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The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of

St. Peter's Church, Ardingly

Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 25 April 2021

**in
St. Peter's Church
Ardingly**

(to be held after the 10.30am service.)



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Welcome

Welcome to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of St. Peter's, Ardingly.

All members of the electoral roll are entitled to attend and participate in this meeting, where we review the workings and the finances of the parish over 2020 and vote for the election of church wardens and PCC members. This is your opportunity to ask questions and participate in the running of your church community.

Please note that the APCM is being held in accordance with COVID-19 restrictions and is being held in the Church building and via electronic conference call in order to aid social distancing requirements.





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Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 25 April 2021

in St Peter's Church, Ardingly
following the 10.30am Service

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Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday 25 April 2021

Agenda

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. To receive and adopt the minutes of the APM of 2020.
3. To elect the Church Wardens of the Parish.
4. To consider any other business.
5. Close.



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**Minutes of the meeting of the
Annual Parish Meeting
held on Sunday 18 October 2020
at St. Peter's Church and via ZOOM at 11.45am**

This meeting is held later than is usual due to COVID-19 restrictions and is held in accordance with social distancing regulations with electronic conference call facility available for remote attendance.

1. Attendance and apologies for absence

Those present: The Reverend John Crutchley, with 29 parishioners present and 3 attending via Zoom conference call

Apologies for absence were received from George Ruse, Paul Taylor and Mike Veasey.

2. Approval of last minutes

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 28 April 2019 were approved and adopted as a true record of the meeting.

It was proposed by Deb Ruse, seconded by Phil Kelly that the minutes be so adopted, and this was carried by a unanimous vote by show of hands.

3. Election of Church Wardens

There were two nominations for the position of Church warden: Nigel Cheater and John Witherington. It was confirmed that nomination forms for both candidates had been received and had been correctly completed and signed.

It was proposed by Margaret Dale and seconded by Jill Veasey that the motion that John be appointed as church warden, and this was carried by a unanimous vote by show of hands.

It was proposed by Kathy James and seconded by Deb Ruse that Nigel be appointed as church warden and this was carried by a unanimous vote by show of hands.

4. Any other Business

There was no other business to consider.

5. Close

The meeting was formally closed at 11.49 a.m.



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Annual Parochial Church Meeting **25 April 2021**

At St. Peter's Church, Ardingly and via Zoom

**This follows the Annual Parish Meeting to be held immediately
after the 10.30am Service.**

Agenda

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. To receive and approve the Minutes of the APCM of 2020.
3. To receive and approve the Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.
4. To appoint PCC Secretary.
5. To confirm the change of timings of regular Sunday services to 9am and 10.30 am
6. To receive the report of the Church wardens on Fabric, Goods and Ornaments.
7. To receive a report from the Parish Safeguarding Officer.
8. To receive a report on the Church Centre.
9. To receive a report on proceedings of the Deanery Synod.
10. To receive a report on Community and Mission.
11. To elect PCC Members.
12. To appoint the Auditor for the forthcoming year.
13. To receive the report of the Chairman.
14. To consider any other business.
15. Close

Notes:

All Reports and Minutes are included in this booklet.

The circulated reports will be taken as read prior to the meeting. They will be briefly introduced and there will be an opportunity for questions.



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Minutes of the meeting of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

held on Sunday 18 October 2020
at St. Peter's Church and via Zoom
at 11.50am.

This meeting is held later than is usual due to COVID-19 restrictions and is held in accordance with social distancing regulations with electronic conference call facility available for remote attendance.

Rev John Crutchley welcomed everyone to the meeting. Due to COVID-19, this meeting had been delayed beyond the normal deadlines. As the current financial year was now almost at an end and as so much had changed during 2020, this meeting would primarily deal with necessary legalities.

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Those present: The Reverend John Crutchley, with 29 parishioners present and 3 attending via Zoom conference call

Apologies for absence were received from George Ruse, Paul Taylor, and Mike Veasey.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

Copies of the minutes were circulated prior to the meeting.

The minutes of the APCM held on 28 April 2019 were approved and adopted as a true record of the meeting. There being no amendments it was proposed by Sue Laker, seconded by Pam Newman that the minutes be so adopted, and this was carried by a unanimous vote by show of hands.



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3. Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2019

Copies of the financial statements and notes to the accounts were circulated prior to the meeting.

It was proposed by Sally Crutchley, seconded by Pam Newman, that the accounts, which had been adopted by the PCC, be approved and this was unanimously agreed by show of hands.

John noted that a lot of thanks were due to those who manage the finances of the Church so well. Particular thanks were given to Jean Jefferies who maintains the books and does this extremely efficiently. A vote of thanks was given to Jean and those present showed their appreciation by way of applause.

Thanks were also given to Sally who has worked along side Jean on the day to day records as well as overseeing the finances and budgets. A vote of thanks was given to Sally and those present showed their appreciation by way of applause.

Nigel felt it would be helpful to those present to have an insight into the finances of the current year. St. Peter's Church has obviously been impacted by COVID-19 and the restrictions that were imposed. Like for like, Income is down £8,000 on the previous year. This is due to the loss of some regular donors, the loss of income from collections and services and a reduction in hire charges from the Church Centre.

This fall in income has caused the PCC to consider the money it gives to charitable organisations. St. Peter's has always been proud to be known as a giving church and in the past have tried to give a proportion of our income to such causes. It should also be noted that we are currently only paying 70% of our Parish contribution. It is therefore important that we think carefully about how to deal with charitable giving when facing a deficit year after year. If anyone has any suggestions or ideas these will be gratefully received and considered.

Margaret Dale pointed out the advantages of the Parish Giving scheme. This was a method of regular donation by direct debit even if the church was not able to open and it also allowed for Gift Aid to be automatically claimed if appropriate. This method was favoured as it helped with planning finances. If anyone would like to use this method, they should speak to Sally or Nigel.

John noted that St. Peter's was a giving church and is proud to be so but like so many other businesses had seen a downturn in income in the past few months. Those present were asked to pray for guidance in this matter.



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4. Appointment of PCC Secretary

The meeting was asked to agree to the appointment of Jane Taylor Cheater who has indicated that she was willing to continue in the role as secretary. It was proposed by Margaret Dale and seconded by Sue Laker that Jane Taylor Cheater be appointed as secretary and this was unanimously agreed by show of hands.

Jane was thanked for all her work supporting the PCC and St Peter's Church. A vote of thanks was given to Jane and those present showed their appreciation by way of applause.

5. Report of the Churchwardens on Fabric, Goods and Ornaments

A copy of the report was circulated prior to the meeting.

There were no additional questions on this matter.

6. Report from the Parish Safeguarding Officer

A copy of the report was circulated prior to the meeting.

It was especially important that everyone is aware of safeguarding matters and everyone should speak up if anything of concern is noted. John stressed that we cannot underestimate the importance of safeguarding and everyone needs to be very alert and if you have any worries or concerns you should speak to John or Caroline immediately. The Diocese has been negligent in its duties in the past but now has an excellent team who have an incredibly challenging job. Please hold the team in your prayers and please stay vigilant in the matter.

It was noted that it was very difficult to find anyone who is willing and able to take on the role of Safeguarding Officer and John noted that Ardingly was very blessed to have in Caroline someone who does the job so well. A vote of thanks was given to Caroline and those present showed their appreciation by way of applause.

7. Report on the Church Centre

A copy of the report was circulated prior to the meeting.

