

**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 2021

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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 Glen Brooks, 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 2021, the following elected and co-opted individuals served as members of the PCC for the full year:

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, then re-elected for 3 years to 2024
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
Adrian Page	from October 2020 elected for 3 years to 2023
Janice Vause	Secretary, from April 2019 elected for 2 years to 2021, then re-elected for 3 years to 2024
Fiona Wilson	from October 2020 elected for 3 years to 2023

During the year 2021, the following elected and co-opted individuals served as members of the PCC for part of the year:

Winston Atkinson	from April 2019 elected for 3 years to 2022, resigned May 2021
Denise Duke	co-opted as Safeguarding Officer from April 2017 to May 2021
Christopher Hale	co-opted as Safeguarding Officer from August 2021
Jenny Nuttall	from April 2019 elected for 2 years to 2021
Bernard Snape	from May 2021 elected for 3 years to 2024, resigned November 2021

During the year 2021, the following individuals served as members of the PCC in an ex-officio capacity for at least part of the year:

Fr. Glen Brooks	Vicar (Chairman) - from November 2021
Fr. David Lyon	Vicar (Chairman) - until retirement at Easter 2021
Ann Fletcher	Churchwarden from May 2021
John Pitches	Churchwarden to May 2021
Bill Hembrow	Reader - all year
William Cousins	Deanery Synod representative from October 2020 elected for 3 years to 2023
Brian Hankinson	Deanery Synod representative from October 2020 elected for 3 years to 2023
Pamela Kinghorn	Deanery Synod representative from October 2020 elected for 3 years to 2023
William Thomas	Deanery Synod representative from October 2020 elected for 3 years to 2023

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

The number on the Electoral Roll as of 1st May 2022 in preparation for the APCM was 215 up from 207 at the equivalent point last year. 105 are resident in the parish and 110 are non-resident. During the past year there were 6 deletions (4 deaths and 2 removals) and 14 additions.

The Average Weekly Attendance (individuals over 16 attending church at least once during the course of a week averaged over each of the four weeks of October) was 79. This figure was depressed due to COVID precautions and the reduced number of services during the interregnum.

Review of the Year

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

During 2021 the full PCC met 7 times with an average attendance of 81% to conduct the normal business of the parish. The PCC met on two additional occasions as part of the formal process for selecting a new vicar. Some of the meetings were on-line "Zoom" meetings when meeting in person was not possible.

In 2021 the planned giving through envelopes and banker's orders plus collections at services amounted to £53,887, a drop of approximately 4% on 2020, showing the continued effect of the COVID-19 pandemic. This giving equates to 42% of the total unrestricted fund income. Total unrestricted income dropped by 12% on the previous year. Unrestricted expenditure increased by over 2%,

£79,591 was spent on Christian ministry and grants to charitable causes, including large contributions to the diocese. At the end of the year £5,456 of Parish Share was unpaid. However, the late receipt of funds for the electricity used for the mobile telephone installation allowed the debt to be paid off before the end of January 2022.

The decrease in Unrestricted income and the increase in Unrestricted expenditure resulted in the PCC having to use reserves during the year to support the necessary cash flow.

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 2021 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: Richard Baker, Peter Duke, Margaret Imrie and Susan McMahon. Additionally Denise Duke and Bernard Snape tendered their resignations during the year. Your several contributions have been greatly appreciated.

On behalf of the PCC
Fr. Glen Brooks (chairman)
May 2022

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
					2021 £	2020 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
<i>Incoming resources from donors</i>	2(a)	59,122	19,113	0	78,234	64,895
<i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>	2(b)	1,440	2,010	0	3,450	11,310
<i>Incoming resources from operating activities to further the Council's objects</i>	2(c)	4,940	0	0	4,940	5,519
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>	2(d)	38,896	2,048	0	40,944	40,915
<i>Income from investments</i>	2(e)	1,383	678	5,086	7,147	7,006
<i>Other incoming resources</i>	2(f)	22,711	0	0	22,711	35,151
TOTAL ACTUAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>128,491</u>	<u>23,848</u>	<u>5,086</u>	<u>157,426</u>	<u>164,796</u>
RESOURCES USED						
<i>Cost of generating funds</i>	3(a)	5,959	666	0	6,625	7,625
<i>Grants - Donations to charities</i>	3(b)	2,466	2,590	0	5,056	2,474
<i>Activities directly relating to the work of the church</i>	3(c)	116,252	1,386	983	118,620	125,915
<i>Salaries & support costs</i>	3(d)	12,495	45	0	12,540	11,294
<i>Church management and administration</i>	3(e)	4,927	0	0	4,928	4,003
TOTAL ACTUAL RESOURCES USED		<u>142,098</u>	<u>4,688</u>	<u>983</u>	<u>147,769</u>	<u>151,311</u>
NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		<u>-13,607</u>	<u>19,160</u>	<u>4,103</u>	<u>9,656</u>	<u>13,485</u>
GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS						
Unrealised (Tangible fixed assets)	5(a)	-3,599	0	0	-3,599	-3,863
Unrealised (Investment assets)	5(b)	65	542	34,585	35,192	15,832
CLERGY CHOICE CHARITY FUND AS YET UNUSED FROM 2020 (2019)		694	0	0	694	694
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>-17,140</u>	<u>19,703</u>	<u>38,688</u>	<u>41,250</u>	<u>25,135</u>
<i>BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2021 (2020)</i>		<u>902,533</u>	<u>47,800</u>	<u>281,809</u>	<u>1,232,141</u>	<u>1,207,006</u>
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2021 (2020)		<u><u>885,393</u></u>	<u><u>67,502</u></u>	<u><u>320,496</u></u>	<u><u>1,273,391</u></u>	<u><u>1,232,141</u></u>

BALANCE SHEET

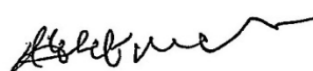
At 31 December 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	5(a)	868,545	872,144
Investment assets	5(b)	295,171	259,979
		<u>1,163,716</u>	<u>1,132,122</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7(a)	10,805	10,633
Cash at bank and in hand	9	105,615	89,386
		<u>116,420</u>	<u>100,019</u>
LIABILITIES:			
AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	8(a)	-6,745	0
		<u>109,675</u>	<u>100,019</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
LONG TERM DEBTORS	7(b)	0	0
LONG TERM LIABILITIES	8(b)	0	0
		<u>1,273,391</u>	<u>1,232,141</u>
NET ASSETS			
FUNDS			
Unrestricted	6	885,393	902,533
Restricted		67,502	47,800
Endowment		320,496	281,809
		<u>1,273,391</u>	<u>1,232,141</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 03 May 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Revd. G. Brooks (chairman)



Miss A. Fletcher (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 10. Endowment funds, where the capital must be retained, are explained in Note 10.

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	Restricted	Endowment	TOTAL FUNDS	
	Funds	Funds	Funds	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£	£
2(a) <i>Incoming resources from donors</i>					
Planned giving:					
Tax efficient planned giving	33,464			33,464	36,646
Tax recovered/recoverable	8,433			8,433	9,209
Other planned giving	3,466			3,466	3,312
Collections (open plate) at services:					
Sunday services	4,974			4,974	1,699
Tax efficient giving (yellow envelopes)	2,417			2,417	3,748
Tax recovered/recoverable (yellow envelopes)	604			604	937
Weekday services	475			475	289
Occasional services	53				285
Occasional services (Tax efficient donations)	0			53	0
Occasional services (Tax recovered/recoverable)	0				0
Charity collections		580			272
Charity collections (Tax efficient donations)		37		626	10
Charity collections (Tax recovered/recoverable)		9			3
Sundry donations:					
Card reader donations	30			30	87
Text giving donations	0			0	61
Bell restoration fund		9,699			0
Bell restoration fund (Tax efficient donations)		5,816		16,969	0
Bell restoration fund (Tax recovered/recoverable)		1,454			0
Other donations	1,223	581			1,266
Other donations (Tax efficient donations)	340	200		2,478	1,407
Other donations (Tax recovered/recoverable)	85	50			352
Flowers		149			239
Flowers (Tax efficient donations)		430		686	265
Flowers (Tax recovered/recoverable)		108			66
Freewill offerings	586			586	441
Votive candles	562			562	412
Loose coins carboy	9			9	41
Pilgrims Coffee Stop	0			0	181
Babies & Toddlers group	0	0		0	159
Sunday coffee	0			0	148
Tuesday/Saturday a.m. tea & coffee	0			0	132
Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme	1,596			1,596	1,882
Sundry income	5	0		5	114
Bank compensation	700			700	0
In Memoriam fund		0			110
In Memoriam fund (Tax efficient donations)		0		0	20
In Memoriam fund (Tax recovered/recoverable)		0			5
In memory of Marilyn Drinkwater	100			100	0
In memory of Revd. John Catley	0			0	500

