

**THE PARISH OF THE SHELSLEYS:
ALL SAINTS, SHELSLEY BEAUCHAMP
ST ANDREW, SHELSLEY WALSH**



**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
TO BE HELD AT
ALL SAINTS, SHELSLEY BEAUCHAMP
MONDAY 24TH MAY
AT 6.30PM**

The Shelsleys
Agenda for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Monday 24th May at 6.30pm

Opening Prayers

Part 1: Vestry Meeting for the Election of Churchwardens

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the meeting held 14th October 2020
3. Matters arising
4. Election of Churchwardens

Part 2: Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies
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3. Matters Arising
4. Reports
 - a) PCC Annual Report
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 - c) Churchwarden's (including Fabric)
 - d) Deanery Synod
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 - l) Safeguarding Report
 - m) Health and Safety
 - n) WWRT Financial Report for the year ending 31/12/20
 - o) Financial Statement for the year ending 31/12/20
5. Election to Deanery Synod
6. Election of PCC Members
7. Appointment of Independent Examiner
8. AOB

Part 3: Meeting of the New Parochial Church Council

1. Election of Lay Officers – Lay Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Electoral Roll Officer, Standing Committee
2. A.O.B.
3. Dates for next PCC Meetings

Closing Prayers

THE SHELSLEYS APCM MINUTES
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER, 6.00PM
ALL SAINTS, SHELSLEY BEAUCHAMP

Attendees: Revd Canon David Sherwin, Revd Becky Elliott, Jane Froggatt, Beryl Robson, Rachel Wright, Jean Nuttall, Richard Bettinson, Rosemary Holloway, and Liz Edwards

We also welcomed: Judith Damerell, Charlotte Durling, Ann Holloway, Johnny Crabbe, Joan Phillips, Barry and Irene Hodgetts, Des Robson and Alice Timmis

There were no apologies

David welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for being sensitive to COVID restrictions. Becky then opened the meeting with a prayer.

Part 1: Vestry Meeting for the Election of Churchwardens <i>(Anyone who lives in the Parish of The Shelsleys or is on the Electoral Roll are entitled to vote)</i>	
1.	Apologies for absence were read out as above.
2.	The minutes of the vestry meeting held on 8 th April 2019 were signed by David Sherwin as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
3.	Matters Arising: David thanked Jane for her work on the building and worship during 2019.
4.	Election of Churchwardens: Two Churchwardens are allowed per parish. Jane Froggatt was proposed by Richard Bettinson, seconded by Rachel Wright. All in favour. There were no other nominations. David declared Jane nominated and elected for the coming 12 months.
Part 2: Annual Parochial Church Meeting <i>(All those on the Electoral Roll are entitled to vote)</i>	
1.	There were no apologies
2.	The minutes of the APCM held on 8 th April 2019 were signed by David Sherwin as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
3.	There were no matters arising.
4.	Reports (Additional Comments): a) PCC Annual Report – David thanked Des and Beryl for their hospitality at PCC meetings. He also thanked the PCC for all their work behind the scenes during the past year. b) Electoral Roll – The number on the electoral roll is 36 – no change from last year. c) Churchwardens – Following some internal repairs to the plasterwork any further repairs are on hold, awaiting more funding. Brian Elvins has now moved to Malvern. He has donated a lovely bench for the churchyard. d) Deanery Synod – Each diocese is split up into deaneries, each with approximately 12 churches. David is responsible for Martley, Wichenford, Broadwas, Knightwick, Cotheridge, Clifton, Lower Sapey and The Shelsleys – all part of the Worcestershire West Rural Team, which also includes the Leigh Group of churches that are looked after by Anne Potter. The WWRT is part of the Deanery of Martley and Worcester West (which also includes St Johns, St Clements, Hallow, Grimley and Holt and Broadheath). Consultations have been taking place this year at the diocese to create 6 mega deaneries which means that Martley and Worcester West will be joining with Worcester East. It is hoped that urban and rural churches will be able to learn from each other, but it will affect

the way in which the church's ministry works in terms of government. 15 full time clergy will also be lost.

e) **WWRT** – David's report highlighted the things we have done together as a team – Lent Talks, the website and the very successful Alpha Course that was run by Churches Together. Since the start of COVID the WWRT now has a much bigger online presence. The free Church of England run website – 'A Church Near You' has now improved so much that the old team website contract has been terminated and we are moving across solely to ACNY.

f) **Team Rector** – All of David's parishes have had building issues this year. He is grateful for the faculties that have been done by each locality. He is very encouraged by the pastoral care, children and youth work, schoolwork, the clergy team, readers, ALM's and all others that help with the services. David thanked everyone who does anything for the team and for their attendance at worship.

g) **Curate** – Becky has been signed off by the Bishop and is free to move to her own parish in the next few months. She has really enjoyed working as part of this team. David thanked Becky – he said she has been an excellent curate with her own invaluable gifts and that she will make an excellent incumbent in her own right.

Jen Denniston is a curate who lives in Lower Sapey but is working mainly within the Leigh Group with Anne Potter. She is in her 3rd year and should be signed off next July. She is involved in the eco initiative and supplied the bird boxes.

h) **Reader** – Pat Snelling, Jill Smith and Mark Wild are all readers for the WWRT. Pat and Jill mainly work within Clifton, The Shelsleys and Lower Sapey. Jill is part of Churches Together, working with Des and Beryl on Alpha and the regular series of talks. Another series of talks (via Zoom) is being planned on the Prodigal Son, starting 4th November.

i) **Churches Together** – Beryl gave Becky a vote of thanks from the members of Churches Together, especially for her digital help with the recent Charlie Mackesy talks which were held as a series of virtual video talks. Churches Together have seen great growth this year due to the extended range of people they have had contact with virtually. Rosemary said that the discussion groups after the talks meant that she was able to get to know people from other parishes that she wouldn't usually get to speak to.

j) **Shelsley Walsh Trustees** – their AGM is being held in church at 6pm on 18th November. Everyone is welcome if social distancing can be maintained. The carpet has been removed and the tiles cleaned and sealed.

k) **Safeguarding Report** – there were no safeguarding issues in 2019. David said that the diocese deal with safeguarding very well and inter diocesan communications are good. Thank you to Rachel for all she has done.

l) **Health and Safety** – nothing further to report.

m) **WWRT Finance** – each parish in the WWRT pays into a central fund from where any joint expenses are paid for things such as the Alpha Course and the website. Paul Reeve from Broadwas is the WWRT Treasurer.

n) **Financial** – Income was down 50% at £9k (£19K in 2018). Expenses were up because of the quinquennial work at £22k (£12k in 2018). There was a net deficit in 2019 of £13k. Net assets at 31/12/19 were £8,258.