There were no additional questions on this matter.



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8. Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod

A copy of the report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Phil Kelly, Synod representative, commented that there had been some good speakers at the meetings though there had been some last-minute cancellations. This allowed for a chance to meet and talk and pray together which was appreciated.

9. Report from the Community and Mission Sub-committee

A copy of the report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Phil informed the meeting that Messy Church had been tried on Sunday afternoons but had struggled a little with attendance. It was then moved to half-term in February 2020 with a meal and this was very well attended and well received. It is felt that this will be the pattern to follow in future (when restrictions allow.)

10. To elect PCC members

Given the current numbers on the electoral role, it is permitted to have 9 elected PCC members, Carol Grossman, Caroline Steer and Sue Laker are part way through their 3-year term and completed nomination forms had been received from Nigel Cheater, Deborah Ruse, Jill Veasey, Gina Paul, Mervyn James, Steve Doerr and Sally Crutchley, it was proposed that Nigel, Deb, Jill, Gina, Mervyn and Sally be appointed en-bloc and that in order to retain his expertise, particularly in buildings and work towards a Friends Society, Steve Doerr be co-opted onto the PCC.

It was proposed by Kathryn James, seconded by Glynis Doerr that these members be so elected. This motion was unanimously passed by show of hands.

11. Appointment of Auditor

Matthew Hunt of MPH and Associates had agreed to be the independent External Examiner of the financial accounts and records of the church Jean Jeffries proposed and Caroline Steer seconded the motion that Matthew Hunt be appointed as Independent examiner. This was agreed unanimously by show of hands.



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12. Report of the Chairman

John commented that it was difficult to remember 2019 as it had been so overshadowed by the events of 2020. There were a few notable highlights of 2019 one of which was Easter. There are still a lot of people in the village who value the church and are pleased that it is there when they need it. Another highlight was the Christingle service which had 190 in attendance. It was a packed service but great fun. This service seems to have become written into people's Christmas routine with many adults coming regularly to this service.

There is always the need to consider if it is time to try something different and this is what we have done with Open the Book. We now have our own Open the Book team who will go into St. Peter's School to act out Bible Stories with the children.

It would be nice to see more people at church and we should make sure that they always feel welcome. We have been told in the past that this is the case, but we should never give up on making people feel welcome here.

As has been said, finances are an ongoing problem. Currently we are only paying 70% of our Parish Contribution. This pays not only for John and the Rectory but also for pensions, youth workers, Church House facilities such as the HR Department, Safeguarding team as well as services that are provided to the whole Diocese.

The church building costs money to run, to heat and to repair. So far, the building has been good to us (apart from the undetectable leak in the roof!) Unfortunately, work is now needed on the West Window and on the stonework. Plans and a schedule of work have been drawn up by our appointed architect, but this is expected to cost in the region of £20-£30,000. We are custodians of this building so please pray on what we can do in these difficult times.

John expressed his thanks to Nigel not only for all the work he did in the background but also for being a rock of support both to John and in helping to maintain church life. A vote of thanks was given to Nigel and those present showed their appreciation by way of applause. Thanks were also given to John W and to those who support the running of the church.



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12. Report of the Chairman cont/

It has been necessary to find new ways to meet under the current circumstances and who would have thought that we would be having Zoom based services in St. Peter's? These have been a success and we know that they can continue in case of another lockdown.

Finally, it is important to the community to have voice at this time and we have a message that we can offer – "God will not let us down." God has equipped us to go forward. We cannot go out to visit people, but we can communicate by phone and other means.

God loves us. God is with us. God will see us through this.

Any Other Business

Margaret Dale thanked John for all that he does for the church and its parishioners. The meeting showed their appreciation by round of applause.

There was no other business to discuss.

Close

Grace was said and the meeting was formally closed at 12.28 pm.



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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL REPORT

OF

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF

ST PETER'S CHURCH, ARDINGLY

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1133803

FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

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Bankers: Lloyds Bank, Walthamstow Branch



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During the year ended 31 December 2020, the following people served as members of the parochial church council ("PCC"):

Incumbent:	The Reverend John Crutchley	Chairman
Ex officio members:	The Reverend Christopher Sutton	Associate Priest
	Mr John Witherington	Reader
	Mr Philip Kelly	Reader
Church Wardens:	Mr Nigel Cheater	Vice-Chairman
	Mr John Witherington	
Representatives on the Deanery Synod:	Mrs Sally Crutchley	(Until October 2020)
	Mr Philip Kelly	(From October 2020)
	Mrs Caroline Steer	
Elected members:	Mrs Caroline Steer	Parish Safeguarding Coordinator
	Mrs Carol Grossman	
	Mr Stephen Doerr	
	Mrs Sally Crutchley	
	Mrs Deb Ruse	
	Mrs Jill Veasey	
	Miss Sue Laker	(From October 2020)
	Mrs Gina Paul	(From October 2020)
	Mr Mervyn James	
Secretary to the PCC	Mrs Jane Taylor Cheater	

ST PETER'S ARDINGLY - TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2020

OUR AIMS AND PURPOSES AS A CHARITY

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd John Crutchley, in:

- The promotion of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England;
- Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social, evangelistic and, ecumenical.
- To know Jesus better and make Him better known;
- Practical support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the eldest, irrespective of level of need or, ability to pay;
- Providing financial support to those in need and, to other organisations with similar objectives.



WHAT WE PLANNED TO DO TO ACHIEVE OUR CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES

When planning our activities for the year, our incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion'.

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

For this year we discussed and planned the following objectives and activities to fulfil our aims:

- Enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church
- Enabling as many people as possible to become part of our parish community
- Teaching, baptising, and nurturing new and existing believers
- Maintaining an overview of worship throughout the parish
- Considering how services can involve the many groups that live within the parish
- Putting faith into practice, through prayer and scripture, music, and sacrament
- Offering worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel, in small 'home group' situations
- Engaging with our local primary school on the Governing body and through regular weekly assemblies, services in school and church and in any other way required.
- Assisting people from all walks of life to develop their knowledge of, and trust in, Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Aiding the poor and needy of the parish
- Making gifts to missionary organisations
- Reaching out to the unchurched through provision of 'Messy Church' and offering food and fun at our Harvest Thanksgiving and Christmas services
- Maintaining the fabric of the church building as a historic centre and focus of life in the village.

There were four meetings of the PCC in 2020. Three of the meetings were held in person (with social distancing as appropriate and as required by the Covid pandemic restrictions and regulations of 2020). There was also a meeting held in church so as to discuss Covid measures. One meeting was cancelled due to the 'lockdown'. The PCC approved regulations allowing meetings to be held electronically and for measures to be approved in a similar manner.



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WHAT WE ACHIEVED AND HOW WE AFFECTED BENEFICIARIES' LIVES

Attendance at worship

The church family welcomes visitors from within as well as outside the parish boundary. Visitors attend by personal choice and, it is our great pleasure to welcome anyone from all walks of life to take part in the life of the church. We contend that voluntary attendance to worship the Lord Jesus Christ, is a major demonstration of the public benefit of our activities.

"Just wanted to say, 'well done' on all you have been doing to keep the church up, running and vibrant." Adele C

The impact of the Covid pandemic, beginning early in the year, and the legal requirement that places of worship had to close, interrupted the season of lent and saw the church building closed for Easter. Easter is a time that we usually see large numbers of families attending the Good Friday Messy church and many attending the services on Easter Sunday itself. Initially the church family were provided with resources to worship 'at home' and via the church

website and an Easter message from the Rector was posted on-line via YouTube.

