



# **St. Michael and All Angels**

**Annual Report for 2020**

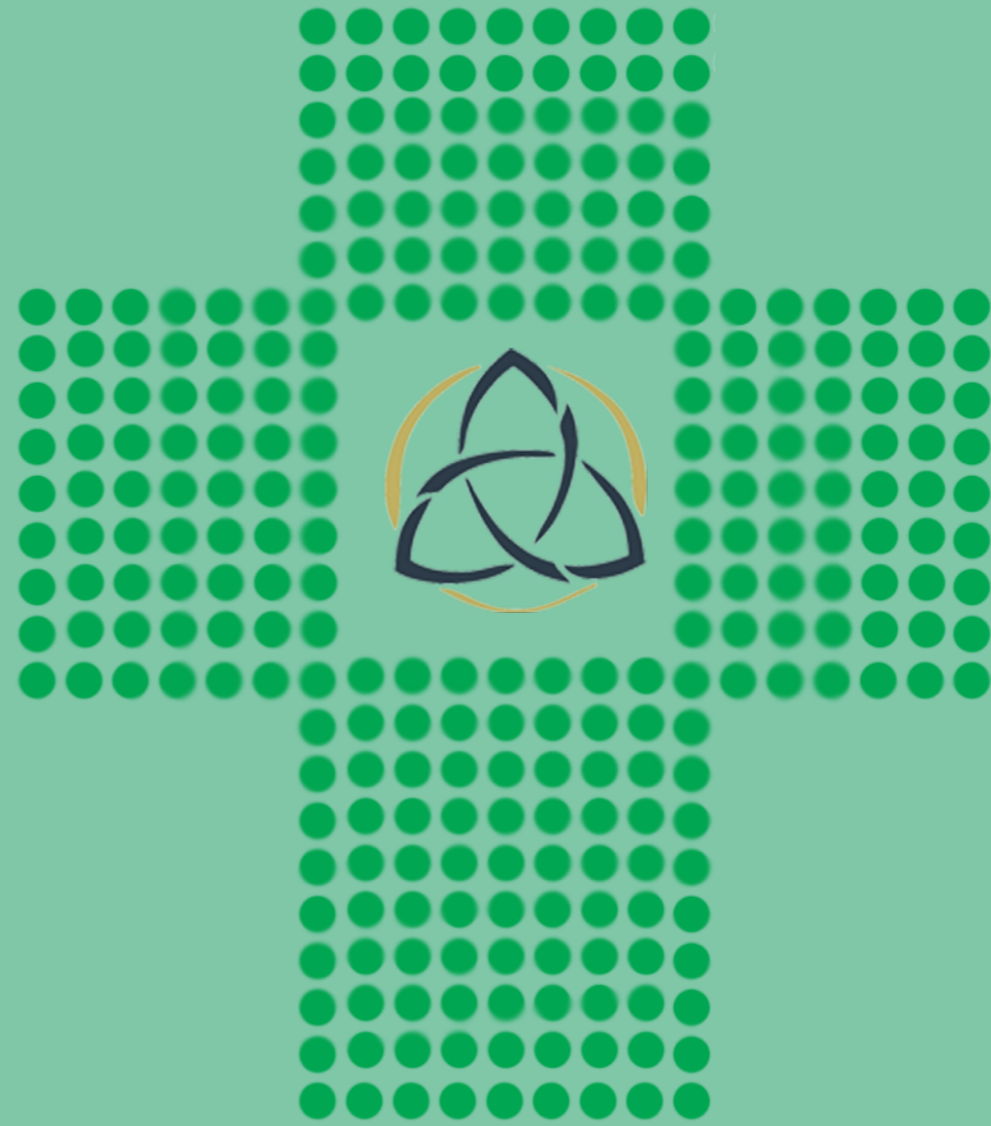
Received on behalf of the PCC

Signed The Revd Richard Parkinson (Chairman)

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**Welcome to  
our annual  
report.**

*St. Michael and All Angels  
Cherry Burton*



*Know God - Show God - Share God*

## The Lord's My Shepherd

*'The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.'* - Psalm 23:1

*'I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.'* - Philippians 4:11-13

In my reflections on 2020 in preparation for writing this little introduction I am struck by several things;

1. The resilience within our community
2. That real joy that can be found in the small things
3. Just how important community and the sense of belonging is to so many people
4. People can also be really, really stupid and selfish
5. That one's circumstances, feelings or situation might shift rapidly and frequently but God remains a solid place of acceptance and love.



We didn't know what to expect when, in March 2020, our government did something that has never been done before and put all people and public spaces into lockdown. Our church buildings closed but, and this is important, the Church didn't and we the people of God sought to continue to fulfil our part in God's mission and carry on reaching out in love, generosity and kindness.

We all struggled to make sense of all that was going on and what we could or couldn't do throughout the year; we missed friends and family, we lost those we loved and couldn't say farewell to as we would have liked or needed to. Yet, through all this and so much more we sought out God and at times found God in the strangest of places and people. God remained our shepherd, our provider, a rock in the storm. It might be a temptation to put 2020 behind us and try and forget in a bid to 'get back to normal' but the world is changing around us with new challenges all the time. We might try to protect ourselves from these changing winds but as we learnt through this pandemic, we can't control everything. In fact we can control very little of any significance.

It is my prayer for 2021 and onwards that we, the people of God, might continue to seek God's kingdom first. In plenty and in need, content in every situation because of who our shepherd is; knowing, really, we lack nothing.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. P. ...' with a stylized flourish at the end.

## PCC Membership

The Rector and the Churchwardens, who are elected annually at the Annual Vestry Meeting of Parishioners, are members of the PCC *ex officio*. Two lay representatives on the Beverley Deanery Synod were elected for a three-year term at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in 2017 and are also members of the PCC *ex officio*. The other nine members are elected in rotation, three at a time for a three-year period, at the APCM. During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

		Retiring at APCM
Rector	The Revd Richard Parkinson	
Church Warden	Mrs Judi Peirson	<b>2021</b>
Church Warden	<i>Vacant</i>	
Deanery Synod Rep.	Mr Howard Petch	<b>2021</b>
Elected Members	Mr Chris Brown	<b>2021</b>
	Mr Mark Costen	<b>2021</b>
	Mrs Tracy Costen	2022
	Mr Ian Hargreaves	2023
	Mr Michael Ralphs	2023
	Mrs Yvonne Shaw	2023
	Mrs Claire Smith	<b>2021</b>
	Mrs Elisabeth Wallace	2022
	<i>Vacancy</i>	
	<i>Vacancy</i>	

The Standing Committee is the only committee required by law. It comprises the Rector, Churchwardens, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC.

The PCC uses sub-committees to streamline its business by dealing with specific issues as they arise and to prepare reports for consideration by the full committee.

### What is the Mission and Purpose of the PCC and Wider Church Community?

*To Know God; to Show God; to Share God*

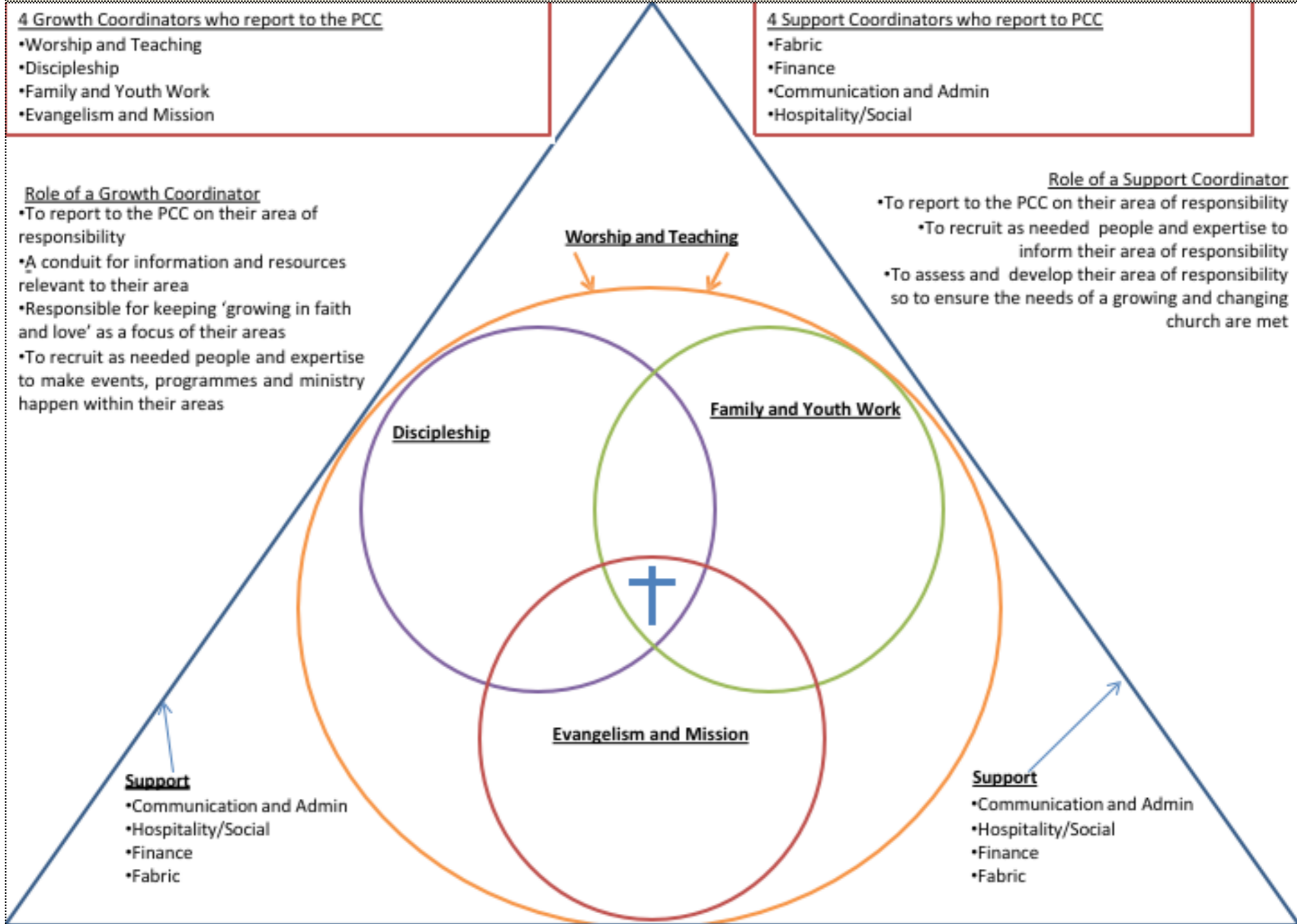
How do we know we are fulfilling our purpose?

