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DRAYTON IN HALES
ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING
and
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
MONDAY 24th May 2021 7.30pm in ST MARY'S CHURCH

AGENDAS FOR THE AGM

Worship

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

Appointment of Secretary

Minutes of last year's Meeting

Matters Arising

Election of Churchwardens

Election of Churchwardens 'Assistants

Charity Accounts

Any Other Business

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Electoral Roll Officer's Report
3. Minutes of last year's Meeting
4. Matters Arising
5. Reports from Organisations
6. Treasurer's Report
7. The Adoption of the Accounts
8. The Appointment of an Independent Examiner
9. *SHORT BREAK*
10. Election of PCC members (6 to be elected).
11. Churchwarden's Report
12. Any Other Business– please free to ask and questions or raise any items you wish. To help us to address these properly and plan the meeting most effectively please send any AOB items to Catherine McBride by 21st May.
13. Vicar's Remarks
14. The Grace

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING
OF ST MARY'S CHURCH, MARKET DRAYTON,
HELD ON 26th October 2020**

The meeting was chaired by Revd Catherine McBride, Vicar

1. Catherine welcomed everyone and the meeting opened with a worship and prayer.
2. APPOINTMENT OF A SECRETARY: Helen Hughes was proposed by Catherine McBride, seconded by Michael Revell and appointed for this meeting.
3. MINUTES OF 2019 AVM: Lindsay Bashford proposed that the minutes of the 2019 AVM be adopted. This was seconded by David Costelloe and agreed nem. con. and Catherine signed the minutes as a true record.
4. MATTERS ARISING: None
5. APPOINTMENT OF CHURCHWARDENS:
Catherine thanked Lindsay Bashford and Avril Innocent for their hard work and dedication this year, particularly their continued behind the scenes work to keep the church and church family supported during lockdown and coronavirus restrictions. Catherine presented a gift to both.
No-one else came forward to stand so Lindsay Bashford (proposed by David Lake seconded by Laurina Rushworth) and Avril Innocent (proposed by Val Creasey seconded by Ken Woods) approved as Churchwardens, unanimously. Churchwarden's Assistants Val Creasey, Tim Lomas, Michael Rushworth, Alan Venables and Ken Woods were proposed by Helen Smith and seconded by David Clarke and elected nem. con.
6. DRAYTON RELIEF IN NEED ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2020

Disbursements	£570
Receipts	£944
Underlying value of funds	£23,252
7. COLLEY SALTER CHRISTMAS FUND ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

Disbursements	£2,150
Receipts	£2,124
Underlying value of funds	£71,032
8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None
9. There being no other business the meeting resolved into the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

**THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
OF ST MARY'S CHURCH, MARKET DRAYTON,
HELD FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING ON 26 October 2020**

PRESENT

Vicar, Revd Catherine McBride; Curate, Revd Ian Macfarlane, Administrator Helen Hughes (acting as Secretary) and 21 Parishioners of St Mary's Church in the room and 26 Parishioners of St Mary's Church online.

1. **APOLOGIES** were received from 4 Parishioners.

2. **ELECTORAL ROLL:** 7 names have been added to the roll and 5 have been removed. There are now 142 entries, a net increase of 2.

3. **MINUTES OF 2019 APCM:** The minutes of the 2019 APCM were agreed (proposed by David Costelloe and seconded by Val Creasey) and signed as a true record.

4. **MATTERS ARISING:** The Finance groups had considered the question of investing more of the money held in our accounts; however, this would be a significant and time-consuming undertaking.

Catherine advised that any change in the plumbing system in the kitchen would be an extensive job and would not be going ahead.

Council plans to extend CCTV are currently on hold, but they may come back to us in the future about this.

5. **REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS AND GROUPS:** these reports, giving an overview of the activities of St Mary's, were previously circulated. Catherine thanked everyone involved. Keren Macfarlane has stepped down as leader of the hospitality group and Catherine thanked her for her years involved. David & Gina Lake have agreed to take over this role for the next two years.

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** David Costelloe presented the Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 31 December 2019 (see attached) and drew attention to the following points:

1) The Accounts have been independently examined without comment from the Examiner.

2) Total value of the Balance Sheet has increased from £1.5 million to £1.8 million in round numbers. That is due to Net Incoming Resources of £45,000 and an increase of £280,000 in the valuation of investments.

3) Figures of regular special interest are Planned Giving which had increased by 10% to £60,000, and Church Maintenance which had been nil. The Annual Report records that St Mary's had 97 volunteers (not including trustees) helping to further the church's work.

4) General Fund balance of £183,000 was nearly £100,000 more than the PCC's minimum target; this is an abundantly sound position.

5) Outlook for 2020 is that finances will still be comfortable despite the effects of Covid-19. Foodbank and CAP are well funded; the strain is on the volunteers not the finances.

Geoff Oakes asked why St Mary's has so much cash which is just held in bank accounts which do not earn much interest. David replied that decent returns on cash balances are not presently available. Part of the Fabric Fund is invested in shares of the CBF Church of England Investment Fund.

7. **THE ADOPTION OF THE ACCOUNTS:** Lindsay Bashford proposed that these accounts be adopted and this was seconded by Michael Revell. They were adopted nem. con.

8. **THE APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:** David Costelloe proposed that the PCC should re-appoint Stubbs Parkin South as Independent Examiners. This was seconded by David Clarke and approved nem. con.

9. SHORT BREAK

10. **ELECTION OF DEANERY SYNOD MEMBERS** Election to the Deanery Synod is for a 3 year term. Our previous representatives: David Clarke, Sue Frankfort and Laurina Rushworth had all been willing to stand again and, in the absence of any other nominees, were duly elected.

11. **PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Eunice Gibbons stood down from the PCC and was thanked for her work by Catherine. Guy Skipwith and Michael Rushworth's 3 year term came to an end, but both chose to stand for re-election. The following were elected for 3 years: Alison Doulton and Julia Farrant. They join existing members Justin Frankfort, Val Creasey, Kenneth Woods and David Lake; Deanery Synod members David Clarke, Sue Frankfort and Laurina Rushworth; Carol Corney (ex officio licensed Lay Minister). The total on the PCC is 16 (this includes the vicar, the curate and the churchwardens, Lindsay Bashford and Avril Innocent).

12. **SIDESPERSIONS:** The election of sidespeople now rests with the PCC and would be carried out at the PCC meeting following the APCM

13. **CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT** (see attached):

Lindsay Bashford thanked all those who helped the church wardens during lockdown. Avril Innocent thanked everyone who has helped her during this turbulent year and that she was privileged to serve as church warden at St Mary's.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Catherine asked what more can we be doing to help people feel connected? She asked for thoughts and ideas to be emailed to her. John Corney expressed his gratitude to Catherine, Ian and the churchwardens for keeping us all connected this year. Malcolm Grey-Smart commented on how people are seeing Jesus working through all the churches charitable endeavours and prayers. Tim Lomas said 10 percent of the people who have attended the Sunday morning 9.00am services, so far, have not been to St Mary's before. That is 65 different people.

15. VICAR'S REMARKS:

This has certainly been a year no one saw coming! Catherine thanked all those who have stepped up and stepped into the breach over the past 7-8 months – the pastoral team and others who came on board to phone people and help out in practical ways and just generally looked out for one another; those who helped with communications – either delivering newsletters or helping with social media and online offerings; those who have joined extra rotas for cleaning and stewarding. Thank you to members of our Standing Committee who took on the bulk of the PCC activity for 6 months.

