2,400	1,200
Social and Tree Festival Committee	1,361			1,361	2,863
Rental management charges for 2 Vicarage Close	1,080			1,080	658
Landlord's expenses for 2 Vicarage Close	1,054	0		1,054	1,173
50:50 Club	720			720	3,160
Advertising	594			594	967
Contactless terminals	289			289	636
Christmas cards and calendars	127			127	155
Refurbishment of 2 Vicarage Close	0	0		0	15,816
Drain repair at 2 Vicarage Close	0			0	4,186
Charity Tree Festival	0	0		0	1,388
Project Committee	0	0		0	517
Grand Raffle	0	0		0	100
	<u>7,625</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,625</u>	<u>32,818</u>
3(b) <i>Grants - Donations to charities</i>					
Missionary and charitable giving:					
Overseas mission societies:					395
Bishop's Harvest Appeal (Tearfund & Friends of the Holy Land)	0	23		23	
Charity Tree Festival:					
No festival in 2020	0	0		0	45
	<u>0</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>440</u>
Christian relief and development agencies:					888
No donations in 2020	0			0	
Charity Tree Festival:					
No festival in 2020	0	0		0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>888</u>
Home mission and other Church societies:					921
Additional Curates Society		232		232	
Furlough wages (net of CJRS grants)	1,380			1,380	
Charity Tree Festival:					
No festival in 2020	0	0		0	94
	<u>1,380</u>	<u>232</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,612</u>	<u>1,016</u>

3 RESOURCES USED (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2020 £	2019 £
<i>3(b) Grants - Donations to charities (continued)</i>					
Secular charities:					
Water Aid (Lent lunches)		30		30	3,574
Charity Tree Festival:					
No festival in 2020	0	0		0	984
	<u>0</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>4,558</u>
Revd. A.J.A. Edwards' leaving presentation		810		810	0
Archdeacon Michael's retirement	0			0	80
University grants (ex Woodhead bequest)		0		0	0
Charitable payment from Woodhead Bequest		0		0	0
Charitable payment from Hartley Bequest		0		0	0
Charitable payment from Hinchliffe Bequest		0		0	0
	<u>1,380</u>	<u>1,095</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,474</u>	<u>6,981</u>
<i>3(c) Activities directly relating to the work of the church</i>					
Parish share:					
Parish share contribution from parish	49,378			49,378	58,985
Lower Income Communities Fund support	19,190			19,190	2,713
	<u>68,568</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>68,568</u>	<u>61,698</u>
Clergy expenses:					
Vicarage Council Tax	2,372			2,372	2,284
Curate's house Council Tax	490	476		966	2,073
Vicar's expenses	704			704	1,295
Curate's expenses	0	664		664	1,506
Vicarage water rates	577			577	582
Curate's house water rates	0	350		350	499
Vicarage security	283	0		283	277
Assistant clergy	34			34	35
	<u>4,460</u>	<u>1,490</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,950</u>	<u>8,551</u>

3 RESOURCES USED (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2020 £	2019 £
<i>3(c) Activities directly relating to the work of the church (continued)</i>					
Church running expenses:					
Electricity	7,354			7,354	6,319
Insurance	4,976			4,976	4,965
Gas	3,610			3,610	4,067
Cleaning materials etc.	877			877	127
Hygienic waste removal	431			431	431
Water	276			276	244
Books	57	148		205	515
Sundry expenditure	18			18	167
	17,597	148	0	17,745	16,834
Church maintenance:					
Window repairs		8,930		8,930	0
Repairs to church roof	270	17	313	600	210
CCTV and roof alarm maintenance	535			535	608
Organ tuning	450			450	1,296
Clock servicing	120			120	120
Electrical repairs	107	0	0	107	4,246
Heating repairs	107	0	0	107	190
P.A. system requisites	97			97	0
Fire extinguishers	80	0	0	80	220
Flags	59	0	0	59	141
Wednesday Men projects	34	0		34	0
Security	5			5	30
Pew cushions	0	0		0	12,000
Electrical inspection for insurance purposes	0			0	2,596
Repair to bells	0			0	729
Repair to reredos		0		0	653
Repair to organ	0	0	0	0	540
Update parish photographs board	0			0	9
	1,866	8,947	313	11,126	23,587

3 RESOURCES USED (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2020 £	2019 £
3(c) <i>Activities directly relating to the work of the church (continued)</i>					
Upkeep of services:					
Wine, wafers & candles	822	0		822	1,818
Copyright licence	466			466	449
Flowers	0	377		377	1,220
Votive candles	265			265	595
Choir robes	70	0		70	0
Palm crosses	68			68	188
Bell ropes	0			0	265
Christingles	0			0	196
Oil stock	0			0	95
Bell ringing costs	0	0		0	26
Refreshments	0	0		0	14
	1,691	377	0	2,068	4,866
Upkeep of churchyard:					
Garden of Remembrance	420	0	0	420	1,389
Garden and gardener	145	0	0	145	145
Upkeep of graves	125			125	0
Sexton's expenses	29			29	0
Flushing of drains	0	0	0	0	470
	719	0	0	719	2,004
Expenditure on parish magazine/ bookstall/ website:					
Expenditure on magazine (excl. printing)	57			57	257
Expenditure on website	14			14	63
Expenditure on bookstall	0			0	0
	71	0	0	71	321

3 RESOURCES USED (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2020 £	2019 £
3(c) <i>Activities directly relating to the work of the church (continued)</i>					
Parish Rooms running costs:					
Cleaner	5,335			5,335	11,055
Insurance	2,780			2,780	2,398
Resurfacing car park	2,500			2,500	0
Gas (Parish Rooms)	2,203			2,203	2,653
Repairs to lift	1,992			1,992	257
Electricity (Parish Rooms)	1,155			1,155	1,229
Cleaning materials etc.	444			444	203
Hygienic waste removal	431			431	431
Heating repairs	321			321	518
Electrical repairs	321			321	435
Water (Parish Rooms)	314			314	669
Plumbing repairs	235			235	363
Maintenance contracts	222			222	399
Electricity (Flat)	217			217	289
Window cleaning	210			210	175
Rubbish removal	180			180	180
Grass cutting	180			180	165
Fire extinguishers	175			175	150
Fire alarm maintenance	137			137	176
Water (Flat)	103			103	105
Roof & brickwork repair	95			95	0
General repairs	60	0	0	60	726
Refund of hiring fees - COVID-19	32			32	0
Council tax, ground rent	27			27	27
Replacement boiler	0	0		0	7,477
Room 2 floor sand and seal	0			0	3,254
Facilities for the disabled	0			0	588
Improvements	0			0	175
Security	0			0	67
Sundries	0			0	7
	<u>19,669</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>19,669</u>	<u>34,171</u>
	<u>114,641</u>	<u>10,962</u>	<u>313</u>	<u>125,915</u>	<u>152,031</u>
3(d) <i>Salaries & support costs</i>					
Salaries, wages and honoraria:					
Organist's wages, tax, NIC	5,711			5,711	6,755
Parish Administrators' wages, tax, NIC	5,254			5,254	6,561
Assistant Organists	280			280	560
	<u>11,245</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>11,245</u>	<u>13,875</u>