By extending:

- The breadth of worship opportunities
- The depth of discipleship opportunities
- Outreach opportunities.

Building even greater contact with the wider community to include a natural and honest demonstration and presentation of our good news of Jesus Christ.

## The Management Structure for St. Michael's, Cherry Burton



## The Parochial Church Council and it's Standing Committee

### Members of the Standing Committee

Chair: Revd Richard Parkinson\*

Vice-Chair: Ian Hargreaves

Secretary: Moyra Briston

Churchwarden: Judi Peirson\*

Treasurer: Chris Brown

\*ex-officio

### Elected members of the PCC:

Chris Brown

Mark Costen

Tracy Costen

Ian Hargreaves

Howard Petch (Deanery Synod Rep.)

Michael Ralphs

Yvonne Shaw

Claire Smith

Elisabeth Wallace

## Communication and Administration

### **Communications (Chair: *Vacant*)**

Newsletter Editor - Mike Ralphs

Pew Notice Editor - Gavin Bullock

Newsletter Distributor - Judi Peirson

Churchwarden - Judi Peirson

### **Administration (Chair: *Liz Hargreaves*)**

Health & Safety - Ian Hargreaves

Safeguarding - Jane Papworth

PCC Safeguarding Lead - Tracy Costen

Church & Centre cleaning & care - Liz Hargreaves

Centre Bookings - Liz Hargreaves

Electoral Roll Secretary - Alan Woodhead

Weddings - Linda Brown & Barry Gibson

Funeral Aftercare - *vacancy*

Baptisms - Lynn Johnson

Churchyard records - Alan Brown & Val Holmes

Choir wardrobe keeper - Judi Peirson

Churchwarden - *vacancy*

Sacristan - Andy Leason

Assistant Wardens: Liz Hargreaves,  
Howard Petch and Alan Woodhead

## Our Support/ Structural Groups

### Finance/Stewardship

#### **Stewardship (Chair: Chris Brown)**

Cashier - George Sweeting

Gift Aid Secretary - Alan Woodhead

Treasurer - Chris Brown

Churchwarden - *vacancy*

### Fabric

#### **Fabric (Chair: Ian Hargreaves)**

Churchyard maintenance - Brian Holmes

Memorial Garden - Daphne Kemp

Flower Secretary - Christine Ashworth

Representatives of the Friends of St  
Michael Committee - Liz Hargreaves &  
George Sweeting

Churchwarden - Judi Peirson

## Children, Youth and Families

### Key Co-ordinator - Sue Banbury with Tracy Costen

- Messy Church
- Co-ordinates Sunday morning provision including curriculum, publicity, rotas etc.
- Liaises with Rector re special outreach events/services.

### Foundation Governors of Cherry Burton Voluntary Controlled Primary School:

- Revd Richard Parkinson
- Denis Healy
- Elisabeth Wallace
- Val Holmes (associate governor).

## Mission Partners

### Key Co-ordinator - Mark Costen

- Ensure effective links with all mission partners
- Ensure the congregation is kept informed of mission partner activity as well as regular updating of the Mission Board
- Monitor prospective new mission partners and make recommendations as appropriate.

## Worship

### Key Co-ordinator - Revd Richard Parkinson

- The Rector fulfils this role and enlists the support of lay members in the provision, organisation and leading of worship
- Director of Music - Peter Osborne
- Choir - Led by Judi Peirson in partnership with the organist
- Recognised Parish Assistant - Adrian Wallace.

## Pastoral Care

### Key Co-ordinators - Sue Banbury and Mike Ralphs

- Develop with others an effective and efficient system of pastoral care through seeking the involvement of others in meeting identified pastoral needs and co-ordinating a team of pastoral visitors.
- Liaise with Discipleship Co-ordinator in arranging training on good pastoral visiting
- In due course, seek to offer bereavement support and after-funeral visiting
- In due course, liaise with the Rector in the provision of Home Communion and good worship for the housebound.

# Our Growth Co-ordinators

## Discipleship

### Key Co-ordinator - Howard Petch

Works under the direction of the Rector to:

- Research and locate study material for house groups and arranging development for house group leaders whilst encouraging the nurture of new house groups
- Arrange discipleship development sessions for the congregation (e.g.: Grave Talk) - introduce book groups, prayer triplets etc.
- Organise, with the help of others, para-church activity into the wider community, eg: Food for Thought, Open Door Café (acting through a Management Committee) etc.
- Organise one Alpha course per year or other appropriate introduction to Christianity courses.

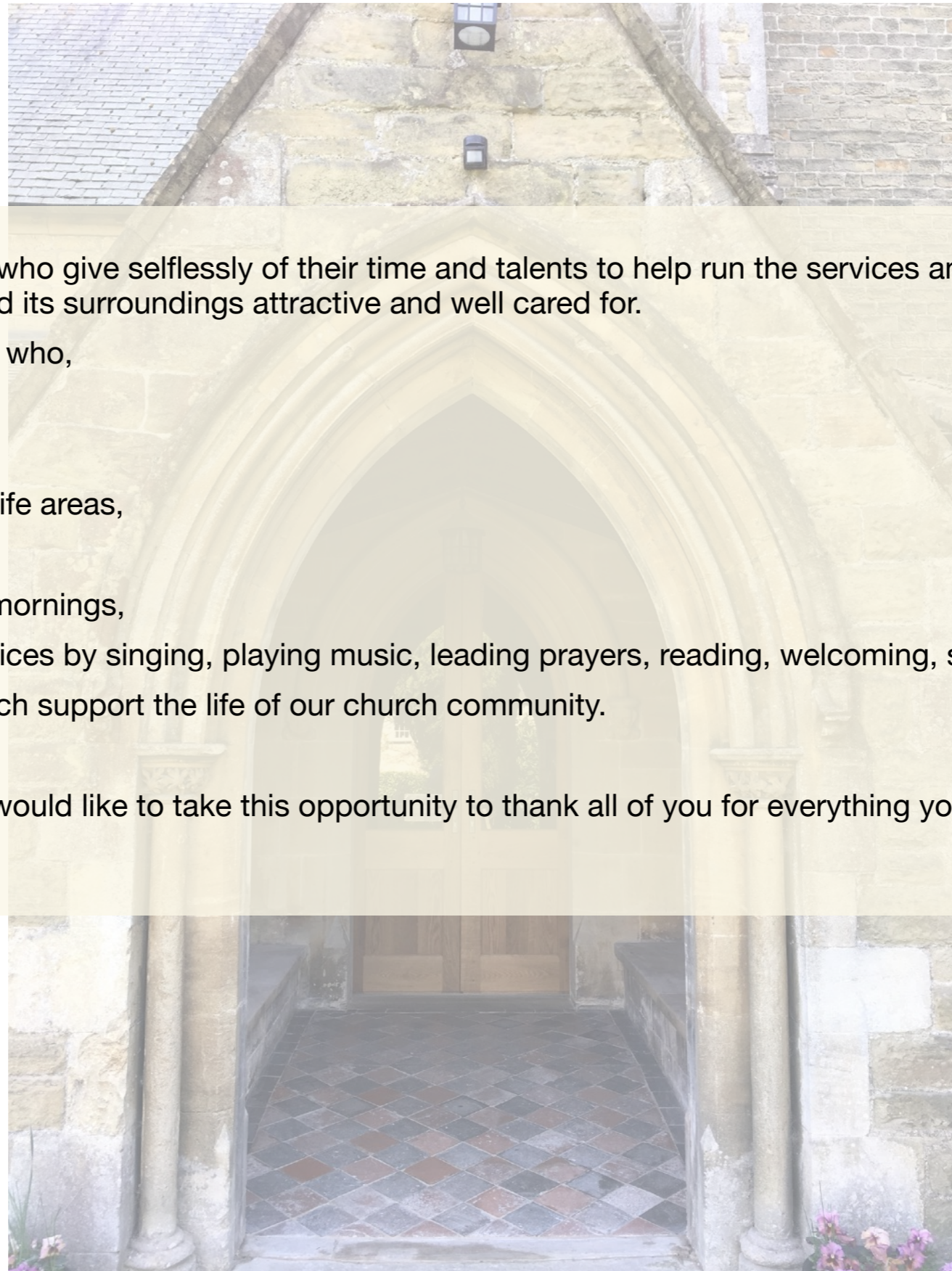


In addition, there are many people who give selflessly of their time and talents to help run the services and the business of the church and to keep the building and its surroundings attractive and well cared for.

A huge thank you to the volunteers who,

- clean the church and centre,
- provide and arrange flowers,
- mow the grass and tend the wildlife areas,
- tend the children's garden,
- serve tea and coffee on Sunday mornings,
- lead and enable our worship services by singing, playing music, leading prayers, reading, welcoming, setting up,
- and the many other activities which support the life of our church community.

This is much appreciated, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for everything you do.



## Meetings of the PCC

The PCC met five times in 2020, once face-to-face and five times by Zoom with an average of 10 members attending each meeting. A sub-committee was formed to deal with procedures for ensuring that the church was Covid-safe before re-opening for worship. The Standing Committee met to agree the pruning in the churchyard.

In providing support to the Rector in furthering the mission of this church in this parish, our meetings have included administrative, business and financial issues as well as pastoral and spiritual ones. During 2020 our meetings have included:

- Reviewing and approving our Safeguarding Policies – this is an annual requirement
- Consideration of the financial statements for 2019 and budget for 2020
- Development and progress of the Open Door Café and its contribution during lockdown
- Dealing with lockdown and church closure
- Provision of streamed services which have been a blessing
- Receiving regular reports on the ongoing development of Messy Church and other children's activities
- Providing support to our village school as it copes with the difficulties of lockdown
- Noting the progress on the Schedule of Works arising from the quinquennial review, including a scheme of essential roof repairs

- The ongoing efforts to fill the vacancy at Etton with Dalton Holme
- Care of the headstones in the graveyard
- Appreciation of the continuing support of The Friends of St Michael's, particularly to the roof repairs.