2 INCOMING RESOURCES (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2021 £	2020 £
<i>2(a) Incoming resources from donors (continued)</i>					
In memory of Suzanne Newton (To bell restoration fund)		0	}		0
In memory of Suzanne Newton (To bell restoration fund) (Tax efficient)		0	}	0	235
In memory of Suzanne Newton (To bell restoration fund) (Tax recovered)		0	}		59
In memory of Geoffrey Tolson	0			0	200
In memory of Margaret Garner	0		}		0
In memory of Margaret Garner (Tax efficient donations)	0		}	0	50
In memory of Margaret Garner (Tax recovered/recoverable)	0		}		13
In memory of William Holt	0			0	40
	59,122	19,113	0	78,234	64,895
<i>2(b) Other voluntary incoming resources</i>					
Revd. A.D. Lyon's retirement presentation		1,940		1,940	0
Interregnum fees refunded by Diocese	1,440			1,440	0
Donation (Churchyard Maintenance)		70		70	70
Grants (Grundy bequest)	0	0		0	8,930
Legacies	0	0	0	0	1,500
Revd. A.J.A. Edwards' leaving presentation		0		0	810
	1,440	2,010	0	3,450	11,310
<i>2(c) Incoming resources from operating activities to further the Council's objects</i>					
Parochial fees	4,636			4,636	3,774
Magazine sales	181			181	850
Bookstall & Heritage Mural	76			76	38
Parish Rooms lettings (charitable purposes)	48			48	857
	4,940	0	0	4,940	5,519
<i>2(d) Activities for generating funds</i>					
Parish Rooms lettings (fund raising purposes)	11,928			11,928	13,491
2 Vicarage Close rental	9,000			9,000	9,000
Mobile telephone aerial (electricity)	8,962			8,962	6,818
Mobile telephone aerial (rent)	5,449			5,449	7,902
Charity Tree Festival	2,879	570	}		10
Charity Tree Festival (Tax efficient donations)	0	0	}	3,449	0
Charity Tree Festival (Tax recovered/recoverable)	0	0	}		0
Project Committee	0	1,478	}		0
Project Committee (Tax efficient donations)		0	}	1,478	150
Project Committee (Tax recovered/recoverable)		0	}		38
Social and Tree Festival Committee	350	0		350	1,550
Sale of Christmas cards	182			182	183
EasySearch and EasyFundraising	104			104	41
Sale of facemasks - COVID-19	42			42	147
50:50 Club	0			0	1,163
Magazine adverts	0			0	414
WWI & WWII trail guidebooks	0			0	8
	38,896	2,048	0	40,944	40,915

2 INCOMING RESOURCES (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2021 £	2020 £
2(e) <i>Income from investments</i>					
Dividends and interest:					
Churchyard Maint. a/c	0	50	3,807	3,858	3,739
Repairs & Renewals a/c	83	69	1,279	1,431	1,382
General & Stewardship a/c	1,300			1,300	1,323
Hinchliffe Bequest a/c		556		556	540
Hartley Bequest a/c		1		1	9
Higher interest bequests a/c	1	0		1	8
Woodhead Bequest a/c		1		1	5
	<u>1,383</u>	<u>678</u>	<u>5,086</u>	<u>7,147</u>	<u>7,006</u>
2(f) <i>Other incoming resources</i>					
Lower Income Communities Funding grant	18,602			18,602	19,190
HMRC Job Retention Scheme Grant - COVID-19	3,751			3,751	4,429
Electricity supply refund	169			169	0
Council tax refund (Vicarage)	156			156	0
Water rates refund (Vicarage)	33			33	0
Government Business Support Grant - COVID-19	0			0	10,000
Additional Curates Society (Curate's expenses)		0		0	1,490
Council tax refund (Curate's house)	0			0	42
	<u>22,711</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>22,711</u>	<u>35,151</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u><u>128,491</u></u>	<u><u>23,848</u></u>	<u><u>5,086</u></u>	<u><u>157,426</u></u>	<u><u>164,796</u></u>

3 RESOURCES USED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2021 £	2020 £
3(a) <i>Cost of generating funds</i>					
Loan repayment for 2 Vicarage Close refurb.	2,400			2,400	2,400
Charity Tree Festival	842	570		1,412	0
Rental management charges for 2 Vicarage Close	1,080			1,080	1,080
Advertising	594			594	594
Landlord's expenses for 2 Vicarage Close	449	0		449	1,054
Contactless terminals	310			310	289
Social and Tree Festival Committee	159			159	1,361
Christmas cards and calendars	125			125	127
Bell project	0	96		96	0
50:50 Club	0			0	720
	<u>5,959</u>	<u>666</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,625</u>	<u>7,625</u>

3 RESOURCES USED (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2021 £	2020 £
3(b) <i>Grants - Donations to charities</i>					
Missionary and charitable giving:					
Overseas mission societies:					23
Church Mission Society (in lieu of fees for taking services during interregnum)	72	0		72	0
Charity Tree Festival:					
Christian Aid	69	0		69	0
	<u>141</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>141</u>	<u>23</u>
Christian relief and development agencies:					0
Mosamaria Fund (Bishop's Harvest Appeal)		39		39	
Charity Tree Festival:					
None	0	0		0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>0</u>
Home mission and other Church societies:					232
Additional Curates Society	0	175		175	
Prison Fellowship [Archdeacon's Visitation]		92		92	
Bishop's Ordinands' Fund [Confirmation service]		78		78	
Bishop's Ordinands' Fund [Induction service]		242		242	
Furlough wages (net of CJRS grants)	1,072			1,072	1,380
Charity Tree Festival:					0
The Mothers' Union	58	0		58	
	<u>1,130</u>	<u>587</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,717</u>	<u>1,612</u>
Secular charities:					30
Charity Tree Festival:					0
Fylde Coast Women's Aid	166	3		169	
The Edward Dee Fund	144	17		162	
Trinity Hospice	113	1		113	
Friends of Lytham Hall	78	1		79	
Furry Tails Feline Welfare	77	0		78	
Fylde Coast Amnesty	69	0		70	
Royal Airforces Association (South Fylde Br.	67	0		67	
Alzheimers Society	65	0		65	
7th LSA Beaver Scout Group	62	1		63	
Ronald McDonald House Charities UK	61	0		61	
Brian House	58	1		59	
Rotary Club of St. Annes	51	0		51	
SANDS	49	0		49	
Trinity Hospice (for removal of trees)	50	0		50	
	<u>1,110</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,135</u>	<u>30</u>

3 RESOURCES USED (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2021 £	2020 £
<i>3(b) Grants - Donations to charities (continued)</i>					
Revd. A.D. Lyon's retirement presentation	55	1,940		1,995	0
Diocesan Secretary Graeme Pollard's retirement	30			30	0
Revd. A.J.A. Edwards' leaving presentation		0		0	810
	<u>2,466</u>	<u>2,590</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,056</u>	<u>2,474</u>
<i>Other charitable donations not through PCC's books</i>					
Tax recoverable by Bishop of Blackburn Ordination Fund (Induction Service)				21	
Royal British Legion - sale of poppy crosses				<u>23</u>	
				<u>44</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>3(c) Activities directly relating to the work of the church</i>					
Parish share:					
Parish share contribution from parish	52,456			52,456	49,378
Lower Income Communities Fund support	<u>18,602</u>			<u>18,602</u>	<u>19,190</u>
	71,058	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	71,058	68,568
Clergy expenses:					
Fees for services during interregnum	1,368			1,368	0
Induction expenses	515	181		695	0
Vicarage Council Tax	736			736	2,372
Vicar's expenses	622			622	704
Vicarage security	403	0		403	283
Vicarage water rates	150			150	577
Assistant clergy	122			122	34
Curate's house Council Tax	0	0		0	966
Curate's expenses	0	0		0	664
Curate's house water rates	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>350</u>
	3,916	181	<u>0</u>	4,097	5,950
Church running expenses:					
Electricity	7,316			7,316	7,354
Insurance	5,272			5,272	4,976
Gas	3,575			3,575	3,610
Hygienic waste removal	431			431	431
Water	306			306	276
Cleaning materials etc.	143			143	877
Books	137	0		137	205
Sundry expenditure	<u>15</u>			<u>15</u>	<u>18</u>
	17,194	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	17,194	17,745