However, we very quickly appreciated the possibilities for worship together as a church family using the Zoom meeting package and services 'via' Zoom were offered from Ascension Day onwards. These have proved popular and successful. Many of our regular church family have joined these services and have benefitted from being able to enjoy some form of contact with others. Additionally, some who may have found attendance at church difficult have been able to return to church attendance through the Zoom format. We have even seen a small increase in our membership through the use of this format. As a result of this we have installed broadband in the church building and now all of our main Sunday services will be offered via Zoom as well enabling those who cannot attend church in person to access the services from home. As an outreach to the elderly and disabled this is a major demonstration of the public benefit of our activities.

The requirements for and limitations on safe gathering throughout the pandemic also affected our annual service of Remembrance and our celebration of Christmas. Working together with the Parish Council and with the approval of the District Council we were able to organize an outdoor service of Remembrance held on the village Recreation Ground that attracted a large number of people from the church family and wider village community.

"I feel I should write and thank you for organising the service on the Recreation Ground yesterday. I thought it went very well and as an old 'Ardinian' appreciated the effort that was made to recognise the day." Roy T

This led us to organize an outdoor Christmas celebration for the village. Christmas is a special time where many sections of the community come together to join in the services. Children and adults alike join in and memories are made. Each year the 'Carols by Candlelight' service and the 'Crib and Christingle' service attract exceptionally large congregations from across the village. In place of these services, we organized a service on the Recreation Ground on the Sunday before Christmas



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where people could sing familiar carols, hear the message of Christmas as it was read and reflect upon its meaning through the 'Christingle'. This proved extremely popular with over 225 adults and children gathering safely to celebrate the message of Christmas. Together, the Service of Remembrance and the Christmas Service on the Recreation Ground have made us determined to re-think how we organize these services each year and to learn the lessons we have been taught through the Covid and 'lockdown' experience.

Teaching, baptising, and nurturing new and existing believers.

Our church continues to be appreciated by our parishioners and many others, as a space where life events are celebrated with joy and thanksgiving. Very sadly, the restrictions imposed throughout 2020 due to the Covid pandemic have meant that we have not been able to celebrate baptism, although enquiries for baptism have been made and it is hoped that services of baptism will be able to resume in 2021. During the year 2020 we have had no weddings (one wedding was postponed due to the Covid pandemic); there have been two funeral services conducted at the crematorium and three in the church and one burial of ashes.

A large number of the church family have been involved in leading various aspects of worship, lending great encouragement to those involved, as well as the whole congregation.

Evangelism and Outreach.

Outside of the restrictions imposed due to the pandemic in 2020 the pattern of services is now settled around a traditional celebration of Holy Communion using the liturgy of the Book of Common Prayer at 9.00am each Sunday. The 10.30am service follows a monthly pattern of a 'Café – style' service on the first Sunday of each month, held in the Church Centre; a service of Holy Communion using the liturgy of Common Worship Order One on the second Sunday; a service of Morning Praise [Service of the Word] on a Third Sunday; and a further service of Holy Communion [Common Worship Order One] on the fourth Sunday which includes each month an opportunity for prayer for healing and wholeness. Where the month includes a fifth Sunday, the main service is now usually a service of Morning Praise [Service of the Word] and it is held in the Church Centre so as to take advantage of the more family-friendly facilities offered in that building. All of these services are more informal and contemporary.

"The Open to God service consisted of spoken and silent prayers, psalms, bible readings and several passages of the most beautiful piano music..."

Geoff C

There is a regular evening service on the first Sunday of each month entitled 'Open to God' which adopts a variety of styles and formats as well as further occasional evening services throughout the year and especially during the seasons of Advent and Lent. There are

also regular 'Messy Church' services which are attracting a growing number of young families.



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Most of the social activities that we enjoy such as the Harvest Supper and Maundy Thursday meal and 'Sunday@theCentre' have been curtailed by the Covid restrictions of the last year. At the back of the church, we have a large display board where St. Peter's CEP School display art in keeping with the church season. This connects families with the church and further enhances the strong links with the school. The service planned to celebrate 'Mothering Sunday' that was to be held in the school had to be cancelled due to the pandemic restrictions, as did the school Easter, Christmas, and leaver services in church. However, these services were held via Zoom and each school leaver was presented with a bible as a gift from the church as has been our practice in each year since 2007.

Provision of the church building for people to enjoy.

The pandemic requirements forced the closure of church buildings for a while. As soon as it was possible, we arranged for the church building to be open two days in each week as a place for people to visit, to rest and to pray. This allowed for the building to have 72 hours 'rest' between each opening thereby reducing the need for regular deep cleaning.

It has always been important to us that the church is available for private prayer not just to the church family but to the wider visiting community. To this end and in normal times the church building is usually open and the many entries in the Visitors' Book testify to this. Many remark not only how refreshing it is to find an open church but, also the sense of peacefulness and spirituality the church pervades. Other remarks include the sense of history within; that people of much earlier

"Thank you for leaving this beautiful building open..." Entry in the Visitor Book

generations found life and presence there and, comments on the appreciation of the architectural beauty of the building and biblical archaeology.

The Church Centre has remained largely closed throughout the year. Although it has continued to provide a venue and home to the St. Peter's Pre-School.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.

The Rector is assisted in the pastoral care for people living in the village by two pastoral care assistants, who have completed a diocesan organized training course and who have been approved in their work by the bishop. In addition, we have a team of church members who give their time and energies caring, listening, and helping people in the church family and wider village community. Throughout the pandemic our 'At your Service' scheme that offers practical help and assistance to any in the village who are in need has continued as a part of the wider outreach and care co-ordinated by the Parish Council and other volunteer groups. The church has been pleased to work with and alongside these groups as a further public demonstration of the benefit of our activities.



FINANCIAL REVIEW

Unrestricted incoming and outgoing resources.

The PCC is grateful to be able to record that planned giving via direct debits remained at the same level as the previous year 2019. Planned giving via the Parish Giving Scheme saw a decrease following the relocation of one of the Parish's regular givers. However, notwithstanding this the PCC remains most grateful for the continued generosity of those who faithfully give to the Church and their resilience in continuing to do so during this difficult year.

Like so many churches throughout England the Covid pandemic had an effect on our financial resources in 2020. With the many restrictions on services and Church opening we saw a decrease in both envelope giving and church collections.

A further effect of the pandemic was to see our Church Centre closed for some time. The pre-school had to close for a period of time and the PCC felt it inappropriate to charge any rental income during the time of closure. Although the preschool has been able to re-open continuing restrictions resulted in no additional lettings of the centre and thus income was lower than the previous year.

Following changes to the process of claiming Gift Aid from HMRC the Gift Aid income relating to 2020 was not received until January 2021. This income, amounting to approximately £5 000 was therefore not recorded in the accounts for the year ending 2020 as these are reported using the "Receipts and Payments" basis.

The total receipts on unrestricted funds received was £54 050 and this was £33 969 less than the previous figure of £88 019. It is important to note, however, that 2019 saw two one off large unrestricted donations which amounted to more than £15 000.