A copy of the draft minutes of each meeting is displayed in The Saint Michael's Centre and all church members are encouraged to read them and to raise any queries with any member of the PCC. Our meetings begin with prayer for guidance in our discussion and decision-making and generally end with a quiet service of Compline or Grace.



## Church Membership

In 2019 all memberships were up for renewal, not just annual review. This resulted in a membership of 74 as at the Annual Meeting in 2019. Since then two members have been added, unfortunately five have died and two have left the parish. This leaves 70 on the roll as at December 2020.

All are welcome to become members; it is a means of being connected, through communication, the importance and benefit of which was demonstrated during the recent health emergency.

*Alan Woodhead*

## Financial Overview and Planned Giving

The accounts for the year show a deficit of £12,500, after taking into account the increase in the value of the investments which amounted to £3,330.

The results for the General Fund include expenditure on maintenance & equipment of £29,605. This includes £4,072 on the Sound System. This is the final payment. This is before deducting an amount of £20,000 that was contributed by The Friends of St Michael's.

The Open Door Café incurred a trading loss of £3,012. An analysis of the results indicates that the loss was incurred during the first quarter of the year. The PCC feel strongly that the community benefits of the café far outweigh the ongoing cost.

Income for the year, excluding Open Door takings, amounted to £73,196, which was about £18K less than the budget. However this is understandable bearing in mind the unprecedented circumstances.

We would like to thank everyone who made donations and assisted with fundraising events. This contribution has greatly assisted in financing the cost of the renovation work.

We thank everyone for their giving in the last year and pray that this may continue.

“And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance so that by always having enough of everything you may share in every good work.” 2 Corinthians 9, v.8.

To help achieve the objectives of the PCC, to maintain a Christian presence in our community, and to further the mission and ministry of the Church, we ask everyone who is a taxpayer of any sort (pay, pension, interest, dividend) to consider making a regular donation by Gift Aid. This is simple to complete and, if contributing by standing order, no further action is needed on your part. The Church will benefit by a further 25% (£0.25p in the £) through the tax recoverable.

*Chris Brown*

Those who are part of our Planned Giving Scheme continue to make a very valuable contribution to Church income. 60% of Church income is from committed regular donors, with another 14% Gift Aided by the Government from this source, altogether nearly 75%. Thank you to all who have donated. As Church costs inexorably increase, if appropriate, please consider reviewing your offerings.

*Alan Woodhead*

## St Michael & All Angels Church PCC 2020 Budget

	Budget 2020	Actual Year to 31st December 2020	Variance
<b>Income</b>			
Gift Aids - General Fund	49800	42355	-7445
Income Tax - General	11254	9572	-1682
Collections	1600	124	-1476
Fund Raising	500	35	-465
Grant / Friends	20000	20000	0
Legacies	0	0	0
Coffee Money	600	113	-487
Events	200	0	-200
PCC Fees	4000	917	-3083
Church Hire	2800	619	-2181
Investment Income	150	100	-50
Increase in Valuation - F Dunn	0	3330	3330
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# 11 Resources

## Expenses

Giving	1500	1436	64
Open Door ( see note)	0	3012	-3012
Church Maintenance- Fred Dunn Fund	25000	25350	-350
Churchyard Maintenance- Arnott Fund	100	295	-195
Light & Heat	2200	2405	-205
Repairs & Equipment	6000	4935	1065
Insurance	2500	2468	32
Water	1500	2365	-865
Diocese Quota	40000	40000	0
Rectors Expenses	3300	2404	896
Office Support	1200	1621	-421
Children, Youth & Families	600	520	80
Telephone & Internet	500	458	42
Upkeep of Choir	1000	1023	-23
Upkeep of Consumables	700	356	344
Upkeep of Photocopier	1600	1050	550
PCC Fees - Diocese	2000	0	2000
Worship & Services	1200	227	973
PCC Fees - Service Expenses	300	0	300
	<u>91200</u>	<u>89925</u>	<u>1275</u>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<u><b>-296</b></u>	<u><b>-12760</b></u>	<u><b>-12465</b></u>

## Open Door

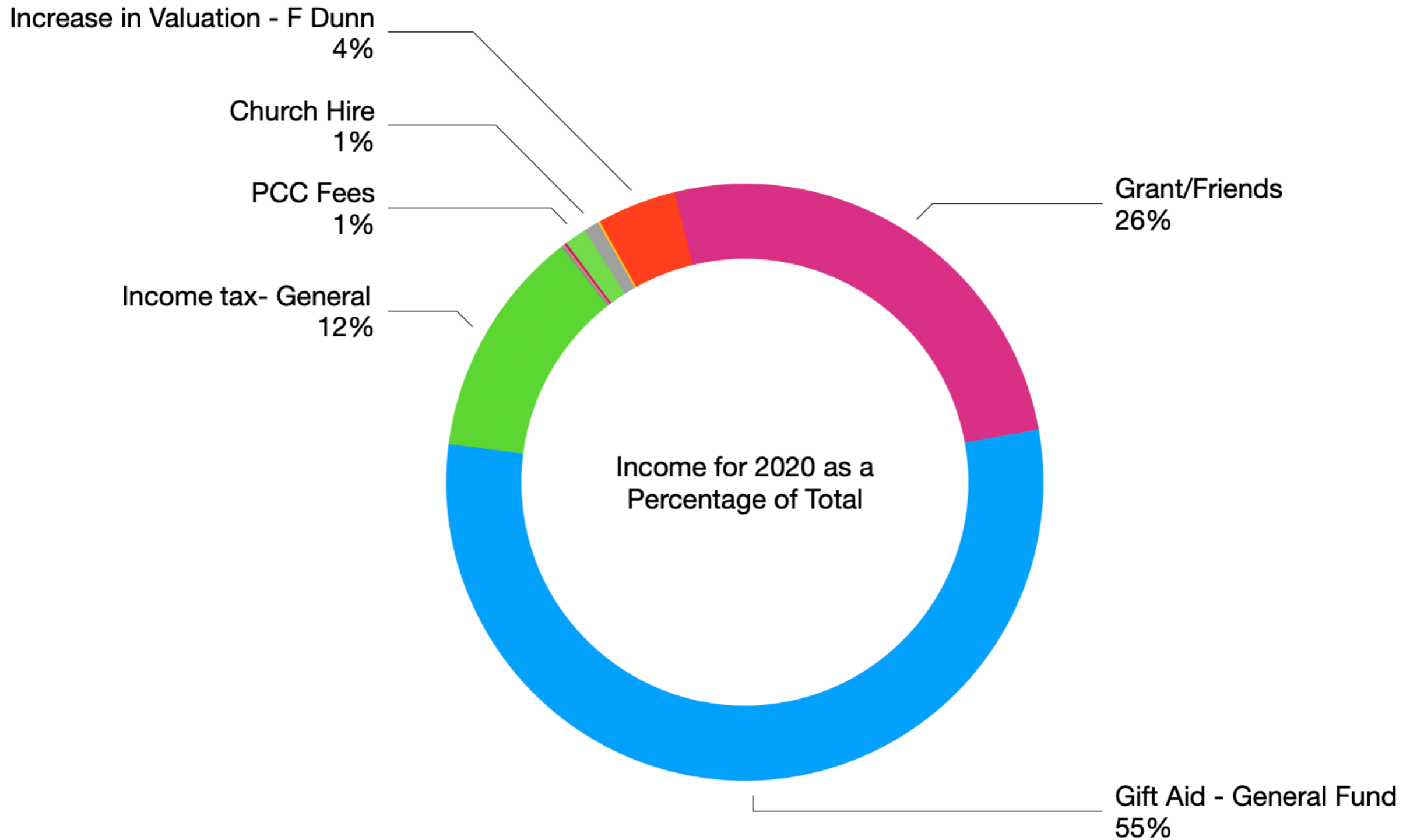
Takings	8796
Stock	3533
Expenses	866
Salaries	7409
	<u>11808</u>
<b>Net Profit (-loss)</b>	<u>-3012</u>

## Balance Sheet

As at

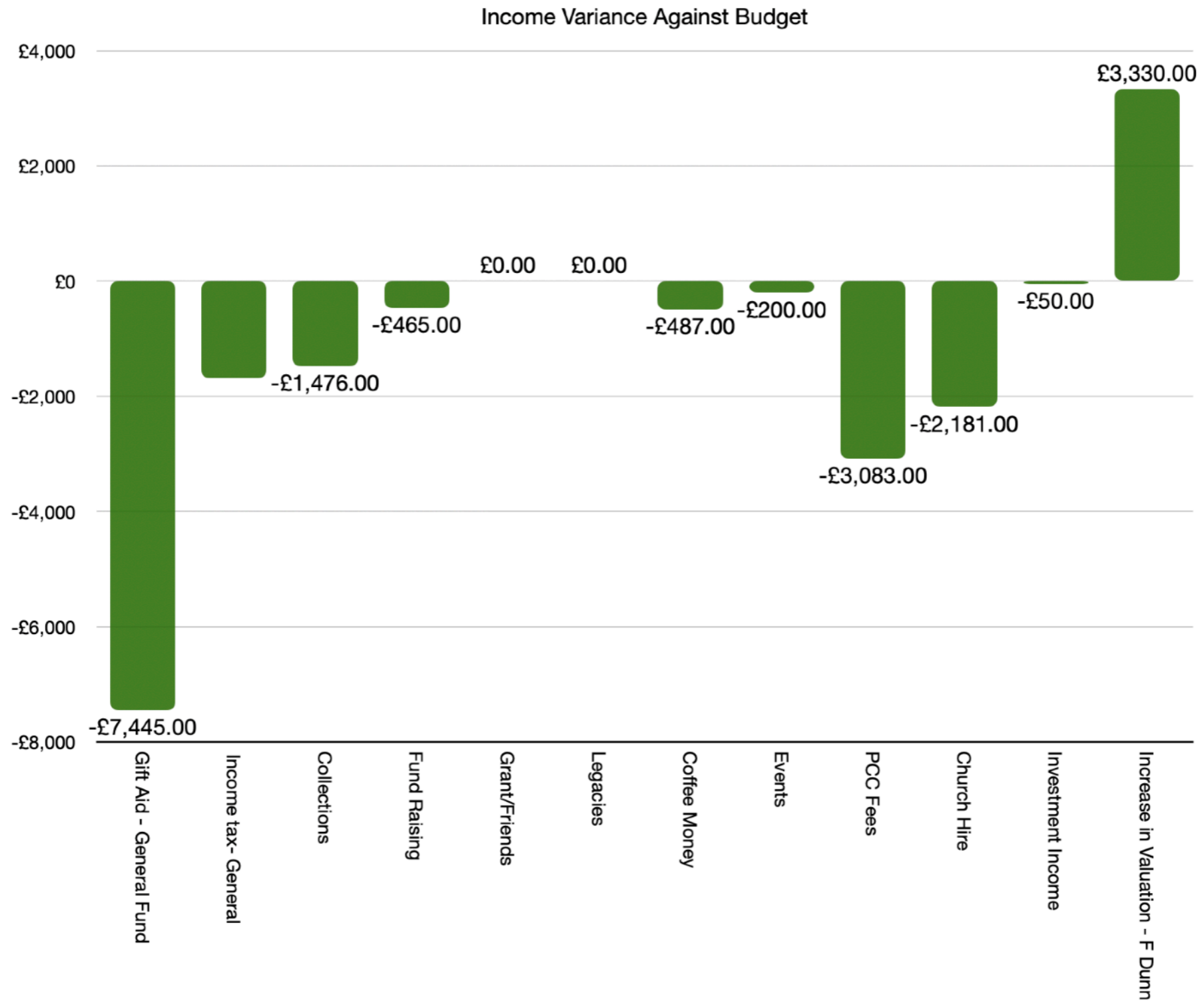
	31 December 2019	31 December 2020
Investment - Fred Dunn	35590	26744
Tax Refunds Due - General Fund	2810	2165
Bank Current Account	2992	5386
Gift Aid Current Account	604	5018
General Fund - CBF Deposit	15002	4925
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## Finance Summary for 2020