3 RESOURCES USED (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2020 £	2019 £
3(d) <i>Salaries & support costs (continued)</i>					
Support costs:					
Children's Church	0	49		49	331
Nursery Praise	0	0		0	89
	<u>0</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>420</u>
	<u>11,245</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>11,294</u>	<u>14,295</u>
3(e) <i>Church management and administration</i>					
Telephone	1,346			1,346	1,428
Photocopier	772			772	1,656
Bank charges	378			378	396
Independent Examiner	300			300	0
Office requisites	248			248	689
Computer expenses	239			239	176
Subscriptions	179			179	207
Office alarm maintenance	175			175	92
Preparation for royal bereavement	169			169	68
Stewardship envelopes & campaign	97			97	189
PCC meetings	82			82	0
Safeguarding	18			18	15
Books	0			0	51
	<u>4,003</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,003</u>	<u>4,968</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	<u>138,893</u>	<u>12,105</u>	<u>313</u>	<u>151,311</u>	<u>211,094</u>

4 REMUNERATION

4(a) PCC Employees

During the year the PCC employed two Parish Administrators and an organist, none of whom earned £60,000 p.a. or more.

4(b) PCC Members

The Vicar received £704 expenses during the year.

The Curate received £664 expenses during the year, offset by a grant from the Additional Curates Society.

Three choir members, Mrs Joan Johnson, Mr Richard Baker and Mr William Thomas, received fees for singing at weddings and funerals.

Mrs Kathryn Baker and Mrs Janice Vause were each employed as Parish Administrators for part of the year, see 4(a) above.

Mrs Pam Kinghorn was employed as a Parish Administrator for the whole year, see 4(a) above.

Apart from the above, no other member received any reimbursement of expenses or remuneration.

5 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

	Parish Rooms £	Vestments £	Photocopier £	Pew Cushions £	Total £
5(a) <i>Tangible fixed assets</i>					
Year of acquisition		2017	2018	2019	
GROSS BOOK VALUE					
At 1 January 2020	865,545	264	1,197	9,000	876,006
Additions		0	0	0	0
At 31 December 2020	<u>865,545</u>	<u>264</u>	<u>1,197</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>876,006</u>
APPRECIATION					
Appreciation/Depreciation	0	-264	-599	-3,000	-3,863
At 31 December 2020	<u>0</u>	<u>-264</u>	<u>-599</u>	<u>-3,000</u>	<u>-3,863</u>
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 December 2020	<u>865,545</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>599</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>872,144</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>865,545</u>	<u>264</u>	<u>1,197</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>876,006</u>

At one time the gross and net values for the Parish Rooms were based on insurance valuations. In the light of the present national economic conditions it is considered that the increase in insurance valuation in 2020 would give an overly optimistic valuation for the Parish Rooms. Therefore, the net value for 2020 has been pegged to the 2019 value.

	Shares/ Units	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2019 £
5(b) <i>Investment assets</i>					
GENERAL PURPOSES					
CBF Deposit Fund (Interest paid into General account)		11,400			11,400
CBF Investment Fund	735	<u>11,400</u>		<u>15,022</u>	<u>14,051</u>
				15,022	25,451
CBF Investment Fund					
CBF Fixed Interest Securities Fund	207			350	337
CBF Investment Fund	6,123		<u>3,517</u>	<u>121,672</u>	<u>117,103</u>
			3,517	122,022	117,440

5 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC (continued)

	Shares/ Units	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2019 £
5(b) <i>Investment assets (continued)</i>					
REPAIRS & RENEWALS					
CBF Investment Fund	4,151	<u>455</u>	<u>254</u>	<u>84,874</u>	<u>80,055</u>
		455	254	84,874	80,055
CURATE'S HOUSE					
CBF Deposit Fund (Interest paid into Stewardship account)		3,317			3,317
R.E. IN THE PARISH (Hinchliffe)					
CBF Investment Fund	935			19,118	17,883
					2020
					Total
VALUE OF INVESTMENTS					
At 31 December 2019		15,143	3,527	225,476	244,147
At 31 December 2020		<u>15,173</u>	<u>3,770</u>	<u>241,036</u>	<u>259,979</u>
Gains/Losses		<u>29</u>	<u>244</u>	<u>15,559</u>	<u>15,832</u>

6 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Endowment Fund £	2020 Total £
Fixed assets	887,316	3,770	241,036	1,132,122
Current assets	15,217	44,029	40,773	100,019
Current liabilities	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Fund balance	<u>902,533</u>	<u>47,799</u>	<u>281,809</u>	<u>1,232,141</u>

7 DEBTORS

7(a) DEBTS ACCRUED DURING THE YEAR	2020	2019
	£	£
Income tax recoverable		
Planned giving	9,162	9,633
Open plate (Yellow envelopes)	937	1,670
Occasional services	0	0
Unrestricted donations	352	142
Charity Tree Festival [U]	0	0
Charity Tree Festival [R]	0	0
Restricted donations	0	109
Flower fund	66	165
Bell repairs	0	28
Project Committee	38	250
Bell restoration fund	59	148
In Memoriam fund [U]	13	0
In Memoriam fund [R]	5	0
Charitable collections	3	0
Other debtors		
Bishop legacy for Parish Rooms boiler replacement	0	6,000
Additional Curates Society (Curate's expenses)		
Charity Tree Festival exhibitors (for charities)		
Charity Tree Festival sponsors	0	52
Charity Tree Festival (Donation to supported charity)		
Charity Tree Festival sale of wooden tree bases	0	20
Charity Tree Festival quiz	0	40
Charity Tree Festival donations	0	35
	<u>10,633</u>	<u>18,290</u>
7(b) DEBTS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS YEAR(S)	2020	2019
	£	£
None	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

8 LIABILITIES

8(a) AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2020	2019
	£	£
Creditors for goods and services:		
Parish share	0	0
Advertising for Christmas services	0	
Repairs to church roof		
Parish Rooms kitchen boiler repair		
Other creditors		
Charity Tree Festival trees and wreaths	0	1,224
Charity Tree Festival charities (Unrestricted)	0	1,080
Charity Tree Festival charities (Restricted)	0	44
Charitable donations (Unrestricted)	0	4,578
Charitable donations (Restricted)	0	22
	<u>0</u>	<u>6,947</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>6,947</u>
8(b) AMOUNTS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS YEAR(S)	2020	2019
	£	£
None	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