Funds dropped to £3k in May 2020 due to lack of income and ongoing expenses, including £3k for plasterwork. Following a stewardship campaign funds are now back up to £5k.

Richard will look at additional funding in due course. David thanked Richard for his work with the stewardship letter and everyone who received it in good will and responded to it.

The diocese will be in considerable deficit by the end of the year. Full time clergy and diocesan staff will not be having a wage increase.

David thanked Richard for all his hard work. Fundraising and social events will restart as soon as is possible without compromising health and safety.

5.	<p>Election of Deanery Synod Representatives: The current office runs from 2020 to 2023. Jude Damerell proposed by Rachel Wright, seconded by Beryl Robson to serve a 3-year term from 2020 – 2023. All were in favour.</p>
6.	<p>Election of PCC Members: Beryl Robson was proposed by Kate Hurst, seconded by Rachel Wright) Rosemary Holloway was proposed by Jane Froggatt, seconded by Richard Bettinson) Kate Hurst was proposed by Richard Bettinson, seconded by Beryl Robson) All were in favour Rachel Wright was proposed by Beryl Robson, seconded by Kate Hurst) Richard Bettinson was proposed by Kate Hurst, seconded by Jane Froggatt)</p> <p>PCC members can be nominated and co-opted onto the PCC during the year. We are entitled to 6 PCC members so there is currently one vacancy.</p> <p>Readers are not automatically members of the PCC unless they are elected by the PCC. They can be co-opted onto the PCC at any time.</p>
7.	<p>Rob Pound was proposed by Richard Bettinson as Independent Examiner for 2020, this was seconded by Jane Froggatt. All were in favour.</p>
8.	<p>A.O.B.: The Harvest Festival Service will be on Sunday 18th October at 5pm. Maximum of 40 people allowed in the church. As there will be no Harvest Supper Beryl has helped to arrange for everyone to receive a box including a small harvest loaf, scone, jam, butter, and cheese. Jude to liaise with Jean about the harvest flowers and any necessary cleaning arrangements.</p> <p>The meeting was closed with everyone saying The Grace.</p>
<p>Part 3: Meeting of the New Parochial Church Council</p>	
	<p>Election of Lay Officers: Lay Chairman: Jude Damerell was proposed by Jane Froggatt, seconded by Rachel Wright. Treasurer: Richard Bettinson was proposed by Jane Froggatt, seconded by Beryl Robson. Secretary: Liz Edwards was proposed by Jane Froggatt, seconded by Richard Bettinson. Electoral Roll Officer: Charlotte Durling was proposed by Rachel Wright, seconded by Rosemary Holloway. All were in favour of the election of the Lay Officers as shown above. The Standing Committee consists of the Vicar, Lay Chair, Warden, Treasurer and Secretary.</p>
2.	<p>A.O.B.: Safeguarding – Rachel will check everyone’s safeguarding status – some will be due more training, new members will need a DBS check, followed by initial training. Remembrance Sunday – all parishes in the team will have a short act of remembrance outside.</p>
3.	<p>Date of Next PCC Meeting: Wednesday 11th November at 4pm in Church.</p>

The meeting finished with a blessing by Becky at approximately 7.20pm.

THE SHELSLEYS - Membership of the PCC 2020-21

Clerks in Holy Orders beneficed or licensed to the parish or incumbent within the group:

Revd Canon David Sherwin – Team Rector – davidwin56@aol.com 01886 888664

Revd Anne Potter – Team Vicar – revannepotter@gmail.com 01886 832355

Revd Becky Elliott – Curate – revrebeccaelliott@btinternet.com 01886 812451 (*until December 2020*)

Revd Jen Denniston – Curate – jendenniston@gmail.com 01886 853280

Revd Jennifer Whittaker – Assistant Priest – jenmwhittaker@icloud.com 01886 833897

Revd Canon Ruth Wintle – Retired Priest – ruth.wintle@btinternet.com 01905 427109

The Churchwardens:

Jane Froggatt – jane.froggatt@yahoo.com 01886 812215

Readers who are licensed to the parish:

Pat Snelling – patricia.snelling@btinternet.com 01886 812443

Jill Smith – hillheadfm@aol.com 01886 853311

Mark Wild – mwild@cofe-worcester.org.uk 01905 732806

All persons who are on the roll of the parish who are lay members of any deanery synod (or diocesan synod or general synod) (*2 members for an electoral roll of 26-100*)

Judith Damerell 2020-2023 judith_damerell@hotmail.com 01299 890437

Representatives on the Deanery Pastoral Committee:

Jane Froggatt - from March 2019

Elected Representatives of the Laity (*up to 6 for an electoral roll up to 50*)

Beryl Robson - beryl.blackburn@yahoo.com 01886 812535

Rachel Wright – wizzy2711@gmail.com 01886 812939 or 07791 022162

Richard Bettinson (Treasurer) ricbet13@gmail.com 01299 890437 or 07421 221000

Kathryn Hurst – kathrynshurst@btopenworld.com 01886 812184 (May 2019)

Rosemary Holloway – rosemaryholloway698@gmail.com 01886 812698 or 07870 483240 (*from July 2020*)

Co-opted Members: None

PCC Secretary:

Liz Edwards (non-member of the PCC) - lizedwards69@aol.com 07726 927046

Parish Safeguarding Representative (PSR):

Rachel Wright – wizzy2711@gmail.com 01886 812939

Team Safeguarding Officer (TSO):

Alison Khan (non-member of the PCC) – wwrtsafeguarding@gmail.com 01905 423987

Electoral Roll Officer:

Charlotte Durling (non-member of the PCC) - wsdurling@aol.com 01886 812310

Delegates to Report any Serious Safeguarding and Non-safeguarding incidents to the Charity Commission:

The Parish Safeguarding Representative and the Churchwarden(s) – from March 2019

(A quorate amount for a meeting is 1/3 rounded up). The Standing Committee comprises of the Vicar, Lay Chair, Warden, Treasurer and Secretary

REPORTS:

A) PCC ANNUAL REPORT

The PCC met 7 times during the year (April 2020 to April 2021), a short meeting to appoint officers following the APCM in October 2020 and ordinary meetings in June, July, September, November 2020 and January and March 2021. Due to the Covid pandemic 5 of the meetings were held via Zoom and 2 meetings were held in church following social distancing guidelines.