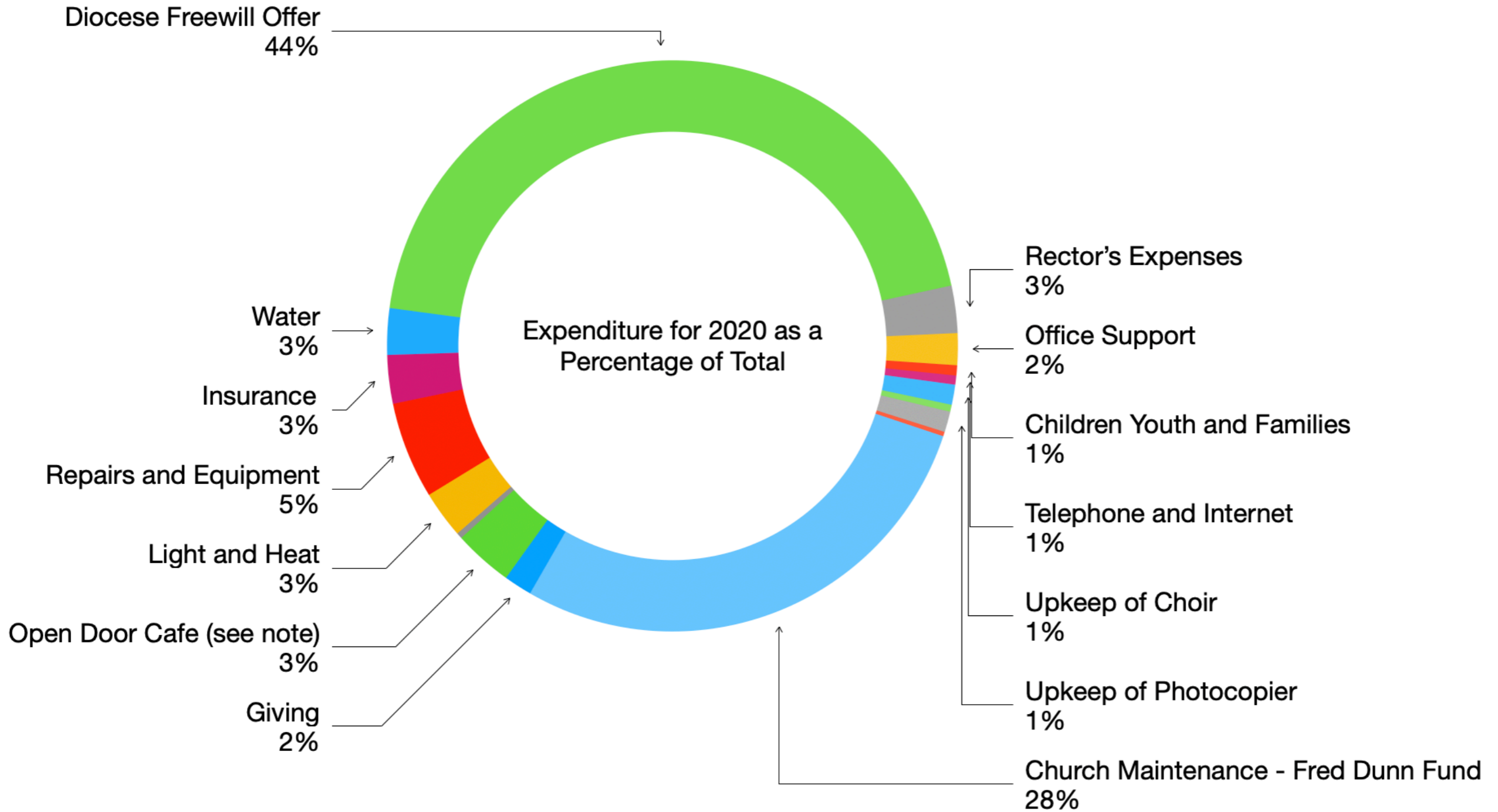




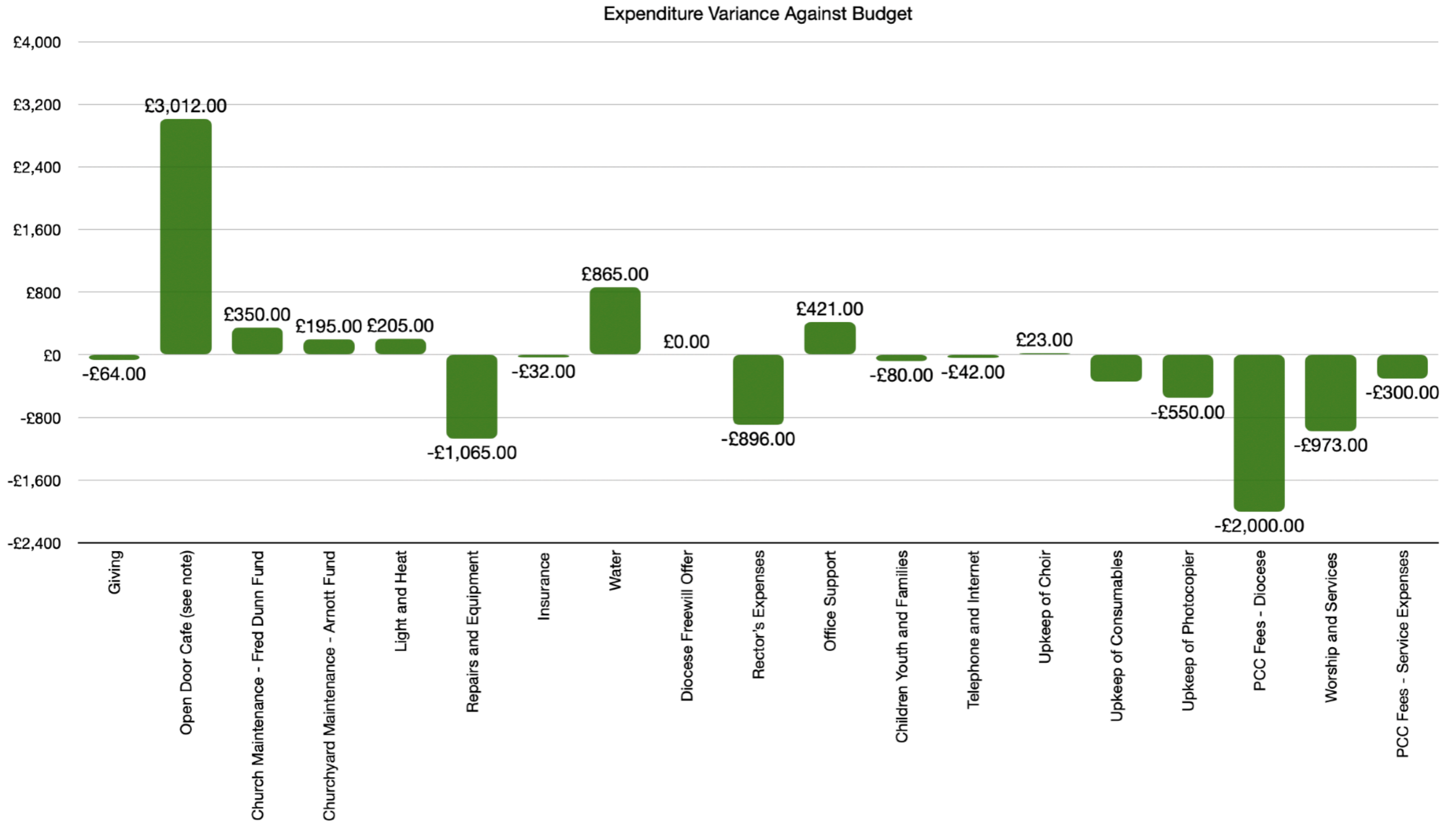
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## Buildings and Fabric

Our Church buildings are there to help support our worship and mission, recognising that they need to be well run and maintained, but they also need to change and develop over time to remain relevant to our changing needs and circumstances ..... I begin with a similar statement each year, but our needs and circumstances have never changed as much or as rapidly as in 2020, as we struggled to share effective worship and prayer through the global Coronavirus pandemic. We have gone through periods of full lockdown and restricted opening, which have affected both how we run services and worship as a Church community, as well as how we can support and outreach into the local community. It has been a challenging year, but we have been able to make some real headway.