Sharing the ministry costs of the Diocese of Chichester

The largest expenditure of the PCC was the sum of £51 825 paid to the diocese for our share of all churches' Parish Ministry Costs. This was maintained at a level of 70% of the total to be paid as requested by the diocese. Overall unrestricted expenditure was lower at £71 257 in 2020 than £79,190 in 2019. The reduction in costs was due to the PCC's decision to delay making any charitable gifts until 2021 when the overall financial position of the Church and the effects of COVID 19 would be clearer.

Restricted Income and Expenditure

Note 10 shows a breakdown of income and expenditure by fund.

The largest expenditure was for the survey for the west windows repairs. This amounted to £3,765. The PCC was grateful to receive donations restricted to the upkeep of the graveyard as the Parish



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Council did not provide a grant towards these costs, as has been the case in previous years, and thus all maintenance costs have had to be met by the Parish itself.

The total value of restricted funds at the end of 2020 was £20,044 a decrease of approximately £3,900.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of St Peter's to aim to return a surplus in the year and transfer to reserves an amount equal to or less than this surplus. The objective is to provide for future years where a deficit has been returned. Current reserves are £15,000 and the have been maintained for 2020. It is the policy of St Peter's to invest these funds on a short-term basis with CBF Church of England deposit fund.



PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. PETER'S ARDINGLY—1133803

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2020

Statement of Financial Activities

For the period 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<i>Income and endowments from:</i>					
Donations and legacies	46,995.45	1,173.60	—	48,169.05	82,452.61
Income from charitable activities	1,467.00	—	—	1,467.00	4,199.00
Other trading activities	5,464.00	—	—	5,464.00	6,047.41
Investments	54.91	132.03	—	186.94	226.44
Other income	68.98	—	—	68.98	149.29
Total income	54,050.34	1,305.63	—	55,355.97	93,074.75
<i>Expenditure on:</i>					
Raising funds	—	—	—	—	—
Expenditure on charitable activities	71,248.34	4,965.00	—	76,213.34	80,996.48
Other expenditure	9.50	1,020.62	—	1,030.12	2,134.61
Total expenditure	71,257.84	5,985.62	—	77,243.46	83,131.09
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(17,207.50)	(4,679.99)	—	(21,887.49)	9,943.66
<i>Transfers</i>					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	200.00	—	200.00	838.29
Gross transfers between funds - out	(200.00)	—	—	(200.00)	(838.29)
<i>Other recognised gains / losses</i>					
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	295.56	—	295.56	677.28
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	(17,407.50)	(4,184.43)	—	(21,591.93)	10,620.94
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>					
Total funds brought forward	195,111.46	24,229.42	—	219,340.88	208,719.94
Total funds carried forward	177,703.96	20,044.99	—	197,748.95	219,340.88

For further breakdown of income, see Note 2 and for expenditure, see Note 3.



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Balance Sheet (Church of England)

As at 31 December 2020

	As at 31/12/2020	As at 31/12/2019
	£	£
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	1.00	1.00
Heritage assets	150,913.83	150,913.83
Investments	4,593.66	4,296.10
	<u>155,508.49</u>	<u>155,212.93</u>
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	42,240.46	64,127.95
	<u>42,240.46</u>	<u>64,127.95</u>
Net current assets less current liabilities	<u>42,240.46</u>	<u>64,127.95</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>197,748.95</u>	<u>219,340.88</u>
Total net assets less liabilities	<u>197,748.95</u>	<u>219,340.88</u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
General fund	11,789.13	29,196.63
Designated		
General Reserves	15,000.00	15,000.00
Church Centre Capital	150,914.83	150,914.83
Restricted		
Village Discretionary Fund	500.00	500.00
Youth Worker fund	7,411.12	7,411.12
Church Centre Upgrade fund	3,346.82	2,946.82
Mission fund	344.49	344.49
Other Restricted funds	2,974.71	7,986.73
Burgess Trust fund	5,467.85	5,040.26
Funds of the church	<u>197,748.95</u>	<u>219,340.88</u>

For breakdown of "Other restricted" funds, see Note 10.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on

and signed on its behalf

The Revd John Crutchley

Chairman

The accompanying notes for part of these financial statements.



PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. PETER'S ARDINGLY—1133803

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2020

1) Accounting Policies

a) Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared, as far as applicable, in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, Charity Law, Financial Reporting Standards and the current SORP, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (FRSSE), effective 1st January 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and the revaluation of fixed assets. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

b) Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds – general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

- Restricted funds -
- i) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest;
 - ii) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

c) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are accounted for on a receipts and payments basis and accounted for gross.

Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised when received.

Planned giving receivable is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the tax is recovered. Grants and legacies are recognised when the PCC is legally entitled to the amount due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

All other income

All other income is recognised when it is received.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains are recognised when the investment is sold.

Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation on 31 December.



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d) Resources used

Resources expended are accounted for on a receipts and payments basis and are accounted for gross.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded where the award creates a binding obligation to the PCC.

Church Activities

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when paid. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.



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e) Fixed Assets

Tangible Fixed Assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011. Movable church furnishing held by the Vicar and 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 but are not included in the accounts. For other property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Individual items acquired since 2000 have been capitalised in the accounts and depreciated over their useful economic life (see note (d)).

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £5,000 are written off on the year they were incurred.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, over their expected useful life. The rates generally applicable are:

- Fixture and fittings 25% straight line
- Computer equipment 30% straight line

No depreciation is provided on freehold property as it is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values as high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subject to annual impairment reviews. Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

f) Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable. Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.



PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. PETER'S ARDINGLY—1133803

Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Note 2						
Income and endowments						
<i>Donations and legacies</i>						
0100 - Planned giving GA	12,810.00	—	—	—	12,810.00	12,815.00
0110 - Planned giving non-GA	25,391.80	—	—	—	25,391.80	30,346.61
0120 - Envelope scheme GA	950.00	—	—	—	950.00	1,400.00
0130 - Envelope scheme non-GA	50.00	—	—	—	50.00	600.00
0140 - Church collections GA	2,059.04	—	—	—	2,059.04	3,636.29
0160 - Donations GA	5,355.00	—	883.60	—	6,238.60	12,487.00
0170 - Donations non-GA	250.00	—	250.00	—	500.00	12,341.00
0180 - Gift Aid tax recovered	—	—	—	—	—	7,731.05
0200 - Fundraising (non-trading) income	—	—	—	—	—	266.00
0220 - Special collections	127.61	—	—	—	127.61	699.17
0230 - Grants received	—	—	40.00	—	40.00	40.00
0390 - Other donations	2.00	—	—	—	2.00	90.49
<i>Donations and legacies Totals</i>	46,995.45	—	1,173.60	—	48,169.05	82,452.61
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>						
0400 - Fees for services	1,467.00	—	—	—	1,467.00	4,199.00
<i>Income from charitable activities Totals</i>	1,467.00	—	—	—	1,467.00	4,199.00
<i>Other trading activities</i>						
0500 - Centre hire	4,795.00	—	—	—	4,795.00	5,326.01
0510 - Magazine income	668.00	—	—	—	668.00	557.00
0520 - Sale of goods for fundraising	1.00	—	—	—	1.00	164.40
<i>Other trading activities Totals</i>	5,464.00	—	—	—	5,464.00	6,047.41
<i>Investments</i>						
0600 - Deposit interest received	54.91	—	—	—	54.91	96.47
0610 - Investment interest received	—	—	132.03	—	132.03	129.97
<i>Investments Totals</i>	54.91	—	132.03	—	186.94	226.44
<i>Other income</i>						
0790 - Other income	68.98	—	—	—	68.98	149.29
<i>Other income Totals</i>	68.98	—	—	—	68.98	149.29
Income and endowments Grand totals	54,050.34	—	1,305.63	—	55,355.97	93,074.75