9 ACCOUNT BALANCES

	2020	2019
	£	£
General a/c	8,649	7,552
Stewardship a/c	8,355	828
Churchyard Maintenance a/c	22,961	19,234
Churchyard Maintenance (Interest bearing) a/c	14,350	14,268
Repairs and Renewals a/c	3,089	2,058
Hartley Bequest a/c	9,735	9,727
Hinchliffe Bequest a/c	3,194	2,706
Hinchliffe Bequest (Interest bearing) a/c	4,010	4,007
Woodhead Bequest a/c	6,125	6,120
Bequest (Higher interest bearing until Oct. 2014) a/c	8,915	8,907
Petty Cash	2	103
	<u>89,386</u>	<u>75,510</u>
	<u>89,386</u>	<u>75,510</u>

10 FUND DETAILS

The restricted and endowment funds consist of the following:

Restricted Fund:

Legacies for churchyard maintenance
 Legacies for repairs and renewals
 Hartley bequest (for charitable purposes)
 Woodhead bequest (for communicants' expenses)
 Specific charitable collections
 In Memoriam Fund
 Other specific donations

Endowment Fund:

Legacies for churchyard maintenance
 Legacies for repairs and renewals
 Legacies for general purposes
 Hinchliffe bequest (for R.E. in the parish)

11 EFFECT OF COVID-19

An analysis of the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on bank accounts is shown in the examples below:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL £
Transactions directly attributable to COVID-19 e.g. Government Business Support Grant, furlough wages, sanitising materials, etc.				
Incoming resources	16,023	0	0	16,023
Resources used	<u>1,029</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,029</u>
Profit / Loss	14,994	0	0	14,994
Transactions not directly affected by COVID-19 e.g. Mobile 'phone installation, 2 Vicarage Close rent, insurance, repairs, Parish Share, etc.				
Incoming resources	44,418	13,296	4,923	62,637
Resources used	<u>98,882</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>313</u>	<u>99,211</u>
Profit / Loss	-54,464	13,279	4,610	-36,575
Transactions probably affected by COVID-19 e.g. Collections, Parish Rooms hire, utility bills, etc.				
Incoming resources	87,020	1,474	0	88,494
Resources used	<u>38,982</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>39,132</u>
Profit / Loss	48,037	1,324	0	49,362

EXAMINER'S REPORT

Examiner's report to the PCC of St. Annes on Sea, St. Anne (Heyhouses)

This report on the accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 7 – **Error! Bookmark not defined.**, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and s.43(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

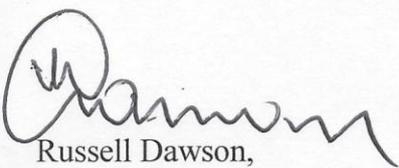
Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulationshave not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Russell Dawson,
14 Vernon Road,
Lytham St. Annes,
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April 2021

ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTS

The accounts in this section are from organizations, a) whose accounts are not included in the Parochial Church Council's accounts and, b) do not report to a larger national organization.

I WALSINGHAM CELL

CELL OF THE HOLY HOUSE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM & St ANNE, St Anne's Parish Church

Accrual Accounts for Year, 1st November 2019-31st October 2020

GENERAL INCOME & EXPENDITURE

Item	Notes	2020		2019	
		Credit £	Debit £	Credit £	Debit £
Mass Collections	1	123.00		218.00	
Cell Subscriptions	2	10.00		300.00	
Donations		19.02		37.57	
Office Expenses (stamps & stationery)			19.02		17.57
Holy House Lamp	3		40.00		40.00
Lady Chapel Lamp at SAPC			200.00		200.00
Youth Pilgrimage Sponsorship (direct to Walsingham)	4				60.00
Chantry Book Entries	5		30.00		30.00
TOTAL General Income & Expenditure		152.02	289.02	555.57	347.57
Overall Surplus/Deficit on General Income & Expenditure			137.00	208.00	

PILGRIMAGE ACCOUNT

Item	Notes	Credit £	Debit £
Gross Income		00.00	
Deposit paid to Shrine but carried over to 2021			330.00
TOTALS transferred to this years INCOME & EXPENDITURE		00.00	00.00
Advance Payment to Shrine for 2021 Pilgrimage			330.00

OVERALL

Item	Notes	2019		2018	
		Credit £	Debit £	Credit £	Debit £
General Income & Expenditure		152.02	289.02	555.57	347.57
Pilgrimage Account		00.00	00.00	7103.00	7139.50
TOTALS		152.02	289.02	7658.57	7487.07
Surplus/Deficit on year			137.00	171.50	

RECONCILIATION

Item	Notes	£	£ Bank Balance	Plus £ Cash in Hand	Less £ Uncleared Cheques	Plus £ Creditors & Advance Payments
Opening Assets as at 1.11.19		951.36	896.36	55.00	0	0
Deficit of Income wrt Expenditure		137.00				
Closing Assets as at 31.10.20		814.36	488.36	6.00	10.00	330.00

TREASURER'S COMMENTS

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, there were no Cell meetings from mid-March to the end of June and the pilgrimage was cancelled with the first deposit of £330 transferred to next year. There was no AGM and no opportunity to agree and collect a Cell subscription. There was thus a cash outflow on the year of £467. Fortunately, we had put our finances on a firmer footing in the previous year and have been able to sustain the situation without difficulty. With a bank balance of almost £500 and the first deposit of £330 for next year's pilgrimage already paid, the finances are in a satisfactory state. However, I would recommend that we once again raise a £10 Cell subscription.

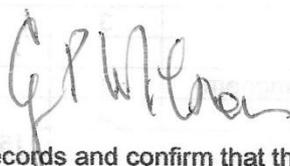
At the AGM in January 2019 we agreed to subsidise any young people from our Parish wishing to attend the Youth Pilgrimage: no one took this up in but hopefully we have sowed the seeds for 2021.

Notes

- 1 Donations made at the monthly Walsingham mass on the final Saturday of each month.
2. £10 per head subscription to the Cell as agreed at the AGM in January 2019. One 2018-19 sub was paid late and therefore appears in 2019-20 accounts.
3. The lamp is half way along the right hand inside wall of the Holy House.
4. In normal times the Cell sponsors two young people on the Youth Pilgrimage in August at £30 per head. Youth Pilgrimage sponsorship is also made privately by several other Cell members and members of the congregation. Due to the pandemic the Youth Pilgrimage did not take place in 2020.
5. As is customary, the names of departed members of the Cell are entered in the Chantry Book in St Edward's Chapel at Walsingham. One name was entered in 2020: Margaret Garner.