In March, we went from our normal pattern of services and events to all Churches being closed as part of the national lockdown. Fortunately, Revd Richard was more technically savvy than most of the congregation and we were able to continue to meet collectively via video link and streaming from his study into our own homes (those of us with access to computers and reliable broadband). As infection levels and risks reduced in June and July, the PCC carried out a risk assessment in line with CoE guidance, to plan for the restricted opening of the Church and St Michael's Centre, with most of the requirements being met through the use of alternate pews and a one-way system at services in line with Covid restrictions. No permanent structural changes were required to achieve social distancing, but PCC agreed to install a much faster and more reliable fibre broadband service to improve the streaming service. This has allowed

services to be run and streamed in Church as the restrictions have allowed, with more reliable streaming for those who could not attend in person.

The pandemic and lockdown also impacted on our planned scheme of roofing works, with a start on site delayed until June and then Covid-related staffing issues affecting progress over the summer. The original scheme aimed to address a number of issues identified as priorities in our architect's Quinquennial Review 2017, including repairs to the Nave and North Aisle roofs (replacement flashing, re-pointing ridge tiles and slate repairs) re-pointing North Aisle East wall, patching damaged membrane on the toilet roof and repairs & repainting of cast iron guttering and downpipes. Once the scaffolding was in place, a detailed inspection allowed some savings to be made on the original schedule of works, which enabled PCC to agree to proceed with additional works also identified as priorities in the Quinquennial Review:

- Sealing and painting of the high-level quatrefoil clerestory windows in the Nave.
- Additional works to repair the St Michael's Centre roof, with new dry verge and ridge system, together with slate repairs, and replacement aluminium guttering and downpipes.

We were pleased to see the works finished and the scaffolding removed in early November, just in time for the next lockdown. The final cost of the works was £22,800 (plus VAT, which is reclaimable) and the PCC was very grateful to the Friends of St Michael's for their contribution of £20,000.

## Buildings and Fabric - cont.

Without their help we could not have carried out these essential repairs to our buildings.

We were also able to progress a number of more routine checks and repairs over the year:

- Repairs to book shelves, Centre doors and toilet seat
- Annual inspection of fire alarm and extinguishers
- Annual Gas Safety checks
- Work with Northern PowerGrid to monitor and try to address the fluctuating power supply, causing problems with lights in Church (ongoing).
- Replacing the failed spotlight on the tower with a low energy LED carriage light on a sensor, to improve safety and convenience of those needing access to the Centre in the dark.

In June, we paid the final instalment on the new sound system installed by Keystone Sounds in 2018. It had been supplied on a trial period, with payments over two years once we were satisfied with it. Again the Friends had supported us in this important development, meeting half of the £16,300 cost.

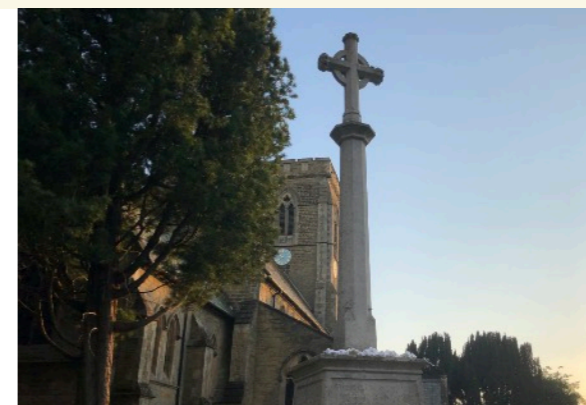
As well as these specific areas of work, we are grateful to our team of volunteers who give of their time and effort to help with a range of tasks, including, minor maintenance, grass cutting, cleaning the Church and Centre and flower arranging and gardening, all of which bring their own challenges, along with a few extra ones in 2020!

## Health and Safety

The health and safety of all who worship in or visit our Church and Centre is an ongoing duty and priority for the PCC and we seek to identify all potential risks and reduce them to a minimum. This involves regular checks and monitoring of health and safety issues, systems and equipment. This year, we have had the additional challenges of providing a safe environment for all users of the Church and Centre in line with changing local and national restrictions throughout the pandemic.

Many health and safety issues have been addressed as part of the various schemes listed above, whilst others need to be identified and addressed individually. Whilst I try to keep a regular watching brief on risks associated with the use of our premises, I rely on people letting me know if they spot anything broken or posing a particular risk, so that I can be aware and take any necessary action. Please keep your eyes open and discuss with me if you have any concerns or questions.

*Ian Hargreaves*



# 19 Adult Worship and Discipleship

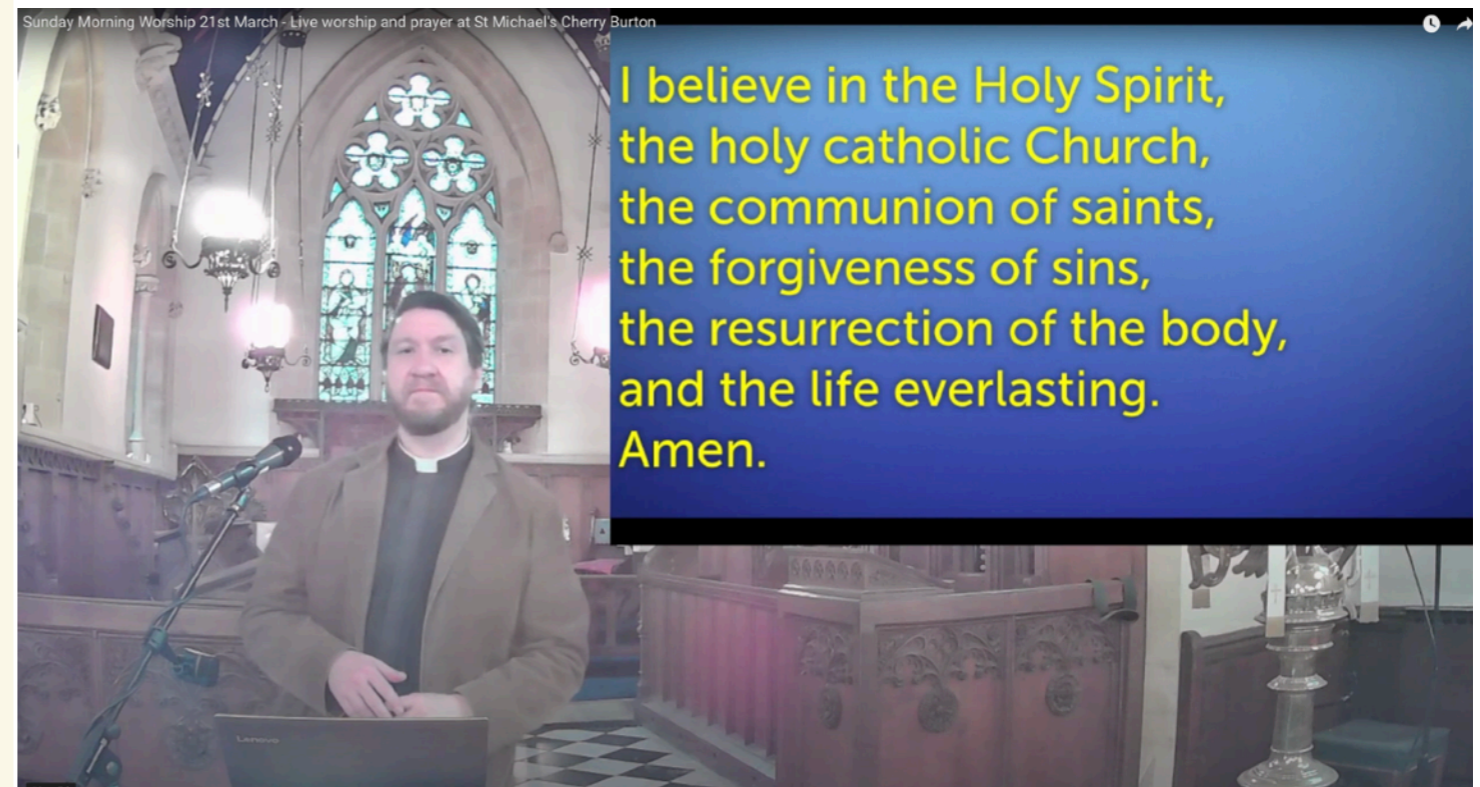
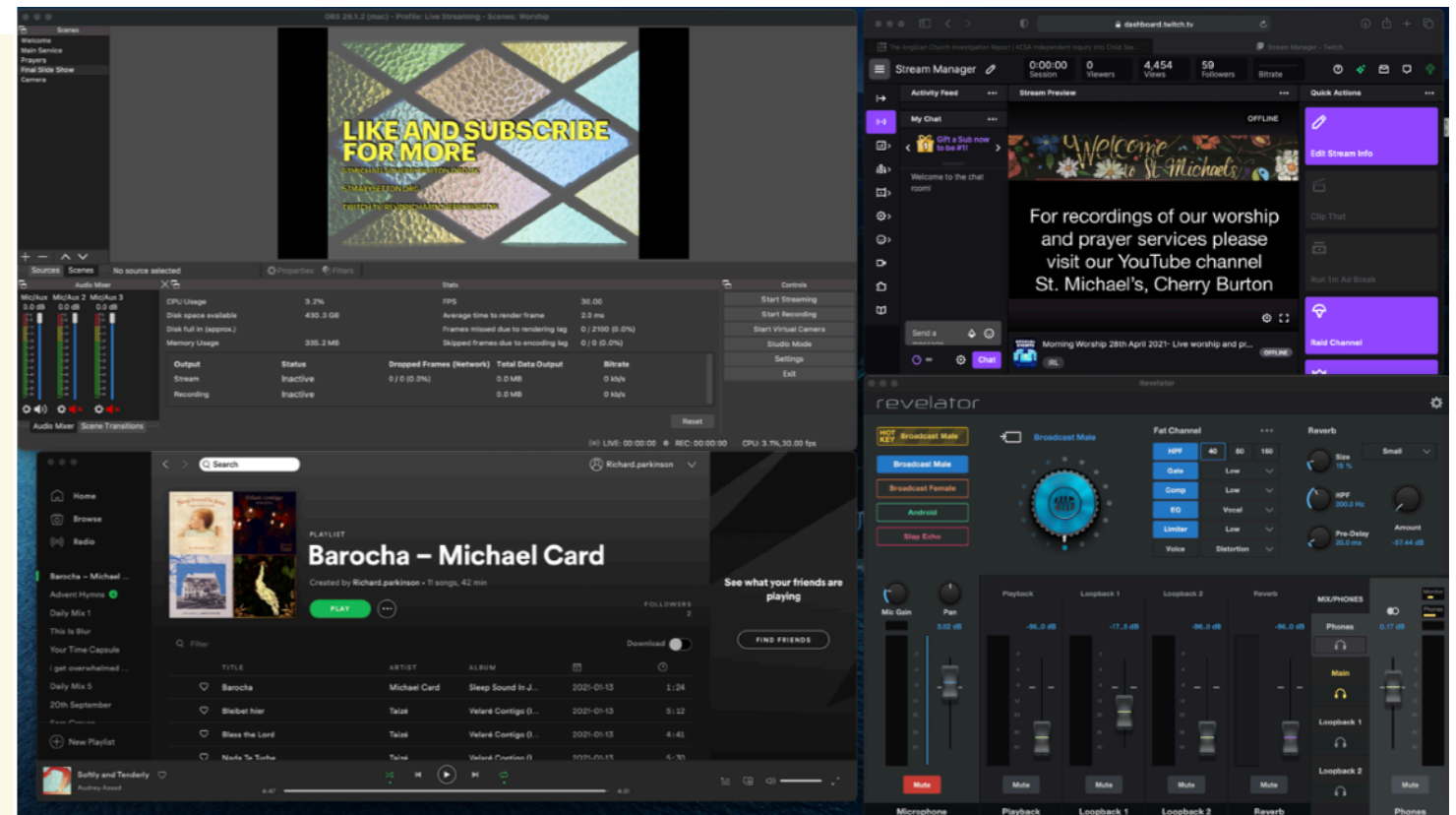
## Church Services

