



**Annual Reports and Financial Statements
for the Parochial Church Council of St John the Evangelist Church,
Crowborough for the year ended 31st December 2019
to be presented at the Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meetings
to be held in the Church at 6pm on Monday 19th October 2020**

Agenda

A. Vestry Meeting 2020

Apologies for absence

Election of two Churchwardens

B. Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2020

Minutes of last year's meeting

- Matters arising from the Minutes

Election of PCC

Adoption of Sidespersons, Readers, Intercessors, Eucharistic Ministers and Servers

Trustees' Annual Report for 2019/20

Any Other Business





**Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting
of St John the Evangelist Church, Crowborough held in church on 28th April 2019**

A. Vestry Meeting

1. **Apologies for Absence** had been received from David and Jennifer Chatterton, Michael Hewens, Loraine Histed, Margaret Meyer, Margaret North, Angela, Ross, Elliott and Giles Sinclair, Eric and Muriel Wells.
2. **Election of Two Churchwardens** – Fr Paul thanked Ron Rose who was stepping down as Churchwarden. Ron has been a superb Churchwarden and will be sorely missed.

The following nominations for the role of Churchwarden were received:

- 1) Susan Miell – proposed by Rita Burton, seconded by Philip Morris.
- 2) Carol Brown – proposed by Philip Morris, seconded by Lynn Page.

There being no further nominations, the Chair announced that Susan Miell and Carol Brown were duly elected for the coming year.

The Vestry Meeting was then closed.

B. Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2019

1. **Minutes of last year's meeting** were agreed and signed as being a correct record - proposed by Yvonne Lockett, seconded by Sue Miell.
2. **Matters arising from the Minutes** – There were no matters arising.
3. **Election of PCC members**
Fr Paul thanked Michael Bains and David Chatterton who were both stepping down from the PCC.

Standing for re-election to the PCC:

- Rita Burton, proposed by Lynn Page, seconded by Carol Brown.

Standing for election to the PCC:

- Austin Clegg, proposed by Rita Burton, seconded by Ross Sinclair.
- Kim Welfare, proposed by Chris Avery, seconded by Ron Rose.

Standing for election to the Deanery Synod:

- Ron Rose, proposed by Loraine Histed, seconded by Carol Brown.

The PCC for 2019 will consist: Fr Paul Redparth, Christine Avery, Carol Brown, Rita Burton, Simon Carr, Austin Clegg, Craig Dawson, Susan Miell, Philip Morris, Ron Rose, Ross Sinclair and Kim Welfare. Proposed by Simon Virgo, seconded by Gill Morris.

4. **Adoption of Sidespersons, Readers, Intercessors, Eucharistic Ministers and Servers** - the following were adopted in these roles, proposed by Patricia Curtis, seconded by Alan Lockett:

- **Sidespersons:** Angela Bains, Michael Bains, Di Bigwood, Carol Brown, Rita Burton, Laura Cooper, Jackie Cox, Linda Gibson, Jo Hobden, John Hobden, Shirley Kneath and Jeanette Puckett.
- **Readers:** Roger Benison, Carol Brown, Simon Carr, Sammy Edwards, Tony Everett, Linda Gibson, Linda Halton, Loraine Histed, Shirley Kneath, Susan Miell, Anne Miller, Gill Morris, Philip Morris, Sally Moss Tallon, Miriam Penn, Jeanette Puckett and Simon Virgo.
- **Intercessors:** Christine Bamford, Austin Clegg, Linda Halton, Shirley Kneath and Susan Miell.
- **Eucharistic Ministers:** Carol Brown, Jo Hobden, Yvonne Lockett, Susan Miell, Juliet Morris, Philip Morris, Miriam Penn, Ron Rose, Ross Sinclair, Duncan Smith, Peter Sugden, Kay Tyler and Simon Virgo.

5. **Trustees' Annual Report**

The report had been circulated before the meeting. There were no questions.

The Auditor was thanked for his work. He is happy to continue to audit the books and it was agreed we accept this offer; proposed by Juliet Morris, seconded by Lynn Page.

6. **Fr Paul's Report for 2018-2019**

Given as his 'homily' in church before the meeting

The disciples were hiding back up in the Upper Room in Jerusalem for fear of the Jews on that first Easter Day, and Jesus appeared among them saying, "*Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.*" (John 20:21) so Jesus' parting Gift to them was 'Peace'.

This is peace in the sense of Shalom – of wholeness, of well-being, of the fullness of what we are created for – it has connotations of the final gathering-up by God of all creation – into the new heaven and the new earth. It's a very deep and powerful concept - and, surely it's what many people today are missing in their lives. Isn't it Shalom that we're all searching for - the 'peace that passeth all understanding'?

From Jesus' own words, we hear that this was the Mission that He'd been on throughout his life "*Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.*" The Father sent Jesus – and He handed it on to the Apostles – and they've handed it down to US – the Church, which is built upon the Apostles. St Teresa of Avila said:

*Christ has no hands but our hands to do His work today
He has no feet but our feet to lead men in the way
He has no tongue but our tongue to tell men how He died
He has no help but our help to bring them to His side.*

In other words, it's the role of the Church – us – to continue Christ's mission here on earth – which is in fact the Father's Mission or Sending. The modern Anglican Church has summarised this Mission in Five 'Marks' or bullet-points:

The first 'mark' summarises the other four – it's:

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.

And we are to do this by:

- teaching, baptizing and nurturing new believers;

- by responding to human need by loving service;
- by seeking to transform unjust structures of society, challenging violence of every kind and pursuing peace and reconciliation; and finally
- by striving to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustaining and renewing the life of the earth.