Prepared by

Gerald Wilson, Treasurer

 5/12/20

I have reviewed the account records and confirm that the above statement is a correct representation of the affairs of the Cell.



R. W. BAKER 12/1/21

Independent Examiner

MEMBERSHIP: The following are paid up members of the Society of Our Lady of Walsingham and members of the St Anne's Cell. "Payments via Cell" are not shown in the accounts as they are not regarded as Cell money and nett to zero.

- Fr David Lyon, PAHH, Superior
- Bill Cousins (by SO)
- Katherine Fletcher (via SO)
- Roy Finden (by SO)
- Ken Foster (by SO)
- Derek Garner (by SO)
- Elizabeth Gent (by SO)
- Howard Gent (by SO)
- Kathleen Hall (by SO)
- Mike & Joy Hedley (cash via Cell)
- Joan Johnson (by SO)
- Pam Kinghorn (paid at Walsingham)
- Jennifer Oldfield (joined & admitted to Cell during year)
- Vivian Park
- Maureen Rodgers (by SO)
- Margaret Singleton (by SO)
- Norma Spacey (cash via Cell)
- Jacqui Stapleton (by SO)
- Alan Swindlehurst (by SO)
- Bill Thomas (by SO)
- Jean Thomason (by SO)
- Patricia Ward (by SO)
- Alan Wiggans (by SO)
- Gerald & Fiona Wilson (by SO)

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS

This year there are fewer supplementary reports than usual in the Annual Report because of the COVID-19 pandemic. We hope and pray that normal service will be resumed next year.

II APCM ITEMS

a) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This year has been exceptional due to the impact of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic and the restrictions imposed by the government and Church of England in an endeavour to keep the population safe from harm and reduce the burden on the National Health Service. The effect of these restrictions is revealed in this report.

Aim and purposes

St Anne's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Fr. David Lyon, 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 St. Anne's Church Parish Rooms on the corner of Headroomgate Road and Oxford Road and the dwelling house at 2 Vicarage Close.

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 St Anne's. The PCC maintains an overview of worship in the parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and the sacraments. When planning our activities for the year 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 Christ
- 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 our Church building and our Parish Rooms.

Achievements and performance

Worship and prayer

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that will glorify God and which our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. For example, evening prayers provide a quiet, intimate and reflective environment for worship while opportunities are provided for people to engage in more outgoing worship such as that provided by Messy Church. However, during the course of this year public worship in church has not been allowed. Instead a programme of services 'Live-Streamed' on our church Facebook page as taken the place of worship in church. These services included Morning and Evening Prayer, and a daily celebration of the Holy Eucharist; this latter service included a prayer for Spiritual Communion, so that those not present and unable to receive the sacrament in person could, nevertheless, receive the grace of communion.

Some services, especially at Christmass, were recorded as videos and then broadcast on our Facebook page at the appropriate hour.

In addition to the lack of daily worship the celebrate of both Holy Baptism and Holy Matrimony were also restricted. Perhaps the saddest restriction was that imposed on Funeral Services, which

though they went ahead were severely limited in the number of mourners who had to wear face masks and maintain a safe distance, so no physical contact was allowed. Visits in preparation for Funeral Services and bereavement visits afterwards have been conducted by telephone or video meetings by computer over the internet.

Churches were allowed to open for private prayer so long as procedures ensuring coronavirus safety were observed, and it is appropriate to thank all those who helped to keep our church open for this purpose; it was much appreciated by many in our parish and approximately half the people who came were not members of our congregation.

Pastoral care

Much of this has been undertaken by telephone or video conference. Members of the congregation developed a 'Buddy System' so that mutual support and care could be provided, with clergy being informed of urgent need. It has not been possible to take Holy Communion to the sick and the housebound, even those close to death.

It should also be reported that our Assistant Curate, the Revd. Aiden Edwards, moved out of the parish during the pandemic to take up a post as Interim Vicar of the St. Andrew's Church, Burnley; we pray for the Revd. Aiden Edwards and the people of that parish.

More detailed information about Parish activities – or the lack of them due to the lockdown - are to be found elsewhere in this report.

Fr. David Lyon Vicar

b) CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

Kathryn Baker, our churchwarden of 2½ years, decided not to stand for re-election at the postponed APCM in October due to personal reasons. I would like to thank Kathryn for her leadership, guidance and dedication to our church under difficult circumstances. We wish her all the very best for the future.

March 2020 brought an abrupt halt to all our services due to a COVID-19 lockdown. The lockdown lasted from March to September. During the lockdown our Curate, Fr. Aiden, moved to the parish church St. Andrews of Burnley, taking up his new position as Vicar. We extend our best wishes to Fr. Aiden and all at St. Andrews. From the start of the lockdown both Fr. David and Fr. Aiden live streamed services from their respective residences. This turned out to be highly successful, with viewers from afar. When the lockdown was lifted in September, the church was opened on a daily basis for personal prayer. I would like to thank all those who gave up their time, standing watch to ensure the safety of those who attended our church for private prayer. COVID precautions were put in place, enabling a rise in those who wanted to attend our church. I would like to thank Maggie Chowns, Margaret Imrie, Brenda Lyon and Ann Fletcher for all their time and hard work in keeping us safe. A special thanks to our Verger, Adrian Page, for all his help in assisting me in keeping our church in good order. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated Verger who always gives 100%. Grateful thanks must go to the cleaners, Wednesday men, organist, flower arrangers and servers who enabled us to have Christmas services, although due to restrictions and numbers allowed, it wasn't up to our usual standard.

Our thoughts and prayers go to those who are long term sick. Also, to the families of those from our church, who sadly lost their lives. May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

John Pitches Churchwarden

c) WELCOME MINISTRY (SIDESPERSONS)

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the need for sides persons was put on hold.

The following were due to act as sidespersons during 2020:

Sandra Baker, Christine Barrow, Sandra Bigley, Christine Buckley, Christine Campbell, Pauline & Mel Cook, Anne Cooley, Lesley Dawson, Peter Duke, Gemma Eaves, Jean Eaves, Sandra Fleming, Kath Hall, Anne Hembrow, Kate Joy, James Lambert, Sarah Leighton, Brenda Lyon, Susan McMahon, Nicky Meakin, Jenny Nuttall, Jennifer Oldfield, Mary & Eric Roberts, Louis Shaw, Val Streule, Carole Webb and Fiona Wilson.

Senior Sidespersons:

Kathryn Baker, Caroline Bird, Jed Bird, Adrian Bromley, Alan Christy, Margaret Imrie and John Pitches.

Proposed Sidespersons for 2021:

Christine Barrow, Sandra Bigley, Christine Buckley, Christine Campbell, Pauline & Mel Cook, Anne Cooley, Lesley Dawson, Peter Duke, Gemma Eaves, Sandra Fleming, Kath Hall, Ann Hembrow, Kate Joy, Sarah Leighton, Susan McMahon, Jennifer Oldfield, , Mary & Eric Roberts Val Streule, Carole Webb.