Catherine presented gifts to our two churchwardens: Lindsay and Avril, with thanks for all their support during this time, checking risk assessments, doing rotas and still doing all the usual oversight of our church building and things that still needed to be done even during lockdown.

She said a special thank you to David and Cynthia Costelloe, as Cynthia steps down as PCC secretary and David steps down as Treasurer. We have been blessed to have them and they will certainly leave big shoes to fill. David received a gift from St Mary's for them both.

PURPOSE AND VISION

Over the past year St Mary's has been in a process of trying to articulate what our values are as a church family. In the summer we had a six week sermon series exploring these values in more depth and several of the homegroups studied these together. We aim to be:

- Passionate for God
- Generous
- Outward looking
- Welcoming
- Loving
- Courageous

Embedding these into our church life will be an ongoing process, but we want them to start being guiding principles for what we do and the decisions we make as a church and we want to be able to hold each other accountable for putting these into practice.

This has been part of work which a team of six of us have been doing with an organisation called Lead Academy, where we've had access to teaching and coaching with market town churches wanting to grow in ministry and mission. Our team is Catherine, Ian, Lindsay, Keren, Sue and Laurina.

Alongside thinking about our values, we've been encouraged to try and discern what our God-given purpose and vision are for our church. As well as trying to listen prayerfully to God, we've sought the wisdom and input of the PCC and back in May we rolled out to them what we felt God was saying to us.

So what is our purpose? Why is St Mary's here? In a way we don't need to reinvent the wheel. Haven't we been told why we're here and what we're here to do? In Matthew's gospel we have the Great Commission, where Jesus leaves his parting charge to his followers: All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go – or therefor as you go – make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

Our purpose is to make disciples. But we wanted to express that in layman's terms. So, at St Mary's our purpose is to enable people to know Jesus, to love Jesus and to live for Jesus.

When we began thinking about our vision, we were asking ourselves the question what do we want to see happen through St Mary's? What kind of God-given future picture do we have? There are so many amazing things about Market Drayton – its friendliness, its sense of community, but it also feels like a place where a significant number of people struggle with life and perhaps lack real hope for the future. St Mary's is key to the future of our town.

And so we've expressed the vision we sense God giving us as this: Our vision is to see our town transformed by the love of Christ.

This might seem very broad and a bit vague. So this is what we mean by 'transformed' and what it would look like: As we see our town transformed by the love of Christ we will see our families, friends, neighbours and colleagues:

- Discovering and growing in their own relationship with God, as Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- Having renewed hope for the future
- Knowing real joy, peace and contentment in their lives
- Knowing they have a unique God-given purpose for their lives
- Working together for the good of all in our community.

Being a transforming church will mean some things for us as a church family. It will mean:

- being a church which lives out its values
- working to build God's kingdom in Market Drayton, by ensuring all have the opportunity to hear the gospel message
- becoming a community where people are transformed and made whole as they come to receive love, joy, peace, prayer, forgiveness, healing, mercy, support, reconciliation and to worship.
- working with other churches and town organisations
- ensuring that our buildings, ministries and structures help and enable these transformations to happen.

So in the new year we will be having another sermon series to explore various aspects of our purpose and vision and in the meantime, we will continue to use our church prayer: As we seek to live out our values and follow God's purpose and vision for St Mary's, we pray:

Open our eyes, Lord;
unblock our ears, Lord;
put your words
on our lips, Lord;
set our hearts on fire
to build your Kingdom
in our lives;
through our church;
in our town.
In Jesus' name. Amen.

The meeting closed with the church values prayer and grace at 9.00pm

REPORTS

Church Wardens

Well, it has been quite a year hasn't it. Amidst all the difficulties, it has been a delight to be supported as one of your churchwardens by your generosity and understanding. Open, closed, masks on/off, restrictions on services and on numbers we have still managed to be a church for the whole town through the very strangest of times. Thank you to everyone who has helped make our job as wardens as straightforward as possible. Avril has remained an excellent colleague and we have shared responsibilities and tasks as and when they have cropped up. Now is the time for her to move on and I shall miss her compassionate and caring cooperation. She has been great as churchwarden and will be a hard act to follow – thank you Avril. Our assistant wardens, Alan, Ken, Mike, Tim and Val, have, as ever, stepped up to the plate with practical solutions to new problems and a willingness to serve congregation and community. Thank you all so very, very much. In my last report we were just beginning to understand the huge changes covid-19 would force upon us. Now, after several ups and downs, the changes in our behaviour and the successful immunisation of so many people mean that we can begin to look forward to a new life together in Christ. We cannot be sure how things will turn out, but we will definitely continue to need to know, love and live for Jesus. We will want to express our church values in everything we do and remain at the heart of bringing the love of God to Market Drayton.

PASSIONATE FOR GOD / OUTWARD-LOOKING / GENEROUS / LOVING / WELCOMING / COURAGEOUS

Lindsay Bashford

As my role as Church Warden comes to a close, it is a time to reflect. What have I learnt? This year especially, has been a difficult period for everyone but I have seen first-hand the huge amount of time and effort Catherine and Ian have put in to help steer us through these unsettled times. Thank you both.

I have learnt what a generous congregation we have at St Mary's, offering their time and talents wherever needed. This includes the superb team we have at St Mary's with Lindsay as CW, our assistant Church Wardens, Welcomers and Sides People who consistently offer their time and perform their roles quietly and efficiently. You have made my role as Church Warden so much easier

Also, a big thank you to all of you who suffered from my constant e-mails and yet still offered to be readers or leaders of our prayers each week! You are so important to our worship.

Finally...

I have learnt what a wonderful family we have here at St Mary's, and I know whoever takes over as your new Church Warden will also be blessed with the love and support that you have shown to me.

Avril Innocent

Safeguarding

Since my last report there have been no recent areas of concern that have needed action. There was one historical enquiry made the diocese which we were able to help with.

DBS renewals, for those working with children and vulnerable adults, have continued to be done even during lockdowns.

Please remember that if you have any concerns about Safeguarding at St. Mary's, that I am the person to contact.

Barbara Bashford
Safeguarding Officer

Stewardship

Giving was down a bit on the previous year because Covid stopped us coming to church to worship together, but thanks to the constancy of our givers the decrease was relatively small - in 2020 our regular givers gave £58,212 which is £2,180 less than in 2019. It was important that much of the giving is by standing order.

The number of regular givers dropped from 77 to 72. At 31 December 2019 there were:

19	giving by envelope	(down from 31 in 2019)
53	giving by standing order	(up from 47 in 2019)

Gift Aid adds 25% to the value of each gift, if the donor can sign a Gift Aid declaration. If you would like to know more about the regular giving scheme, please speak to me.