In a very real sense this is the constant, natural state for the Church. It began on the first Easter Day in a little Upper Room in Jerusalem 2000 years ago, with a small group of scared disciples, and it began because the resurrected Jesus appeared to those he had chosen, and he gave them the gift of his peace – and his Holy Spirit. Jesus ‘breathed on them’ – reminding us of the very first moment of Creation, when God ‘breathed’ on the surface of the watery chaos – it’s the same word. So Jesus’ own mission was about restoring, re-creating, making whole – bringing Shalom, in other words. It continues today, as the life and purpose of the world-wide Church and it will continue until the very end of time itself. The whole purpose and meaning of the Church is to continue Christ’s Mission.

When we look at those Five Marks of Mission again, we’ll see that they spell out HOW the Church is called to bring Shalom to the world: The Good News of the Kingdom is to be proclaimed by teaching, baptizing and nurturing new believers; by responding to human need in loving service; by transforming unjust structures of society, challenging violence of every kind and pursuing peace and reconciliation; and by safeguarding the integrity of creation, sustaining and renewing the life of the earth. Taking these in reverse order, the Church was one of the first to speak out about the impending environmental crisis – and the seminal document is Pope Francis’s *Laudate si!* Many in our congregation, I know, feel very strongly about these things – I do, but I’m also aware that I could do far, far more in changing my lifestyle in order to play my personal part in this.

Then the Church has also been at the forefront of seeking to transform unjust structures of society, challenging violence of every kind and pursuing peace and reconciliation, and again, many within our congregation individually campaign and practice this – for example, by writing to prisoners of conscience, and supporting various petitions. We also support various charitable organisations assisting in these areas – both individually and corporately as a congregation. There’s no doubt either that we as a church community play our part in responding to human need in loving service - through visiting the sick and the infirm, through providing hospitality to the bereaved in our hall, and in so many acts of Christian kindness, we hope to bring a little *shalom* into peoples’ lives. Just reading through the Trustees’ Annual Report anyone can get a sense of how well this Christian community is doing in all these areas. If you haven’t yet had a chance to read it all, I do urge you to do so and what I hope to have added just now are some of the rather more ‘hidden’ ways in which so many members of our community are contributing to the Mission of God in this place

On a more personal note, I’ve had the rather bitter-sweet experience this week of starting to look through my mother’s effects. My sister and I needed to collect her birth and marriage certificates so we could register her death and so we went to the metal boxes where she kept everything important, and, apart from convincing me that I need to catalogue and collect everything as clearly and methodically as she did – to make it easier for anyone who might have to do the same thing for me – I also found all my school reports! Here is the black and white evidence of how this young scholar was doing between the ages of 13 and 16. In summary – ‘could do better in some areas’! I suppose in ANY report – if it’s really honest – there has to be at least one area in which ‘could do better’ applies.

Perhaps the Annual Report provides this tacitly in the section taking its title from the second of those Five Marks of Mission: Proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom – by teaching, baptizing and nurturing new and existing believers. Our Report does this in just three very short sentences – it's by far the shortest paragraph in the whole Report and it's something I've been thinking about for quite some time. Perhaps this is the area where we 'could do better'.

People these days – and especially families with young children – are extremely short of time. They have so many demands on their spare time – and every bit of it is precious, and so, they have to *prioritise* what they spend their time doing. They need to see the VALUE of something if they're going to sacrifice doing other worthwhile things – things like children's parties, sports, family days out, seeing grandparents, and all the rest. In other words, if we are going to ATTRACT more people to commit to the local Christian community, we need to TEACH them what it can provide – and then we need to NURTURE that developing faith. Only then, will they see becoming an active committed member of the local church community as something worth doing. So, it's really all about TEACHING.

In fact, in our first reading today, we see that principle 'crime' the apostles were being accused of was teaching in the temple: the high priest reprimanded them with the words, *'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name'* (Acts 5:28) but Peter replied on their behalf, *'We must obey God rather than any human authority'*, and so right from the start, the Church has seen teaching as one of its most important activities, even if people haven't always thought they wanted or needed any of it!

Many people have pointed out that the Church in the West today is facing the same challenges as those first Apostles did, in proclaiming the Good News in the face of a society that just doesn't believe or care about Jesus Christ, but how *will* they care if we don't tell them? I really do think that teaching and nurturing the faith needs to be our priority for the foreseeable future and to that end I hope that our Dedication Festival this year – the weekend of 13th/14th July – will be an occasion to announce something planned for the autumn. Provided I can get enough support, this will be an initiative that will involve pretty much every member of the church community here and I hope it'll be the start of an evolving process of nurture and growth for us all because we ALL need that Shalom that Jesus was sent to bring us but to receive it, we need our hearts and minds to be opened to the Good News and that requires TEACHING and NURTURING.

7. Any Other Business – Rita Burton was thanked for preparing the Annual Report.

The meeting concluded with a prayer, and closed at 11.27am



Trustees' Annual Report

Our aims and purposes as a charity

The PCC has the responsibility of working with the incumbent, Fr Paul Redparth, 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, Fr Paul 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*. This past 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 church 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 group situations;
- 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;
- giving support to missionary and other charitable organisations;
- reaching out to the unchurched and offering food and fun at Harvest;
- maintaining the fabric of the church building as a historic centre and focus of life in the parish.

To this end the PCC met five times this year.

WHAT WE ACHIEVED AND HOW WE AFFECTED BENEFICIARIES' LIVES

Safeguarding

The issue of safeguarding is paramount to all undertakings at St John's and is therefore always included in the agenda of all meetings of the PCC. We fully comply with Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 regarding the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

We were assessed by the diocese against the Simple Quality Protects criteria in November 2019 and our evidence was judged as being very good. Therefore we were awarded the SQP Certificate which can be seen in the church porch.

We will need to review our training in the near future as it is almost 3 years since we undertook C1 and C2 training. It is now possible to complete C1 training on-line and those who need to undertake the course will be alerted and the Leadership Team booked into a C2 course.

The numbers attending the Family Service are growing rapidly and as a result there are more children present. As a parish we remain vigilant at all times and are fully aware that one should never become complacent regarding any safeguarding issue related to children or vulnerable adults.