3 RESOURCES USED (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2021 £	2020 £
<i>3(c) Activities directly relating to the work of the church (continued)</i>					
Church maintenance:					
Repairs to church roof	64	53	983	1,100	600
Quinquennial inspection	1,019			1,019	0
Organ tuning	900			900	450
CCTV and roof alarm maintenance	111			111	535
Piano tuning & repair	108			108	0
Flags	73	0	0	73	59
Electrical repairs	54	0	0	54	107
Notice boards	17	0		17	0
Window repairs		0		0	8,930
Clock servicing	0			0	120
Heating repairs	0	0	0	0	107
P.A. system requisites	0			0	97
Fire extinguishers	0	0	0	0	80
Wednesday Men projects	0	0		0	34
Security	0			0	5
	2,345	53	983	3,381	11,126
Upkeep of services:					
Bell ropes	665			665	0
Flowers	50	613		663	377
Wine, wafers & candles	92	539		631	822
Copyright licence	602			602	466
PCC fees refunded	339			339	0
Votive candles	333			333	265
Christingles	97			97	0
Refreshments	31	0		31	0
Bell ringing costs	10	0		10	0
Choir robes	0	0		0	70
Palm crosses	0			0	68
	2,219	1,152	0	3,370	2,068
Upkeep of churchyard:					
Garden of Remembrance	484	0	0	484	420
Garden and gardener	230	0	0	230	145
Upkeep of graves	0			0	125
Sexton's expenses	0			0	29
	714	0	0	714	719
Expenditure on parish magazine/ bookstall/ website:					
Expenditure on magazine (excl. printing)	93			93	57
Expenditure on website	14			14	14
	107	0	0	107	71

3 RESOURCES USED (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2021 £	2020 £
<i>3(c) Activities directly relating to the work of the church (continued)</i>					
Parish Rooms running costs:					
Cleaner	8,765			8,765	5,335
Gas (Parish Rooms)	2,843			2,843	2,203
Insurance	2,246			2,246	2,780
Plumbing repairs	894			894	235
Electricity (Parish Rooms)	888			888	1,155
Electrical repairs	454			454	321
Hygienic waste removal	431			431	431
Repairs to lift	360			360	1,992
Water (Parish Rooms)	346			346	314
Window cleaning	245			245	210
Rubbish removal	220			220	180
General repairs	220	0	0	220	60
Electricity (Flat)	208			208	217
Fire alarm maintenance	139			139	137
Vermin removal	120			120	0
Water (Flat)	102			102	103
Sundries	100			100	0
Maintenance contracts	45			45	222
Grass cutting	35			35	180
Council tax, ground rent	27			27	27
Refund of hiring deposits	10			10	0
Resurfacing car park	0			0	2,500
Cleaning materials etc.	0			0	444
Heating repairs	0			0	321
Fire extinguishers	0			0	175
Roof & brickwork repair	0			0	95
Refund of hiring fees - COVID-19	0			0	32
	18,699	0	0	18,699	19,669
	116,252	1,386	983	118,620	125,915
<i>3(d) Salaries & support costs</i>					
Salaries, wages and honoraria:					
Parish Administrators' wages, tax, NIC	6,401			6,401	5,254
Organist's wages, tax, NIC	5,954			5,954	5,711
Assistant Organists	140			140	280
	12,495	0	0	12,495	11,245

3 RESOURCES USED (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2021 £	2020 £
<i>3(d) Salaries & support costs (continued)</i>					
Support costs:					
Children's Church	0	45		45	49
	<u>0</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>49</u>
	<u>12,495</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12,540</u>	<u>11,294</u>
<i>3(e) Church management and administration</i>					
Telephone	1,445			1,445	1,346
Photocopier	881			881	772
Computer expenses	495			495	239
Interregnum expenses	408			408	0
Bank charges	379	0		379	378
Office alarm maintenance	364			364	175
Office requisites	328			328	248
Subscriptions	182			182	179
Stewardship envelopes & campaign	167			167	97
Independent Examiner	150			150	300
PCC meetings	101			101	82
Books	28			28	0
Preparation for royal bereavement	0			0	169
Safeguarding	0			0	18
	<u>4,927</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,928</u>	<u>4,003</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	<u>142,098</u>	<u>4,688</u>	<u>983</u>	<u>147,769</u>	<u>151,311</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 £622 expenses during the year.

Two choir members, Mr Richard Baker and Mr William Thomas, received fees for singing at weddings and funerals.

Mrs Pamela Kinghorn and Mrs Janice Vause were each employed as Parish Administrators, 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 £	Photocopier £	Pew Cushions £	Total £
5(a) <i>Tangible fixed assets</i>				
Year of acquisition		2018	2019	
GROSS BOOK VALUE				
At 1 January 2021	865,545	599	6,000	872,144
Additions		0	0	0
At 31 December 2021	<u>865,545</u>	<u>599</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>872,144</u>
APPRECIATION				
Appreciation/Depreciation	0	-599	-3,000	-3,599
At 31 December 2021	<u>0</u>	<u>-599</u>	<u>-3,000</u>	<u>-3,599</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 December 2021	<u>865,545</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>868,545</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>865,545</u>	<u>599</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>872,144</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 2021 would give an overly optimistic valuation for the Parish Rooms. Therefore, the net value for 2021 has been pegged to the 2020 value.

	Shares/ Units	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2020 £
5(b) <i>Investment assets</i>					
GENERAL PURPOSES					
CBF Deposit Fund (Interest paid into General account)		11,400			11,400
CBF Investment Fund	735			17,182	15,022
		<u>11,400</u>		<u>17,182</u>	<u>26,422</u>
CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE					
CBF Fixed Interest Securities Fund	207			327	350
CBF Investment Fund	6,123		4,023	139,167	125,189
			<u>4,023</u>	<u>139,494</u>	<u>125,539</u>

5 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC (continued)

	Shares/ Units	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2020 £
5(b) <i>Investment assets (continued)</i>					
REPAIRS & RENEWALS					
CBF Investment Fund	4,151	<u>521</u>	<u>290</u>	<u>97,078</u>	<u>85,583</u>
		521	290	97,078	85,583
CURATE'S HOUSE					
CBF Deposit Fund		3,317			3,317
(Interest paid into Stewardship account)					
R.E. IN THE PARISH (Hinchliffe)					
CBF Investment Fund	935			21,867	19,118
					2021
VALUE OF INVESTMENTS					Total
At 31 December 2020		15,173	3,770	241,036	259,979
At 31 December 2021		<u>15,238</u>	<u>4,313</u>	<u>275,620</u>	<u>295,171</u>
Gains/Losses		<u>65</u>	<u>542</u>	<u>34,585</u>	<u>35,192</u>

6 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Endowment Fund £	2021 Total £
Fixed assets	883,783	4,313	275,620	1,163,716
Current assets	8,330	63,214	44,876	116,420
Current liabilities	<u>-6,720</u>	<u>-24</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-6,745</u>
Fund balance	<u>885,393</u>	<u>67,502</u>	<u>320,496</u>	<u>1,273,391</u>

7 DEBTORS

7(a) DEBTS ACCRUED DURING THE YEAR	2021	2020
	£	£
Income tax recoverable		
Planned giving	959	9,162
Open plate (Yellow envelopes)	114	937
Unrestricted donations	10	352
Restricted donations	50	0
Flower fund	25	66
Bell restoration fund	105	0
Project Committee	0	38
Bell restoration fund (in memoriam donations)	0	59
In Memoriam fund [U]	0	13
In Memoriam fund [R]	0	5
Charitable collections	9	3
Other debtors		
Mobile telephone aerial (electricity)	8,962	0
Charity Tree Festival sponsors	570	0
	<u>10,805</u>	<u>10,633</u>
7(b) DEBTS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS YEAR(S)	2021	2020
	£	£
None	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