Avril Innocent

MISSION ACTION PLANNING

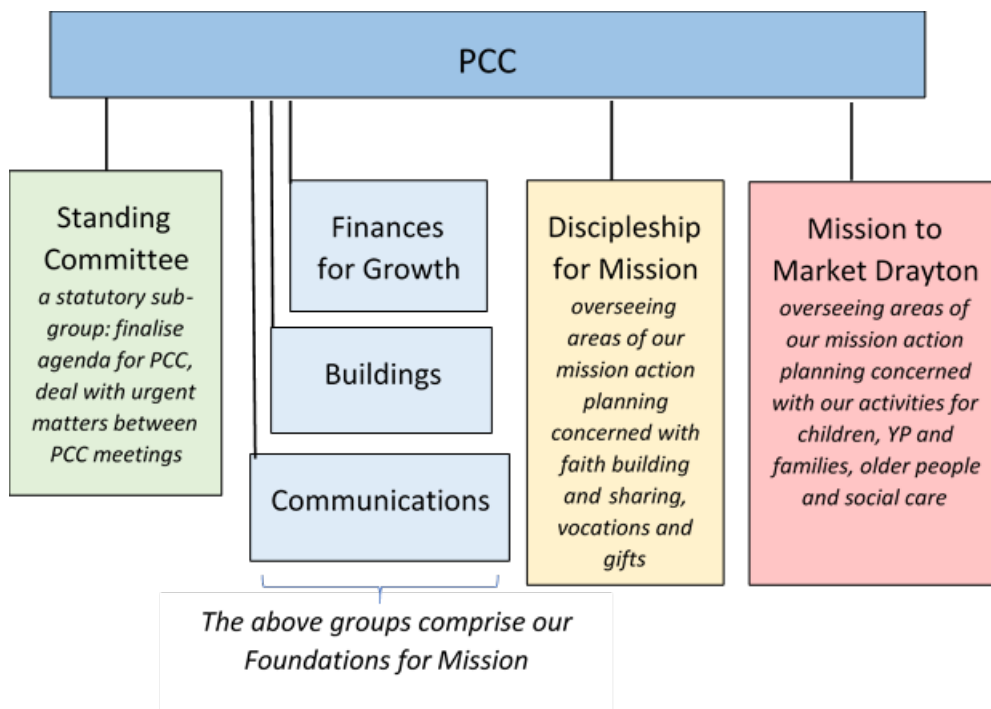
In summer 2020 we rolled out our St Mary’s values and at the autumn APCM we spoke about our purpose and vision.

Our values are to be: passionate for God, outward-looking, generous, loving, welcoming and courageous. Based on the call of Jesus to ‘make disciples’, we have described our purpose as being to enable people to know Jesus, love Jesus and live for Jesus and we have a vision to see our town transformed by the love of Christ.

The work of ensuring our values become truly embedded into our church family DNA will continue this year and we will be looking for the right time to properly roll-out our purpose and vision. Initial plans included a sermon series for Lent 2021; however, as we emerged from a winter of lockdown it felt more appropriate to focus on some self-care for our souls and that become the focus of our Lent series.

Over the summer months, however, the PCC are planning to use the purpose and vision to help us sift through the many mission ideas we have generated both pre- and post-COVID and to determine a small number of priorities which we can begin to put into action.

The ideas we have had have also helped us develop a structure for PCC, which will enable us to maintain a focus on our mission plans and activities going forward:



Foundations for Mission, includes things like our finances, building and communications. These areas have their own teams which will feed directly into PCC. Discipleship for Mission will focus on those things which build our faith and help us share our faith, as well as those things which help people identify and use their gifts and explore their vocations. Mission to Market Drayton will focus on our outreach and work with children/young people and families; our support of older people and our social care/action activities. These MISSION GROUPS will develop their Mission Action Plans and co-opt members of the wider church family according to our gifts and passions and interests. Where would you like to be involved?

Catherine McBride

CONGREGATIONS

Sunday Mornings

Services in church stopped from 22nd March 2020 and didn’t restart until the beginning of August. During that time St Mary’s moved online and what a surprise that was! Surprisingly, attendance was great, sometimes exceeding 80 people. Surprisingly, they weren’t all from Market Drayton, with people joining us from other parts of the UK, as

well as Germany, Israel and occasionally even Singapore! Surprisingly, many members of the church family managed to cope with the new technology. And, surprisingly, we've been able to enjoy socialising together, albeit on screen. I'm very grateful for everyone's perseverance, willingness to adapt and sense of humour as we've coped with the vagaries of Zoom and got used to the new liturgical response:

Minister: O Lord, open our lips

All: You're on mute, Catherine!

When we did return to church in August there were many restrictions we had to contend with: masks, social distancing, no singing, no 'mingling'. So we continued with our 10.30am service online and introduced a version of our 8.30am 'said' service, this time at 9.00am and alternating between BCP and CW. Attendance at this service has been around 24-26 people, some from the original 8.30am congregation and some from the 10.30am congregation; all eager to be back in church despite the restrictions. Over time we have been able to introduce a lower risk method for administering communion, in line with Church of England guidance.

There are a number of issues and questions the Ministry Team have been discussing in terms of services as we move forward after the pandemic:

- When do we restart the 10.30am service in church? Rather than try and fix a date for this, the Ministry team feel that we would want certain criteria to be in place, these being: a lifting of the restriction on singing and mingling and an easing of the need for social distancing and mask wearing. We will be monitoring the government regulations to see these criteria are met.
- Following the success of our online service, we are planning to incorporate some sort of online option for joining our services in church and are considering what other online services we might be able to offer.
- What time should the first service be? Does it return to 8.30am or do we keep it at the later time of 9.00am and allow the two morning congregations some time to socialise together. We will be canvassing your thoughts on this, but do let me know what you think.

I'd particularly like to thank all those who have helped with stewarding at the 9.00am service over the past year and who have dealt patiently and graciously with all the safety precautions, while still ensuring that people were warmly welcomed. My thanks, too, to Ian Macfarlane for all his help with the technology and video editing over the past year.

Catherine McBride

Thursday Communion Service

Sadly our Thursday Communion service has been a casualty of the pandemic. We will be looking for a way of reintroducing this as soon as we can.

Catherine McBride

Messy Church

Since the start of the pandemic, we have had to find a different way of reaching out to our Messy Church community. We are so grateful for the gift of technology which has enabled us to host a monthly virtual Messy Church session via the St Mary's YouTube channel and Facebook, allowing families to have fun getting to know Jesus and learn about the Bible, through stories, talks, songs, prayer and crafts. Recent topics have included The Good Samaritan and Choosing God's voice.

The St Mary's Messy Christingle 2020 was a combination of pre-recorded and live events which started on the 21st December, culminating in a short Christingle service around the church green on Christmas Eve. This proved to be a hugely popular and greatly appreciated with over 80 requests for craft bags and lots of families joining in to listen to the Christmas story and to make all the crafts and the Christingles. A huge thanks to the Mothers' Union for providing the 'ingredients' for the Christingles and to all those who helped during the week and at the service on Christmas Eve.

Leading up to Easter, we invited families to join us on the St Mary's Messy Easter Journey as we followed Jesus' journey from Palm Sunday to his resurrection on Easter Day. 5 short videos were released during Holy Week telling the Easter story and craft packs were given out to enable families to join in with the daily activities. A short service attended by over 20 people was held on the church green on Easter Saturday with a prize given for the best Easter garden. Again, thank you to all who helped with the success of this.

It is a real privilege to be able to share God's love with the Messy Church family. Thank you to everyone who is involved with and prays for Messy Church. A special thank you as well to Rev Ian Macfarlane, whose superb technological skills and support have enabled Messy Church to happen over the past year. Please continue to pray for our Messy Church families, that they will truly know God's love and his peace and please pray for the Messy Church team as we look forward to resuming face to face contact in the not-too-distant future.