Senior Sidespersons:

Alan Christy, Caroline Bird, Jed Bird, Adrian Bromley, Margaret Imrie, plus Josie Wilkinson depending on health.

Stand in Sidespersons:

Jean Eaves, Louis Shaw, Fiona Wilson.

John Pitches Churchwarden

d) PLANNED GIVING AND GIFT AID

The following table gives the data for Planned Giving and Gift Aid donations during 2020 (with comparable figures for 2019 in parentheses).

Source	Gift Aided			Non Gift Aided		
	Amount donated	No. of donors	Average donation per donor per week	Amount donated	No. of donors	Average donation per donor per week
Bank {Standing Orders}	£28,451.00 (£28,086.50)	42 (50)	£10.94 (£12.68) [equiv. to £47.42 (£55.73) pm]	£2,103.00 (£1,426.00)	10 (6)	£4.04 (£4.57) [equiv. to £17.53 (£19.81) pm]
Weekly stewardship envelopes	£8,262.00 (£10,446.31)	39 (42)	£4.07 (£4.78)	£1,174.25 (£3,455.05)	11 (14)	£2.05 (£4.75)
Gift Aid envelopes {regular donors}	£2,009.16 (£5,827.32)	11 (27)	£3.51 (£4.15)			
Gift Aid envelopes {one-off donations at services}	£1,169.04 (£851.40)	33 (52)				
Other	£2,225.00 (£3,361.64)	27 (52)				
TOTALS	£42,566.20 (£48,573.17)	160 (206)	£7.45 (£7.69)	£3,277.25 (£4,881.05)	21 (20)	£3.00 (£4.69)

Planned donations are those that are received by Standing Order from a bank or via the weekly stewardship envelopes. Regular donors are those who have used Gift Aid envelopes for at least 6 months and have made at least one donation per month during that period. There will be some donors who give regularly by putting money onto the plate every week, but we have no record of who you are, nor how much you give individually. However, be assured that your donations are appreciated just as much as the others.

Thanks go to all those parishioners who decided to increase their giving in 2020. Thanks also go to all those who give regularly by envelopes and who increase their giving in certain weeks to cover for weeks when they have not been able to attend, and to those who have continued to send their envelopes in even when they were unable to attend in person.

The average for all planned and regular donations (both Gift Aided and non-Gift Aided) in 2020 was £6.68 per donor per week compared with £7.23 in 2019.

The tax recoverable from the Gift Aided donations in 2020 is £10,632.80. In 2019 it was £12,143.29.

Richard Baker Planned Giving Officer

e) **SAFEGUARDING OFFICER'S REPORT**

St Annes Parish Church would like to ensure that we safeguard all the children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church family and community.

Safeguarding training:

Due to COVID-19 I have not undertaken any Safeguarding training courses or workshops.

It is seen as good practice for all PCC and volunteers to complete the **Basic awareness safeguarding course**, which is available to complete online, through the diocesan website.

The Foundation safeguarding course is a requirement for anyone who safeguarding responsibility or who has contact with children and/or vulnerable adult. (Every role within the church has a safeguarding responsibility). This is also available online.

Parish Safeguarding Audit

This was completed January 2020 and will need to be revisited in 2021.

Some points that were mentioned last year are still outstanding:

- We have one Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) – it is recommended that churches have two. If you may be interested in becoming a PSO please contact me for an informal chat.
- It is good practice and the Diocesan recommend that all the roles in church should have a written job description and that we take up references for everyone including new members of the PCC. This is to safeguard all members of St Annes Parish Church.

DBS - All workers/volunteers who have contact with children, young people, and vulnerable adults in their role in church are to have a current DBS through the CCPAS now known as Thirtyone: eight. The diocese recommends that everyone's DBS is renewed every three years.

If your DBS is more than three years old since date of issue, could you contact me so that I can start the renewing process.

If you run a group or have a role, which involves contact with children within the church or parish rooms, could you please contact me via email with your contact details and your DBS details, as I am trying to compile an up-to-date list of who is working with children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Denise Duke Safeguarding Officer

Email: duke_denise@hotmail.com

"CCPAS" = Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service

"DBS" = Disclosure and Barring Service (a Government organisation)

III WORSHIP & MISSION

a) **MUSIC**

Well, all appeared to be going along swimmingly, including our Ash Wednesday Service on 26th February, when, on Sunday 22nd March, suddenly we were no longer able to hold services in church, our choir could not rehearse or sing for services of public worship. Unfamiliar words and

phrases such as ‘live-streaming’ and ‘social-distance’ became less unfamiliar and more axiom-like!

At this time of writing, we find ourselves in improved circumstances, but not in a choral sense. It is wonderful that a number of our Parish Church Choir members are able to be present in the choir stalls for our 10.30 Services of Eucharist but a sad and melancholic reality that, due to the ‘aerosol’ effect when singing, it is not, at this time, possible for our choristers to rehearse or sing collectively.

When it was possible for Sunday morning services to resume, it was contingent on there being no choir: the organ being the only instrument of music. Our current pattern is for an organ prelude to be played before the service, an organ improvisation foreshadowing the Gospel texts, a suitably reflective ‘voluntary’ during the Preparation, a prayerful, more extended chorale prelude or similar organ work at the time of Distribution with a final postlude to reflect the meaning of the readings and prayers of the particular service or liturgical season.

As we live in the same ‘bubble’ (i.e. not metaphoric!), Lisa and I were able to make a modest musical contribution for our Christmas ‘Nine Lessons’ service. Fr. David, as Cantor, memorably, sang some parts of the liturgy: The Preface (for certain services), The Reproaches (Good Friday) and The Exultet (Holy Saturday).

Of Easter Sunday morning’s Eucharist, Fr. David’s ‘divesting’, was very moving and symbolic. The organist was relieved not have been able to see this ritual as he was playing an organ voluntary requested by Fr. David.

Looking to the future regarding the music of our church: at this point we await the appropriate legislature that we, as choir and congregation as soon as we might ‘sing a joyful song unto the Lord’.

Alistair MacKenzie Director of Music

b) ALTAR SERVERS

The usual routine of serving at the altar came to a screeching halt in March 2020, first of all with the suspension of public worship from 17th March and then by the imposition of full lockdown with churches locked and barred from March 23rd. Our clergy did a fantastic job of streaming services from their homes and we all joined in from our sofas at home. The usual ceremonies of the Easter Triduum from Maundy Thursday, though the Watch, Good Friday Liturgy, Easter Vigil and on to Easter Morning were all celebrated with due ceremony over the internet. I found the Easter Vigil especially moving, as we had our own home-made Paschal Candle, which we lit at home as Fr. Aiden lit our big church candle at his home. It wasn’t celebrating Easter in quite the way I would like, but it was celebrating Easter just the same. Even watching on from the comfort of the sofa did have its attraction compared to my usual role of rushing round at church, setting up, putting away and setting up for the next service.