8 LIABILITIES

8(a) AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2021 £	2020 £
Creditors for goods and services:		
Parish share	5,456	0
Advertising for Christmas services	28	
Other creditors		
Charity Tree Festival charities (Unrestricted)	1,237	0
Charity Tree Festival charities (Restricted)	24	0
	<u>6,745</u>	<u>0</u>
8(b) AMOUNTS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS YEAR(S)	2021 £	2020 £
None	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

9 ACCOUNT BALANCES

	2021 £	2020 £
General a/c	5,843	8,649
Stewardship a/c	221	8,355
Churchyard Maintenance a/c	26,817	22,961
Churchyard Maintenance (Interest bearing) a/c	14,422	14,350
Repairs and Renewals a/c	3,420	3,089
Hartley Bequest a/c	9,736	9,735
Hinchliffe Bequest a/c	3,704	3,194
Hinchliffe Bequest (Interest bearing) a/c	4,010	4,010
Woodhead Bequest a/c	6,126	6,125
Bequest (Higher interest bearing until Oct. 2014) a/c	31,314	8,915
Petty Cash	2	2
	<u>105,615</u>	<u>89,386</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 FUNDS	
				2021 £	2020 £
Transactions directly attributable to COVID-19 e.g. Government Business Support Grant (2020), furlough wages, sanitising materials, etc.					
Incoming resources	6,672	0	0	6,672	16,023
Resources used	<u>1,135</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,135</u>	<u>1,029</u>
Profit / Loss	5,537	0	0	5,537	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	35,848	21,006	5,086	61,940	62,637
Resources used	<u>96,613</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>983</u>	<u>97,650</u>	<u>99,211</u>
Profit / Loss	-60,765	20,952	4,103	-35,709	-36,575
Transactions probably affected by COVID-19 e.g. Collections, Parish Rooms hire, utility bills, etc.					
Incoming resources	84,939	3,366	0	88,305	88,494
Resources used	<u>37,649</u>	<u>22,443</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>60,092</u>	<u>39,132</u>
Profit / Loss	47,290	-19,077	0	28,213	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 2021, which are set out on pages 7 - 21, 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.

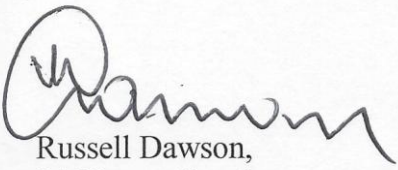
Basis of this report

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,
Lancashire, FY8 2RQ

April 2022

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 2020-31st October 2021

GENERAL INCOME & EXPENDITURE

Item	Notes	2021		2020	
		Credit £	Debit £	Credit £	Debit £
Mass Collections	1	188.00		123.00	
Cell Subscriptions	2	00.00		10.00	
Donations		18.12		19.02	
Office Expenses (stamps & stationery)			18.12		19.02
Holy House Lamp	3		40.00		40.00
Lady Chapel Lamp at SAPC			200.00		200.00
Youth Pilgrimage Sponsorship (direct to Walsingham)	4		00.00		00.00
Chantry Book Entries	5		30.00		30.00
Leaving Gift for Fr David			25.00		
TOTAL General Income & Expenditure		206.12	313.12	152.02	289.02
Overall Deficit on General Income & Expenditure			107.00		137.00

PILGRIMAGE ACCOUNT

Item	Notes	Credit £	Debit £
Gross Income(22 x £300)	6	6600.00	
Refund of Cancellation (1 x £270.00)			270.00
Shrine Accom Charge (22 x £192.00)	7		4224.00
Coach			1550.00
Lunches at Goldthorpe Church			150.00
Lunches at Chequers Pub, Ranby			154.50
Prayer Cards			10.10
Raffle proceeds donated to SSM Sisters at Priory	8	120.00	120.00
TOTALS transferred to this years INCOME & EXPENDITURE		6720.00	6478.60
Overall Surplus for pilgrimage			241.40

OVERALL

Item	Notes	2021		2020	
		Credit £	Debit £	Credit £	Debit £
General Income & Expenditure		206.12	313.12	152.02	289.02
Pilgrimage Account		6720.00	6478.60	00.00	00.00
TOTALS		6926.12	6791.72	152.02	289.02
Surplus/Deficit on year			134.40		137.00

RECONCILIATION

Item	Notes	£	£ Bank Balance	Plus £ Cash in Hand	Less £ Uncleared Cheques	Plus £ Creditors & Advance Payments
Opening Assets as at 1.11.20		814.36	488.36	6.00	10.00	330.00
Surplus of Income wrt Expenditure		134.40				
Closing Assets as at 31.10.21		948.76				

SUMMARY

There was an unexpected surplus of £241 on the pilgrimage (budgeted to break even) due to a beneficial change in Shrine deposit policy benefitting us by £130. Despite the reduced number of Cell masses due

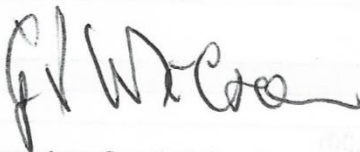
to lockdown (9) the donation total from the Cell masses was similar to normal (£188). With no Cell subscription raised this year, but with reduced expenditure (no sponsorship of the Youth Pilgrimage) the deficit on general expenditure of £117 was more than offset by the pilgrimage surplus leaving our finances in a very satisfactory state with a balance of £949. Thank you to everyone for their generosity in keeping us solvent.

Notes

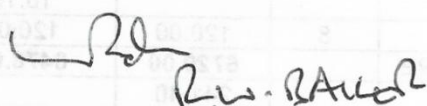
- 1 Donations made at the monthly Walsingham mass on the final Saturday of each month.
2. One-off £10 per head subscription to the Cell as agreed at the AGM in January 2019: one payment received late in 2020.
3. The lamp is half way along the right hand inside wall of the Holy House.
4. Subject to confirmation at the AGM we normally sponsor direct to Walsingham two young people to the Youth Pilgrimage (YP) in August at £30 per head. YP sponsorship is also made privately by several other Cell members and members of the congregation. However, the YP was cancelled in 2020 and 2021.
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 this year: Roy Finden.
6. The price this year was set at £300 for the full pilgrimage, of which £192.00 was payable to the Shrine leaving £108 for coach travel, lunches etc.
7. Includes accommodation for 21 pilgrims plus the coach driver.
8. As usual a raffle on the outward journey to Walsingham was held for the Sisters of the Society of St Margaret at the Priory of Our Lady at Walsingham with prizes donated by Ken Foster and other pilgrims. £120.00 was raised.

Prepared by

Gerald Wilson, Treasurer



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



R.W. Bauer 13/2/22

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 as at the year end. "Payments via Cell" are not shown in the accounts as they are not regarded as Cell money and nett to zero.

- Bill Cousins (by SO)
- John Edwards (SO, joined at Walsingham)
- Katherine Fletcher (via 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)
- Jenny Nuttall (by SO)
- Jennifer Oldfield (by SO)
- Vivian Park
- Maureen Rodgers (by SO)
- Margaret Singleton (by SO)
- Bernard Snape (SO, joined at Walsingham)
- Norma Spacey (cash via Cell)
- Jacqui Stapleton (by SO)
- Alan Swindlehurst (by SO)
- Bill Thomas (by SO)
- Jean Thomason (by SO)
- Tony Walker (SO, joined at Walsingham)
- Patricia Ward (by SO)
- John Whittaker (on-line)
- Alan Wiggins (by SO)
- Gerald & Fiona Wilson (by SO)

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS

I APCM ITEMS

a) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

2021 was a difficult year for two main reasons. Firstly the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic was still causing numerous restrictions to the normal life of the church and, secondly, we went through an interregnum. Coping with just one of those on its own would have been hard enough.

At the beginning of the year the COVID-19 restrictions from 2020 were still in place with Track and Trace, one-way system, sanitising, temperature measuring, physical spacing and the wearing of face masks continuing to be the order of the day. Services were also being recorded so that parishioners could view them at home if the (Government imposed) restrictions on attending church in person were too onerous. In August those restrictions at services started to be relaxed and in September we started to sing hymns again, replacing the said psalm which had been included in the order of service during the pandemic. By the end of the year the national instructions had been downgraded to 'advice' such that the Tree Festival could take place, albeit in a lesser format than in previous years.