Ali Doulton, Julia Farrant & Rev Catherine McBride

Café Worship

This service also, unfortunately, had to stop during the pandemic. Before the pandemic, we had just begun to review whether this service should become monthly, rather than every other month. Before restarting the service we will complete this review to discern whether this service is reaching the right people.

Catherine McBride, Café Worship Team

Prayer Ministry Team

Another part of Church life that has sadly had to be put on hold since the 10.30 services in Church were suspended. We aim to offer Prayer Ministry again as soon as we are able. We pray now that this can happen sooner rather than later.

Carol Corney

Pastoral Report

Pastoral needs have been slightly different this last year, apart from funeral follow-up that has continued. The Phone Friends and Helping Hands scheme has been much appreciated and we are hoping that this will continue.

Home visiting has had to be suspended but the phone is a wonderful standby and we hope that no-one has felt neglected in the Covid period.

Please contact me if you, or someone you know, is in need of any kind and we shall do what we can.

Carol Corney

HOME GROUPS

An 'Alpha initiated' Home Group

Sadly, our group has not been able to meet since the first Lockdown due to some members' difficulties with online meetings, but we have certainly kept in touch with each other and look forward to meeting again in the Autumn – hopefully.

We pray that this 'loss' of over a year will have given us an enthusiasm for returning to the pleasure and challenges that meeting together and learning together give us. May God bless us and renew us.

Carol Corney

East End Homegroup

The East End Homegroup continued to meet fortnightly as normal until lockdown in March 2020. After a while we started meeting on Zoom (when we had all mastered it) and we studied Psalm 23, which we found encouraging at that time. We then started to meet weekly in order to follow the studies from the sermon series on the values of St Mary's. At the end of July we did a final study on Psalm 23 and decided we were all "Zoomed out" and needed a break. We decided to suspend meetings for a few months. Health and our future plans then led to us resigning as leaders and the homegroup is not meeting at present. We were sorry to say goodbye to Lesley West when she and Keith moved away in 2021.

David and Cynthia Costelloe

Three Counties Home Group

The Three Counties Home Group usually plan to meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month in homes that, not surprisingly, are in either Cheshire, Shropshire or Staffordshire. This last year or so, because of the coronavirus pandemic, we obviously have not been able to meet in our houses or local hostelrys and have had to forego our usual Summer walk and Christmastide 'Bring and We have been able to maintain distance contact with one another for various Church led services and our fortnightly meetings, courtesy of Zoom. These meetings have taken on an added national and international dimension thanks to regular attendance of Shulamit from Israel and Geoff and Hope

Price from 'dan sarf'. We haven't followed any set programme this time but our thoughts, prayers and the range of our conversations have definitely been Spirit led.

Sadly, in January we lost our dear friend Tom Lowe. Despite the lock down restrictions, we were blessed to be able to share his funeral with Gill and their family, albeit via Zoom.

The current situation is doable but not entirely convenient. As time passes and, hopefully, restrictions ease, we will plan to resume our homegroup meetings as before.

Michael Revell

Pilgrim Homegroup

We have not met as a group due to age and the inability of many of us to meet online. However, we have continued to keep in touch with one another and look forward to meeting again when the restrictions are lifted and it is safe to do so.

Tim and Sheila Lomas

Church House Home Group

We have not gone back to meeting up together but support each other by phone.

Val Creasey

Prospectors Homegroup

Our homegroup has ten regular attendees with three other occasional members. In "normal" times, we meet fortnightly (on a Tuesday) at our home in Prospect Road. We continue to be a fairly dynamic group, not all are members at St Marys.

When lockdown came, we immediately turned to Zoom and started meeting on a weekly basis to pray and share together – to just help us all to cope with the strangeness of the pandemic. Eventually we moved back to fortnightly meetings and started to revisit sermons and go into more depth with those passages of the Bible. We also really enjoyed the Bible study series Catherine created to help us to understand St Mary's adopted Values and we are really excited and looking forward to getting going with some more studies around our vision mission and purpose!

It is our usual practice to run a series of social events for us and our partners during the summer break. January 2020 was the last such occasion when we hired the "upper room" at Fordhall Farm for a house group family meal which was fun! Hopefully we will soon be able to reconsider face to face meetings (although zooming has been ever so convenient!)

We hope that our homegroup provides a safe space for us all to grow, learn and share and where we feel supported by others with the same or similar world views.

We welcome opportunities to share knowledge and experiences with others.

Sue Frankfort

PARISH ROOMS

The Parish Rooms has been closed for much of the past year due to the pandemic. For much of this time the sole users of the premises were the Foodbank. They saw a dramatic increase the number of clients during lockdown, so they were grateful for the additional space.

A lot of work was done on risk assessments to allow us to open as a COVID-secure venue in the summer of 2020 and we have worked closely with hall users to ensure compliance.

Being closed has obviously had an impact on the Parish Room finances. However, through the great work of Carol Preston, our Parish Rooms Manager, we successfully applied for two grants of £500 (May 2020) and £5000 in (October 2020), which have helped greatly.

Catherine McBride; Chair Parish Rooms Committee

CHURCH ACTIVITY REPORTS

Bell Tower

Due to the COVID regulations no bellringing has taken place during the past year with the exception of tolling a bell to mark the funeral of Prince Phillip.

Before the bell was tolled on Saturday 17th April the Bell Chamber was checked and all bells were found to be in working order and the bird netting was in place

With the easing of COVID regulations bellringing will soon recommence

David Beckwith

Bookshop

The bookshop ceased to offer a service at the end of March when the first Covid restrictions came into force. It was agreed that the books then held for sale or return could not be returned to the Methodist Bookshop (MBS) in Hanley and the entire stock was purchased by the church. These books remain to be sold after all the restrictions are lifted. At the end of the first lockdown the MBS was contacted but they were not operating a sale or return system at that time. When all Covid restrictions are lifted the situation will be reviewed. It should be noted that our Bookshop bank account with HSBC (now at the Stafford branch) has, with the agreement of the Treasurer, been terminated and all funds returned to the main PCC accounts.

Tim Lomas

Church Office

Government advice has prevented me working in the office on a daily basis. However, I have been able to work from home, and, over the past few months I have been coming into the office 2-3 days a week.

David Costelloe moved into the office in the summer in preparation of his stepping down as Treasurer. With David's help and brilliant training, I have taken on some of the finance work which will keep me more than busy.

I am very much looking forward to returning to the office each morning and reuniting with some familiar faces very soon.

Helen Hughes

Churchyard & Garden

Those of you who have continued to walk into Church via the churchyard will have noticed that the flower beds have continued to blossom, the grass kept neat and tidy, and that the path from West End to side church door has had a makeover. This latter has been due entirely to Nita and John who have spent many hours here, and generally improving the appearance of our entrance. So we would like to pass on our very grateful thanks for their efforts.

John Corney

Flowers

During the last year, with the church being closed most of the time, there have been very few occasions when fresh flowers have been required. We have had them for weddings and Easter, but otherwise we have decorated the church with silk flowers.