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Analysis of income and expenditure

Selected period: 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

**Note 3
Expenditure**

Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
2200 - Parish contribution	51,825.00	—	—	—	51,825.00	50,318.00
2210 - Charitable giving	—	—	—	—	—	4,500.00
2220 - Church utilities	1,897.90	—	—	—	1,897.90	1,927.39
2230 - Church service expenses	816.48	—	—	—	816.48	1,257.48
2240 - Church maintenance and equipment	3,250.12	—	4,965.00	—	8,215.12	6,006.66
2250 - Rectory expenses	4,167.17	—	—	—	4,167.17	4,682.83
2260 - Rector's expenses	1,252.71	—	—	—	1,252.71	1,553.83
2280 - Training costs	—	—	—	—	—	100.00
2290 - Administration costs	80.99	—	—	—	80.99	120.74
2300 - Children and young people	337.55	—	—	—	337.55	188.51
2320 - Giving from special collections	—	—	—	—	—	699.17
2600 - Centre utilities	3,121.12	—	—	—	3,121.12	3,531.65
2610 - Centre running costs	2,134.49	—	—	—	2,134.49	2,779.95
2620 - Centre maintenance and equipment	2,364.81	—	—	—	2,364.81	3,330.27

Expenditure on charitable activities Totals

71,248.34	—	4,965.00	—	76,213.34	80,996.48
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Other expenditure

2990 - Other expenditure	9.50	—	1,020.62	—	1,030.12	2,134.61
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Other expenditure Totals

9.50	—	1,020.62	—	1,030.12	2,134.61
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Expenditure Grand totals

71,257.84	—	5,985.62	—	77,243.46	83,131.09
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Grand Total

(17,207.50)	—	(4,679.99)	—	(21,887.49)	9,943.66
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Breakdown of 2020 Charitable Giving

Ardingly Old Jeshwang Association £Nil

Church Pastoral Aid Society £Nil

Church Mission Society £Nil

Family Support Work £Nil

Imara-Uganda £Nil

Total £Nil



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4 Staff Costs

No-one was employed by the PCC during the year and there were no transactions in respect of PCC members, or persons closely connected to them or other related persons.

5 Analysis of transfer between funds

See Note 10.

6 Fixed Assets

a) Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold Land and Buildings	Church Equipment	Total 2019
Cost or Valuation	£	£	£
At 1 January 2019	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83
Additions/disposals/revaluations	-	-	-
At 31 December 2019	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2019	-	-	-
Provided in year	-	-	-
At 31 December 2019	-	-	-
Net Book Value			
At 31 December 2019	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83
At 31 December 2018	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83

As a freehold building, according to the PCC accounting policies, the value of the church centre is not subject to depreciation.

The church centre was valued for insurance purposes at £834,482 at 31st December 2020 although the building is carried on the balance sheet at its cost. The contents are insured for £48,143. Note that the estimated rebuilding costs exclude VAT because the building qualifies under VAT Notice 708 as a listed building used for a "relevant charitable purpose."

b) Investments

	Total 2020 £
Market value at 1 January 2020	4,298.10
Increase in market value	295.56
Market value at 31 December 2020	4,593.66

An investment is held by the Diocesan Board of Finance (G L Burgess Trust) as CBF Investment Fund (Income) Shares the income from which is restricted to be used for the maintenance of church notice boards or similar communication-related items.



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7 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2020
	£		£		£
Fixed assets for church use	150,914.83	-	-	-	150,914.83
Investment fixed assets	-	-	5,467.85	-	5,467.85
Current assets	11,789.13	15,000.00	14,577.14	-	41,366.27
Current liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Long term liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2020	162,703.96	15,000.00	20,044.99	-	197,748.95

8 Debtors

There were no debtors

9 Creditors

There were no creditors

10 Fund movement summary

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Gains and losses	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Village discretionary fund	500.00	-	-	-	-	500.00
General fund	29,196.83	54,050.34	71,257.84	(200.00)	-	11,789.13
Youth Worker fund	7,411.12	-	-	-	-	7,411.12
Church centre upgrade fund	2,946.82	400.00	-	-	-	3,346.82
Mission Fund	344.49	-	-	-	-	344.49
Other restricted funds	7,986.73	773.60	5,985.62	200.00	-	2,974.71
Burgess Trust fund	5,040.26	132.03	-	-	295.56	5,467.85
General reserves	15,000.00	-	-	-	-	15,000.00
Church Centre Capital	150,914.83	-	-	-	-	150,914.83
At 31 December 2020	219,340.88	55,355.97	77,243.46	-	295.56	197,748.95
Breakdown of other restricted funds						
Graveyard maintenance	228.73	773.60	1,020.62	200.00	-	181.71
Flowers	363.00	-	-	-	-	363.00
Church building/maintenance	7,375.00	-	4,965.00	-	-	2,410.00
Total Other Restricted	7,986.73	773.60	5,985.62	-	-	2,974.71
Breakdown of Burgess Trust Fund						
Investment – To remain in place	4,298.10	-	-	-	295.56	4,593.66
Interest available for restricted use	742.16	132.03	-	-	-	874.19
Total Burgess Trust Fund	5,040.26	132.03	-	-	295.56	5,467.85



Examiner's report 2020

The Independent Examiner's Report

The Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St Peters' Ardingly

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out above.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of the Church Accounting Regulations and section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (*the 2011 Act*) do not apply.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under the Church Accounting Regulations and section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions of the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission and to be found in the Church guidance, 2013 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

have 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.

Signed

Date – 15 March 2021

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Report of the Secretary to the PCC

Due to restrictions surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) has met four times this year, three meetings were held in person (under social distancing conditions where appropriate) and one meeting via electronic conference facility, with an average attendance of 82%. The PCC also met to discuss the lockdown arrangements for operating during the pandemic. One PCC meeting was cancelled due to national lockdown.

The PCC consists of Rev John Crutchley, two Churchwardens, two members of the Deanery Synod, a Safeguarding Officer and 9 ordinary members. The role of secretary is currently an appointed post.

- Our gratitude goes out to all the PCC members for their hard work and dedicated service to the church community.
- Carol Grossman, Stephen Doerr and Sue Laker have come to the end of their term and have indicated that they are willing to continue to serve on the PCC and have duly completed nomination forms.
- John Witherington and Nigel Cheater have indicated that they are willing to continue their terms as Church Wardens.

The PCC has 5 sub-committees. At each PCC meeting the reports of their deliberations were received from each of the committees and discussed where necessary. Reports are also received from the Deanery Synod.

The reports contained in this Annual Report will give further insight into the full work of the PCC.

Jane Taylor Cheater
Secretary to the PCC



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Report from the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

**Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility**

Pre-Covid, St. Peter's had a core group of volunteers that assisted with activities for children and young people, currently there are no events for families or children planned. "At Your Service" volunteers support with shopping, driving to medical appointments and other varied tasks for vulnerable adults within the community – all within the current Covid guidelines.

All those working on a regular basis with children, young people or vulnerable adults at St. Peter's undergo an official **Disclosure and Barring check** (DBS) and with the hope of return to face to face events in the near future, it will be pertinent to ensure that our list of volunteers and their training/DBS situation is appropriate and up to date.