There were no Archdeacon's Visitations in 2020 due to the Covid pandemic.

In July 2020, the PCC was consulted about changes to the deanery structure. In January 2021, the Deanery structure was changed - merging 13 deaneries into 6 larger deaneries. The Deanery of Martley and Worcester West has merged with Worcester East and the Droitwich Saltway Team Ministry, to become Worcester Deanery. Diane Cooksey is the new Area Dean and Robert Pearce is the new Deanery Lay Chair.

In January 2021, the Diocesan Scheme for the Inspection of Churches was changed so that PCC's can now approach any professional to inspect the church, subject to complying with Church Buildings Council's (CBC) guidance and the advice of the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC).

In March 2021 details regarding the proposed pastoral reorganisations were circulated to all PCC's for any representations to be made by 4th May 2021. The main changes being: Crown East to join the Worcestershire West Rural Team, Lower Broadheath to join Hallow and Grimley with Holt and Lower Broadheath, St John's, St Clement's and St Michael's to form the Worcester City West Team.

The Safeguarding Policy was updated and approved at the PCC meeting on 18th March 2021.

A new Social Media Policy and a Policy on the Recruitment of Ex-offenders were also approved at the PCC meeting on 18th March 2021.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Following the APCM in October 2020 the PCC had 5 elected members of the Laity (leaving one vacancy), 1 Churchwarden (leaving 1 vacancy) and 1 Deanery Synod Representative (leaving one vacancy). There were no co-opted members.

During 2020 there were 0 baptisms and 0 weddings. There were 0 funeral services held in church and 2 burial of ashes. There was also 1 graveside service for the parish of The Shelsleys.

Each meeting opened with a prayer and closed with all saying 'The Grace'

Liz Edwards - PCC Secretary

B) ELECTORAL ROLL

The electoral roll now numbers 38. As always please let me know if anyone wishes to be added to the roll.

Charlotte Durling

C) CHURCHWARDEN'S (INCLUDING FABRIC)

As we all appreciate it has been a very challenging year, but we have managed to hold 10 services at All Saints including a well-attended Remembrance Service in the Churchyard. Our highlight was the Car-ol Service at Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb attended by approximately 100 including children and many participants have asked for it to be repeated.

We have been unable to attend to the plaster work in the Church as we are awaiting sufficient funds but hopefully with some fundraising events this year it will be done as soon as possible. The Fir tree and the Cherry tree in the Churchyard have been trimmed and the post and rails by the little gate into the Graveyard have been replaced.

Unfortunately, due to Covid our activities have been curtailed and consequently my report, but we all hope and pray for a better year ahead.

Jane Froggatt

D) DEANERY SYNOD

The new deanery structure came into effect on 1st February 2021. There are now 6 deaneries in the diocese. The final meeting of the Martley and Worcester West Deanery took place in January 2021.

At the first meeting of our new and enlarged deanery - the Worcester Deanery - in March, the new Area Dean, the Revd. Diane Cooksey, was commissioned by the Bishop of Dudley and the Archdeacon of Worcester, and a new leadership team established. The aim is that the larger deanery will offer the opportunity to work effectively and in a joined-up fashion at a level that lies between the diocese and the parishes. The Worcester Deanery parish representatives considered some hopes and fears arising from the creation of these larger deaneries. These include unity and energy (hopes), set against the need to ensure that the voices of the rural parishes are heard, and the challenges of growing relationships across the parishes (fears).

Diane Cooksey is keen to meet those in the parishes and welcomes invitations to appropriate parish functions.

Judith Damerell

E) TEAM RECTOR

We have lived through what will be a notable year in history for all the wrong reasons. The awful pandemic, the virus, infecting millions and claiming many lives across the world continues to rage but we pray the efforts to bring it under control will be successful. In the midst of this we have seen within our own country a marvellous response of service particularly within the first lockdown. From the tireless efforts of the NHS to local individual efforts everyone tried to play their part, even if that meant staying at home.

Within all this it has rightfully been recognised by government and the people how important was the response by the Church. Even though our buildings were closed, and I know for all of us that was difficult not to be able to use them, we carried on as the church exiled online. We found new and creative ways locally to be the 'Body of Christ' both online and within our communities.

We learned new skills that enabled us to record you tube services and meet on Zoom and even to live stream events. The weekly thoughts were provided to encourage us all by a developing ministry team, not just of clergy but of our readers and ALMs. We were also grateful to our churchwardens and PCC's who continued to meet when they could either on Zoom or when allowed face to face to make sure the work of the Church continued. We worked together to make people aware of funding shortfalls and through the generosity of many we were able to keep going. Thank you too all for the way in which Parish Share was met in these most difficult of circumstances.

The clergy team found themselves meeting on Zoom more and developed stronger links across the team. Can I take this opportunity to thank them for their fellowship even though online, for Anne, Jennifer, Becky, Jen, and Ruth, and I extend that thanks to our readers, Jill, Pat, and Mark and to all our ALM's and Churchwardens and PCC's, thank you for your fellowship in the Gospel.

We were grateful to our Curate Becky Elliot, Doug Whittaker, and others for their work with the digital media skills that enabled us to communicate with you all. For the work Becky, Jen, Jill, and others did setting up the 'retreat in daily life' course. We were thankful for the way in which the Churches together group led us with online teaching, which continues to be developed. This too enabled us to join much closer together across the team.

Not everyone could of course join us online, and many phone calls were made to make sure people were OK, checking if there were any needs to be met. The Pastoral Team Led by Jennifer Whittaker and Pat Snelling and others brought Palm crosses, cream teas, Christmas tidings and a human face to many a doorstep so that people did not feel isolated. For their hard work we thank them.