Many thanks to Sue Frankfort for her lovely arrangements, they have been much appreciated at our limited services. The 'Flower Rota' will be back in place once we have more frequent services, (for donating and/or arranging), so please sign up.

Barbara Bashford

Phoenix Group

We are a self- help group who support anyone who has suffered bereavement. We usually meet once a month for a coffee and a chat. During the Summer we usually try and organise a day out to a restaurant or park.

The group, like many others have been unable during the pandemic to meet but have regularly been in contact with each other. Many thanks to both Margaret Moss, Veronica Williams and Cynthia Parkinson who, throughout the whole of this last year, have taken the time to phone the other members of the group on a regular basis.

Hopefully, now, with the lifting of Covid restrictions and the chance of better weather we will be able to reinstate our monthly outings!

Avril Innocent

Swap Shop

We have, quite understandably, not been able to hold a Swap Shop during the whole of the pandemic as this event would be one of the worst for passing on a virus/es. Many people outside our church have asked when we might be able to resume and it seems as though the event has been missed. So, it's a case of "watch this space".

Carol Corney

CHURCH ASSOCIATIONS

Mothers' Union

Our group has not been able to meet since March of 2020 but we have been able to communicate, to receive news of Mothers' Union worldwide as well as in the UK, and to contribute to the running of our organisation by our monetary support.

We were greatly encouraged by the overall result of our somewhat different 'Make a Mother's Day/Lent Appeal' which enabled us to send £533 to our Head Office to benefit women around the world to rebuild their lives and gain new skills to help their families.

Also of benefit to 2 local ladies was a pot of money held by Lichfield MU which enabled them to purchase greatly needed kitchen appliances. These were both CAP clients – so Praise the Lord and Thank You all.

Carol Corney

Girls Friendly Society

We continue to meet each week by Zoom and do not envision going back until September term. We spend time chatting, doing an activity, or playing a game.

Val Creasey

WIDER CHURCH

Hodnet Deanery Synod

Hodnet Deanery Synod comprises reps (lay and clergy) from 18 churches - the town churches of Christ Church, Little Drayton and St Mary's, The United Benefice (St Swithun's, Cheswardine; St Michael's, Child's Ercall; St Mary's, Hales; St Oswald's, Hinstock; St Luke's, Sambrook; St Peter's, Stoke-On-Tern), St Luke's Hodnet, The Epiphany, Peplow, AIMCA Benefice (St Peter's Adderley; St Margaret of Antioch, Moreton Saye; St John the Baptist, Ightfield; Holy Trinity, Calverhall; Christ Church, Ash), St Chad's, Norton in Hales and St Leonard's, Woore and St Mary's, Aston. The Chaplain from HMP Stoke Heath is also a member. Your reps are David Clarke, Sue Frankfort and Laurina Rushworth

That's the who, here's the why:

- Deanery Synods can make a big difference in the deanery with supporting the needs and requirements of all the churches for example with Lent courses, quiet days, training events and retreats. As well as being a listening, praying and action group.
- Deanery Synod has an extremely important role in the diocese and in the national church because the reps elect Diocesan Synod representatives and General Synod representatives. Deanery Synods can influence the agenda of Diocesan Synods and make a substantive difference to what the national church and the diocese are talking about and doing.
- Deanery Synods can be involved in diocesan consultations about anything from clergy deployment to parish share to setting the overall vision for the diocese.

It is this last bullet point that has been exercising the Deanery of late with the Diocesan Shaping for Mission programme. Thank you to those of you who responded to the survey requests – more information will be shared on this process by the Shaping for Mission team lead by Rural Dean Revd Chris Simpson and Assistant Rural Dean Revd Catherine McBride via the reps and PCC members over the next few months. In this deanery at the moment, there are two Interim Ministers (AMICA and Woore/Norton in Hales) following the resignation of Revd Rich Clarkson and retirement of Revd Don Alcock.

Like many the changes in meeting style has been substantial – all on Zoom – and it has been very gratifying to see the willingness to adapt. We look forward in the future to a hybrid arrangement going forward.

I think it is important for us all to be aware of what is happening with our fellow pilgrims in their particular circumstances so that we can be, to each other, a source of information, help and prayer.

Lastly, it has been in the newsletter that elections for Diocesan Synod are taking place now – you don't have to be a Deanery Synod rep – do contact me if you would like further information.

Laurina Rushworth

Churches Together Report to APCM April 2021

Churches Together is an ecumenical organisation and the national instrument for the Christian church in England. It coordinates the work of different churches, with key aims to:-proclaim the good news of Jesus; to teach/baptise and nurture Christians; to respond to human need by loving service.

In Market Drayton we are committed to serving and to really working together to ensure a consistent Christian message to non-believers. In “normal” years, this is achieved by being at key town events such as the Drayton 10K race and marking the key Christian festivals. This year, like everyone else, we had to adapt and find ways to achieve connection without face to face contact. The highlights have been online social media interaction at Christmas time which meant very large numbers of people (into 1000s) hearing the good news. We also delivered a Christmas card to every house in the town and care home staff which was well received.

The Churches Together group is made up of two representatives from each of the two Anglican churches in the town, the Catholic Church, the Methodist church, a small house church and AMICA (Adderley, Moreton Say, Ightfield, Calverhall and Ash benefice). The St Marys reps are myself and Julia Farrant. The Cheswardine benefice has recently accepted an invitation to join us.

Churches Together coordinates various joint activities which serve the town, namely the Foodbank, Christians against Poverty, Prayer for Persecuted Christians, Mens Ministry, Uniform Bank and Market Day outreach.

Plans for 2021

We are currently working on involvement with the Drayton 10K which is in October this year (marshalling etc); Ginger and Spice Festival; Christmas Events and outreach to the new estates (via a welcome card)

What can I do?

If you would like more detail about Churches Together activity locally, please ask and when the call for volunteers comes, please respond! I plan to step down as Secretary in January 2022, so please prayerful consider if this is something you may be called to. I will be very happy to discuss this with anyone who'd like to know a bit more.

Finally, please do pray for unity in the town and that Churches Together is able to promote strong, consistent messages of the Good News in the town!

Sue Frankfort
Secretary Churches Together

JOINT VENTURES

The CAP Debt Centre and CAP Services – Update on activities throughout the pandemic

Since my last report for the APCM, a lot has happened!

Back in March 2020, after a couple of weeks of trying to work out how the debt service could continue to operate, CAP Bradford (Head Office), managed to develop new systems and procedures (within Government guidelines) to enable debt help to continue. This meant that by using a combination of telephone and internet methods, Keith Harrison (ebt Coach) and I were able to continue to operate the debt service, although we could not see Clients ‘face to face’/in person.

By September, and with the enormous effort of the Parish Rooms Manager (Carol Preston) and our Vicar, Catherine, and others, we were able to once again see Clients ‘face to face’ in the COVID secure setting of the Parish Rooms. There were a lot of risk assessments (CofE and CAP Bradford) to develop, action and follow, as well as ensuring the strict Government guidelines were adhered to (Hands, face, space: installation of hand sanitisation dispensers; masks;strict social distancing) etc.

The Debt Centre continues to see Clients, at their preference, either in person, or using the 'remote' methods detailed above. It is the choice of the Client as to which method they feel most comfortable with.

I also want to mention the fantastic support of the CAP Debt Visit Team Volunteers, who have been amazing throughout. They have really 'gone the extra mile' for our Clients through this difficult time.