Copies of the **Parish Child Protection Statement** and St. Peter's own Safeguarding Policy are available in Church and at the Centre. Copies can be provided on request.

A working party continues to monitor safeguarding and safety through the '**Simple Quality Protects**' initiative, incorporating the updating of safeguarding processes, risk assessments, first aid cover, training, and general policies. Thereby keeping an oversight on the four themes of Safe Activities, Safe Structures, Safe People and Safe Practice, having passed our initial inspection by the Diocese in this regard. The P.C.C. has complied with the duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance.

Online training in basic understanding of safeguarding issues is available on the Diocesan Website. All members of the congregation are encouraged to undertake the C0 Module on-online • '**C0**' - This is a 'core' module that contains basic messages about safeguarding. C0 is designed to raise awareness across churches, and the emphasis is that 'safeguarding is everyone's responsibility'. If you would like assistance to access this, then do please ask. It can be found on the Chichester Diocesan Website – Parish Life – Safeguarding Training. C1 Training is now also available online and all those working with young people or vulnerable adults at St. Peter's need to undertake this. Thank you to all those who have completed C0 and C1. Clergy and Lay Readers have undertaken C2, the leadership module. **It is essential that all those with a supporting role with either vulnerable adults or with children has undertaken C0 and C1.**

Keeping our young people safe and preventing abuse of vulnerable adults within our community is the responsibility of all of us, as mentioned above, and if anyone has any concerns please do speak with myself or the Rector or either of the Churchwardens. Issues will be handled appropriately and with care.

Caroline Steer, Safeguarding Co-ordinator



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Report of the Churchwardens on Fabric, Goods and Ornaments.

The PCC Fabric sub-committee comprises John Witherington (Chairman), Jill Veasey (Centre Manager), Steve Doerr, Phil Kelly, and Jean Jeffery (PCC Treasurer). No meetings have been held since the last APCM on 18th October 2020. The fabric, however, of both the church and the Centre with their surrounding areas, has continued to be monitored and improved where needed.

Church Centre

2020 Three defunct emergency light fittings have been replaced with new LED versions. Two defunct fire alarm call points have been replaced to bring all six to updated standard.

2021 A defunct wall-mounted water heater in one of the lobby toilets has been replaced. Gutters, downpipes and valleys have all been cleared of silt and debris. Damp in the office is being treated and the outdoor margins cleared of weeds. Some repairs to the roof above the door to the playground will need to be carried out.

A 5-year mains, fusing and wiring inspection (also for the church) is to be carried out.

St Peter's owes a debt of gratitude to Jill Veasey for the generosity of her time and resources to towards maintaining the fabric of the Centre.

Church

1. The fabric of the church continues to be in relatively good order, though, of course, the Quinquennial Inspection, published in July 2019 by our architect Jonathan Cerowski of Cowan Architects, drew our attention to a number of issues which will need addressing in the short, medium or longer term:

(i) ***The West Window*** Discussions with the architect are ongoing to decide to whom best to go out to tender for the work. It seemed sensible, however, while scaffolding and masons are on site, to deal with other issues on the inside and outside of the tower. These include repairs to the stonework around the windows and the provision of safe access through the bell chamber to the top of the tower. On the advice of the architect (conscious our costs in employing him) details of the current internal set-up, accompanied by photographs, were sent to John Taylor's of Loughborough for their advice, but no reply was received. The PCC decided that a drone survey was not needed at this stage. Specifications for the additional work on the tower will need to be drawn up, which will inevitably incur a cost. For the work itself, without any significant funding of our own, resources will have to be sought from grant-awarding bodies, loans and donations.



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Report of the Churchwardens on Fabric, Goods and Ornaments cont/

(ii) **Lych Gate** The repairs have been carried out and approved by the architect. The space in front of the lych gate, which makes it vulnerable to large turning vehicles has been examined by Carey Wadey of DBR, the lych gate repairers. He has supplied a proposal for re-hatching the area, together with a photograph which we will forward to the Highways Department for their consideration.

2. Other items to report:

- i) An internet wireless broadband connection has been installed with the architect's guidance and with a Faculty. Its benefits have already been experienced.
- ii) Electrical testing is up to date, but the 5-year mains inspection is due.
- iii) Fire protection is up to date.

The Churchyard

As an adopted area, this is maintained by MSDC and we are grateful for the work they have done to keep the grass low and the laurel hedges safe. We would like to thank Sarah Chapman and Jim Sloane of Jordans for their continued support in providing contractors for trimming the yew hedge around the churchyard and the grass verge.

The Graveyard

This is in good order. We are grateful for the co-operation of our contractor, Rob Newman of Rosy Gardens, who has kept the paths and 'open' area well maintained and periodically clears the compost area. We are also grateful to Sarah Chapman and Jim Sloane of Jordans, who have again generously donated the services of their contractors to maintain the inside of the hedges on all four sides. The tops of the hedges are usually cut by the show ground and neighbours, to whom we also grateful. No Village Graveyard Day was held in 2020. No Ardingly Parish Council grant towards the maintenance of the graveyard (£500 p.a.) has yet been received for 2019 or 2020.



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Report of the Churchwardens on Fabric, Goods and Ornaments

Conclusion

The maintenance of two listed buildings and a graveyard is quite a burden for a small congregation and, amid the major or more obvious projects, the smaller scale and less glamorous work to beautify the church and maintain its fabric, to keep the Centre and the Graveyard in good order is nonetheless vital. We would like to record our thanks for all those who serve God and their fellow parishioners by their contributions, in person or through their giving, to the flower arranging, the brass cleaning, the church and Centre cleaning, the laundering, the garden maintenance, the weeding, the trimming, the rubbish removal and all the many tiresome tasks so graciously done.

Nigel Cheater

John Witherington

APCM, April 2021.



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Report on the Church Centre.

This report relates to the period since the last APCM on 18th October 2020.

Fabric

Maintenance to the building and its surroundings is included in the Fabric Report. Thanks to the vigilance of Jill Veasey, the Centre Manager, the building remains in good order. In a building of this nature, however, there are always improvements and repairs to be made and the PCC Fabric Sub-Committee will continue to monitor the needs and deal with them when funds allow.

Building use (under lockdown restrictions)

Regular hiring of the Centre has been limited to the St Peter's Pre-School, who have had two full terms, creating an income of £3000. There has been one 'occasional' hirer.

Church use has been limited to one PCC meeting and 6 gatherings of Angels & Urchins.

The loss we have experienced over these last six months is not just a financial one but the restricted use of the Centre as a resource for mission and the building of community relationships has also been keenly felt.

Thanks

The church owes a debt of gratitude not only to Jill, but also to Carol Grossman for her conscientious handling of the bookings each year.

John Witherington
April 2021.



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Report on proceedings of the Cuckfield Deanery Synod.

Due to the covid-19 restrictions Deanery Synod meetings were limited in number, with the June and September meetings being cancelled.

29 01 2020 Deanery Synod meeting

Report on work of FSW by Martin Auton-Lloyd (CEO of FSW).

FSW is now 150 years old.

The work is inspired by a desire to work with families as Jesus did - taking motivation from bible passages: The Good Samaritan - Luke 10 "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" Matthew 25 v 40.