Team development continued and the 'Pew Sheet' was turned into a news sheet for the whole team. Our admin worked from a distance, Alison and Liz keeping the communication flowing. All this strengthening links across the team that is the WWRT.

Our Curates found themselves on different paths, for Jen, illness would have its impact and we continue to pray for her healing as she continues with her treatment, it has been good to see her online when she has been able. For Becky, her path was to lead to Malvern, taking up her role as Vicar of Holy Trinity and St. James Malvern. For most this was a service we had to enjoy via live stream, we continue to pray for her in her new ministry and thank God for all she brought amongst us in her years with us.

So, what next? Life is still not back to what we might call normal, but it is important we learn from the journey we have been on and continue that journey together. We cannot and should not just slip back to how things were, we cannot, finances are stretched, and we have less fulltime clergy. But we are the church of God and in our Lord's strength we will move forward together. We are not lone parishes anymore - we are a team and I pray we will grow as a team as the years move on. God bless you all, David.

Rev Canon David Sherwin, Team Rector WWRT

F) TEAM VICAR

What a strange year. I don't know about anyone else but I feel we have lost a whole year and yet we have achieved so much resulting from lockdown. In January 2020 as Mike and I flew home from visiting close friends in Australia the crew and others were wearing masks in response to fears around COVID-19. Little did we comprehend exactly what was ahead of us. Then in March, as most of you will know, I was privileged to go to Peru, one of our Diocesan World Church partners and a week after returning we entered our first lockdown which included the closure of all our church buildings.

And so, the clergy, with the greatly appreciated assistance of our Readers and ALMs across the team, responded to the challenge of modern technology – especially Zoom and YouTube – enabling continued worship across the WWRT. Many of our regulars engaged but we were also very aware of those who could not for whatever reason – there are also some who have, over the course of time, got themselves onto Zoom with help from their neighbours.

YouTube services have had their own followings; the festival ones such as rogation and harvest, giving thanks for so many aspects of our rural life, had many views; the weekly communion from Rev Jennifer Whittaker and her husband Doug has had a faithful set of viewers who have been really grateful for the opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist within their own home; the 'Thought for the Week' which the wider ministry team have been

wonderful in keeping going over the year (and continue to do so); the Advent windows another greatly appreciated daily YouTube walk through the 24 days to Christmas.

Then there have been Zoom services giving parishioners across the team the opportunity to join together in worship, and even have a chat in the breakout rooms. By December 2020 we were planning a series of Lent Talks, on Zoom which by its very nature allowed us to invite speakers from anywhere in the country (which proved to be a great success).

When we were able to open our buildings for services in the summer months, we did so with caution having carried out full risk assessments, which were, and are, continually being reviewed. There were regular worshippers who were still shielding alongside others who were not sure about going physically into church which was totally understandable. On the other hand, there were a number of our churchgoers who preferred to attend services in the building, despite the social distancing, sanitizing and no socialising over a cuppa!! This brought new challenges resulting in a 'mixed economy' of services offered across the WWRT by the end of the year.

The annual report offers an opportunity to thank those we work alongside in following our calling to serve in the name of Christ. Personally I would like to thank the clergy team, David, Jennifer and Ruth and our curates Becky and Jen for the collegiate way in which we have worked together across the WWRT - so often in 2D!; the rest of the ministry team Readers Pat, Jill, Mark and ALM worship leaders Doug, Rob, Catrine, Helen, Barbara, Sally and Penny for all their help and support; those who have continued pastoral care and particularly in my patch, Ellen Gwynne and Sue Ganderton; Paul Reeve and Ina Steele for looking after the team finances and Alison Khan for safeguarding and DBS admin; all the churchwardens, PCC secretaries, treasurers and members who have carried out their responsibilities of caring for our parishes during a very difficult and unusual year. I would also like to express my huge gratitude to David for his wisdom and guidance not only as a colleague but in my tenure as Rural Dean of Martley and Worcester West (which I happily relinquished when the much larger deanery of Worcester was formed).

We entered 2021 with so much uncertainty, yet with a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon what it means to be church; how do we re-imagine our mission within our parishes; how are we going to re-weave relationships with both our worshipping and wider communities; whilst continuing to reconcile how God has been working in and through all the upheaval of the past year. And so, moving on, as Kingdom People in our parishes, we need to pray about and discern, with God's help, the way forward for our parishes across the team, ever mindful that we are, both individually and collaboratively, an integral member of the body of Christ.

Rev Anne Potter

G) ASSOCIATE PRIEST

Thinking back to April 2020 we were beginning to find a way forward in lockdown never dreaming that we would still be in the same position 12 months later. As my ministry focuses on pastoral work the phone calls, emails and Zoom meetings have been constant, even during the periods of relief from the strictest regulations.

Douglas and I continue to share a Home Communion Service each week and again we could never have envisaged doing so for so long. It is a great privilege and from comments received seems to be achieving its aim of maintaining a regular bit of normality during this very strange period.

After Becky, our lovely Curate whom we miss greatly, pointed us towards something she had read about, the Pastoral Team found a way of still sharing hospitality with those who usually attended our Tea Party, Tea Services and Advent Soup Lunch. Afternoon Tea with freshly baked scones, cream, and Jam, even a tea bag was delivered to over 70 households. Christmas brought bags (hand made by one of our group) of Comfort and Joy, a card reflecting God's love in February and finally, Easter bags with a hot cross bun, Easter biscuits and a Palm Cross. Just to say we had not forgotten people and to lift sagging spirits. All much appreciated as you can imagine.

The LinC team joined in the action at Christmas and Easter - it is surprising how much of a Christmas Dinner-style offering you can put in a Christmas stocking! The small wooden crosses in the Easter bags were very well received. How we long to return to being able to gather and chat again!

I am as ever so very grateful to both teams who are always so willing and so generous with their time and what they give.

Frustrating is for me the word that best describes this past year with the hardest times being when I have felt unable to attend Sunday Services or take part in a Funeral, but by far the most distressing is not being able to offer the usual comfort to those who are ill, suffering or mourning.

On the plus side we as a Team have got to know more people across our area, shared our worship and discussions and learned how to use modern technology for our ministry, although my grasp of technology is still very limited as I am so well supported by Douglas that I have not had to make the effort. I am very grateful to him.