At the beginning of 2020 we were looking forward to another year of worship and prayer together. We had plans for Messy Church, All Together, renewing our Holy Communion services with more permanent prayer books, and seeing just what God had in store for us in the wake of the diocesan Come and See mission in March. As is already reflected in many of the reports in this document the COVID-19 pandemic put a grinding halt to many of these plans.

But, we stayed the course and swiftly pivoted to a medium we hadn't really used before here at St Michael's: we moved online! Using Twitch and YouTube alongside free broadcasting software like OBS our daily prayer and Sunday worship developed and continued without missing a beat. We looked to ensure there were also booklets, DVDs, CDs and telephone-based services to supplement what was happening online. Being very thankful of Peter and Sam, Jenny, Jane, Sarah and others for their musical talents alongside Adrian and myself, who reflected on God's word and led worship in very different and at times lonely circumstances, only looking at a screen instead of a live congregation. Some things we couldn't move online and we sought, as a worshipping community, to ensure those who were most affected by that loss were cared for in other ways.

We learnt and put into practice that God is worthy of our praise, irrespective of our circumstances.

*Revd Richard*



## Church Attendance

Average attendance at the different services was as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, 8.30 Communion 8 adults
- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, 10.00 Communion 33 adults 1 child
- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, 3pm Messy Church 17 adults 18 children
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, All Together 31 adults 6 children
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, Encounter 20 adults
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, Communion 41 adults 4 children
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Morning Worship 32 adults 4 children

During church closure during the Covid pandemic we have been blessed by the provision of Morning Prayer and Sunday services provided by the Rector via Twitch TV. Average attendance is difficult to assess accurately because in many cases more than one person is viewing from the same computer. This provision has been hugely appreciated by church members and others, many of whom have been housebound due to having to shield over this period.

Over the full year, average attendance on a “normal” Sunday in 2020 was 31 adults and 3 children, compared with 39 adults and 4 children in 2018.

The number of attendants and communicants at the major festivals were:

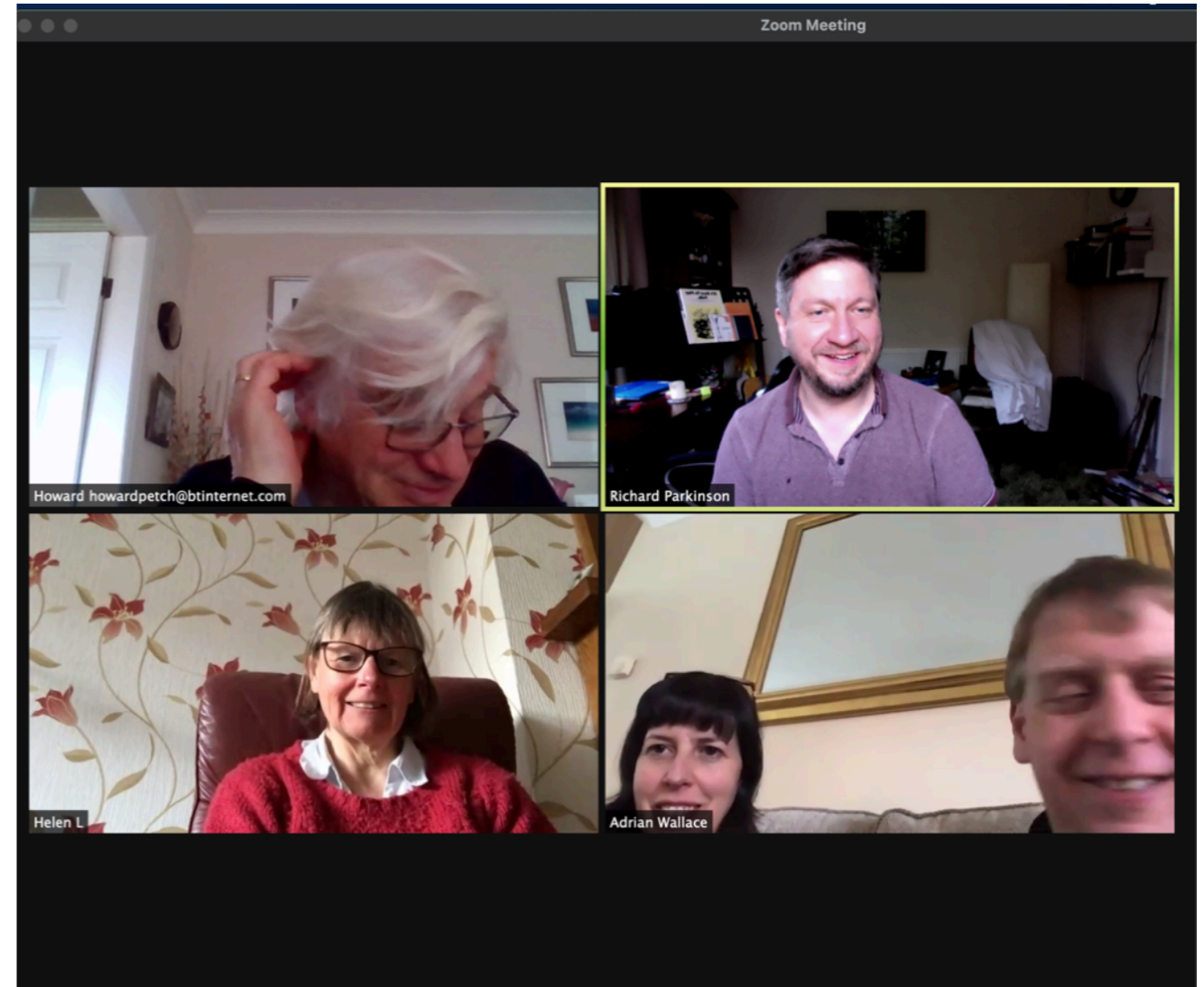
	Attendance	Communicants
Easter Day	46 Online	0
Harvest Festival	30 (+17 Online)	-
Christmas Eve Crib Service	25 via Zoom	-
Christmas Midnight	No Service in 2020	No Service in 2020
Christmas Morning Communion	8.30am - 6	8.30am - 6
Christmas Morning Praise	10am - 14 (+51 Online)	-
Average for Morning Prayer in 2020	Live Views - 28 Unique Viewers - 20	-

## House Groups

Initially, the meetings of our Home Groups suddenly stopped but after a short while and with growing confidence in the use of Zoom etc. we re-convened. Meetings have continued on this 'virtual' basis ever since. Whilst the consensus is that we miss the blessing of in-home, face to face fellowship the Zoom meetings are certainly better than not meeting at all. Two groups with a combined membership around 20 have met in this way sharing joys and sorrows, praying, and studying together. We are always open to more people joining us and/or forming an additional group.

We had started to run an Alpha Course in February 2020 But had to stop early. It is great that an On-Line Alpha course started in early February 2021 with 12 participants plus helpers. The videos that have been prepared for this purpose are of high quality, presenting the basics of the Christian faith in a compelling way as well as providing real encouragement to current believers. Whilst Alpha in this form does not include fellowship and discussion over a meal it is proving to be extremely popular with many participants across the country. We look forward to discussing the fruits of this type of online discipleship course in our next annual report.

*Howard Petch with Revd Richard*





## Recognised Parish Assistant (RPA)

Like everyone Covid/Lockdown has had its impact on my RPA role:

I continue to co-ordinate the fourth Sunday of the month (Service of the Word). In some ways the move to being online/using a screen rather than books/service sheets has enabled the use of new resources and kept the service fresh. However, there are the obvious frustrations that no matter how well the technology works it is simply not the same as being a real life physical community worshipping together. Obviously when the streaming/technology doesn't work we all end up frustrated.

I find myself currently leading/preaching more because like many I'm working things out month by month rather than really planning too far ahead. Also the fact that the sermon/leading can be recorded, with Revd Richard "top and tailing" the live stream, means that even on Sunday's I'm working I can still "be there".

We have also started to make the fifth Sunday morning a "Reflective Service" currently using the theme based on the Fruits of the Spirit. This is still in its early stages with Revd Richard having led the first of these. Hopefully over the coming year these will develop with more people taking part in leading and sharing.

My studies at St. Hild's Theological College (Sheffield campus) continue on a part time basis. It is now nearly a year since these went online. On the one hand it is great not having to trek to Sheffield early on a winter's morning, but I do miss chatting to people face to face.