Change in focus in last 5 years on to family work with 11 qualified family practitioners across the Diocese. Martin said that due to resource issues with statutory services the practitioners are now dealing with more complex families. They continue to work closely with other services such as CAF and counselling. The practitioners are able to take a holistic, whole family approach. They do face additional challenges in rural areas; locally the Hub saltworks cafe in Haywards Heath is available to them. Currently working with 263 families across Diocese (about 400 in total over the year).

Deanery Day at All Saints Lindfield 08 02 2020

"Bridging the Divide - proclaiming Christ in a secular society." Bishop of Blackburn - Rt Rev Julian Henderson

John Witherington made the following notes from the day:

Bp Julian pointed to strap line in his diocese : 'Healthy churches...transforming communities'. They had put the emphasis on 'healthy' deliberately rather than 'growing', to divert attention away from numbers and more on Christ-centred, Spirit-inspired living.

His first session outlined the current divide and how it might be bridged:

1. A divide that is growing

Bishop Julian began by pointing out the deep-rooted Christian tradition which had influenced many areas of our political and social life. He spoke from his personal experience of having been recently admitted to the House of Lords, of the establishment of the Church of England and of the Christian origins of schools, hospitals and principles of law; he added that former bishops had also been prominent in recent enquiries.

Many trends, however, had run counter to this: Sunday trading, 'no platforming' at universities, same sex marriage legislation, no-fault divorce, the move to civil partnerships for opposite sex couples, and the current controversies over sex education in schools. To this could be added the replacement of Christmas by 'winter festivals' and the representation of other faiths and viewpoints on BBC Radio 4's 'Thought for the Day'.



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Blackburn now has a 50% Asian Moslem population and many communities there had experienced 'white flight'.

2. *A divide which can be bridged*

Bishop Julian then listed 8 'planks' which could be used to bridge the cultural divide:

(i) **Prayer:** *do it! Do it again...and again. Be specific, especially in praying for others to come to faith.*

(ii) **Contact:** *Jesus' command to go.... Less 'come and see us'; be more intentional about engaging with your community.*

(iii) **Compromise:** *it may be that a short-term accommodation (he gave the example of his having allowed a humanist funeral in his church) might have longer-term gains for opportunities to share the gospel message.*

(iv) **Accessible services:** *think why crib-Christingle services are now more popular than midnight mass. How might this trend affect what services we offer weekly?*

(v) **Healthy church:** *this is where the worshippers' lifestyle and provision for others is so attractive that people will choose to keep coming. In this context he recommended a book by Rosemary Lancaster, Give the Best Away (Lion Hudson, 2017, £8-99).*

(vi) **Church noticeboard:** *slant the contents away from church members, and towards non-yet Christians. Create an enquirer group (e.g. in local pub).*

(vii) **Serve the community:** *find distinctive ways to do this.*

(viii) **Evangelism:** *don't be afraid, ashamed or embarrassed about the gospel. The 'Talking Jesus' survey showed that of those who had had a conversation with a Christian, 20% were Interested in finding out more.*

3. *There is a divide which cannot be bridged*

Bishop Julian used the parable of Dives and Lazarus in Luke 16 to illustrate this and that we shouldn't be afraid of communicating the need for salvation, given the consequences.

Bishop Julian's second session was entitled 'Under the bridge -against the flow'. The prevailing culture often speaks of 'going with the flow' or even 'being the flow'. In this context he recommended John Lennox's commentary on Daniel: Against the Flow -The inspiration of Daniel in an age of relativism (Lion Hudson, 2015, £12-99).

The Bishop asked whether we were swimming where we chose, or submitting to God's guidance. The story of the OT was one of failure; Israel was called to be a light to the Gentiles, but, with various exceptions (e.g. Elijah and Isaiah), God's people went with the flow and failed to be distinctive. John the Baptist, Stephen and Paul provided further examples in the NT in which the people of God are set against the prevailing culture, being salt and light. We need to live differently where the flow is in an anti-God direction.



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03 06 2020 cancelled

23 09 2020 cancelled

17 11 2020

The subject of the meeting was "County Lines", in response to requests by several members for further information on the criminal exploitation of children being forced to carry and sell drugs far away from their homes.

Our presenters were Brett Wood, County Lines Co-ordination Manager, Specialist Crime Command, Surrey and Sussex Police and Davina Irwin-Clark, High Sheriff of West Sussex 2019-20. This gave a challenging and depressing picture of the reach of drug dealers into smaller communities within reach of major centres like Crawley.

Notes/Report from the Special Session of General Synod September 2020

The July group of Sessions was cancelled for obvious reasons but we were able as a Synod to meet via Zoom to have a question and answer session. Inevitably the Archbishop of Canterbury faced a barrage of questions about the locking of Churches and the banning of services.

Michael Thomas – Cuckfield Deanery General Synod rep.

General Synod Report (November 2020) - Rev James Hollingsworth for Deaneries of Cuckfield, and Lewes & Seaford

General Synod meets in February and July every year but there has always been a November option, just in case. The Synod did not have authority to enable voting through Zoom, so it actually met on 24th September to vote with intent to give itself power to electronically vote. Over 400 Zoomed into this Synod.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: The Archbishop of Canterbury spoke about the huge changes of this year in our society, in the world and consequently in the Church. Institutions that do not adapt are condemned, those that adapt wrongly are also doomed. We've seen Pandemic, Economic Regression, Racism has come afresh to the fore, the IICSA report and the dreadful shame that rightly accompanies it. Immigration, Democracy and its relationship to Law, Overshadowing all of this is the Climate Crisis. We must Pray with lament, protest and thanksgiving. Crisis rightly forces us into action. An apology only makes sense when it is accompanied with repentance and reparation. It would be easy for the Church to be fearful, concentrate only on ourselves and sometimes we have done this. But the Church has acted magnificently for the poor and needy in our society. Nonetheless we cannot remain in crisis mode forever. Isaiah 7v9 "If you do not stand firm in your faith you will not stand at all". Act in faith and courage, focus on Jesus Christ, look outwards to the needy. Be the Church for England.



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Spread 'Comfort and Joy' (title of C of E Christmas campaign) Usually this is where the Presidential address ends. This time it segued into a short discussion on LLF. Living in Love and Faith. (Quick reminder: this has been a 4 year project not to answer the question 'Can we marry a same sex couple', nor to produce an alternative to Issues in Human Sexuality, but always to produce a Resource for the Church together to explore identity and sexuality (486 pages) The Rt Rev Christopher Cocksworth along with Dr Eeva John spoke about how this is an 'invitation to a culture of encounter' .

PANDEMIC Response: We have learned to be the Church without walls. The Churches have been amazing, spontaneously starting up of foodbanks, online worship. We have had to learn a new dependence on Christ. We too are an essential service. We have virtually grown. A discussion ensued in which we called upon the Government to maintain its foreign aid at 0.7% of GDP. We will not build our recovery on the back of the poorest people. We are not healed until all are healed. There was a difference of opinion about whether, in being an essential service we should be allowed public worship vs others who felt that we should show solidarity with those unable to open up. We have been learning to care differently, to worship differently, to walk and pray with others. Let us put the needs of others before ours.

Philip Kelly

Deanery Synod member

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Report on Community and Mission.

Meeting Point

At Christmas, Meeting Point delivered a gift bag to members, as did the W.I.

The Ardingly Connected Together (ACT) team continue to distribute food boxes to families in need, also at Christmas a small gift of chocolates were distributed to some of the older residents in the village who were identified as living alone or needing a pick me up treat.