Finally thank you to the Team, to our wardens who have worked so very hard looking after the buildings and keeping us all safe, and to everyone who has been so supportive over this past year. Many blessings.

Revd Jennifer Whittaker

H) CURATES

Although 2020 started rather normally, we were soon thrown into the strange world of Covid 19 and Lockdowns. A cancelled Lent Course, cancelled services, closed churches.

Ministry took on a shape we could never have imagined as we learned how to make videos and put them onto YouTube, hold meetings and services over Zoom and minister to those who were isolating at home.

Highlights of the year include being involved in the Churches Together courses on Zoom, first reflecting on talks given by artist, Charlie Mackesy and then on the story of the Prodigal son.

Back in January I had planned, with Max and Cecilia Jourdir to run an Ignatian retreat in daily life, using online material, with participants meeting weekly, over tea and cake to discuss how they found the retreat. This also moved to Zoom. We had initial concerns about the impersonal, distant nature of Zoom but were amazed by the depth of sharing and conversation. The retreat content was perfect for this strange time of lockdown, giving people space and structure to being with God, when so much else felt uncertain.

It was a joy to be able to return to church for service in June, despite the social distancing and being unable to sing. We enjoyed summer with meetings in the Rectory garden.

During the spring David and I finalised the paperwork needed to complete my curacy and I was 'signed off' by Bishop Martin, meaning that I had fulfilled all the requirements and was ready to be a fully-fledged vicar. I would have been very happy to stay where I was in the WWRT team but knew this would not be possible. I was invited to consider looking at some potential Churches.

In September, I was interviewed for the role of Vicar of the Benefice of Holy Trinity, North Malvern and St James, West Malvern and we were delighted when I was offered the post.

In November, on my final Sunday, we were able to hold a couple of services to say goodbye. One in Clifton upon Teme and one in Martley. Unfortunately, not the big party we would have liked so that we could see everyone, but it was still special, non the less. In December we moved to Malvern, ready to be licensed and start my ministry here in January.

I could not have asked for a better curacy. I was made so welcome across the WWRT and have had so many wonderful experiences, met so many lovely people and made some special friends. There are too many people to thank individually, for all of you that helped and supported me and made me feel at home I am truly thankful. I am so blessed to have been guided through this curacy journey with Rev David as my Training Incumbent - and even though I have moved away and have churches of my own now, he will always be my T.!

Revd Becky Elliott

This past year has provided many learning opportunities! Clergy and lay people have developed a 'mixed economy' of services, online and live. I have led a variety of services in churches and churchyards, as lockdown restrictions allowed, including the Ascension Day service from Harpley churchyard with Rev Becky, and the outdoor Harvest Thanksgiving, and a Baptism at Suckley. I led an online service on 'The Good Shepherd' and my 'Thoughts for the Day' focused on 'Virtual Hugs' and 'Rest and be Thankful'.

Setting up the online Lent Retreat enabled a weekly sharing 'Getting to Know Jesus'. I joined the Churches Together team leading the virtual video 'Home groups' based on Charlie Mackesy's 'The Boy, the Mole, the Fox, and the Horse', and Tim Keller's 'The Return of the Prodigal'. Internet speeds and technical connectivity have not always been strong, but it has been lovely to see people across the WWRT parishes connecting in new and deeper ways in breakout groups, learning more about God, and ourselves, on our journey of faith.

As the pandemic broke out, I cycled round homes in Harpley and helped develop a Clifton/Harpley network, linking local volunteers offering practical help to the isolated or shielded. Setting up the Harpley Community WhatsApp has been valuable for people to keep in touch through the year.

Creating sustainable church buildings and bio-diverse churchyards is important in addressing Climate Change and the environmental crisis. I have worked with several WWRT PCCs towards Eco Church awards, aiming to improve our carbon footprint, by e.g. eliminating non-biodegradable Floral Foam (Oasis) from flower arrangements, installing birdboxes in churchyards, and reducing car miles.

Monthly Curate Training days have covered topics such as: Pioneer Ministry; Growing as a Leader; Church in Pandemic; post-Pandemic church and Ministry; along with dedicated Quiet Days at home or with other curates.

In monthly Theological Reflection sessions with curate colleagues, I have reflected on such topics as: 'How to Communicate our Faith', 'Isolation in Covid', and 'We like an old-fashioned, traditional priest'.

Recent Chemotherapy and surgery have gifted me new perspectives on illness and wellbeing. It has enriched my understanding of life and death and resurrection and, amid the highs and lows, deepened my sense of God's grace, presence, and healing. Nick and I and our family are grateful for your prayers and kindness over the winter.

Revd Jen Denniston

I) READERS

It has been so sad to see our churches closed for worship but feel I must congratulate St Kenelm's wardens for their truly great efforts to keep St Kenelm's open daily during the pandemic for private prayer.

It was for me a busy start to the year with Morning Prayer, and Evensong services in St Kenelm's also within the team and Hallow and Grimley.

Home communions were taken as and when the conditions were appropriate during the year. I very much hope we can soon resume home communions, but I have been able to keep contact via telephone and letter.

My Day Chaplain duties in the cathedral have continued in the period during the year when it has been fully open, but the closures have been severe.

I now know about the existence of Zoom and WhatsApp and have been pleased to participate in this technology, in the first instance with a lot of help from Becky. It was not easy, but gradually I have got to grips with it and have participated and contributed in services, and Thought for the Week.

I must say one of the great joys has been the school assemblies which with great contribution and enthusiasm from the school we were able to hold in the church.

I would like here to say a thank you to Becky, it was always a joy to work with her, and a notable occasion was the Remembrance Service held in the churchyard and participating with preparing a candidate for confirmation. Together we also took the All Souls Memorial service, and very interestingly the Grave Talks with both Becky and Jen

Yes, as we often hear it has been a year like no other, and how well has St Kenelm's responded in keeping the church alive, I think we will all remember the Carol Service in the Churchyard.

Thank you to all those who have helped me during the year, at the end of the day it is a team effort, I truly appreciate you all

Patricia Snelling

What a strange year! Yet, what a blessing of a year!