Attendance at worship

We offer a very warm welcome to all, especially those who have joined the congregation during the past year. We pride ourselves on our welcoming atmosphere, which visitors from other places comment on, saying how much they enjoy coming to St John's.

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.

Very many people are involved in making sure our worship is always the best we can offer, whether they be servers, flower arrangers, musicians, readers, cleaners, sidespeople, etc, etc. This aspect of church life will be sorely missed during the difficult time created by coronavirus, but we will learn from it and hopefully return renewed in our faith, and with a vision for the future, when it is over.

There are currently 119 parishioners on the church electoral roll, 61 of whom are not resident within the parish. The average regular weekly attendance, counted during October, was 183 adults and 20 children, but this number increased substantially at festivals. The usual Sunday average was 80 adults and 20 children.

This year there has been a greater merging of Sunday Club and children's activities and Family Services which has been helped by Phil Morris participating in the Diocesan Authorised Lay Ministers programme leading to his appointment as Children and Families Co-Ordinator at St John's.

Sunday Club meets once a month (4th Sundays) with teaching and activities during 10 o'clock Mass and then joining the congregation for the Eucharistic Prayer and Holy Communion. Since the Summer of 2019 Fr Paul has been given permission to administer Holy Communion to children from the age of 10 who are judged to have a solid understanding but who have yet to be Confirmed. This has been an exciting development and has led to the establishment of an all age family Eucharist on the 2nd Sunday at 11.30 where the children actively participate by serving, reading and leading prayers. So far there are

four children who receive Holy Communion but it is expected that more will be included in the coming year.

The children's workshops at Christmas were very popular and the Christmas Eve Crib service was completely full with people standing or sitting up in the balcony to share Christmas celebration with the children who acted out the nativity brilliantly.

The 11.30 Family services have been steadily developing and they are mostly led by Fr Paul, Simon Virgo and Phil Morris. The congregation is lively and there is a strong core of families who come regularly and take an active part in the services. This will continue to be an area of change and development but it is really encouraging to see the enthusiasm and commitment from everyone who attends and with God's blessing it will continue to grow. There is a huge amount to be thankful for this year, which has seen a maturing and extending of children and families work at St John's which will continue to grow and meet the needs of our young families in the parish.

Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers

Members of the church family continue to be involved in leading various aspects of worship, lending great encouragement to those involved as well as the whole congregation. We continue to seek to extend the opportunities for the exercise of ministry and gifts within the life of our community.

Provision of the church building for people to enjoy

Along with every other church in the UK all services were cancelled during the coronavirus pandemic. Initially the church remained open for private prayer and contemplation, and we know from comments we received that people appreciated this, however we were then forced to lock the church to conform to the social distancing legislation. We hope and pray that this situation will not continue for long.

It is important to us that the church is available for weekday services, which are held six days per week at varying times in an attempt to enable as many people as possible to attend. We celebrated 13 baptisms, 4 weddings and 7 funerals in our church during the year. Our church continues to be appreciated by our parishioners and many others as a space where life events are celebrated with joy and thanksgiving.

The church building continues to give us cause for concern. At the beginning of the year it was surveyed, and thanks to some very generous donations and amazing help we were able to carry out several urgently required jobs including repairs to the glazed internal front doors and the floor adjacent to the altar rail. Lighting was provided for the Annunciation, which was also thoroughly cleaned. As reported last year, a new heating system has been installed in the Church so services are now much more comfortable, however years of neglect and insufficient heating has resulted in the fabric of the church suffering badly from pervading damp; this is now thankfully drying out. James Stevens very generously offered to repair the roof and guttering where necessary ensuring that the building is watertight, and also volunteered to redecorate the Chancel once it had sufficiently dried out; this work has now commenced. Although we are able to put some money towards redecorating the Nave this will be nowhere near enough, and as this work is considered to be 'general maintenance', which renders us ineligible for any grants, we will shortly begin fundraising. We are the custodians of a beautiful church, and it falls to us to ensure that we maintain and look after it and pass it on to future generations in a good condition.

We are very grateful to the army of volunteers who have worked incredibly hard carrying out a considerable amount of work on the land around the church, especially the gardens, woodland areas and area around the car park, all of which are much improved. However, following the excessively wet winter the drive became a sea of mud peppered with a seemingly ever-increasing number of very large

deep potholes which causes the PCC much concern. Although gravel has been put in many of the holes and over the worst of the mud by the entrance to the church this can only be a temporary solution and a long-term one will need to be found, although obviously to resurface the entire driveway would cost very many thousands of pounds.

Our church hall continues to be a valuable asset to both the church congregation as well as the wider community. It has become a very popular local venue and we are welcoming an ever-increasing number of groups of people and children to activities throughout the day and evenings and have established the building as a focus for the community to use. It is regularly used for many diverse activities including yoga, Pilates, mindfulness classes, art classes, flower arranging workshops, children's parties and a music workshop for mothers and babies as well as a monthly carers' café and a bereavement counselling group. It is also a popular venue for receptions after funerals, baptisms and occasionally weddings.

The church community also regularly use the hall. Every Sunday we share coffee and conversation over coffee, tea, soft drinks and if there is a particular cause for celebration, we sometimes have wine. We have also met there on other occasions to share food and fellowship together including our annual Harvest bring-and-share lunch, when those who have little to share are still welcomed so that the whole family can live as one and share together, an idea which has proved to be so popular that there have been several other bring-and-share lunches throughout the year; these are particularly enjoyed by the younger members of the congregation. On Shrove Tuesday we held our ever-popular annual quiz night with a fish and chip supper.

A new initiative this year has been the Craft/Social Group, giving participants an opportunity to enjoy conversation over tea and cake whilst employed in craft work. Speakers have entertained this group on such diverse subjects as cheesemaking at home, beekeeping, memories of a diplomat, hotel work and on one occasion the group listened to the extensive music collection of a member of the congregation.