Before the start of the year it was known that Fr. David Lyon was going to retire during the year. His last service was on Easter Sunday morning. It was unfortunate that the COVID-19 pandemic meant that any thank-you celebrations were curtailed, but no less sincere for all that. We owe Fr. David and Brenda an immense THANK YOU for all the work they did for the parish during their time here.

There are numerous activities that take place in preparation for, and during, an interregnum. In March a working group was set up to produce the Parish Profile - a document that gives any potential new priest all they need to know about the parish. Thanks to those who were part of the working group. Then there are meetings (the 'Section 11' and 'Section 12' meetings) that the PCC has to hold so that the needs of the parish can be determined and so that those needs can be discussed with the diocese in order to ensure that the best candidates are included in the short list for interview. This all culminates in the actual interviews themselves. We must thank Janice Vause and Adrian Page for being our parish representatives on the interviewing panel.

In mid year Jan Hood retired from running Nursery Praise. Thank you Jan for your invaluable help.

On a more positive note, Christopher and Lisa Hale agreed to take on the Safeguarding Officer rôle (see also the Safeguarding Officer's Report below). Also, in August, it was possible to allow the Parish Rooms to be used again by all the individuals and organisations that hire rooms throughout the year.

Since the APCM in 2020 we have only had one churchwarden in post, which has meant that the burden on them has been somewhat greater than would normally be the case. We thank John Pitches (up to APCM 2021) and Ann Fletcher (since APCM 2021) for their sterling efforts in 2021.

During an interregnum any parish has to rely on other clergy to conduct services whilst there is no incumbent in post. We thank, most sincerely, all the clergy who helped us during the interregnum. We hope that they all found it an enlightening and uplifting experience. In addition, we must thank all those members of the laity who took on extra responsibilities so that the parish could run smoothly.

Finally, we were very happy to meet Fr. Glen Brooks as he formally became our new vicar on 30th November 2021. We very much look forward to his leadership of the parish during his period of service with us here.

Richard Baker Lay Chair

b) CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

Looking back at 2021 it was a busy year considering the we were only just getting back to "normal" as restrictions were gradually lifted after the Covid -19 pandemic. Special thanks must go to those who did extra cleaning to keep us safe. At first singing was only done by the choir (socially distanced). The PCC deliberated on how quickly to reintroduce Holy Communion, we still only receive in one kind as we are conscious that Covid is still with us. Mention should also be made of the Buddy system which helped to hold the congregation together.

Father David retired at the end of April 2021, his last service being Easter Day. We give thanks for all his ministry with us and also to Brenda and we wish them a happy retirement.

Preparations soon began for choosing a new vicar and interviews were held in July and Fr. Glen Brooks appointed, his institution and installation service being held on 30th. November.

In June St. Annes was privileged to host the Archdeacon's Visitation.

There was a wedding in July enabling the removal of the red and white tapes and the church no longer looked like a "crime scene" as it had been described when first restrictions were introduced.

Bishop Philip came to lead a Confirmation service in August.

The Heritage Weekend happened in September and was well attended being one of the first times our church was really open to visitors. Mention must be made of the Church being open on Friday afternoons on a regular basis. Thanks go to Adrian our Verger for facilitating this.

In early November a service was held to remember all those who died during the pandemic and may not have had the opportunity for a funeral or to say good bye to loved ones in the usual way.

Then in December our Christmas Tree Festival was back and Summerfield Nursery were able to hold their Nativity.

Throughout the Interregnum we were assisted by a number of visiting priests and we are very grateful for their ministry to us. This included several Baptisms.

Finally I would like to thank you all for your support since May 2021 especially the standing committee during the interregnum.

Ann Fletcher Churchwarden

c) PLANNED GIVING AND GIFT AID

The following table gives the data for Planned Giving and Gift Aid donations during 2021 (with comparable figures for 2020 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}	£28,584.50 (£28,451.00)	52 (42)	£10.57 (£10.94) [equiv. to £45.81 (£47.42) pm]	£2,062.00 (£2,103.00)	9 (10)	£4.41 (£4.04) [equiv. to £19.09 (£17.53) pm]
Weekly stewardship envelopes	£7,319.29 (£8,262.00)	23 (39)	£6.12 (£4.07)	£1,429.10 (£1,174.25)	7 (11)	£3.93 (£2.05)
Gift Aid envelopes {regular donors}	£1,616.20 (£2,009.16)	9 (11)	£3.45 (£3.51)			
Gift Aid envelopes {one-off donations at services}	£801.09 (£1,169.04)	41 (33)				
Other	£4,378.07 (£2,225.00)	30 (27)				
TOTALS	£42,699.15 (£42,566.20)	155 (160)	£8.59 (£7.45)	£3,491.10 (£3,277.25)	16 (21)	£4.20 (£3.00)

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 2021. 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 2021 was £8.11 per donor per week compared with £6.68 in 2020.

The tax recoverable from the Gift Aided donations in 2021 is £10,674.79. In 2020 it was £10,632.80.

Richard Baker Planned Giving Officer

d) SAFEGUARDING OFFICER'S REPORT

This safeguarding report mostly reflects the period from when I was appointed in August 2021 to the end of the year. I spoke with the outgoing safeguarding member of the PCC by telephone at the time of taking over.

I was interviewed by our current Churchwarden, Ann Fletcher, and explained that I was a retired GP but in retrospect it would have been better to have two interviewers followed up by a request for a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) so as to demonstrate best practice.

I spent about eight hours of study on the Church of England's web-site over the following months to introduce me to the basics of best practice and now hold four certificates of completion. By doing so I had not only filled an empty gap in August but had gained an insight into the issues involved.

Being a little unsure of the structure of who was responsible for what I took time to take a good look around the church, noting for example things like placement of high viz. tape over steps, fire extinguishers etc, etc. I later learned that the church warden and safeguarding officer get together in June to review all this. All seemed well in any case.

There were no new Safeguarding issues to the end of 2021 but had there been there was plenty of support to be had.

Dr. Christopher Hale BSc, MB, BS, fMRCGP Safeguarding Officer

II WORSHIP & MISSION

a) WELCOME MINISTRY (SIDESPERSONS)

Sidespersons' duties were resumed in August 2021 following the COVID-19 crisis.

The following have taken on sidespersons duties:

Christine Barrow, Anne Cooley, Peter Duke, Gemma Eaves, Diane Glistler, Kath Hall, Brian Hankinson, Anne Hembrow, Sarah Leighton, Susan McMahon, Jennifer Oldfield, Bernard Snape, Gill Streatfield, Val Streule and Fiona Wilson.

Senior Sidespersons:

Adrian Bromley, Christine Campbell, Lesley Dawson, Ann Fletcher and Margaret Imrie.

Stand in Sidespersons:

Jean Eaves, Louis Shaw, Kate Joy, Joanne Morton and Carole Webb.

Joining the team:

Heather Brooks and Kath Vargerson.

A sincere thank you to everyone for committing to this service in our church.

Margaret Imrie

b) LICENSED LAY MINISTERS

2021 was quiet from a LLM (Licensed Lay Minister, the new name for Readers) perspective because of the Pandemic. During the interregnum I led the Sunday Morning Mass twice as a

Communion by Extension service, and also led Evening Prayer twice a month from September, including Choral Evensong at Harvest.

I am expecting that in 2022 I will be more involved with services and supporting Father Glen now that restrictions are much eased.

Bill Hembrow Licensed Lay Minister

c) BELLRINGERS

The year started with limited ringing due to Covid-19. Following the easing of restrictions, we were able to begin a phased return towards full ringing, with six bells at Easter and all the bells by the end of July. Ten Quarter Peals were rung in the second half of the year, including two for WW1 Centenaries and one prior to the Installation Service for Fr. Glen.

On 14th February 2021, the Bell Appeal was formally launched in Church. The eight bells are reaching the end of their serviceable life and major work is needed to ensure that the bells can continue to ring out in the coming decades. It is hoped to raise £120,000 which would allow a full overhaul, re-tune and rehang in completely new fittings to be undertaken, along with the addition of two extra bells. In order for the work to be completed on the bells in time for the Church's 150th anniversary of consecration in August 2023, the total amount needs to be raised/pledged by the end of 2022.

Since the launch, the bellringers have been hard at work, trying to raise not only the money, but also the profile of the Appeal. By the end of 2021, almost £20,000 had been raised through donations from the ringers, the congregation and Church neighbours, a JustGiving page and the sale of Christmas bell-themed items, both in Church and online (including an order from a bellringer in Australia!). Thank you to everyone who has contributed in any way to the Project.