I have taken no in-house services since February 2020; however, I have in recent times, been busy involved with zoom services at Harpley. I was part of the leadership group with Becky and Jen who set up, on Zoom, the Jesuit daily Lent retreat course which we held on Mondays. This lasted six weeks and we had follow-on meetings together until November. A very special time was had by all who attended. Colleen Boon joined us from California; just one of the joys of Zoom. I also had the privilege, with Becky and Pat, in leading a confirmation course for a lovely lady in Clifton. I also was involved with the Advent course and Thought for the Week.

Rev Becky was our go-to for support and teaching on how to manage Zoom but, as her time drew near for leaving us, Rev Jen and I said we must learn how to do Zoom confidently before Becky moves on. Sadly, Jen became ill, and the task was left to me - very non tech person. It is interesting that when you can see the benefits of this tech stuff for mission it inspires you to embrace it. I have lots more to learn but watch this space.

Churches Together in The Teme Valley through a lot of prayer put a course together using the Charlie Mackesy You Tubes from H T B London with their permission. This course lasted 4 weeks on a Wednesday evening with about 40 people. We then held another using YouTubes of Tim Keller on the Prodigal Son, again on Wednesday evenings for 4 weeks with approximately 35-40 people on Zoom.

My observations are that Zoom has brought the WWRT closer together through on-line services and courses. It will be a joy to meet up with everyone when this becomes possible as we know each other so much better.

Rev Becky is greatly missed and her family. I felt I learnt so much from her ministry among us.

I pray that God will continue to sustain Rev Jen through her treatment. Again, it has been so good that when Jen has been able to, she has joined in fellowship with us on Zoom. Jen is always full of wisdom and encouragement.

I continue my work as a trustee with the Quiet Garden Trust, again, yes you got it on Zoom.

Bishop Martin of Dudley summed it up so well - no travelling, no getting home late from meetings, expenses reduced – winning all ways round.

So, I feel Zoom (other online communication channels are available, of course) is here to stay and God has shown us that He uses it by the power of his Holy Spirit to sustain us in difficult times in fellowship with one another.

Jill Smith

J) CHURCHES TOGETHER

What a year! Not just for our group but the whole nation. In March 2020, the country was hit by the Coronavirus Pandemic. The Government ordered a national lock-down, schools, colleges, Universities, Surgeries, Hospitals, Churches, retail outlets and hospitality all closed with immediate effect. Everyone restricted to their own homes, wearing masks if outdoors and only allowed a short daily exercise within the boundaries of your home area was incredibly challenging and limiting.

Suddenly everything we had taken for granted suddenly stopped, all plans cancelled and challenging us how do we keep connected. Thanks to the internet and platforms like Zoom, You Tube, Face Time, and mobile connections the group were able to stay in touch, meeting to pray each week either via Zoom or occasionally in a garden when allowed.

Being mindful of our mission statement to pray, plan and continue to sow the seeds of faith throughout the area we realised that our previously Village Hall outreach had to become a 'Digital Outreach'.

As we embarked on a steep learning curve to master the technicalities of the new digital platform and being self-funding, we were blessed with the expertise of Rev. Becky Elliott and her husband Jamie who helped us set up the necessary tools to reach people via Zoom. Neil undertook the mammoth task of compiling all our contacts from the past four years and gaining authority due to new data rules for us to record and use their details.

In July, the WWRT team joined us, embraced our plans, and facilitated a wider contact list via their own network links. As we continued to pray, exchange ideas, new people joined offering to be facilitators for the proposed breakout rooms, which would allow small groups to discuss the material presented, a 'Digital House Group'. We are grateful to Rev. Ruth Wintle, Karin Dunn, Jan Webb, Dr. Anne Lewis, Rev. Jen Denniston, Rev. David Sherwin & Rev. Anne Potter for their valuable contributions and support as facilitators.

Rev. Becky left at Christmas to begin her appointment as Vicar in Malvern, Jill Smith took over the role of Host and Zoom co-ordinator, we thank her for her hard work and management of the role which has been amazing.

Today we have 164 people on our contact list and more joining each new course, sharing with people from around England and as far as America. Since the last Annual Church Meeting, we have completed three, four-week courses with upwards of 35-40 joining us each week. The video presenters have been Charlie Mackesy (September 2020) & Tim Keller (November 2020 & January 2021), all stimulating lots of discussion in the small groups. The next course starts April 21st, the four weeks will include Hugh Jones the producer of the 'Lumo Video Project of

the four gospels', the following two weeks will be a video presentation by Bijan Mirtolooi, a London Pastor talking about Joy and Grace, finishing with video Testimonies by Joni Earekson & Katherine Wolf both living with extreme disabilities and sharing their great faith.

We thank God for the blessings of the past twelve months, the technology, and the opportunity to continue sow seeds of faith in these difficult and challenging times for all people.



The new Logo of the Churches Together in the Teme Valley.

Members: - Jill Smith, Jane Roberts, Neil & Hilary Higton, Rev. Jen Denniston, Des & Beryl Robson.

(Steve & Sarah Tidmarsh standing down due to family health commitments.)

K) TRUSTEES REPORT, ST ANDREW, SHELSLEY WALSH

The Church of St Andrew has been run and administered by the Maintenance Charity (Reg no. 511687) set up in August 1981 and this charity has been wholly responsible for meeting the cost of the maintenance of the church fabric and the churchyard. There is an active management committee and is overseen by five trustees including myself as chairman. An annual financial statement is produced. The church fulfils all its statutory obligations as to inspections and its finances and fabric are sound. An informative scroll with colour photographs and sections on the Church of St Andrew together with sections on Shelsley Walsh's history and the surrounding area's flora and fauna is available to purchase from the area near the font inside the church.

Sir Anthony Winnington, Bt.

L) SAFEGUARDING REPORT

No issues have arisen in the past twelve months.

All DBS checks have been issued except two which are due and are in the process of being renewed.

S1 training has not been available but will be attended as soon as it is.

C0 training has been completed by all new PCC members online and certificates have been issued. Dashboard training has been attended via Zoom by Rachel Wright

The Safeguarding Policies Promoting A Safer Church has been updated to include online activities and The Recruitment of Ex-Offenders Policy and The Social Media Policy have been reviewed and agreed by all PCC members.