In June we hosted an afternoon cream tea with Pimms in aid of Action Medical Research for Children. The church hall was packed and it proved to be a hugely enjoyable afternoon, raising funds for a very worthwhile cause.

Other social events this year included the barbecue at the Annual Feast of Dedication in July. This attracted some of the young parents who bring their children to the Family Service and enabled the congregations from the various services to get to know each other better. The barbecue was once again held in the school playing fields, which was particularly appreciated by the children who enjoyed the space to run around and play games.

We have been quite physically active too. Some of the more energetic members of the congregation meet every Saturday morning for a walk, raising much-needed funds for church renovations and refurbishments. On Rogation Sunday a group, many with dogs, walked the parish bounds, and afterwards relaxed and enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea in the hall. This year's annual Ride and Stride was particularly well supported, with large numbers both walking and cycling to raise money for both St John's and also for Sussex Historic Churches.

The musical life of St John's has continued to flourish, despite the ongoing search to appoint someone to lead our choir. On the 13th July the St John's Festival invited professional soloists Alexandra Kennedy (Soprano) and Craig Edwards (Keyboards) to perform an evening recital at St John's. We enjoyed listening to songs and arias by Grieg, Schubert, Vaughan Williams, Caccini, Britten, Puccini and Handel together with a wonderful Opera Medley from Craig Edwards. Alexandra's encore of *Mio abbino Caro*

was particularly well received. There was a very good and appreciative audience for this concert, the proceeds of which went towards the church drive fund.

On Advent Sunday we joined with the congregation of St Thomas', Groombridge at St Michael and All Angels, Withyham for a wonderful combined evensong service to celebrate Advent. It is good to meet with other local churches and we very much hope that these combined services will continue.

The relationship between the church and school has continued to grow. Regular weekly collective worship led by Fr Paul as well as termly Mass is held in the church. The school also held its Harvest Festival and carol service in the church.

At the end of March we very sadly said goodbye Fr Paul and Catherine. Because of coronavirus we were unfortunately unable to have a farewell service or party for them. However, we are extremely grateful for all they have done over the past three years, and wish them every happiness for their future.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish

The Pastoral Care Team is responsible for hospital visits and home communions. The team also visits Warren Drive Care Home where monthly Communion services are held, as well as a Remembrance Service in November and in December a group from St John's sang carols, which the residents and staff clearly enjoyed.

At the outbreak of coronavirus, when the vulnerable and elderly were asked to self-isolate and church services were stopped, a group was immediately established to keep in contact with members of the congregation and those in the wider community by telephone and support those who needed it with shopping etc., thereby hopefully ensuring that no-one was left to feel isolated.

During the coronavirus pandemic we have emailed newsletters to members on the Electoral Roll, and the new look church website has also added to the spread of information so that everyone can be kept up to date. A Family Service WhatsApp group also provides regular and up to date information about church services and activities.

Provision of tangible support to the poor and needy

Because St John's is itself a charity the PCC made the decision that all monies collected should be retained for the upkeep and running of the church, and that rather than donating to charity from church funds we should instead have specific collections or fund-raising events, thus ensuring that everyone is aware of exactly where all monies are being spent. We are quite proud to be one of the few churches who continue to do door-to-door collections throughout our parish during Christian Aid Week, and the grand total of both the retiring and house to house collections was £2,027.92 - slightly down on last year but still a very respectable sum. This year's Christmas collections raised £410.29 for the Children's Society at the Nine Lessons & Carols and Crib Services, and £346.20 at Midnight Mass and on Christmas morning services for Crisis at Christmas.

Of particular encouragement was this year's Harvest Festival where the children presented their gifts by themselves. The church and the school combined the Harvest produce and gifts and distributed them to the Crowborough and Rotherfield Foodbank.

Ride and Stride raised £420, which was split equally between the National Historic Churches Trust and the church. The afternoon cream tea for Action Medical Research for Children raised £530; we have already booked to repeat this event in June 2020. Parishioners also keep Children's Society collecting boxes.

Fabric Report

Following the theft of brassware in April 2019 the church was kept locked unless there were people in attendance either for worship or cleaning etc. From March until July the building was closed completely as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic. On reopening for worship from 12th July it has been possible to open the church for private prayer twice a week in addition to the two Said Masses. Guidelines for sanitisation both during and after use have been followed, together with the limits on numbers resulting from social distancing.

Following the Quinquennial report of 2018 between May and June 2019 the following work was carried out by Stevens Bros:

- External pointing and repairs including repairs to roof tiles, guttering and repointing of open joints.
- Cleaning of the Annunciation.
- Improvements to lighting to the Annunciation.
- Repair of joists in floor adjacent to communion rail.
- Repair of cracks in hall.
- Repainting of internal hall doors.
- Closers to inner glazed front doors fixed, spring hinges replaced.
- Replaced timber railing leading to old boiler house replaced with metal railing.

A sub-committee of the PCC was set up in 2019 to look at the possibilities of redecorating the church. On 4th Sept 2019 the PCC unanimously agreed to seek Archdeacon's Permission to go forward. This was granted in October. Work on painting the chancel began in March 2020. When lockdown began it seemed that work would have to stop, but following advice from the Diocese permission was given for the work to continue. There was a pause while the decorators were furloughed, but the chancel redecoration was completed in time for the reopening of the church in July. Further work is planned but more consideration has to be given to finance following the pandemic.

Various other minor works have been carried out including the installation of designated disabled bays for parking; the decluttering and reorganisation of lower vestry to enable the positioning of a secure cupboard for storage of altar requisites. Damaged chancel floor tiles have been repaired and the organ loft reorganised.

Following an in-depth questionnaire by Ecclesiastical Insurance the organ was checked for asbestos. This showed that there was not a problem.