Sunday Service ringing takes place 10.00 – 10.25am and practices are held on Fridays 7.30-9.00pm. New recruits are always welcome.

Stuart Newton Tower Captain

d) CHOIR

It was an interesting and significant reminder of the journey we have travelled after reading last year's Choir Report. It is wonderful that we are once again able to worship together and truly 'sing God's praise'!

To those who love to sing, having been unable to do so had ploughed a profound furrow in our lives. Across the world churches fell silent and many choristers felt the loss and frustration of being able to combine their voices in songs of praise. Within recent months we have collectively experienced the renewed joy of helping to lead the musical aspects of our services: for Fr. Glen's welcome, our weekly services of Eucharist singing hymns and motets, anthems and canticles for services of evensong, joyful carols for Christmas, the reflective and beautiful hymns and motets for Lent and Passiontide, the burst of celebration of Our Risen Lord. These experiences of renewed joy and privilege have been heightened by the recollection of having been unable to participate in what we might have, hitherto, not appreciated sufficiently!

It is indeed a joy that, week by week, we lift our voices, once again, in singing together hymns and music for our liturgy. It is wonderful that we draw from our rich heritage of hymnody of over five hundred years and motets from Renaissance to works by contemporary composers.

It is also a joy that we have welcomed new choristers and we would love to hear from anyone who would like to join with us as we continue to ‘make a joyful noise unto The Lord’ (from Psalm 100).

Alistair MacKenzie Director of Music

e) ALTAR SERVERS

Last year’s report was written as we were in the midst of the third wave of Coronavirus and serving was still in abeyance with the priest celebrating from the nave altar without servers. The routine was changed on Palm Sunday evening as we were privileged to host the Diocesan Chrism Mass, which we had in fact been preparing to do in 2020. While “not as we know it”, it was a delightful evening as we hosted Bishop Philip and Bishop Julian for what would be Fr David’s last full week of services. The use of the High Altar was reintroduced and I was able to serve. 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 several servers and due ceremony, observing, of course, all COVID restrictions and regulations. While singing indoors was still prohibited, it was especially moving after the Easter Vigil to go outside and sing “Thine be the Glory” at the top of our voices. This led on to the Easter morning service when we bid a fond farewell to Fr David and Brenda at the conclusion of their eleven years in the parish and Fr David took off the parish vestments for the last time.

Serving and ceremony were kept fairly low key during the interregnum in line with the continuing restrictions, but I had excellent support from Bill Cousins and John Edwards as we guided a succession of visiting clergy each with their own ways of doing things. During this time, we were so lucky to be supported by Fr Brian Mayne, Fr Godfrey Hirst, Fr Ian Hollins, Fr Lawrence Carson-Featham, Rev Stuart Burrows, Fr Kevin Thorn, Fr Martin Daniels and Fr David Picken. We owe them so much.

During the summer there were not one but two Confirmation Services to be arranged, again respecting social distancing etc etc, and these went very well, led, of course, by our good friend, Bishop Philip.

The autumn saw a small boost to our serving numbers with Tony Walker and Bernard Snape joining us and Liz Currie returning. As foreseen in previous reports, we now have no children as regular servers though it is nice to occasionally welcome Ethan Nicholas and Ellie Johnson.

The arrival of Fr Glen Brooks as our new vicar has, of course, put things back onto a clearer track and we cope week-on-week with however many servers are available, but a few more would not go amiss. 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.

Many thanks are due to all those who have supported the serving through the year. Thanks are also due to Mary Roberts and my wife, Fiona, for the important work of washing altar linen.

Gerald Wilson Head Server

f) BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

The number of Baptisms taking place and the delivery of Baptism Anniversary Cards to children who have been Baptised in St Annes Parish Church over the last three years have continued to be affected by the restrictions introduced as a result of the virus throughout the year but the children did all receive their cards in 2021.

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, 8 (1st Anniversary Cards) 35 (2nd Anniversary Cards) and 26 (3rd Anniversary Cards) have been delivered. Unfortunately, there were one or two cards I was unable to deliver as families had moved on during the year without informing the Parish Office of their new addresses.

With the 2nd Anniversary Card, leaflets with details about Nursery Praise, Children's Church, the Sunday Eucharist and our Babies and Toddlers Group plus telephone numbers for our Vicar, our Church School and Nursery and the Parish Office are 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 2022.

Rosemary Pickles

g) CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church was able to take place more frequently this year with only minimal closure due to Covid. The sessions resumed on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, we had a good turn out and many new families joined us, attending fortnightly. We were able to resume our singing and signing of hymns in our group circle to carry out our 'Bounce and Praise' part of our sessions which was greatly enjoyed by all of the children and they became particularly confident at singing 'If I were a Butterfly' and 'My God is so Big'. 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- this helped to make the sessions inclusive for all ages and abilities. 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 an arts and crafts activities linked to the Biblical story read. We have created a variety of things-first aid kits after we read the parables of the Good Samaritan, Harvest posters, lanterns, kindness turtles, decorations for the Christmas Tree Festival and Nativity stained glass windows.

The Children's Church attendees were all offered the opportunity to participate in this year's Crib Service, which was thankfully able to take place in person once more this year. 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 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, attended to share this special service with family, friends and the wider church community.

At Christmas 2021, I stepped down from leading Children's Church as I have been appointed to Assistant Headteacher at a new school and therefore cannot commit to the sessions any longer. However, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the church for all of your support over the years, I have really enjoyed leading Children's Church for the past few years and wish it every success for the future.

Many Thanks

Nicola Makinson

h) CELL OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Last year's report was written as we were in the midst of the third wave of Coronavirus and we weren't entirely sure whether our pilgrimage would take place. However, by the grace of God and with the help of vaccines, the situation did improve and pilgrimages were able to restart from late July, which meant that our pilgrimage could go ahead from 13th-16th September, which included Holy Cross Day on 14th. We made sure of our safety and that of our fellow pilgrims by all doing a lateral flow test before departure. 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. Despite unusually poor weather, this year felt better than ever after the two-year gap and all the restrictions we had been through. Numbers were down to 21 pilgrims, which is marginally viable for the cost of the coach, but everyone enjoyed it especially the five people on their first pilgrimage. It was a delight especially to welcome Fr Ivan Walters, who looks after Weeton Church, to our group and we were very grateful for the leadership he was able to provide to some of our liturgical activities in the absence of a vicar due to the interregnum.

Our pilgrimage this year is booked from 5th-8th September 2022. New pilgrims are especially welcome. For further information speak to either Kath Hall or Gerald Wilson.

During the interregnum we were able to continue with celebration of the monthly Walsingham Cell Mass at 9.30am on the final Saturday of the month. We were helped in this by Fr Ian Hollin, Fr Martin Daniels and most regularly by Fr Ivan Walters, who was fully admitted as a Priest Associate of the Holy House, by Fr Martin at the October mass. Three new members of the Cell were also admitted at the same time, Tony Walker, John Edwards and Bernard Snape.

With the arrival of our new Vicar, Fr Glen Brooks, the Cell Mass will switch to the last Friday in the month, as Saturday is Fr Glen's day-off.

Cell accounts for November 2020 to October 2021 were independently examined by the PCC Treasurer, and are enclosed in the APCM pack. We did, in fact, make an unexpected surplus on the pilgrimage, so the finances are quite healthy.

I cannot end this report without mention of our dear friend and fellow pilgrim, Derek Garner, who died peacefully sustained by the sacraments of the church on 26th January 2022. Derek together with his late wife, Margaret, were regular pilgrims to Walsingham sometimes visiting two or three times a year. Derek was a master craftsman in wood and his work is very evident in our church, in particular the cupboards at the back, the kitchen installation, the memorial book case, the oils cabinet, and the cross used on Good Friday. Unlike for Margaret, whose funeral had to be in the garden due to COVID restrictions, Derek was able to be given a full requiem in church on 24th February and interment in our Garden of Remembrance with Margaret on 25th February.

Gerald Wilson Pilgrimage Organiser & Treasurer

i) BABIES AND TODDLERS

It has been a difficult year for the Toddler & Baby Group like most other groups. We managed to restart in June 2021 after the lockdowns had finished and the parents and children slowly returned to our Wednesday afternoon meetings.