There have been Clients go 'debt free' through the pandemic, which has been a fantastic achievement for them, and so encouraging for myself, Keith and the team.

We have had a recent case whereby we could look back and see how, over the long and difficult months, a Client has been carried by God and the power of prayer has been evident for all to see. This Client still has a way to go, but the future looks brighter, positive and welcoming now. Please pray that this person sees that God has been at work in their life.

The other CAP Services have operated to varying degrees over this period: The CAP Money course has been delivered by Ali Doulton and Julia Farrant is about to complete her training as CAP Life Skills Manager. There are plans for the other services (Fresh Start and Job Club to resume in the near future (following Government guidelines etc).

As ever, the CAP Prayer Team continue to hold all the CAP Services and their Managers, Coaches, Volunteers and Clients in their prayers. We are extremely grateful for this prayer support, which sustains us and keeps us all focused on the reason why we do this.

There is currently a vacancy for a volunteer CAP Debt Coach working two days a week. This role would suit anyone with an interest in supporting people who are struggling with unpayable debt. Full online training is offered by CAP Bradford, and there is a requirement that the Coach be a committed Christian.

For further information on the Debt Coach role or any of the CAP services, please contact Gill Carley in the first instance on 07855460655 or by email: gillcarley@capuk.org

Gill Carley

Market Drayton Foodbank Report

In an unprecedented year for all of us, the pandemic has inevitably led to an increase in use during 2020. Early in April, our face-to-face model of serving our clients needed to be changed to a delivery model to protect both volunteers and clients. The impact of coronavirus increased Foodbank use to almost threefold at the height of the pandemic in April/May and in the whole of 2020, we provided 1366 parcels, feeding just under 3800 people compared to 2330 people in 2019. To add to this, we provided 56 Christmas hampers in the week leading to Christmas and 1468 child holiday meals throughout the year.

We thank all those people who donated food and money throughout the year. Everyone was very generous, and we received extra crates of food from supermarkets and through Shropshire Food Poverty Alliance to help us feed those in crisis. The amount of food was phenomenal, and we had to source extra storage to keep it all. Our thanks to St Mary's church for allowing us to use the Parish Rooms during the lockdowns.

We were overwhelmed with people wanting to volunteer their time to help and to those who did volunteer, we thank them for their hard work and commitment in very difficult circumstances. We were even able to set up a virtual signposting team comprising of our pre-Covid 'welcome team' volunteers working from home.

Finally, we ask the PCC, our Trustees, to pray for the Foodbank, the people of Market Drayton and all those affected by the pandemic and crises as a result of it. We pray that later on in 2021, will see us being able to resume gradually to a more normal, but probably 'different' service as we work towards reducing the need for food parcels in Market Drayton by tackling the underlying causes.

Helen McSherry
Market Drayton Foodbank Manager



St Mary's Market Drayton

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary's,
Drayton in Hales

Annual Report & Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

In Christ's name

We seek to welcome all

To lead people to Christ, to nurture the faith, and

To engage and serve the community

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St Mary's Market Drayton

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2020

St Mary's is the Anglican Parish Church of Market Drayton in Shropshire, in the Diocese of Lichfield, in the Shrewsbury Episcopal Area and in the Deanery of Hodnet. The Ecclesiastical Name of the parish remains unchanged from ancient times as Drayton-in-Hales, although Market Drayton is the modern name of the town.

CONSTITUTION

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a body corporate established by the Church of England and operates under the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules. It is a registered charity under the Charities Act 2011 (No: 1144116).

THE PCC

Members of the PCC are appointed in terms of the Church Representation Rules. They are trustees of the charity, which includes Market Drayton Foodbank and the Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre (these are reported in the Accounts as Restricted Funds). In 2020 the PCC met six times.

PCC Members who served in 2020

Catherine McBride	Vicar and Chair	
Lindsay Bashford	Churchwarden	
David Clarke	Deanery Synod	
Carol Corney	Pastoral Minister	
David Costelloe	Treasurer	To 26 October
Val Creasey		
Alison Doulton		From 26 October
Julia Farrant		From 26 October
Justin Frankfort		
Sue Frankfort	Deanery Synod	
Eunice Gibbons		To 26 October
Avril Innocent	Churchwarden	
David Lake		
Ian Macfarlane	Curate	
Laurina Rushworth	Deanery Synod	
Mike Rushworth		
Guy Skipwith		
Ken Woods		

The PCC Secretary is Karen Jukes

The Gift Aid Secretary is Avril Innocent

The Electoral Roll Officer is Ray Thomas

The Safeguarding Officer is Barbara Bashford

The Health & Safety Officer is Alan Venables.

THE MINISTRY TEAM

Catherine McBride	Vicar	Ian Macfarlane	Curate
Avril Innocent	Church Warden	Carol Corney	Pastoral Minister
Lindsay Bashford	Church Warden	Jean Arbon	Pastoral Minister
David Jones	Reader Emeritus		

TRUSTEES REMUNERATION and EXPENSES

Apart from the Vicar, no trustee receives remuneration or financial benefit in respect of their duties as trustees. The Vicar is appointed and rewarded by the Diocese for her parish duties. Her expenses are reimbursed by St Mary's on terms specified by the Diocese.

EMPLOYMENT and VOLUNTEERS

St Mary's employs six people, all part time as described in Note 9 of the accounts. Other activities of St Mary's are provided by volunteers, who numbered at the start of the year 134 individuals not including the trustees, many doing more than one role.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees of the Charity are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in the Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity.

The Trustees provide facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers: they promote Christian values, and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole. The Foodbank and CAP Debt Centre provide emergency food relief and debt advice for people in Market Drayton and the immediately surrounding area.

SAFEGUARDING

The PCC is aware of guidance from the House of Bishops, and complies with the requirements through its own policy on safeguarding, the appointment of a safeguarding officer, and training of all relevant personnel.

HIGHLIGHTS of 2020

In common with many organisations 2020 was a very different year from what we had planned or expected. Despite this there were many highlights to be celebrated:

- Very soon after going into lockdown church services moved online and many of the congregation managed to get to adapt to the new technology. Attendance at online services has been very good and has attracted new worshippers from across the country and world! Video and online offerings were also part of our VE Day, Remembrance Day and Christmas services. We also held an online confirmation class.
- The congregation have supported one another and the wider community with 'Phone Friends' and 'Helping Hands' initiatives, offering befriending or practical help.
- The Foodbank adapted to a delivery model and responded superbly to the increase in demand for its services. In 2019 the Foodbank fed 2332 people with 19.1 tonnes of food. In 2020 they fed 3786 people with 46 tonnes of food. Many organisations rallied to help the

Foodbank, including Rotary, Joules Brewery and the Methodist Church. Extra food or money donations were received from the major supermarkets, the Town Council and individuals.

- Our ongoing programme of teaching and coaching with Lead Academy was significantly curtailed last year; however we still managed to roll out our St Mary's values, which are that we want to be a church which is:
 - **Passionate for God, Generous, Outward-Looking, Welcoming, Loving and Courageous**
- The church boilers were replaced, making the church heating system more efficient and reliable.
- We thank God for his provision, through the continued generosity of the St Mary's congregation, which meant that our finances have held up as well as we could have expected over the past year.