We are dependent on, and grateful for, the voluntary work carried out by numerous people to ensure that both the church itself and the grounds are kept in good order. This includes gardening, grass-cutting, cleaning, small maintenance jobs, and much more. We have recently received a report from Kevin Crook of the Sussex Botanical Recording Society which indicates a rich diversity in our grounds including the churchyard. We will be considering this in the coming year.

Church Hall. Until "lockdown" the hall was being used by a number of regular hirers, as well as private bookings and church-based activities. Efforts have been made to reduce the heat generated by the boiler. Cracks in the plaster-work were addressed early in the year while work was being done on the church. Other minor repairs have been carried out as they occurred. Currently it is being used by a small number of hirers with clear guidance on social-distancing.

The Reading room is used solely by St. John's Pre-school. In March 2020 urgent work was carried out including new taps, clearing moss from the roof, and the clearing of gutters. A request for help was received as they prepared for lockdown and damage to the floor was discovered. The PCC agreed to cover the cost of this work, but the Pre-school management committee have since agreed to share the cost.

Deanery Synod 2019/20

The Synod had three meetings planned for the year 2019/20, but due to coronavirus the March 2020 meeting had to be cancelled. The other two meetings took place in June and November 2019.

The June meeting was at St Richard, Jarvis Brook. Ben Thorndike welcomed all members and reported on the Joys and Challenges at St Richard's. The Deanery business covered a request for a 'Book of Remembrance' that would be immediately available on the death of the Queen, and readers were invited to comment on a letter from the Bishop entitled *Setting God's People Free*. The main presentation was from Diana Watts, Development Worker for 'Together in Sussex' a joint venture between the Diocese and the Church Urban Fund.

The November meeting was at St Mary's, Hartfield. Cathy Green, churchwarden, welcomed all members and reported on the Joys and Challenges at Hartfield and Colemans Hatch. The Deanery business was the acceptance of the 3% increase of the parish share proposal. A presentation led by Archdeacon Edward Dowler, Gabrielle Higgins (Diocesan Secretary) and Lesley Lynn (Finance Committee and Credit for Mission Group) gave an overview of Diocesan finances.

Deanery Synod meetings are resuming in November 2020.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2020

As I understand it, the Chairman's Report is intended to reflect upon the achievements and successes of the past year, and provide a look ahead to the coming year. This year, however, much about the coming year is quite uncertain. Because as I sit down to write this, I do so knowing that because of the Coronavirus pandemic, the APCM is indefinitely postponed, our public worship is suspended for the foreseeable future, and I am retiring in a couple of weeks – so Catherine and I will move out of the Parish.

First of all, before I offer some general thoughts about the future, I would first like to thank everyone at St John's for the way you work together and make this community such a special place. No particular names need be mentioned this year, because there are so many. But it's often been said that one goal of a parish priest is to ensure things just go on as usual when they move on. Well, if Coronavirus hadn't come along I think that would have been achieved – the St John's community runs itself splendidly, through the dedication and gifts of all its members.

When people have asked what I am going 'to do' in retirement, they have frequently followed-up with the statement, 'You're not going to stop being a priest, are you?' Of course, in one sense that's impossible – just like baptism, once it's happened it's for ever. You cannot 'undo' the sacraments. But it does raise the question, 'What is a priest *for*?' In fact, it's closely linked to the question, 'What is the Church *for*?' And the coming weeks and months might be helpful in focusing our minds on those two questions.

Over the past couple of days, the Church of England web-site has been encouraging us to start thinking of a 'new kind of Church', or a 'new way of being the Church'. Now this isn't some new gimmick trying to make the Church more 'accessible' or 'relevant' – one of those rather embarrassing ventures, which can sometimes feel a bit like one of our parents attempting to be 'cool' in front of our friends when we were at school. No, this is more about the Church being *the Church*. About getting back to what we are supposed to be.

We have had unprecedented peace in our national life for a couple of generations now – but an invisible 'enemy' is attacking, and we are being told we are heading into a kind of 'war' situation. And as part of the Church's response, one of the first actions we are taking is to suspend all public worship, to avoid unintended transmission of the virus. At the same time, however, we are being urged to get 'back to basics' – prayer and service to those in need. The Daily Office of Morning and Evening Prayer – which all the baptised are *encouraged* to pray every day, and priests and deacons are *under obligation* to pray – are to be at the forefront of the battle. In addition all priests are invited, wherever possible, to celebrate the Eucharist on a daily basis, for the Parish and the wider world – especially for those affected by the virus, and our health workers. This is already happening at St John's, with a rota of priests maintaining the daily pattern. The church is also open during the day, for people to pray in the quiet of this sacred space.

So, for vast majority, this offering of prayer will be undertaken in apparent isolation. However, when we pray the prayers of the Church we are never on our own – we are united as the One Body of Christ. That's part of the point of the official Daily Office – we are all praying the same prayers and meditating on the same Scriptures each day. And then from our prayer we are

sent out serve our neighbour in need. We'll see how this pans out in the weeks ahead – but it will probably be based on phone calls and shopping errands.

That's primarily what I intend to do in retirement – say the Offices and celebrate the Eucharist in the spirit of intercession for the world. It seems most natural to me – it's what I have always felt called to. And I profoundly believe it's what the Church is called to. Prayer and serving those in need.

Elsewhere in this report we can see how, as a congregation at St John's, we fulfil our calling (and obligation) to pray for the local parish as well as the wider world. And how we serve our neighbours. And so this is a good opportunity to thank all those who work so tirelessly to make St John's a vibrant community. Please support Sue, Carol, Phil and Ross, as they take the main share of the work of co-ordinating the daily life of the Parish during the vacancy.