Many of the children who had attended before lockdown had either started at Nurseries during the pandemic and were not available on Wednesdays or had gone onto Primary School as they reached the age of four.

By December the numbers of children attending had risen to 10 or more each week and some were with parents, Mums, Dads, Grandparents or Carers which raise the numbers attending to 20 or more per sessions.

It is such a happy little group and we look forward to a better year in 2022 when hopefully we can welcome lots of new Babies and Toddlers.

I would like to thank the other members of the team, Sue Strother & Diana Lowe without whose help, the Group would not run smoothly and all the parents for their assistance and support over the year.

Janice Vause

j) MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union theme for 2020 was " Building Hope and Confidence" and we had begun the year quite unaware that we would be so affected by the Corona virus. Our meetings ceased from March 10th and all our planned events were put on hold until we were permitted to meet again.

I kept in contact with our members via letters and telephone calls and we were able to share worship via the internet when Sunday morning services had been filmed and obtainable to view on our tablets, which I really appreciated as I was advised not to attend Church for some time.

Though we were unable to have our meetings our members kindly paid their subscriptions and supported each other in love and faith.

Between August 2020 and April 2021 a number of our members sadly died. Jean Brown, Jean Lister, Beth Hulton, Doreen Rees and Brenda Skyrme who was just about to celebrate her 100th birthday.

We did not have the usual involvement with Mothering Sunday flowers and of course we were not all able to give our thanks and good wishes to Fr. David Lyon when he retired on Easter Sunday. Fortunately Christine Barrow was able to attend and kindly presented him with our card and gift and all our love to both Fr. David and Brenda.

During the year we had some special celebrations. Dorothy Cartmell was 90 years young in March and celebrated being a member of the MU for 60 years. Miriam and Ron Naylor, Margaret and Harry Collier and Kath and Les Hall all celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversaries with congratulations from her Majesty, our Patron.

We were all very sad and concerned for our Treasurer Maureen Green when her dear husband Ron sadly died in July and we thank her sincerely for her continued support of our MU Branch and expertise with the accounts. During the year we have been having problems with our Bank Account and may change if necessary.

Our Branch finally had our first meeting on the 12th October 2021 when we met in Church and worshipped together with the 'Wave of Prayer' Service which was featured in the MU. News. At present we are holding our meetings in Church where we can spread out if necessary.

We met on 9th November when Adrian Page who is our Church Verger gave us a wonderful talk comparing very cleverly the present pandemic with health scares in the past and it was all extremely interesting.

Adrian worked very hard during the interregnum keeping the Parish together and we all thank him sincerely.

It was very joyful to welcome our new vicar Fr. Glen Brooks and his wife Helen when he was Instituted by Bishop Philip North on the 30th November 2021. Following the Service there were lovely refreshments and a special cake served in the Parish Rooms.

A few of our senior members had birthdays in November including Pat Ward , Gwen Wilkinson and our most senior Iris Orrell who was 103yrs young.

In December Fr. Glen joined a group of our members when we enjoyed a festive lunch at the Fairhaven Golf Club which Kath Hall had very kindly organised for us.

Unlike 2020 we were able to hold a Christingle and Crib Building Service in 2021 but we did not attach sweets or sticks for health reasons just red tape and glow sticks in very substantial oranges which looked very good.

Mothers' Union displayed a Christmas Tree at the Tree Festival in December which attracted quite a few visitors to our church and hopefully funds for the various charities.

Our Diocesan President Enid Nutlarid retired this year, all the branches contributed to a gift and we thank her for all her work and care, her successor is Gill Ireland.

Thanks to Christine Hodgkinson our Deanery Rep. we were able to purchase our Mothers' Union Diaries and cards.

I would also like to thank Brenda Squires our Deanery President for alt her support and care.

Let us hope that we and her Majesty in this special coming year remain healthy and blessed.

Christine Buckley Branch Leader

k) "INFLUENCE" MAGAZINE

After the interruptions caused by the pandemic we are pleased to report that the magazine now returns to regular publications of 10 per year which includes double issues for Winter & Summer. The magazine is also now available on the website, in full colour, at the beginning of each month.

Over the past two years several advertisers withdrew their adverts, but we are delighted to report that several new organisations have now placed adverts in the magazine.

The Editorial Team wish to thank everyone who is involved in the preparation, proof-reading, printing and distribution of the magazine and also thanks to those people who regularly contribute articles.

Influence is an important part of our mission within the community, so you are all welcome to submit articles for publication.

Denise Brown Editor

l) WEBSITE

(www.stannesparishchurch.org)

After the problems with our hosting company in 2020, the new website was constructed in the second half of that year and in 2021 was fully up and running. Although there were few events to report on because of the pandemic, the website proved invaluable for keeping parishioners up to

date with revised service times and Covid restrictions in Church. Again I was pleased to receive complimentary emails and comments about the site.

Paul McMahon Website administrator

III COMMITTEES & SYNODS

a) LAND AND BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

The Land & Buildings Committee supports the Church Warden(s) in the discharge of their responsibilities for the Church & Churchyard. In the past it has met 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 twice in 2021, and active participation has now become something of a problem. Apart from the churchwarden (ex officio, but no meetings since her appointment) and the vergier I am the only active member of the committee. As a priority we need someone to deal with insurance matters and someone to look after Vicarage Close. Neither are onerous tasks but need someone reliable to pick them up. 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 interest, knowledge or expertise whether it be DIY, electrics, insurance or whatever, but this is not essential.

No major projects were carried out on the church in the year 2021 but the following arisings were dealt with:

- A long running problem with our flag pole, which doubles as a telecoms aerial was dealt with in June and we are now able to fly flags again. It was an embarrassment that we were unable to fly a flag at half-mast for the Duke of Edinburgh's passing. The corrective work was done free-of-charge by the telecoms people.
- Entry of pigeons into the louvres on the roof of the north aisle was prevented by putting chicken wire over the louvres. This caused a lot of mess in church during the middle of the year.
- The wall of the churchyard was badly damaged by a car crashing into it in August at the Parish Rooms entry. Fortunately, this is an FBC responsibility and they were fairly quick in commissioning a repair.
- The telephone line into church was upgraded with broadband and WiFi is now available in church. This involved the installation of an extender to achieve satisfactory coverage throughout church.
- Ongoing issues with 2 Vicarage Close, including a water leak in the bathroom and damage to the garden fence during a gale.
- We were struck with major water ingress in church by the choir vestry door on the night of Fr Glen's induction (30th November) due to Storm Arwen a few nights before removing 250-300 tiles from the valley area. Our roofer, Mick Greenwood, was most helpful in coming so promptly and repairing the damage.
- Update of the church notice boards to cover the change of Vicar also the progressive change of service times resulting from COVID, the interregnum and the new Vicar.

The Quinquennial Inspection was done in November 2020 and delivered early in 2021. There were no surprises and all priority tasks are in hand.

A Faculty Application for floodlighting of the church initiated on 21st June 2021 has now been approved after about eight months in process. Implementation now needs to start. Are there any

volunteers to manage this project? The finance has all come from donations (Bill Hembrow Camino Walk, In Memoriam John Billington and Fylde Community Projects.)

The Land & Buildings Committee also has oversight of gas, water and electricity usage & purchase, insurance, general maintenance and repairs, security systems (including annual maintenance), 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 Parish Rooms are dealt with by a separate committee.

Our sesquicentennial project for the refurbishment and possible augmentation of the bells is being managed by our Tower Captain, Stuart Newton, but the Land & Buildings Committee maintain a watching brief. Fund raising is well under way as is faculty preparation and approval. All being well actual work will get under way in the first half of 2023 to be completed in time for our anniversary on 6th August 2023. At the same time we are planning to get the south side and some of the west side of the tower repointed, taking advantage of the silence of the bells for mortar to fully set. The flashing on the tower roof also needs some attention to prevent occasional water ingress.

The rainwater goods (drainpipes) are also in urgent need of either replacement or repainting. Getting this work under way has not been helped by the twin bogies of needing Diocesan approval and the need to get three estimates on major jobs.