Church reopened for public worship on July 4th, but, with the requirements of social distancing and the need to avoid different people handling the same object, it was decided to exclusively use the nave altar and not to have servers. That situation has continued right through until the time of writing in Lent 2021. Exactly when serving can recommence remains unclear, possibly not until June. Furthermore, with the trend of the past few years of fewer and fewer servers both adults and children exacerbated by the pandemic, I am concerned as to my ability to field a viable serving team. We shall just have to wait and see.

I am already aware, however, that Kath Hall will be hanging up her alb for health reasons. Kath has been a tower of strength, a reliable server for the midday Eucharist on Mondays and an ever-

willing server on a Sunday morning as well as a faithful Eucharistic Minister over a number of years. Thank you, Kath.

In order to reduce our consumption of plastic we converted our main votive stand in February 2020 from pans to prickets and ordered conventional votive candles instead of the plastic cup type. People have now got used to this new system. It saves over 1000 of the plastic cups and also saves us several hundred pounds. I have also found a shop happy to take and recycle candle stubs, which reduces our landfill waste. However, the pricket stand does need a weekly clean.

Many thanks are also due to Mary Roberts for the important work of washing altar linen.

Serving gives a special insight into the way our worship is conducted, which hopefully strengthens the foundations on which our faith is built. It is therefore especially appropriate as an aid to nurturing the faith of all both young and old. New servers of any age are always welcome and anyone with an interest should speak to me at church or phone me at home.

Gerald Wilson Head Server

c) BAPTISM WELCOMERS

Due to the restrictions over the past year only 9 baptisms took place during 2020.

Kathryn Baker

d) BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

As I wrote my report in December 2019, like so many other people, I could not have envisaged all that has happened in this country and around the world during 2020.

The delivery of Baptism Anniversary Cards to children who have been Baptised in St. Annes Parish Church over the last four years has, of course, been affected by the restrictions introduced throughout the year. Unfortunately, I was not able to deliver cards during the lockdown so many cards were not received on the actual anniversary of Baptism but I am happy to say that all the children did receive their cards in 2020.

On the day of the Baptism, we give a candle to the families to light on each anniversary and the cards are an added reminder to the family of the child's Baptism and they also help the Church to keep in touch with them.

Baptism Anniversary Cards are sent out to children under 5 years of age (except when two siblings are Baptised together - one under 5 and one over 5 - when cards are delivered to both), to celebrate the first three anniversaries of their Baptism.

Over the past year, 35 (1st Anniversary Cards) 27 (2nd Anniversary Cards) and 29 (3rd Anniversary Cards) have been delivered.

With the 2nd Anniversary Card, a leaflet with details about Nursery Praise, Children's Church, the Sunday Eucharist and our Babies and Toddlers Group plus telephone numbers for Father David, our Church School and Nursery and the Parish Office is enclosed, to encourage the family link to continue after their child has been Baptised. Although some of these activities have not taken place throughout the whole year, the leaflets have still been enclosed with the cards.

I am happy to continue delivering cards in 2021.

Rosemary Pickles

e) BEREAVEMENT VISITORS

We never envisaged at the beginning of 2020 that our lives would be so affected by this dreadful virus which is still a source of consternation.

Fr. David and Fr. Aiden conducted nearly 40 Funerals half of which were held in Church and the other half just at the Crematorium.

If there is no family grave available for burial or interment of ashes, the special area by the Church is available for the burial of ashes. Loved ones' names can be added to the plaque on the church wall and names can also be added to the Book of Remembrance which is held in the Baptistry in Church.

Clergy can refer to the Book of Remembrance each week and prayer for the dear departed on the Anniversary of their death. This is much appreciated by their families but also a lovely reminder of old friends to members of the congregation.

We had quite a number of funerals at the beginning of 2020 and, of course, I could visit the bereaved relatives but later, of course, I have had to rely on the telephone to make contact.

During 2020 we lost some very dear members of our congregation including Geoffrey Tolson, Malcolm Fortnam, Margaret Garner, Margaret Thomas, Bert Waddington and James Lambert.

It has been good that during the year Fr. David has been able to pray for all our loved ones on facebook and their names added to the weeksheet and we all sincerely appreciate all his work and care since he came in 2010.

Christine Buckley Bereavement Visitor

f) CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church was able to begin again in September 2020 following closure since March 2020. During this period of closure an online session was attempted but with very little interest and consequently it was decided that we would not deliver online Children's Church sessions at that time and instead wait until our usual face-to-face sessions could take place.

When the sessions resumed in September on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, we had a good turn out and in the months that followed, we not only had the regular attenders that we had started to get prior to March 2020, but also welcomed 5 new families to our sessions on a regular basis. All parents/ carers and children were asked to sanitise their hands upon arrival and sign in and a copy of this register was handed in to the clergymen upon arrival into church for track and trace purposes. Although we were unable to sing the hymns or sit in our group circle to carry out our 'Bounce and Praise' part of our sessions due to COVID-19 restrictions, we were able to space out tables, with one family per table, and sign the hymns. This not only developed the children's sign supported communication skills, but also allowed them to continue to play their instruments and enjoy listening to the hymns through the speakers. Following the 'Bounce and Praise', we stuck to our traditional timetable of reading a Biblical story from a Children's Bible to ensure God's message was delivered using age appropriate language and that children's engagement was maintained. The children then participated in arts and crafts activities linked to the Biblical story read. All equipment was pre-laid out at each table for each bubble, to ensure there was no sharing of equipment or resources, similarly, everything was wiped down after each session. We have created a variety of things - Cheerio sheep when studying the parable of the lost sheep, Lion masks when reading about Daniel in the Lion's Den, handprint apple trees at Harvest time, little books of Saints on All Saints' Day and Nativity scenes before Christmas.

The Children's Church attendees were all offered the opportunity to participate in this year's Crib Service, which unlike normal years was pre-recorded. Some of them were a little too shy but many did participate and proudly carried the crib figures to the crib scene and performed for the Children's Church audience. Feedback given to myself about the Crib Service was very positive and many families, both regular and non-regular attenders of Children's Church / Church, tuned

in to the live streaming on Christmas Eve to share that special service with family, friends and the wider church community.

Nicola Makinson

g) CELL OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic lockdown was imposed on 23rd March 2020 and churches were closed for public worship and not reopened until 5th July. We had hoped that the summer would bring better things and were hoping against hope that the situation would recover sufficiently to allow our pilgrimage to Walsingham in September to go ahead. Sadly, this did not happen and there was another lockdown with church closures in November 2020.