Rachel Wright – Parish Safeguarding Representative

M) HEALTH AND SAFETY

A full Risk Assessment in compliance with HSE regulations was carried out in November 2020 and no problems were identified.

PAT testing has been done and Fire extinguishers have been serviced.

Rosemary Holloway

N) WWRT FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31/12/20

WORCESTERSHIRE WEST RURAL TEAM

Receipts and Payments for the 12 months ending 31 December 2020

Receipts

Team Parishes		500.00
Benefice service	(note 1)	83.55
Alpha course	(note 2)	477.25
	sub-total	1060.80

Payments

Bible Society booklets		270.00
Website updates and Maintenance		269.73
Communication expenses		763.45
Palm Crosses		57.00
Alpha Course	(note 2)	40.00
Audit fee		40.00
	sub-total	1440.18
	deficit for period	-379.38

Note 1 Benefice Service held at Broadwas 29 December 2019

Note 2 Relates to 2019 Alpha course and processed after last financial year end

Bank reconciliation

balance at bank 31/12/2020	501.48
less payments outstanding	-365.00
reconciled balance 31/12/2020	136.48
balance at bank 01/01/2020	515.86
less deficit for period	-379.38
balance at bank 31/12/2020	136.48

I have examined the documents and bank statements of the Worcestershire West Rural Team produced to me and certify these accounts are correct in accordance therewith.

J. I. Lamb 28.01.21

O) FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31/12/20

**Annual Report
and
Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council
of The Shelsleys**
for the year ended 31st December 2020

Team Rector

Reverend Canon David Sherwin
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Team Vicar

Reverend Anne Potter

Associate Priest

Reverend Jennifer Whittaker

Curate

Reverend Jen Denniston

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The PCC is a charity excepted from registration
with the Charity Commission

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31st December 2020

Administrative information

There are two churches in the parish: The Church of All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp and the Church of St. Andrew, Shelsley Walsh. Both the churches are in the Benefice of Clifton, Lower Sapey and the Shelsleys, in the team ministry of Worcester West Rural Team ("WWRT"), and in the Diocese of Worcester.

The correspondence address for both churches is: Mrs Jane Froggatt, Upper Haines, Pudford Lane, Martley, Worcester WR6 6QL.

The Parochial Church Council is a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC Members who served from the 1st January 2020 until the date of this report are:

Team Rector	Rev Canon David Sherwin	Elected Members:
Team Vicar	Rev Anne Potter	Mr Brian Elvins (resigned 2nd March 2020)
Curates	Rev Rebecca Elliott	Mrs Jean Nuttall (resigned 2nd March 2020)
	Rev Jen Denniston	Mrs Kate Hurst
Associate Priest	Rev Jennifer Whittaker	Mrs Beryl Robson
Readers	Mrs Patricia Snelling	Mrs Rachel Wright
	Mrs Jill Smith	Mr Richard Bettinson (Hon. Treasurer)
	Mr Mark Wild	Miss Rosemary Holloway (appointed 14th October 2020)
Churchwarden & Deanery Synod representative	Mrs Jane Froggatt	Ms Judith Damerell (appointed 14th October 2020)

Chair: The Chair rotates during the year.

The clergy and reader are not resident in the parish but are entitled to attend PCC meetings.

Structure Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the electoral roll of the parish. The parish has only one churchwarden and a part time PCC secretary.

Objectives and Activities

The Shelsleys' PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with Rev Canon David Sherwin, WWRT, the lay readers of the benefice and the churchwarden, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It has maintenance responsibilities for the Church of All Saints and for the provision of services at the Church of St. Andrew. The maintenance of the building and of the churchyard of St. Andrew's is the responsibility of a separate maintenance charity.

Financial Review

Voluntary income increased overall by 6% compared to 2019. This was due to £2,084 of donations received following the circulation of a fundraising letter to the parish, which have been allocated to a new Fabric fund. However, these were offset by a sharp fall in collections due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on church services. Fees were up by 5%, mainly due to an increase in funerals.

There were no fund raising events due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Overall, expenditure was 44% lower than in 2019, primarily due to lower quinquennial repair costs (£3,000 compared with £8,038 in 2019) and a decision to cease the overpayment of parish share to the Diocese.

**Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council
for the year ended 31st December 2020**

Financial Review (continued)

We are reporting a deficit for 2020 of £3,544, a significantly better outcome than in 2019 and most of which relates to the cost of quinquennial repairs.

The Unrestricted General Purpose Fund has now reduced from £5,928 to £827 and total Restricted Funds have risen from £2,330 to £3,887.

Consideration of Going Concern

The PCC is required to consider whether the accounts can be drawn up on the basis of a going concern and to include the following statement in the accounts:

Going Concern

The members of the PCC have considered the expected future cash inflows and outflows over the 12 month period from the date the accounts are signed and have concluded that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis.

R. A. Bettinson

18th March 2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of The Shelsleys

Report to the members of the PCC of The Shelsleys ('the PCC') on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020, set out on pages 4 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of the members of the PCC and the Independent Examiner

The PCC members are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The members of the PCC consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of The Charities Act 2011 ('The Charities Act') and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the 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 Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

R J Pound FCA
Manor Lodge
Shelsley Beauchamp
Worcester
WR6 6RE

18th March 2021

**Parochial Church Council of the Shelsleys
Statement of Financial Affairs for the period ended 31 December 2020**

	Note	Restricted Funds				2020 Total	2019 Total
		Unrestricted General Fund	Bells	Church- yard	Mission		
		£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES							
Voluntary Income							
Planned giving: - Gift aided donations		3,890	-	-	-	5,043	3,275
- Tax recoverable		983	-	-	-	1,239	860
Collections: - Open plate including gift aid envelopes		1,155	-	-	-	1,155	3,025
- Tax recoverable		323	-	-	-	323	526
Sundry donations		-	-	-	-	675	262
Activities for generating funds		6,351	-	-	-	8,435	7,948
Fund raising	11	-	-	-	-	-	667
Income from investments		5	1	-	1	7	72
Deposit interest - CBF deposits & bank		-	-	-	-	-	-
Income from church activities		448	-	-	-	448	426
Fees		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources		6,804	1	-	1	8,890	9,113
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		(5,101)	1	(529)	1	(3,544)	(13,210)
Balances brought forward 1st January 2020		5,928	506	529	1,295	8,258	21,468
Balances carried forward 31 December 2020		827	507	-	1,296	4,714	8,258