The other issue that has come up recently is the matter of the phone mast rental. Following a change in the law, which allows rents to be determined based on the loss of amenity value of the site due to a phone mast rather than the value of the site as a telecomms hub, we have been advised of a renegotiation of our contract on the phone mast with a proposed reduction in rental to £2,500 pa. The current rental is £7,265 due for an RPI increment to ~£8,000 in April 2022. A meeting with the Standing Committee plus Adrian Bromiley (for legal advice) was held in Feb 2022. The general view was that at £2,500 it would be better to rid ourselves of the contract and the inconvenience of the equipment in the ringing room. However, it was also considered that including the microwave dishes we had a very valuable site, in which the phone people have made a significant investment, and that a considerable improvement in the offer might be negotiable. The meeting was adjourned to allow further investigation of the legal basis for the renegotiation.

Gerald Wilson Committee Secretary

b) PARISH ROOMS COMMITTEE

The Parish Rooms began to open up again in July 2021. Most of our hirers have returned and some new hirers have come.

Issues dealt with during the year included blocked drains in the disabled toilet, rats found in Room 1, lift breakdown, the boiler upstairs (we now have a new contractor). The vegetation at the side of the building has been cleared. Decorating of the Parish office has been put on hold until a suitable willing contractor can be found. The pointing of the wall facing Oxford Road has been completed (outstanding from 2020).

Many thanks to members of the committee for their time and expertise.

Ann Fletcher Committee Chair from May 2021

c) SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Due to the lockdown our annual report is a bit sparse.

The first event that we arranged when restrictions were eased was a fish and chip supper with bingo. This was held in October, and we are very grateful to Adrian for his unusual and at times hilarious take on bingo calling. A good night was had by all.

At the end of October Fr. Glen was installed as our new vicar and we celebrated the event with canapés, wine and a cake.

The major event for us was the tree festival although we had to cut it down on previous years because certain restrictions were still in place. I'm pleased to say that we raised over £1,260 for the participating charities which is an increase on the 2019 figure of £1,190. However, the Church's profit was understandably quite a bit less than 2019 due to pre mentioned restrictions but we still raised over £800. I'd like to thank everyone who helped with the organising and setting up, everyone who gave up their spare time to help, all our sponsors and a special thank you to the cleaners who dealt with 'needlegate' on a daily basis.

Hopefully 2022 will show a return to normal, whatever that is!

God bless and best wishes for 2022.

Peter Duke Committee Chair

d) OUTREACH COMMITTEE

2021 began as 2020 ended with many restrictions still in place. The Church was open for public worship but Father David continued to stream live services for those who wished to self-isolate. Father David's final service was on Easter Sunday and we are sure he and Brenda are enjoying their retirement. We thank them for all their efforts in promoting St Annes Parish Church.

We were able to meet twice in 2021 and in September we welcomed Fiona Wilson, Pam Kinghorn, Brian Hankinson and Ann Fletcher on to the committee. Susan and Lesley have served on this committee for many years and are always pleased when new members are able to join us.

We were one of the few places on the Fylde coast to open its doors to the public this year as part of the National Heritage Open Day scheme. The event was deemed to be a great success with a large number of visitors and many favourable comments were received. We would like to thank the bell-ringers who provided guided tours of the bell tower and everyone who gave their time to ensure the day was a success.

We again produced a Church Christmas card and were delighted that they all sold very quickly, although that meant that some parishioners were disappointed. We plan to increase the number of cards available next year, though, as always, we advise early purchase to avoid disappointment.

Although there were again fewer events and services in 2021 we continued to advertise on the Church notice board, website, Facebook and the Local List. It was also very pleasing to have the Christmas Tree Festival up and running again; this needed additional advertising and we were grateful for the coverage provided by the Lytham St Annes Express and the Local List.

We continue to be grateful to Gerald for his work on Facebook, Paul for keeping the website up to date, and to Denise and the Parish Office for producing the Church magazine, 'Influence'. We also asked the Parish Office to continue sending out the pew sheet weekly, something that was done during lockdown; this is particularly helpful when parishioners are unable to attend services through illness, holidays, etc.

I would like to conclude this report by thanking the members of the Outreach Committee for all their help and support throughout 2021, and the numerous individuals who are not on the

committee but who willingly help us to achieve our aim of raising the profile of St Annes Parish Church.

Susan McMahon Committee Chair

e) MISSION AND EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

In 2021 the Mission and Evangelism Committee met after July under the chairmanship of Adrian Page. From January 2022 Ann Fletcher has been in the chair. Thanks are due to Adrian for all he does on behalf of this committee.

The church is open on Friday afternoon and regularly attracts a few people who want a quiet time or are visitors to the area. There has been discussion about whether the church should be open more often and the preparations needed for this to take place.

Adrian has maintained links with the school and it is hoped that these will be developed.

A Remembrance service was held in the afternoon of Sunday 7th November for people who had lost loved ones during the pandemic and may not have had the chance to have a conventional funeral. It was well attended and much appreciated.

Baptisms have continued to be requested after the church re-opening. It is hoped that we will continue to keep in touch with families on their anniversaries.

We continue to collect food for the Foodbank which is distributed via the school.

Brian Hankinson has continued as our Vision 2026 representative.

Nursery Praise has not continued after the pandemic as Jan Hood decided to step down in July 2021. We are grateful to Jan for her service in this role over the last few years.

Ann Fletcher Committee Chair

f) KIRKHAM DEANERY SYNOD

Fr. David Lyon's retirement has meant that a new Area Dean had to be appointed. She is Revd. Anne Beverley of Christ Church, Wesham.

IV ASSOCIATED ORGANISATIONS

a) HEYHOUSES NURSERY SCHOOL

Like so many organisations Nursery has seen many changes over the past year. There have been several staffing changes both within the nursery team and with the recruitment of new staff. This will enable our Nursery to continue moving forward and maintain its outstanding reputation.

After nineteen years as the Nursery Business Manager I have now retired, however I will continue supporting nursery in my role as a trustee.

The nursery staff supported many families with home learning and other support during the pandemic. Since re-opening fully, despite the restrictions the children have continued to enjoy many and varied learning experiences through fun filled activities. We are pleased to report that the confidence of our families has increased along with the awareness for children to be in nursery, they have missed so much both educationally and socially during the pandemic. We would like to thank all our families for their support over the past two years.

The Friends held a successful Christmas Fair in December and are now beginning to plan other fundraising events for the coming year.

We would like to thank the Verger, Adrian Page, for encouraging and supporting our visits to church and especially for allowing our 'Christmas Story' to be performed for parents in December.

We are pleased to welcome Fr Glen to the parish and look forward to his visits to nursery over the coming months.

We also look forward to Nursery Praise & Children's Church resuming in the coming year and pray that a new leaders are found for both groups.

We thank you all for your support and prayers over the year.

Denise Brown

b) WEDNESDAY MEN

We few, we happy few.....

Our team grew by 25% with the welcome addition of Terry Sutton to our number, now four in total, a far cry from the 15 or so that inaugurated the Wednesday Men on 25th June 1991 and since then have been involved with many projects great and small. Nevertheless, we do what we can to keep church and more particularly the churchyard looking reasonably tidy and well cared for.

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
- Clearing of ivy and vegetation from the walls around the churchyard
- Any other odd jobs within our capability either inside or outside of church

We would welcome anyone MALE or FEMALE wishing to join our happy band on a Wednesday morning from 9.30am at church. If you spot any odd jobs needing attention, please let us know.

Gerald Wilson, Eric Roberts, Piers Fenwick, Terry Sutton

c) VISION 2026

Nothing much to report about the Vision over the past twelve months. There was one Zoom meeting. Much of the meeting concentrated on how different parishes had suffered during the lock down. Discussions took place about how parishes were making great efforts on trying to get back to some sort of normality as with our own parish.

Later on this year I, along with everyone else, am very much looking forward to the arrival of our new curate in July of Fr. Ryan Ottley who I understand will be taking a leading role in the Vision as part of his training. Also to tie in with the arrival of Fr. Ryan, Carolyn Barton (Director of Vision Delivery) for the diocese has been invited to come and speak to us about the Vision on Monday 18th July 2022 at 7pm. So I ask us all to pray for the arrival of Fr. Ryan and for God's guidance in his mission work with us.

Brian Hankinson Vision 2026 Champion

d) ADDITIONAL CURATES' SOCIETY

We were pleased to be able to send £200 to the ACS for their continuing work in providing curates to parishes in poorer areas.

Pam Kinghorn Parish Representative