*Adrian Wallace*



## Sunday school

Unfortunately this year we have not been able to meet on a Sunday with the children due to Covid restrictions. However there has been close contact maintained with the families concerned. Over Christmas, the Childrens' work team provided activity bags to the families who have links to Messy Church, and those whose children who are part of our regular Sunday worship. In the months ahead we hope to continue to build on our relationships with Messy Church families, hoping that may help to grow our numbers in Junior Church.

*Tracy Costen*



## Messy Church

Sadly, it has been over a year since Messy Church met in the St Michael's Centre in March 2020. Initially our expectation, along with everyone else, was that by that summer we would be meeting again, but that was not to be. When we realised that it could be many months before we would be back together, we were concerned that we would lose contact with all the families that we had developed such positive relationships with. We were also aware of a need to support parents struggling to find interesting things for their children to do, while off school for such a long time, so the idea of 'Messy Church at Home' was conceived. This consists of packs containing crafts, challenges, puzzle sheets etc on a simple biblical theme, with all the materials provided, to make it easier for the parents. Richard has also provided links to the church website and other online resources, including Sam Osborne's brilliant sketches, based on the themes of the packs.

So far, we have produced an Advent/Christmas pack in December and one on the theme of 'Love' in February and we are in the process of putting together a pack for Easter. The latter also includes a Village Easter Chick Trail where families have been invited to make Easter chicks to put in their windows for children in the village to find.

We have been delivering activity packs to 33 families, with 58 children between them, mainly in Cherry Burton but also Etton, Goodmanham, Shiptonthorpe and Beverley. Another 17 families, not originally involved in Messy Church, have requested to be part of the Easter Chick Trail, widening our list of contacts further.

## Messy Church - cont.

It has been a real encouragement chatting to parents and children on the doorstep as we carry out the deliveries of the packs and hearing their appreciation of the packs and asking when we will be able to meet again.

None of this would have been possible without the enthusiastic involvement of the Messy Church team of helpers, especially as we so miss the invaluable contribution and fellowship of our dear Linda Brown, who worked tirelessly to help make Messy Church a success. We sincerely hope and pray it won't be too long now before we all meet again and we can carry on her good work.

*Sue Banbury*

## Baptism Visits

Due to the Coronavirus no baptisms took place during the year. One set of parents agreed that their son's baptism should take place in 2021 depending on the Covid pandemic circumstances in 2021.

The birthday cards that are given to the children in the village up to the age of three continued as planned. Six cards were given to a parent either at a distance or posted through the door if a parent was not at home. The feedback was good as many were delighted that the Church had continued to remember the child and his/her family.

*Lynn C Johnson*



## Cherry Tots

Cherry Tots is run under the guidance of St Michael & All Angels and as such comes under the Diocese of York Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy. It is normally run each Tuesday morning from 9.15am – 11am in the St Michael's Centre and is mainly for pre-school children and their parents/guardians (there are occasionally older children during the school holidays). A donation of £2 per family per session is asked for to cover costs.

## Cherry Tots - cont

In 2020 Danielle Leak and Vicky Colclough took on the responsibility for making the decisions as to the main activities for the session and leading the singing. Once a month The East Riding of Yorkshire Council bring craft supplies but no other support is on offer from them. A number of church members continue to support the running of the Cherry Tots by opening up the Centre, making tea/coffee, collecting the donations and generally 'keeping an eye' on proceedings.

This year, of course, has been very different. We have not run the group since our last meeting at the beginning of March due to Covid-19 restrictions. Cherry Tots was much appreciated by many adults caring for younger children and will, no doubt, have been missed. We have in the past few years had good numbers attending our sessions but all of the children will have got older and some will have moved on to school. The leaders were often those who had been part of the group for a number of years and knew where things were and the systems for cleaning and closing the hall. This continuity has now been lost and will be difficult to pick up again when we are allowed to meet once more. It may be that those who wish to attend a Toddler group want different things from the venue, and we'll be working with them to encourage and offer support, watch this space to see how this turns out!

*Margaret Gibson and Liz Hargreaves*



## Church and School

Since last year's report the school has shown amazing strength and resilience, throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, as well as an ability to adapt to change in a rapidly changing environment. The challenges to teachers, parents, carers and children have been immense. Managing home schooling online and continuing to teach the children of key workers in class has not been easy for anyone. The key emphasis has always been on ensuring the overall health and well-being of the whole school community, both physically and emotionally, and helping support the transition from homeschooling back to face-to-face lessons in class. Small Covid-secure class bubbles have created a safe, close network of nurturing and mutual support within the school family which has been invaluable.

Reverend Richard and other members of this parish/local community continue to work in close partnership with the school to support them where possible although sadly this has prevented visits in person in order to keep the school Covid-secure. It is hoped that this coming year, more of the usual activities, and new ones, will be able to be held where we can all meet together. Please continue to uphold all staff, pupils and parents in your prayers.

*Elisabeth Wallace*



## Pastoral Care Group



The Pastoral Care Groups were set up in response to a need to devise a more structured system to ensure that we are able to respond to all members of our church family, especially in their times of particular need. It became operational in early 2020 and no sooner had we set it up than we went into lockdown. This has meant that the groups have been unable to fulfil some of the original aims involving socialising but on the other hand it has been crucial in enabling us to ensure that no one slips through the net during these isolating times.

Group co-ordinators report that throughout the past year they have been able to maintain regular contact with all those in their groups that wanted it, with others only wanting contact if they had a particular need. Of necessity, most of this contact has been by phone, but also text, Whatsapp, email, zoom and, to a limited degree, chatting on the doorstep or out walking. A particular concern has been the people who live alone, especially those who do not have modern technology and thus are unable to join in the church services on a Sunday. These have been particularly appreciative of the pastoral support given.

At the beginning of lockdown George Sweeting also put us in contact with a number of people who lived alone who weren't on the electoral role, and some of these have really appreciated the pastoral concern given by church members.

As of necessity, because of Covid restrictions, the pastoral groups have not been able to meet together and so have not been able to identify as cohesive groups, but most have expressed feeling part of the wider church community.

Going forward, as restrictions ease, it is hoped that more face-to-face social contact with group members will be possible, even if not all groups will want to meet in their entirety. The church café has been suggested as an excellent meeting point for these get togethers to take place.

Another area that we are looking into, in the future, is developing regular contact with people in Cedar Grange who do not have visitors.

In general, it seems that church members have appreciated the pastoral care shared through the groups and we would like to thank all the group co-ordinators for their work, throughout this challenging year, to ensure that all those who needed support and social contact received it.

*Mike Ralphs and Sue Banbury*

## Safeguarding Policy

2020 has seen significant challenge for the Church of England regarding our historic failures in Safeguarding. The Independent Inquiry Child Sexual Abuse report was published in October 2020 and this has led to some significant changes in policy, information sharing and practice within the whole Church of England, including our diocese and parish.

A parish handbook for safeguarding was published, of which there are copies available in the church building as well as via our church web site [www.stmichaelscherryburton.org.uk](http://www.stmichaelscherryburton.org.uk) and the PCC would encourage everyone to read this. A new and much more concise safeguarding policy is also available via our website and in the church building.

Even though most of our activities were paused during 2020 St Michael's has continued to keep up to date with DBS renewals, and staying up to date with changes in legislation and training. We always want to be not just fulfilling the basic legal requirements but always seeking to be a proactively safe community for everyone.

The PCC would like to encourage all regular worshippers, volunteers and parishioners to make themselves aware of how we can make Church a safe place.

Lastly we would like to thank our long serving Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Jane Papworth, for her many years of service as a volunteer.

We would not have been as safe or as informed a church community without her and we look forward to commissioning her replacement at the APCM.

*Revd Richard*

**Promoting a safer church**

The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the Church

House of Bishops Safeguarding Policy for children, young people & adults

**IF YOU ARE CONCERNED**  
that someone you know is at risk of, or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please seek advice from a Safeguarding Adviser or if necessary report the matter to the Local Authority Social Care Services or the Police without delay.

Local contacts available to speak to if you have any concerns:

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Role: **Safeguarding Lead**  
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E-mail: **safeguarding@yorkdiocese.org**

Local Authority Social Services: **01482 395 500**

**OUR COMMITMENTS**

- Promoting a safer environment and culture
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children and vulnerable adults
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse or other affected persons
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns/allegations of abuse and other affected persons
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk.

**HELPLINES**

- NSPCC: 0800 800 5000
- Childline: 0800 1111
- Stop It Now: 0800 1000 900
- NAPAC: 0800 801 0331
- Samaritans: 116 123
- Family Lives: 0800 800 2222
- National Domestic Violence Helpline: 0800 2000 247
- Action On Elder Abuse: 080 8808 8141

**IF THERE IS IMMEDIATE RISK OR DANGER PLEASE CONTACT THE POLICE ON 999.**

**THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND**  
[www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding](http://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding)



Jacob's Well Appeal  
Changing the World ... One life at a time







Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves...Speak up for the poor and helpless and see that they get justice.”  
Proverbs 31:8,9.

The last year has presented Compassion with unprecedented challenges and concerns, as it has for so many throughout the world, including ourselves.

However, for those who live in extreme poverty and already struggle daily for survival under normal circumstances, everything about Covid-19 is magnified. Consequently Compassion is extending its care to provide more children, families and communities with essential hygiene products, food and housing security.

(As a result of this we are currently considering raising money in support of a Covid related project in the Philippines.)

Against this background, it is therefore even more special to know that this year, we have been able to play our part in making a real difference!

For Celebration Sunday in October, Compassion kindly sent us an information pack for: *“St Michael and All Angels, Cherry Burton. Thank-you for transforming the lives of Children in Poverty. Through our Church Partnership with you, we are releasing children from poverty in Jesus name.”* It is amazing that in our Church family, we now have 30 children, including Migdalia, our Church’s Compassion child from Guatemala. Paulina, from Tanzania, has been supported by one of our Sponsors for 10 years. Initially a child from an extremely impoverished family who were struggling to exist, she is now a trained Seamstress. She no longer needs support as her family have the resources to survive! Her family’s and her own life, are now wonderfully changed!

More good news! We have 2 new little girls! – Natsumi who lives in Peru and Ariane who lives in El Salvador. Ariane has had no education and has been waiting for a sponsor for 14 months. We are now supporting children in 15 different countries!