So, we now enter a time of uncertainty – and our physical and spiritual health are the most important things for us to look after. Many of us will have a lot of spare time on our hands. We'll have the opportunity to take stock. Perhaps, in a rather bizarre way, this situation will have a positive benefit. By being forced to remain in 'isolation' – whether that's literal, or working from home, or in retirement – we might notice that so many of the things we were so 'busy' with, and caught up in, weren't actually all that important. We might reflect and realise what's *really* important: our health, our families and friends, neighbours – and above all, our relationship with God. In fact, when we place ourselves in the story of God's people in the Scriptures we see that they often only turn to God when they're really 'up against it'. A lot of the time, when things seem to be going along so peacefully and quietly, they politely ignore him. Yes, they might well go through the rituals. They might turn up for weekly worship like good old traditional 'churchgoers'. But when they – and we – find themselves confronted with an 'enemy' of some kind – then they fall to their knees and pray. And then all the extraneous stuff that modern living seduces us into just melts away as so much dross.

Like God's people of every generation, our hearts constantly need to return to the true source of their comfort. Even church life can be distorted during the good times of peace and prosperity. Daily prayer and worship is then seen as just a slightly 'odd' extravagance for those pious folk who like that sort of thing. Meanwhile, buildings, socials, meetings, money-raising – all these things very often soak up far too much energy and time, as any parish priest will tell you. Whilst they have a required place in the life of any community, these things can also be a clever diversion from the really important – which is to get on our (metaphorical or actual) knees and bow down before the God who created and sustains us – and beg for his help:

'Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God; have mercy on me, a sinner'

'Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God; have mercy on *us and all your world*'

Fr Paul

March 2020

AN UPDATE FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

When Fr Paul told us in January that he was planning to retire we knew that we faced all the normal difficulties of a parish in vacancy. By the time Fr Paul wrote his report for the Annual meeting he knew we were also facing the “lockdown” which was to be part of dealing with the Coronavirus pandemic. He warned that we would be looking at new ways of “being church”. So what has happened in the last five months?

Revision of the Parish Profile

This is the document which is used to introduce the parish to any who might be interested in applying for the position of Parish Priest. Work was done on this with a number of the PCC contributing to this “updating”, and all eventually gave their approval to the new document.

Support team set up

Once “lockdown” took effect a number of younger members of the congregation offered to do shopping etc for any who were not able to get out because they were shielding. A system of keeping in touch was also put into action, so that phone calls were made on a regular basis, ensuring no one was left isolated.

Weekly newsletter

The weekly newsletter became another way of keeping in touch, and we were grateful for contributions from some of our retired clergy, as well as members of the congregation. This was sent out to those for whom we have email addresses, as well as being posted on the website.

Website

This was used to send suggestions for worship at home for family use, as well as a Community page with quizzes, activities and other items of interest.

Redecoration

While we were sadly unable to use the church for worship it was possible for Stevens Brothers to have access and the chancel was painted, so our eventual return was to a brighter and cleaner church.

Re-opening for worship

After four months without public worship we were delighted when we were told that churches could reopen. This, of course, meant deciding what could be done while still keeping the congregation safe. A risk assessment was carried out, and it was agreed that one said Mass, with the minimum of movement and no singing, would be possible. We would also have to keep a record of who attended for “track and trace” purposes. If the church was “sanitised” afterwards it would be possible to have a said Mass on Tuesday morning. (This has enabled some who did not feel ready to join the larger number on Sunday to come to Mass as part of a smaller congregation.) We also agreed to have the church open for private prayer on two other occasions in the week. Although not everybody has felt able to return to church it is good to know that this congregation is again praying together, the most important part of our common life. In recent weeks it has also been possible to see the Sunday Mass on the website, thanks to Greg Dowler and modern technology!

Money

A very important side effect of the church and the hall being closed has been a loss of income. We are grateful to those who through their own efforts have raised some extra funding. However we are aware that this is a problem being faced by parishes throughout the Diocese, and indeed the country.

Discussions regarding the vacancy

It soon became very clear that it was not going to be easy to fill the vacancy. The fall in Diocesan finances as a result of Coronavirus meant that the part-time post which both Fr Paul and Fr Robert had held would not be filled. There were discussions with the Archdeacon and the Patrons, and the future was looking bleak. However, the suggestion that Fr Edward Dowler should become Priest in Charge, to cover 2020-2021 was warmly welcomed. The Bishop and the Patrons gave their approval, and we look forward to his licensing on Sunday 18th October.

Clergy cover

We have been extremely fortunate throughout this time in having support from Fr Edward and from a number of retired clergy. There are a number of vacant parishes in the area so the retired clergy are in high demand. When we have to change our usual times or practices it is often because there is no priest available, so please be patient! Fr Edward will not be able to be with us every Sunday (he will still be functioning as Archdeacon) so we will still be relying on our friendly retired clergy.

St John's Vicarage

The vicarage has now been empty for nearly six months. A number of the congregation (including some of the teenagers doing D of E) have worked hard to try to keep the garden under control. Now that we know that there will not be a new priest moving in the responsibility reverts to the Diocese. We expect it will be rented out, but currently we have no details.

St John's Hall

As has already been mentioned the hall has been out of use. It is now slowly coming back into use, but following all the guidelines, both from the government and from the Diocese. These do change, and are sometimes unclear, but hopefully we will soon be able to make full use of this resource.

Sue Miell and Carol Brown
August 2020

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Incoming resources

The total receipts for 2019 were £85,604, compared with £98,116 in 2018. These are detailed in the Financial Report. The total includes donations of £7,525 towards the costs of redecorating the church, planned for 2020.

The total planned giving (i.e. envelopes and standing orders) was £36,140, compared with £35,952 in 2018. A stewardship campaign took place in October 2018 to try and increase church income via planned giving, but although some members of the congregation have increased their standing orders, we have also lost several givers. We ask that the congregation continue to review their level of giving, and increase where possible, to ensure that we can meet our commitments in the future. Unplanned giving (i.e. money in the plate) fell slightly to £4,745 from £5,206.

Fund raising events, which were all in aid of the church hall fund generated £2,433.

Fees for weddings and funerals decreased to £3,165 from £3,964 in 2018.