God willing, the situation will improve in 2021 and with the help of a vaccine we can get back to some sort of normality (“the new normal”) in 2021. Our pilgrimage has therefore been simply moved forward to the same week in 2021, namely 13th-16th September, which includes Holy Cross Day on 14th and the deposit has been retained by the Shrine. Our pilgrimage is always one of happy fellowship, travelling together by luxury coach and staying in the beautiful surroundings of the Shrine, where we are always very comfortable and well fed. New pilgrims are especially welcome. For further information speak to either Kath Hall or Gerald Wilson.

Members of the Walsingham Cell continue to support the spiritual life of the Parish, particularly by attendance at the monthly Walsingham Cell mass at 9.30am on the final Saturday of the month. Sadly, during 2020 lockdown prevented these taking place in church, though we were grateful to our clergy, Fr. David and Fr. Aiden, for providing streamed services from their homes during periods of lockdown. Sadly, we had to say goodbye to Fr. Aiden in August 2020 as he took on his own parish in Burnley and Fr. David will, of course, be retiring at Easter. We therefore thank him for all he has done as Cell Superior and leading pilgrimage to Walsingham for the past eleven years.

Cell accounts for November 2019 to October 2020 were independently examined by the PCC Treasurer, and are enclosed in the APCM pack. Fortunately, we put our finances onto a better footing in 2019 by raising a £10 cell subscription and this has carried us financially over the difficulties of 2020.

I cannot end this report without mention of our dear friend and fellow pilgrim, Margaret Garner. Margaret was secretary and pilgrimage organiser for this Cell over many years, as well as being a key member of many other church organisations. She was a person of great faith. and would frequently say, “Don’t worry, God has a plan”. Margaret passed to greater glory appropriately following her Lord & Saviour to death in the early hours of Holy Saturday, 12th April 2020. Sadly, due to lockdown, we were not able to mark her passing in the usual way, but a very beautiful funeral was conducted by Fr. David in her husband Derek’s garden, streamed over the internet for the many unable or not allowed to be present. Her ashes were finally laid to rest in our Garden of Remembrance on 23rd February 2021 with a number of her family and Cell members present.

Gerald Wilson Pilgrimage Organiser & Treasurer

h) MOTHERS’ UNION

The Mothers' Union theme for 2020 was "Building Hope and Confidence" and at the beginning of the year we had did have lots of hope for a successful and confident kind of a year. We were particularly looking forward to hosting the Deanery Festival in June to help us celebrate the 120th year of our Branch. As we all know now most of our planned events, speakers and meetings have been postponed until we get the green light.

In January we met for our Bring and Bid Auction Sale, which under Kath Hall's expertise with the hammer and all our members' generosity raised some very welcome funds for our Outside Giving. These events are always good fun and brighten a dreary winter's afternoon.

Our Annual General Meeting was held on the 11th February in the Parish Rooms. I sincerely thanked all our committee members, Kath Hall, Maureen Green, Jennifer Oldfield, Christine Barrow, Mildred Nuttall and Miriam Naylor for their wonderful support during the year and I was delighted that they were able to continue.

Our secretary Kath Hall is also our Goodwill officer and she does wonderful work delivering cards and sometimes gifts to members, particularly to those aged over 80 years which are much appreciated by all the recipients. Maureen Green has been our Treasurer and does a fantastic job keeping our books in order and completing an excellent report.

Rosemary Pickles reported on her work contacting families following Baptisms in Church and later delivering anniversary cards. We really thank her for all her care and concern.

We must also thank Jan Hood and her team who run the Nursery Praise Service held monthly in term time which has been much appreciated.

Our Church hosted the World Day of Prayer in Church on March 6th when many of our members helped to make it a wonderful afternoon. The event involved a couple of meetings and a full rehearsal beforehand. Fourteen churches had been invited to attend and take part and the Mayor and attendants were also formally invited.

On the following Tuesday, March 10th, we met in the Parish Rooms for a gentle reflective Lenten meeting of Praise and fellowship. When we met on that day we were becoming more aware of the Coronavirus and the Mothering Sunday flowers were cancelled.

Gradually we realised all our meetings had to be postponed. I have been in contact with our Deanery President Brenda Squires and we have had other Mothers' Union News via our quarterly magazine. We obviously were not able to attend any of our usual Deanery events such as the Quiet Evening, the Indoor Members' Tea and the Advent .Carol Service, losing the chance to meet members from the other Branches.

I did manage to order some MU greetings cards and diaries for 2021 which I found most useful.

Two of our lovely senior members sadly died in 2020, Margaret Thomas in July and Jean Brown in August, and we send love to their families.

Christmas 2020 was of course very different and this year we appealed for gifts of toys and food items for distribution by the Salvation Army. We had a good response and all the gifts were well received when collected from church.

I personally have not been able to attend Church Services but have followed them on my tablet and sincerely thank Fr. Aiden, before he moved to pastures new and of course thank our own dear Fr. David.

I sincerely hope and pray that the health of our country will greatly improve and that we can meet again and help to support the good work of the Mothers' Union both at home and abroad.

Christine Buckley Branch Leader

i) WEBSITE

(www.stannesparishchurch.org)

Having spent time becoming familiar with the peculiarities of the Church website, and updating and extending it in 2019, I was devastated to receive the news that, with just a few week's notice,

on June 30th, our hosting company was closing the service upon which the website was built. Unless an alternative service could be found the Church would have no website. Some hectic weeks were spent researching possibilities and building a new site page by page, and the result is the website now in use. Much of the material is, of course, the same, but there are new features and a much more modern and fresher look. I have been pleased to receive complimentary emails and comments about the new site. Hopefully, in 2021, life will gradually return to normal and there will be more to report on.

Paul McMahon Website administrator

IV COMMITTEES & SYNODS

a) LAND AND BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

The Land & Buildings Committee supports the Church Wardens in the discharge of their responsibilities for the Church & Churchyard. It normally meets at approximately 2 monthly intervals to manage the never-ending task of maintaining our Land & Buildings (excluding the Parish Rooms, which has its own committee). However, due to the pandemic and lockdown the Committee only met three times in 2020 and the amount of work completed on church was more limited than usual.

Major tasks of the year 2020 were:

- Resolution of ongoing issues with 2 Vicarage Close, including faulty garage door, sealing around the bath and repair of washing machine.
- Repair of the stonework of the window over the Memorial Chapel (insertion of new piece of stone and repointing in lime mortar), north aisle west window (surface repair to internal stonework), and sanctuary south window (repointing).
- Repair of tiles in the roof valley area to resolve a leak over the lectern. Also removal of vegetation in roof valley.
- Painting of the gulley running across the Choir Vestry roof above the back passage with bitumastic paint to resolve a leak into the store room.
- Repair of a wooden louvre in the belltower to resolve a leak during heavy rain in February.
- Safety checks on gravestones by John Pitches and Howard Gent.
- Oversight of various inspections and servicing of equipment in church including PAT testing, firex checking, CCTV, Roof Alarm, and Organ Blower.