- 176 letters were sent by our Church Sponsors
- Our total financial support to Compassion was £20,369 which included 42 additional gifts.

(This is a staggering amount, no doubt attributed to the realisation that the challenges of poverty have been exacerbated during the pandemic.)

We sent a birthday card and gift to Migdalia for her 9<sup>th</sup> birthday in August together with a pretty card and Family Gift to include her Mama, Papa and her 3 sisters.



Her last letter including a lovely drawing of her family, was, for the first time, written by Magdalia. She said, “Thank-you for thinking of me and for this help that will be a great benefit to my family because we are having difficult moments....”

Currently the delivery of letters is spasmodic but we recently received a letter from The National Director of Compassion in Guatemala:

Dear Friends

Thank you for your continued sponsorship of Migdalia – especially during the Corona virus Crisis. I believe in the transformational power of sponsorship because in the past I was a sponsored child.

Many parents have lost their jobs. Sadly the children in the Programme have not been able to go to school so we have printed and distributed a magazine. It is filled with learning activities – reading, problem solving and experiments. It is having a real impact on the Community.

We continue to monitor the children’s well being through tutors from the local church. I’m glad to share with you that 100% of the families are receiving food and other provisions...

Thank you all so much for – “Releasing children from poverty in Jesus name.”

*Julia Davidson and Howard Petch*



Lockdown has left some of the groups feeling much more isolated. Prayer requested for the 'Orts' group as it restarts.

Much anxiety in families awaiting test results. COVID has placed significant burdens of worry on families.

Jan Denison was a trustee at YFC and the group are really feeling her loss.

The team are preparing for Easter activities and ask for prayer for prepared hearts as they seek to communicate the message of the Resurrection to children and their parents.

Also prayer requested as steps are taken to try and tackle the issue of generational unemployment which affects so many of the families. A garden maintenance / skills training enterprise is currently being looked into by Rich to help teach important vocational skills to those struggling to find work.



Funding has been hit by COVID-19. But work amongst widows and orphans continues. Recently they have been able to buy more land so that pygmy farmers can plant and sell their own crops, and so sustain their own families. This work is progressing well.

Jean – Bosco and his wife Danielle have just been blessed with the arrival of their second son, Joshua Shammah Inyenkomezi. – meaning 'Strong one'.

J-Life are providing skills classes in sewing, meaning they are able to provide school uniforms to children, this is teaching important skills as well as giving a vital encouragement to children. They have sent 2 Videos to show at next mission update – and Bosco would be very happy to join us via Zoom.



## Jacob's Well Appeal

Changing the World ... One life at a time

A challenging year, as although Africa have avoided the worst of the direct COVID death toll, millions in Africa thrown into starvation as a result of collapse in local economies.

One of their partners in Burkino Faso has had hundreds of families turning up each day for food. For each family, they give enough grain to last a month, then don't see them again for that time.

The charity's dry season farming projects in Ghana have provided much needed food.

The charity as a whole has struggled with a reduction in regular giving. They did receive a large shipment of PPE, with which they have been able to help out some local nursing homes and some they have been able to sell.

Travel restrictions have had an impact on the charity's work, but they have still managed to mostly supply one container per month.

Prayer of thanks for the much needed support that JW have still been able to provide, but please pray that giving levels recover so that the work can continue.



Sadly, owing to the pandemic it wasn't possible to hold the annual Christian Aid village envelope collection in May 2020. However, thank you if you were able to donate online or to give by cheque which was passed onto the Beverley & District Committee for Christian Aid. Thank you also for your generous support over many, many years to Christian Aid, which now marks a 75<sup>th</sup> year in promoting a vision of helping those who live in extreme poverty in our world. Give a gift to your global neighbours, particularly in a response to Coronavirus at: [caid.org.uk/neighbours](https://caid.org.uk/neighbours)

*George Sweeting*



I would like to thank the PCC for your endorsement of my role as an Advocate, ie representative, for ACTS435. It is valued.

I am one of 3 in Beverley, the others are based at St Nicholas church. We aim to make contact with persons in need through Foodbank, other churches and agencies, such as Cherry Tree Centre.

Whilst I think, know, there is a great need out there, it is not always coming forward; I think the individuals in need are reluctant to approach us direct. All our referrals so far have been through contacts.

Latterly I have been dealing with a demanding case of someone who has very little in the way of basic possessions, no income other than standard job seekers allowance, limited mobility and little prospect of holding down a job. The initial request was relatively straightforward, but has since evolved.

I am finding that although my role is financial facilitator, in practice it also means having to source and supply the items needed as the applicant is generally unable to do so.

ACTS435 alone have not been able to help this person, it was beyond its financial remit, although they have provided 2 items – washing machine & eventually a cooker.

Otherwise I have been really encouraged and heartened by the generous response of church members in providing help to move and fit appliances, gifts of microwaves, chairs. Much has been achieved through prayer, and all the items acquired have been available just when needed, in response to those prayers, not only the appliances, but also other items including clothing, bedding from Hullfreegle.

This report is to let you know how much your endorsement accomplishes, in highlighting this case.

Monthly extract from ACTS435 records –

November 2020:-

- 20 new churches/charities joined us, able to post requests for people in need
- We helped 614 people of which 100% had their request for help fully met
- We received £67,585 of donations to requests for help. (Donations always follow requests for help- not the other way round).

[acts435.org.uk](http://acts435.org.uk)

*Alan Woodhead*



We opened our café in May 2018 under the guidance of our first manager Andrea. After establishing a presence with steady growth, 2020 was to prove to be a year of fundamental change and challenge. Andrea, Phil, and family had given notice of their intent to forge a new life as a family in her native Australia so in early March we bade them a fond and very appreciative farewell, really grateful for all she had done to launch the enterprise.

By now we had welcomed Rachael as our new manager who brought her unique blend of creative and innovative flair linked to altruistic enthusiasm and commitment. She instigated a change of ambience with welcoming décor in an endeavour to attract more customers. The first week was full of promise and excitement testing the capacity of our splendid team of volunteers to the limit. It coincided with a visit from Archbishop Sentamu who willingly bestowed blessing on all we were aiming to do in reaching out and serving the needs of our community. There was a real sense of excitement and then everything changed!!

Consistent with the clouds on the horizon came lock-down and closure. Determined not to be daunted Rachael triggered discussions on how we could continue to help our community in these new circumstances. After prayerful thought the café management group was given PCC approval to launch a meals service. Rachael with help from a small team produced a splendid weekly menu of options. Our wonderful volunteer chefs cooked the meals in their homes (having complied with all due hygiene inspections). Orders and payments were taken on-line and hot meals delivered by other volunteers to the door on one of two days per week. This service was extremely well received prompting weekly conversations with a cross section of our community. During the next few months over 1200 meals were cooked and delivered.



**COMMUNITY CAFE**

Later in the Summer with relaxation in the rules we opened the café for cream teas etc. on a reservation only basis. This was also working so well especially for some living on their own, who relished the opportunity to meet others in a safe space.

Then came second lockdown when sadly, we deemed the only safe option was to discontinue all our offers and ensure our dedicated manager had the benefit of furlough.

We pay tribute to the way that Rachael and her team enabled our church to reach out to the community at such a critical time. We are confident that as we look to a brighter dawn through 2021, we have a platform that will enable our café to fulfil its purpose in serving the needs of our community in new and exciting ways.

*Howard and Rachael*



As with most of our activities our Food for Thought meetings were disrupted by the implications of lockdown. Indeed' the very nature of the event including close fellowship, convivial atmosphere, great food, inspiring speakers and well over 50 people make it especially vulnerable; sadly, this means it will probably be one of the last of our events to return to any normality. We managed to hold two meetings before the virus struck. It seems a lifetime ago but for the first we welcomed back Martyn and Cathy Westby together with their delightful daughter Charley.

Seven years on from leaving Cherry Burton and taking on their new ministry in St Johns, Drypool they spoke movingly of their journey including family and parish challenges. We were reminded, in an immensely powerful way, of the inspiring people they are. How good it was to listen to them.

In February we heard from Rev Lynn Kenny and her journey of life and faith incorporating ministry in a very deprived part of Middlesbrough, prison chaplaincy and her current role at Howden Minster.

Professor Tom McLeish was due to be our March speaker but it was not to be. We were also due to say a sad farewell to Jenny Wynn and her wonderful family for all the splendid meals they had provided over many years. In reality our thanks had to be expressed 'virtually' albeit we were able to send a small token of our appreciation. I think everyone who attended FFT agrees that Jenny's meals were a key element of such enjoyable evenings. We will miss her.

Will we be able to re-convene this coming Autumn? Many have said they hope so. Watch this space!!

*Howard Petch*



## Hospitality and Social Activities

2020 – All our planned walks up to March took place, an exploration of Malton and a weekend away in Lincolnshire just the week before lockdown No. 1.

Since then we have walked around Cherry Burton – Leconfield – July, Bishop Burton Wold & Hutton Cranswick – August, Danes Dyke – September and Spurn Point – October.

Each of these routes was decided upon with a minimum of travel and maximum space to maintain distance. Attendances varied from 8 – 18 persons.

Without doubt the individuals taking part have very much appreciated the social contact as much as the exercise. We have taken care to stick to groups of 6 when walking, setting off at intervals.

Covid precautions – We have been closely following government advice and Ramblers Association guidance and practice. A risk assessment has been carried out for each walk both for Covid risks and other health & safety aspects, using a template provided by Ramblers Association, an essential element of their conditions.

During the period we were able to walk, the regulations, as an organised outdoor activities group, allowed for up to 30 people to walk as an exercise activity.

2021 – In the present Lockdown 3 – no activities are taking place. I am hopeful that we will be able to commence again as soon as conditions allow.

When we start again I propose to publicise the walks, with as much notice as possible, albeit we may not be able to plan 6 months ahead as we did before 2020. You may wish to be advised of the planned walks ahead of publication.

It is developing into a core group, with others joining as & when they are free and it appeals to them. It is open to all, and many are not church members, but live locally.

We are grateful for the support of the PCC, without which it would not be possible to run the activity, and we seek approval to continue, when appropriate, subject to government and Ramblers Association guidelines.

*Alan Woodhead*