HOPES for 2021 are:

Whilst many restrictions continue and much is still uncertain for the year ahead, we have some key hopes and aims for 2021:

- Christians Against Poverty services: face-to-face groups and debt advice were seriously curtailed by the various lockdowns, so a key goal for 2021 will be to get these up and running again. These services will be needed more than ever, as the full economic impact of the past year continues to unfold.
- Foodbank: We look forward to engaging with Trussell Trust's 'Together for Change' programme and thinking more strategically about the future of the Market Drayton Foodbank.
- Post-COVID Church – We hope to review the impact of the pandemic on our church and explore what lessons we need to take forward.
- Shaping for Mission: This is a major review being carried out at Deanery level across the whole of Lichfield Diocese. We hope to contribute positively to this review and enable ways that the local Anglican churches can work together more effectively in mission and particularly in the areas of discipleship, vocations and evangelism.
- Lead Academy: Through this programme we have developed a new expression of our Purpose (Mission) and Vision for St Mary's. These have been rolled out to the PCC, but over the coming year we hope to roll these out more widely across the congregation.
 - **Our purpose is to enable people to know Jesus, love Jesus and live for Jesus.**
 - **Our vision is to see our town transformed by the love of Christ.**
- We will also continue the Lead Academy programme; which, over the coming year will see us continuing to look at the areas of Leadership & Structures, Mission and Discipleship. This will be alongside our Mission Action Planning which will continue during 2021.
- The planning process for our vestry renovations has been progressing slowly; however, we hope this year to begin work improving this area of the church.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The PCC's finances continue to be sound, despite a small reduction of £6,533 to £176,940. The decrease was a consequence of the social restrictions and 'lockdowns' imposed by government in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Income from collections at services, parochial fees, and income from users of the car park were adversely affected. Planned giving declined, but only by less than 5% because most of the giving is by Standing Orders.

The Parish Rooms (designated fund) lost most of its income from third party users. It remained open for the Foodbank and CAP Debt Centre operations. The costs were supported by Covid related grants from government totalling £5,500.

The church heating boilers were replaced at a cost of £60,993 including VAT. The cost was shared between the Fabric Fund (designated) and the Chancel Repair Fund (restricted). Future running costs will benefit from the efficiency and better controls of the new installation.

Foodbank (restricted fund) worked hard to meet increased demand, and has received generous financial support. The CAP Debt Centre (restricted fund) benefited from a substantial single donation early in the year.

RESERVES POLICY

The PCC wishes to maintain sufficient unrestricted reserves in the General Fund for working capital requirements and to cover the risk of unexpected demands on cash flow. The target is presently £85,000 (about six months worth of regular expenditure). The General Fund stands at £176,940, some of which is earmarked for re-development of the vestry.

The combined balances of the Fabric Fund and Chancel Repair Fund amount to £68,502. These are to fund repairs and maintenance necessary to maintain all of the PCC's premises and systems in sound condition, and to fund improvements and enhancements over the next 15 years. This will require regular contributions from the General Fund over the period; £10,000 was transferred in 2020.

RELATED BODIES

The Colley Salter Christmas Fund (registered charity 217523) and Drayton Relief in Need Charity (registered charity 1054822) both have St Mary's vicar and churchwardens as trustees. The charities are administered by officers and members of St Mary's.



Revd Catherine McBride, Vicar

8th March 2021

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE PCC ON THE
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF ST MARY'S CHURCH**

Year Ended 31st December 2020

I report on the accounts of St Marys Church for the year ended 31st December 2020, which are set out on pages 7 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to :

- a) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- b) follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- c) state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - . to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
 - . to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Acthave 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.



Mr Roger Dodington FCCA

**STUBBS PARKIN SOUTH
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**

DATED: 8th March 2021

**28 CHESHIRE STREET
MARKET DRAYTON
SHROPSHIRE**

St Mary's Market Drayton
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Note	General Fund Unrestricted	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endow- ment Funds	2020 Total	2019
INCOMING RESOURCES							
Voluntary Income	2(a)	76,143	5,800	132,028	-	213,971	145,398
Charitable Activities	2(b)	5,222	3,116	-	-	8,338	17,092
Investments	2(c)	22	-	7	41,390	41,419	40,221
TOTAL		81,387	8,916	132,035	41,390	263,728	202,711
RESOURCES EXPENDED							
Raising Funds	3(a)	138	-	-	-	138	143
Charitable Activities	3(b)	111,679	59,514	83,161	-	254,354	155,391
Governance	3(c)	922	-	-	-	922	1,679
TOTAL		112,739	59,514	83,161	-	255,414	157,213
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES							
		(31,352)	(50,598)	48,874	41,390	8,314	45,498
Gains / (Losses) on revaluation of investment assets	4	-	8,206	-	95,068	103,274	232,573
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS	8	24,819	20,501	(3,930)	(41,390)	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(6,533)	(21,891)	44,944	95,068	111,588	278,071
Balances at 1 January		183,473	110,492	81,869	1,382,472	1,758,306	1,480,235
Balances at 31 December		176,940	88,601	126,813	1,477,540	1,869,894	1,758,306

Comparative results for 2019 are shown in full in Note 11

St Mary's Market Drayton
Balance Sheet at 31 December 2020

	Note	2020	2019
CURRENT ASSETS			
Bookshop stock		633	301
Debtors	5	910	6,907
Investments	4	1,566,184	1,462,910
Bank balances - Lloyds		94,443	96,250
Bank balances - Barclays		105,712	85,541
Bank balances - NatWest		64,045	98,990
Bank balances - HSBC		41,319	10,974
		1,873,246	1,761,873
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors	6	(3,352)	(3,567)
		1,869,894	1,758,306
PARISH FUNDS			
General fund - unrestricted	8	176,940	183,473
Designated	8	88,601	110,492
Restricted	8	126,813	81,869
Endowment	8	1,477,540	1,382,472
		1,869,894	1,758,306

These financial statements were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 1 March 2021.

Revd Catherine McBride (PCC Chair) *C. S. McBride*

The Notes on pages 9 to 14 form part of these Accounts

St Mary's Market Drayton

Notes to the Accounts

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. These accounts have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, and the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP).

The value of the church and consecrated buildings are by law excluded from these accounts. The value of the Parish Rooms has also been omitted on the grounds that historic cost data for the building is not available, and no meaningful assessment of current value is available.