Our tax reclaim from HM Revenue and Customs under the gift aid scheme was £11,292 for general church funds, which included £2,122 received in March 2019, covering the last 3 months of 2018. The claim for the last 3 months of 2019 was £1,995 and this is included under other debtors in the statement of assets and liabilities.

Outgoing resources

Sharing the ministry costs of the Diocese of Chichester

The largest expenditure of the PCC was the sum of £41,280 paid to the diocese for our share of the all churches' Parish Ministry Costs incurred by the diocese. This amount covers the housing, stipend and pension costs of the clergy, the clergy insurance and, also a standard sum for diocesan central costs, clergy training and a contribution to national church funds. This year the contribution from St John's decreased because the church insurance is now paid directly by the PCC, rather than being part of the diocese contribution.

Currently the church is meeting 100% of the costs agreed at Deanery level. It is important to note that the majority of the total paid relates directly to the clergy costs of this parish, the remainder being the shared costs of the Christian family throughout the whole Church of England, including assistance towards the upkeep of churches less able to manage than ourselves.

Trustee payments and expenses

The PCC also supported the clergy by paying Council Tax of £1,338, water and environmental charges amounting to approx. £250 for the vicarage, plus other annual costs to Fr Paul Redpath towards travel, hospitality, telephone, postage and broadband amounting to £1,313.

There were no payments to persons related to or connected to the trustees.

Other costs

A 5-year, interest free loan of £60,000, was received from the Diocese of Chichester to cover the final church hall building costs. The hall is now being let to local organisations on a commercial basis and the revenue from hall hire will assist with the repayment of the loan. £12,000 was repaid at the beginning of 2018 and a further £12,000 was repaid in 2019.

Other church running expenses fell to £69,200 from £69,755 in 2018.

There were several special collections for various charities throughout the year. More details of all our charitable giving can be found on the notice board at the back of church.

Why we hold some money in reserve

Looking just at the unrestricted general fund, overall there was a surplus of income over expenditure of £692 compared with a deficit of £37,177 in 2018. The 2018 deficit was due to the fact that the general fund reserves were used to fund the replacement of the new heating system. Overall, the deficit of planned giving, over day to day running costs, was approx. £12,000. The longer-term aim is to ensure that regular giving income is sufficient to cover the day to day church running costs, with hall hire income allocated to the repayment of the Diocese loan.

Our total cash assets stood at £35,433 at 31 December 2019 compared with £35,619 at the previous year end. Of this £16,600 relates to the balance on the church hall fund and £12,000 of this will be used to repay 1/5th of the Diocesan loan in 2020.

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on the general unrestricted funds (excluding property) which equates to approximately 6 months' worth of unrestricted payments as contingency against unforeseen situations. The closing balance of £35,433, achieves this, and so we still expect to have sufficient cash flow to continue to pay bills when they fall due.

It is PCC policy to invest temporary surplus general funds with the CBF Church of England deposit fund, returning proportionately these funds to our current account as they are needed to pay day-to-day bills. This year just over £20,000 was invested temporarily at 31 December 2019.

As well as holding the above general reserves, from time to time the PCC receives restricted legacies for expenditure on particular purposes defined by the donor. We aim to expend such money as soon as possible after receiving the legacy, depending on the specific objectives of the donor. Where we have identified that the specific purpose can only be achieved by delaying the expenditure, we invest the legacy temporarily until such time as the need for expenditure is identified.

Looking ahead

The deficit for the year is a concern, but we hope to increase regular giving via a Stewardship campaign to ensure we are in a strong position to meet regular commitments. It is important to ensure that as the day-to-day costs rise, the growth in income is sustained through renewed giving pledges, to strengthen our underlying financial position. This will enable further improvements to be made to the fabric of our Church, in addition to building up reserves to repay the Diocesan loan.

Summary of Financial Receipts and Payments

	<i>Unrestricted</i>		<i>Restricted</i> Fund/s	<i>Endowed</i> Fund/s	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>	Notes
	General Fund	Designated Funds			All Funds 2019	All Funds 2018	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Income & endowments from:							
Donations, legacies and grants	55,358	8,816	-	-	64,174	74,693	
Charitable activities	3,165	-	-	-	3,165	3,964	
Other trading activities	12,881	2,433	-	-	15,314	16,515	
Investments	2,629	104	-	218	2,951	2,944	
Other receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total received	74,033	11,353	-	218	85,604	98,116	
Expenditure on:							
Cost of raising funds	-	231	-	-	231	934	
Charitable costs	68,982	-	-	218	69,200	69,755	
Trading costs	1,443	-	-	-	1,443	1,320	
Other payments	2,916	-	-	-	2,916	51,284	
Total paid	73,341	231	-	218	73,790	123,293	
<i>Reconciliation of funds:</i>							
Net income or (net expenditure)	692	11,122	-	-	11,814	(25,177)	
Diocesan loan repayment		(12,000)			(12,000)	(12,000)	
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Net movement in funds	692	(878)	-	-	(186)	(37,177)	
Bank accounts at 1 January	18,141	17,478	-	-	35,619	72,796	
Bank accounts at 31 December	18,833	16,600	-	-	35,433	35,619	A&L