The Covid 19 support group continue to support Village members with shopping, prescription collection, transport for Doctors appointment, Flu Vaccine and more recently Covid vaccination. Our new shop "DandyLion" has also offered transport in his Covid safe "London Cab".

The Bakers and Village shop have hosted boxes for donations of money or food for grocery boxes.

FSW

The community at St. Peter's continued to support FSW, The Sussex Charity for Children, throughout what was a very challenging year for the organisation and for the families that it supports.

Donations of food, books and craft activities were very much appreciated by the local families that received these. FSW was supported by personal donations given on-line along with financial support towards the "Winter Fuel Fund". The PCC made a financial donation as it continues to do each year.

Many members of the congregation, along with St. Peter's FSW Representative, Deb Ruse, assisted with running the Christmas "Event", where families came along, one at a time, to the Bentswood Hub in Haywards Heath, for crafts, refreshments and collection of gifts for parents and children to take away. Support was also given with provision of food to allow for each family to have a hamper full of Christmas goodies. Donations of toys and gift cards were also most generously donated.

Angels and Urchins

Having closed during the first Covid lockdown (March – June) Angels and Urchins reopened during the autumn term in a Covid secure fashion. Once again it proved to be very popular, with the pre-booked places being filled very quickly once booking opened online.

With lockdown numbers 2 & 3 from November through to beginning of March 2021, Angels and Urchins had to close again having managed to meet for only half a term and having a special socially distanced Story Time with Father Christmas to end the year. It is hope that sessions will start again for the summer term, 2021.



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Who Let the Dads Out?! / Messy Church / Light Party

WLTDO?! has not met at all since February 2020 because of Covid restrictions – the large hall which we normally use had to be left unoccupied over the weekends as a precautionary measure against cross infection with the pre-school. Going forward, we would hope that we can restart WLTDO?! on the same pattern as before, holding it four times a year, once in each half term of the autumn / spring terms.

Messy Church We experimented with doing a Messy church Lunch on the Thursday of the February 2020 half term, 12 noon - 2pm. It seemed to go very well, and drew at least one very positive Facebook comment from a mum who came ('the children said it was the best macaroni ever!'). Other comments were 'scrumptious brownies' and 'really nice salad'.

The future pattern was uncertain in April 2020, but it seemed likely it would turn into a half term mid-week Messy Church Lunch. Covid restrictions need to be lifted before we embark on more meetings.

Light Party did not take place in October 2020. However, Light Party bags were put together and delivered to every child at St Peter's School just before the autumn half term. These bags contained a range of simple activities, some small gifts and a note explaining that the bags came with love from the church. They appear to have been greatly appreciated.

Messy Easter.

At the time of writing this may well take the form of another gift bag similar to the Light Party bag. While this does not give the human contact we have through the normal Messy Easter, it does reach more families.

Shoeboxes - Link to Hope

Once again we ran our Link to Hope Shoebox appeal during the Autumn and with the help of St Peter's Primary School and the ladies at Studio 5 Hairdresser's we were able to send a total of 28 shoeboxes to the collection centre at the beginning of November.

Advent Trail

This year, an Advent in Ardingly Trail was held when 24 Advent windows were hidden in homes shops and buildings around the village. Each day in December one window was turned round to reveal a part of the story of Christmas and a clue for a special coded message. The trail ended on Christmas Eve at St. Peter's Church with the final part of the story revealed. The final clue completed the message '***Today your Saviour was born in David's town. He is Christ the Lord.***'

October 2020



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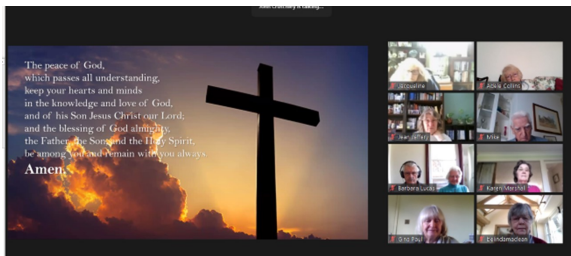
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**Responding to changes in
restrictions, closures and
partial opening.**

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Sundays
At 9am and 10.30am
And for private worship on
Thursdays
10 am - 6 pm
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Welcome to St. Peter's Church
Please use seating
in this area only



**Services streamed live, welcoming those in
the village, our extended families and
some new faces.**

**February—Times of
the church services
were revised**

Ardingly Church
1 Feb 2020 · 🌐
Changes to service times
Starting Sunday 2 February 2020, the starting time for
our Sunday morning services are changing.
9.00am - Communion
10.30am Mission Praise/Communion/@TheCentre
This Sunday is @TheCentre, with refreshments served
from 10.15am. All are welcome.
👤 Jackie Metcalfe 1 share
👍 Like 💬 Comment ➦ Share



**Angels and Urchins—hall and toys
cleaned and social distancing in place to
allow operating when permitted, with
restricted attendance.**



Angels and Urchins

Carer and Toddler Group

Meetings resume on Thursday 10 September

and will continue on Thursday mornings
during term time

St. Peter's Church Centre, Street Lane

9 am to 11 am

Due to COVID-19 Regulations there is a limit for each session of 10 adults plus children.
Please visit our web page, Ardinglychurch.org.uk or find us on Facebook (search for Ardingly Church) to find details on how to book your place.

Tea and coffee provided for adults but please bring a drink for your children.

Please do not attend if you or your child are unwell on the day.





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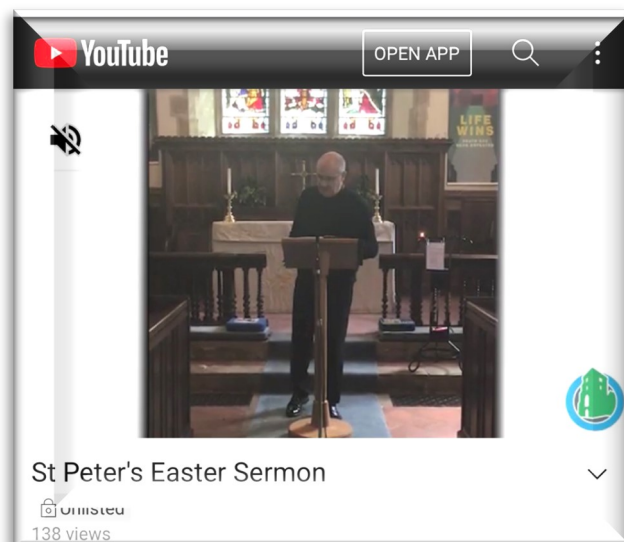
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Easter—Church displays and Easter Sunday services broadcast from church



October—Harvest Service held on the Showground





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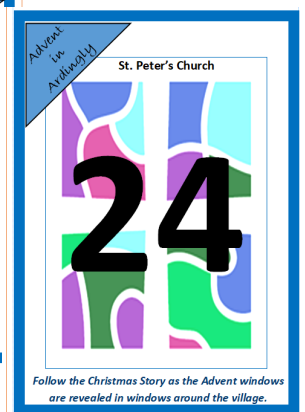


October—No light Party this year but instead Light Party bags to all the pupils at St. Peter's CEP School

November—Service and Act of Remembrance held on the Recreation Ground



December—Advent in Ardingly Trail





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**December— Christmas
Christmas Trees, displays and a
special story time for our Angels
and Urchins**



**December— Christingle and
Carol Service held on the
Recreation Ground**





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