Parochial Church Council of the Shelsleys
Statement of Financial Affairs for the period ended 31 December 2020

	Note	Unrestricted General Fund £	Bells £	Restricted Funds Church- yard £	Mission £	Fabric £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
RESOURCES EXPENDED								
Church activities								
Missionary & charitable giving: - Home missions & other charities	12	336	-	-	-	-	336	549
Ministry: - Diocesan parish share	7	2,661	-	-	-	-	2,661	4,800
- Visiting preachers' costs		-	-	-	-	-	-	27
- Priests' expenses		738	-	-	-	-	738	1,547
Church running costs: - Heat, light & insurance	8	2,916	-	-	-	-	2,916	3,030
- Maintenance		499	-	-	-	-	499	681
- Digital piano		262	-	-	-	-	262	262
Depreciation: - Digital piano		441	-	529	-	-	970	1,500
Churchyard upkeep		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Office expenses, altar & service requisites		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Administration and secretarial fees		895	-	-	-	-	895	1,402
Quinquennial expenses (less VAT recovered)	9	3,000	-	-	-	-	3,000	8,038
Sundry administration costs	10	157	-	-	-	-	157	267
		<u>11,905</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>529</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,434</u>	<u>22,103</u>
Fund raising costs								
Fund raising expenses	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	220
		<u>11,905</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>529</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,434</u>	<u>22,323</u>
Total resources expended								

**Parochial Church Council of the Shelsleys
Balance Sheet at 31 December 2020**

	Note	2020 £		2019 £
Fixed Assets	3	262		523
Current Assets				
Debtors & prepayments	4	852	2,588	
CBF deposit accounts		206	4,155	
Bank & cash balances		<u>5,219</u>	<u>3,798</u>	
		6,277	10,541	
Liabilities				
Amounts falling due within one year				
Sundry creditors	5	<u>1,825</u>	<u>2,806</u>	
Net Current Assets		4,452		7,735
Net Assets	2	<u><u>4,714</u></u>		<u><u>8,258</u></u>
Funds				
Unrestricted income funds				
General purpose		827		5,928
Restricted income funds				
Bells and tower	6	507	506	
Churchyard		-	529	
Mission		1,296	1,295	
Fabric		<u>2,084</u>	<u>-</u>	
		3,887		2,330
		<u><u>4,714</u></u>		<u><u>8,258</u></u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 18th March 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

R. A. Bettinson)	
)	PCC members
B. Robson)	

Parochial Church Council of the Shelsleys
Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2020

1. Accounting Policies

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities 2005.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible.

Going concern

The members of the PCC have considered the expected future cash inflows and outflows over the 12 month period from the date the accounts are signed and have concluded that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis.

Funds

Unrestricted 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. Funds designated for a particular purpose are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds represent donations and grants given for a specific purpose or object, and may only be used for that purpose or object.

Incoming Resources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.

Gift Aid is recognised when the income is recognised.

Monies raised at fund raising events, fetes, etc. organised by the PCC are accounted for gross when received.

Legacies are recognised when received.

Donations are recognised when received or confirmed by the donor.

Interest entitlements are accounted for when credited.

Resources Used

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 paid. Any amount unpaid at 31st December, which has been authorised for payment by the PCC is provided for in these accounts as a liability and is shown as a creditor due within twelve months in the Balance Sheet.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated property is not included in the accounts by S96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Moveable church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time).

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated buildings or on the repair of moveable church furnishings is written off.

Equipment used within the church and churchyard premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over 5 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £300 or less are written off in the year of purchase.

Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31st December are shown as debtors.

Notes to the accounts (continued)

2. Summary of Net Assets by Fund

	2020 Unrestricted Funds £	2020 Restricted Funds £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Fixed assets	262	-	262	523
Debtors and prepayments	852	-	852	2,588
CBF deposits	206	-	206	4,155
Bank accounts & cash	1,332	3,887	5,219	3,798
Creditors and accruals	<u>(1,825)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,825)</u>	<u>(2,806)</u>
	<u>827</u>	<u>3,887</u>	<u>4,714</u>	<u>8,258</u>

3. Fixed Assets

During the year there were no additions to fixed assets. Depreciation charged during the year was £262.

4. Debtors & Prepayments

	2020 £	2019 £
Gift aid recoverable	686	662
VAT recoverable on quinquennial expenses	-	270
Proceeds of lute evening	-	87
Prepayments	<u>166</u>	<u>1,569</u>
	<u>852</u>	<u>2,588</u>

5. Liabilities - Amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Sundry creditors	<u>1,825</u>	<u>2,806</u>
	<u>1,825</u>	<u>2,806</u>

6. Bells and Tower Fund

This fund holds £507 which is solely for the care of the Shelsley handbells.

7. Diocesan Parish Share

Diocesan Parish Share of £2,661 (2019: £4,800) was paid during the year. Prior to 2018, the parish was not able to pay Share in full and there remain arrears of £30,551 (2019: £30,551).

8. Insurance

The church building and contents are insured with Ecclesiastical Insurance for £5,800,000 (2019 - £5,600,000). The policy carries a £500 excess.

9. Maintenance and Repairs

Quinquennial repairs costing £3,000 were made during the year, all of which were charged to the unrestricted general fund.

Notes to the accounts (continued)

10. Sundry Administration Expenses	2020	2019
	£	£
Ordination food	-	25
Bellringers Association	-	15
Hymns & Pimms costs	-	37
Presents to parishioners	85	140
Alpha course contribution	-	50
Contribution to the Teme Triangle	50	-
Other	22	-
	<u>157</u>	<u>267</u>

No expenses were reimbursed to any lay members of the PCC during the year.

11. Fund Raising	2020	2020	2020	2020	2019
	Receipts General £	Receipts Fabric £	Expenses £	Net £	Net £
Harvest supper	-	-	-	-	360
Lute evening	-	-	-	-	87
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>447</u>

12. Charitable Giving	2020	2019
	£	£
Home missions & other charities		
Royal British Legion	336	300
Farming Community Network	-	185
British Lung Association	-	65
	<u>336</u>	<u>550</u>

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