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	<i>Unrestricted</i>		<i>Restricted</i> Fund/s	<i>Endowed</i> Fund/s	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Notes</i>
	General Fund	Designated Funds			All Funds 2019	All Funds 2018	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Assets:							
Bank current account	(3,162)	9,952	-	-	6,790	2,011	
CBF Deposit Fund	21,995	6,648	-	-	28,643	33,593	
PCC-owned bank balance	18,833	16,600	-	-	35,433	35,604	
Unbanked cash	-	-	-	-	-	15	
Diocesan Assigned Fees received	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total bank & deposit accounts	18,833	16,600	-	-	35,433	35,619	R&P
Fees not yet received	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Hall hire invoices outstanding	278	-	-	-	278	274	
Gift Aid recoverable	1,995	-	-	-	1,995	2,122	
Debtors	2,273	-	-	-	2,273	2,396	
392 CBF Investment Fund shares	-	-	-	7,514	7,514	6,330	
Investment assets at market value	-	-	-	7,514	7,514	6,330	
392 CBF Investment Fund shares	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Investment assets at cost	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Freehold, The Reading Room at valuation	25,000	-	-	-	25,000	25,000	
Freehold, St Johns Church hall at cost	346,416	-	-	-	346,416	346,416	
Total assets	392,522	16,600	-	7,514	416,636	415,761	
Liabilities:							
Unpaid Diocesan fees for weddings/funerals	1,215	-	-	-	1,215	248	
Key Deposits held	450	-	-	-	450	450	
Diocesan loan	-	36,000	-	-	36,000	48,000	
Retention on building work	-	-	-	-	-	2,686	
Electricity used since last billed (est'd)	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total liabilities	1,665	36,000	-	-	37,665	51,384	

Notes to the Annual Financial Report

Analysis of Total Received

	Unrestricted		Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total	Total
	General Fund	Designated Funds			All Funds 2019	All Funds 2018
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Planned giving (excl. tax refunds)	33,947	-			33,947	32,659
Planned giving (no tax refunds)	2,193	-			2,193	3,293
Loose cash collections	4,745	-			4,745	5,206
Special appeals	657	-			657	422
Gift Aid recovered	11,292	-			11,292	10,713
Ride & Stride	420	-			420	261
Donation from Withyham Parish Council	800	-			800	650
Friends of St Johns	70	-			70	130
Other donations	1,169	-			1,169	1,504
Voltive candles	65	-			65	38
Church Hall donations - buildings costs	-	500			500	1,619
Church Hall donations	-	2,280			2,280	4,563
Church repairs donations	-	5,245			5,245	-
Donations for coffee & refreshments	-	791			791	835
Legacies	-	-			-	-
Grants	-	-			-	12,800
Donations, legacies and grants	55,358	8,816	-	-	64,174	74,693
Fees for weddings & funerals	3,165	-	-	-	3,165	3,964
Charitable activities	3,165	-	-	-	3,165	3,964
Insurance claim	277	-			277	-
Church Hall hire	13,308	-	-	-	13,308	11,738
100 Club	(720)	-	-	-	(720)	1,025
Easy Fundraising	16	-	-	-	16	-
Keep Fit walkers group	-	663			663	389
Concerts	-	992	-	-	992	1,485
Christmas & Summer fair stalls	-	-	-	-	-	-
Raffles	-	-	-	-	-	-
Music Afternoon	-	56	-	-	56	-
Shrove Tuesday quiz night	-	350	-	-	350	222
Dedication Festival & BBQ	-	145	-	-	145	306
Harvest Lunch	-	46	-	-	46	91
Flower arranging workshops	-	-	-	-	-	60
Easter cake sale	-	-	-	-	-	70
Sponsored Bike Ride	-	-	-	-	-	665
Remembrance dinner	-	-	-	-	-	305
Sales of donated goods/produce	-	181	-	-	181	159
Other trading activities	12,881	2,433	-	-	15,314	16,515
Bank & CBF deposit interest	129	104	-	218	451	444
Rent from letting of Reading Room	2,500	-	-	-	2,500	2,500
Investments	2,629	104	-	218	2,951	2,944
Other receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total received on all funds	74,033	11,353	-	218	85,604	98,116

Notes to the Annual Financial Report

Analysis of Total Paid

	Unrestricted		<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Endowed</i>	Total	<i>Total</i>
	General Fund	Designated Funds			All Funds 2019	All Funds 2018
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fundraising expenses	-	231	-	-	231	934
Cost of raising funds	-	231	-	-	231	934
Charitable donations	2,353	-			2,353	1,347
Parish share to Chichester Diocese	41,280	-			41,280	40,000
Organists fees	4,408	-			4,408	5,000
Clergy & other people's expenses	1,313	-			1,313	1,417
Mission & evangelism costs		-			-	-
Sunday school/Children's work		-			-	-
Council tax and rates	1,741	-			1,741	1,633
Water, Gas, Electricity, and Oil	4,992	-			4,992	5,327
Insurance (Church, Reading Room & Hall)	3,065	-			3,065	2,985
Alarm/Fire appliance rental	906	-			906	784
Telephone & broadband	281	-			281	550
Printing & photocopying	2,331	-			2,331	2,310
Other regular church running costs	3,225	-			3,225	2,942
Church maintenance & redecoration	3,087	-		218	3,305	5,460
Church Hall furnishings	-	-			-	-
New building work	-	-			-	-
Charitable costs	68,982	-	-	218	69,220	69,755
Church hall caretaking & cleaning	1,443	-	-	-	1,443	1,320
Trading costs	1,443	-	-	-	1,443	1,320
Capital repairs	2,916				2,916	-
New heating system	-	-			-	51,284
Total paid on all funds	73,341	231	-	218	73,790	123,293

**Report of the Independent Examiner
To the PCC of the Church of St John the Evangelist, Crowborough**

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2019

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. 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.

C R Reed
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Structure, governance and management of the charity

The PCC is a charity but is excepted from registering the Charity Commission within the meaning of the section 30 of the Charities Act 2011. Its governing document is the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. During the past year the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council:

Ex Officio members: Incumbent: Fr Paul Redparth - Chairman
Wardens: Miss Susan Miell
Mrs Carol Brown

Elected members: Mrs Christine Avery
Mrs Carol Brown
Mrs Rita Burton – Secretary
Mr Simon Carr
Mr Austin Clegg
Mr Craig Dawson
Mr Philip Morris
Miss Kim Welfare

Deanery Synod: Mr Ronal Rose
Mr Rosslyn Sinclair

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members (the incumbent/priest in charge), the churchwardens and members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synod and members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible.

This Trustees' Annual Report was approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by Miss Susan Miell, PCC Vice-Chairman

1st April 2020