	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endow- ment Funds	2020 Total	2019
INCOME						
2(a) Voluntary Income						
Planned giving	58,212	-	-	-	58,212	60,392
Collections at services	942	-	-	-	942	3,868
Donations	1,690	-	-	-	1,690	2,460
Giving to FoodBank	-	-	68,901	-	68,901	18,531
Giving to CAP Debt Centre	-	-	32,699	-	32,699	13,025
Gift Aid claimed	15,299	-	10,237	-	25,536	20,300
Grant from the Diocese	-	-	-	-	-	2,500
MD Town Council grant	-	300	-	-	300	300
Covid support grants	-	5,500	-	-	5,500	-
Grants to Foodbank	-	-	15,693	-	15,693	16,025
Grants to CAP Debt Centre	-	-	4,498	-	4,498	7,997
	76,143	5,800	132,028	-	213,971	145,398
2(b) Charitable Activities						
Car park users	1,625	-	-	-	1,625	3,060
Parish rooms users	-	2,956	-	-	2,956	8,111
Bookshop receipts	-	160	-	-	160	908
Tyrley chapel rent	1,855	-	-	-	1,855	1,825
Fees for funerals, weddings	1,742	-	-	-	1,742	3,013
Sundry income	-	-	-	-	-	175
	5,222	3,116	-	-	8,338	17,092
2(c) Investments						
Dividends from invested funds	-	-	-	41,390	41,390	40,185
Bank interest	22	-	7	-	29	36
	22	-	7	41,390	41,419	40,221

St Mary's Market Drayton
Notes to the Accounts

				2020	2019
	Note	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
EXPENDITURE					
3(a) Raising Funds					
Stewardship envelopes		138	-	-	138
		138	-	-	138
3(b) Charitable Activities					
Donations to charities	10	8,594	-	-	8,594
Parish Share		59,958	-	-	59,958
Clergy expenses		1,756	-	-	1,756
Gifts for service to the church		115	-	-	115
Church heat & light		7,124	-	-	7,124
Church insurance		4,847	-	-	4,847
Church maintenance & boilers		7,017	40,993	20,000	68,010
Cleaning		3,065	-	-	3,065
Worship / Upkeep of services		2,045	-	-	2,045
Outreach and pastoral		728	-	-	728
Training and Young People		893	-	-	893
Parish Rooms heat & light		-	3,729	-	3,729
Parish Rooms other running costs		-	14,637	-	14,637
Office & communications		13,850	-	-	13,850
Bookshop costs		-	155	-	155
CAP Centre costs		-	-	25,710	25,710
FoodBank costs		-	-	37,451	37,451
Tyrley Chapel expenditure		1,592	-	-	1,592
Bank charges		95	-	-	95
		111,679	59,514	83,161	254,354
3(c) Governance					
Legal & valuation services		-	-	-	840
Independent examination fee		540	-	-	540
Accountancy services - payroll		382	-	-	299
PCC expenses		-	-	-	-
		922	-	-	1,679

St Mary's Market Drayton
Notes to the Accounts

	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endow- ment Funds	2020 Total	2019
4 INVESTMENTS						
Market value at 1 January	-	80,438	-	1,382,472	1,462,910	1,230,337
Purchases	-	-	-	-	-	-
Realisations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Change in market value	-	8,206	-	95,068	103,274	232,573
Market value at 31 December	-	88,644	-	1,477,540	1,566,184	1,462,910
<p>All investments are shares in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund, which is managed by CCLA. Accumulation shares are held for the Fabric Fund, which is a Designated Fund. Income shares are held for the Endowment Funds.</p>						
5 DEBTORS						
Sundry debtors	910	-	-	-	910	339
Gift Aid claims	-	-	-	-	-	5,912
Parish Rooms users	-	-	-	-	-	656
	910	-	-	-	910	6,907
6 CREDITORS						
Gas & electricity	939	507	-	-	1,446	1,843
Accountancy services	636	-	-	-	636	616
Repairs & maintenance	550	114	-	-	664	162
Office supplies	67	-	-	-	67	500
Sundry creditors	514	25	-	-	539	446
	2,706	646	-	-	3,352	3,567
7 SUMMARY OF FUNDS						
Bookshop stock	-	633	-	-	633	301
Debtors	910	-	-	-	910	6,907
Investments	-	88,644	-	1,477,540	1,566,184	1,462,910
Bank balances	178,736	(30)	126,813	-	305,519	291,755
Creditors	(2,706)	(646)	-	-	(3,352)	(3,567)
	176,940	88,601	126,813	1,477,540	1,869,894	1,758,306

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MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS

Note 8

	1 January 2020	Income	Expenditure	Gain on Investments	Transfers	31 December 2020
General fund - Unrestricted	183,473	81,387	(112,739)	-	24,819	176,940
Designated Funds						
Fabric fund	79,161	-	(40,993)	8,206	10,000	56,374
FoodBank	1,500	-	-	-	-	1,500
CAP Centre	20,500	-	-	-	500	21,000
Bookshop	1,056	160	(155)	-	-	1,061
The Parish Rooms	8,275	8,756	(18,366)	-	10,001	8,666
	110,492	8,916	(59,514)	8,206	20,501	88,601
Restricted Funds						
CAP Centre	18,009	45,085	(25,710)	-	(300)	37,084
Chancel Repair	32,128	-	(20,000)	-	-	12,128
FoodBank	30,509	86,950	(37,451)	-	(3,630)	76,378
Youth work	1,223	-	-	-	-	1,223
	81,869	132,035	(83,161)	-	(3,930)	126,813
Endowment Funds						
PCC funds	1,346,703	40,319	-	92,608	(40,319)	1,439,311
The Parish Rooms	35,769	1,071	-	2,460	(1,071)	38,229
	1,382,472	41,390	-	95,068	(41,390)	1,477,540
TOTAL FUNDS	1,758,306	263,728	(255,414)	103,274	-	1,869,894

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9	WAGES & SALARIES	2020	2019
		59,929	42,512

The church employed 6 people (2019 - 6 people) during the year. All worked part time. They provided services of cleaning in the church and in the Parish Rooms, managing the CAP Centre, Foodbank, Parish Rooms and administration in the church office. Their costs are charged to the relevant funds.

These costs are net of 'furlough' payments from HMRC of £807 in respect of one member of staff.

The church has a workplace pension scheme which is operated by NEST. Three of our staff are members. The church's contributions as employer totalled £886 (2019 - £394) which is included in the above figures.

10 CHARITABLE DONATIONS

The following donations were made from church funds in 2020.

Barnabas Fund	2,000	
Bible Society	2,000	
Bible Reading Fellowship	2,000	
CARE	2,000	
Children's Society	500	
Friends of Lichfield Cathedral	25	
Shropshire Historic Churches Trust	25	
Sundry at the Vicar's discretion	44	
	8,594	4,892
Market Drayton CAP Debt Centre (transfer of additional funds)	500	

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Money was collected by the congregation for the following charities:

Friends of Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre	251	
Children of the Dump	161	
Bishops Lent Appeal	20	
Mother's Union	260	
	692	2,802

These collections are not reported as income or expenditure in these accounts

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11 Statement of Financial Activities

Comparative figures for previous year - 2019

		General Fund Unrestricted	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endow- ment Funds	2019 Total
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Voluntary Income	2(a)	85,090	300	60,008	-	145,398
Charitable Activities	2(b)	8,073	9,019	-	-	17,092
Investments	2(c)	25	-	11	40,185	40,221
TOTAL		93,188	9,319	60,019	40,185	202,711
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Raising Funds	3(a)	143	-	-	-	143
Charitable Activities	3(b)	101,551	16,755	37,085	-	155,391
Governance	3(c)	1,679	-	-	-	1,679
TOTAL		103,373	16,755	37,085	-	157,213
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES						
		(10,185)	(7,436)	22,934	40,185	45,498
Gains / (Losses) on revaluation of investment assets	4	-	14,728	-	217,845	232,573
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS	8	72,645	(29,655)	(2,805)	(40,185)	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS						
		62,460	(22,363)	20,129	217,845	278,071
Balances at 1 January		121,013	132,855	61,740	1,164,627	1,480,235
Balances at 31 December		183,473	110,492	81,869	1,382,472	1,758,306