Water ingress is a continuing and frustrating issue. We have had some success with resolving a number of long-standing water-ingress issues including the Memorial Chapel, Store Room and over the lectern. The Choir Vestry is still at risk during very heavy rain in certain wind conditions due to ingress from the gutter under the north aisle window: however, this only happened on one occasion during the whole year. The finial over the staircase on the tower roof is another problem area which is being actively investigated. Our roofer, Mike Greenwood, has been extremely supportive throughout.

The Land & Buildings Committee also has oversight of gas, water and electricity usage & purchase, insurance, general maintenance and repairs, security systems, work of the Wednesday Men, update of the memorial stone on the east wall, and anything else to do with the church and vicarage buildings or the churchyard.

The work of the Land & Buildings committee in 2020 has been supported by the vicar and wardens, plus Gerald Wilson, Roger Small, Stuart Newton (now resigned) and Adrian Page (verger). New members of the committee are always welcome whether PCC members or not. The main qualification is an interest in the upkeep of our historic and important land & buildings

and a willingness to take on a share of the tasks. There is always a lot going-on and it is so much easier if six people will deal with one task each rather than one person chasing six tasks. It also helps to have an area of knowledge or expertise whether it be DIY, electrics, insurance or whatever, but this is not essential.

Major work for near future will be repointing of the south side of the tower, replacement of the rainwater goods, and repair of the flashing on the tower roof to prevent water ingress. The Quinquennial Inspection conducted in October-December was delivered in January 2021. In general, there were no surprises except for a need to check the security of the stone louvres on the tower.

Gerald Wilson Committee Secretary

b) PARISH ROOMS COMMITTEE

For the first two and a half months of 2020 the Parish Rooms continued to operate as usual with all our regular room hirers. Then, like most businesses, the Parish Rooms were forced to close down due to COVID-19 restrictions. After all the necessary precautions were put into place they briefly re-opened in August, but were forced to close down again in November.

The repairs to both the lift and the gents' toilets that had been carried over from 2019 were completed in early 2020. At the end of May the most worn areas of the car park were re-surfaced. Unfortunately it was not possible to have the re-pointing done because the chosen contractor was too busy.

Kathryn Baker Chair to October 2020

c) OUTREACH COMMITTEE

2020 – what a year! Who would have predicted the way it evolved? Our first task was to promote the concert by Eccleston Brass Band. All preparations were made, the event was widely advertised and the band members were looking forward to coming, but four days before the concert, all band rehearsals and engagements were cancelled, to be followed closely by the decree that churches must close. Best laid plans...!

Most of the work of the Outreach Committee this year has been to publicise the fact that the Church was still there for the community, even when daily services were not permitted. We are extremely grateful to Father David and Father Aiden for their sterling efforts in streaming live services throughout the pandemic. Whenever it was legally possible to open the Church Father David ensured public worship could take place along with openings for private prayer. Thanks also go to Adrian for his willingness to open the church on Friday afternoons.

Soon after the start of lockdown in March I contacted Father David to ask for the phone numbers of two elderly members of our congregation. I thought it would be useful for them to have someone to support them during the difficult days ahead. Within twenty-four hours Gerald had contacted me with a fantastic plan to match anyone living alone with another member of the congregation. Numerous people volunteered to be ‘buddies’ and the whole system appeared to be very well received, with many new friendships established. My sincere thanks go to all volunteers, and especially Gerald for all his hard work.

We were delighted that we were still able to produce a Church Christmas card. This year’s was a special card as it featured a painting by our own Maggie Chowns. It proved to be extremely popular and sold out very quickly. Our thanks go to Maggie for allowing us to use her painting.

Throughout the pandemic work to promote the Church has been ongoing. We are grateful to Father David and Gerald for their work on Facebook, Paul for keeping the website up to date, and

to Denise and the Parish Office for producing the Church magazine, 'Influence', whenever possible.

Finally, on a very sad note, we were sorry to hear of the death of Bert Waddington, a valuable member of the Outreach Committee for many years.

Susan McMahon Committee Chair

d) KIRKHAM DEANERY SYNOD

No meetings in person have been permitted for most of the year. We had a video recording for members of synod from the new Archdeacon of Lancaster, the Venerable David Picken, who arrived in the Diocese just as the first lockdown was coming into force. Later in the year a video meeting was held with members of the Diocesan team reviewing Vision 2026.

Fr. David Lyon Vicar and Area Dean

V ASSOCIATED ORGANISATIONS

a) WEDNESDAY MEN

We few, we happy few.....

Our Wednesday morning work at church came to an abrupt halt on Wednesday 25th March 2020 after the announcement of the first COVID lockdown. With strict instructions that church doors had to be locked and barred, and that everyone was to stay at home, we abandoned Wednesday Men activities for the next eight weeks. In fact Church of England advice was even to lock and bar the gates of churchyards, but fortunately this was not possible at St Annes. On May 13th, despite the continuing lockdown but in view of the improving situation, we decided that it was reasonable to return. The sight that greeted us was not a happy one with unkempt grass full of dandelions, weeds sprouting through the paved parking area, and a general air of neglect. Fortunately, a few hours work on the following few Wednesdays made all the difference, such that by the time church opened for private prayer in June and for public worship on July 5th the place looked reasonably tidy and well cared for. The whole period re-emphasised the importance of that little bit of regular TLC that the Wednesday Men provide.

Routinely our work covers the following:

- Removal and sorting of rubbish
- Putting bins out for weekly collection
- Weeding and maintenance of flower beds on south side of church
- Clearing of drains
- Mowing lawn edges and central area of churchyard
- Sweeping and clearing leaves and generally keeping the churchyard tidy
- Removal and disposal of Christmas wreaths
- Clearing weeds from the block paving in the parking area
- Erection and removal of the War Grave Trail, in 2020 covering the WW2 memorials including a mown path
- Any other odd jobs within our capability either inside or outside of church

The Wednesday Men were inaugurated on 25th June 1991 and since then have been involved with many projects great and small. However, of late we have been too few in number to undertake more than minor maintenance tasks and may now even be classed as an endangered species, as there are only three of us regularly attending. We would therefore welcome anyone wishing to join our happy band on a Wednesday morning from 9.30am at church. If you spot any odd jobs needing attention from the Wednesday Men please let us know.

Gerald Wilson, Eric Roberts, Piers Fenwick

