

# St Peter's Church, Goodworth Clatford 2020 Annual Report

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## OVERALL AIM OF THE PCC

We are an Anglican Christian community under the patronage of St Peter in the Diocese of Winchester. As part of the Anna Benefice with All Saints', Upper Clatford and St Mary's, Abbotts Ann, our parish strives to serve unselfishly all who seek the Lord and to provide a safe and nurturing home for prayer, worship, education and spiritual growth. Led by the Holy Spirit and strengthened by the Eucharist we administer our life on behalf of the Bishop through the PCC and Priest-in-Charge.

## Administrative Information

The Church of St Peter, Goodworth Clatford, is part of the united Anna benefice with All Saints' Upper Clatford and St Mary's Abbott's Ann in the Andover Deanery of the Diocese of Winchester. The Priest-in-Charge is The Reverend Katrina Dykes, The Rectory, Upper Clatford, Andover, Hampshire, SP11 7QP (Tel: 07922 153 765) who leads the Ministry Team of The Reverend Nicky Judd and Lay Ministers Tim Tayler and Peter Eastwood. PCC members are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules and, in 2019, comprised:

**Incumbent:** The Revd Katrina Dykes

**Team Members:** The Revd Nicky Judd, Lay Ministers Tim Tayler and Peter Eastwood

**Churchwardens (ex-officio):** Jane Eastwood (until APM 2020), John Milne (until APM 2020)

**Deanery Synod members:** Peter Eastwood (until APM 2023), one vacancy

**Elected PCC members:** Mark Haszlakiewicz (until APM 2022), Belinda Jones (until APM 2023), Louise Wodehouse (until APM 2021), Hilary Ditchburn (until APM 2021), Becky Stevens (until APM 2021), 4 vacancies

**Co-opted PCC member:** Jane Drew (Hon Secretary).

Benefice Administrator: Sarah Derbyshire

Benefice Pastoral Coordinator: Cherry Milne

## STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England (C of E). It operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and is exempted by Order from registering with the Charity Commission. The PCC maintains a Standing committee which meets between full meetings of the PCC as required to transact PCC business subject to any directions given by the Council.



APCM 2019

## ANNA BENEFICE MISSION ACTION PLAN

**Discipleship courses:** Covid 19 restrictions interrupted the running of The Bible Society's Bible Course we had begun in February. We eventually completed the course on Zoom in the summer term, but not everyone could attend.

Café Church suspended its services, but over the summer began meeting every other week on a Saturday morning for an hour. The group has taken a parable each time to reflect on and consider what impact its teaching has on our daily lives. Music is provided by Pete O'Leary, we begin with sharing personal stories on a theme related to the parable. Following the reading we discuss elements of the story, share questions and seek to apply it. We conclude with a time of prayer using the 'chat' function of Zoom. Numbers have grown to a committed group of fifteen members from across the three villages.

**Children and Families:** Sadly the Toddler group had to stop running due to restrictions for such gatherings. We managed to keep in touch with some families better than others. There was no appetite for an online toddler group but some of the families attended one or both the Care for the Family parenting courses Katrina ran – Parentalk and Raising Faith. Other families' fed back that they enjoyed the family activities in the weekly bulletin or listened to the daily Compline services. Families connected with All Saints church made rainbow pictures to decorate the church doors and remember the huge effort of the NHS workers.

After Messy Church in January and February, we had to cancel March due to government restrictions for gatherings. The next time we managed to gather Messy Church again was for a very successful Messy Christmas service on Zoom at the beginning of December. People signed up in advance and bags with all the necessary equipment and instructions were given out more than 72 hours ahead of the service.

The Open the Book team very quickly adapted to offering online stories using Zoom, creatively using props and costumes to bring the stories to life. This has been greatly appreciated by both schools and has enabled the children to see the team more often than their previous once a month.

**Pastoral Care:** The pandemic restricted pastoral care in people's homes hugely. It also presented very real challenges for offering support to those who were bereaved during the year. Preparation for funeral services had to be conducted over the phone or online. In the first lockdown churches were shut for all services including funerals and services could only be conducted at the graveside or at the crematorium with much reduced numbers attending.

In other ways new opportunities for pastoral care opened up. Men's café evolved into a weekly group from a monthly group and has grown in number attending. With church services being online, a number of people unable to get to church due to disability, ill-health or lack of transport, were able to join in online and feel again part of the community they had been cut off from. The daily compline, which began in Holy Week continued throughout the pandemic and has a significant following both live and watched later in the evening. This service in particular has been appreciated as a source of both friendship and spiritual comfort through very difficult times. However, there were others who regularly attended services in church who didn't attend online services and groups, and they did experience a degree of separation, which was hard to overcome. Members of the pastoral team have attempted to keep up with people using the telephone, but it is a poor substitute for physical company.

At the end of the year there was increasing awareness of inequality in communities throughout the country. News of children unable to participate in online lessons when at home due to school closures of families needing to isolate and also concern about families being unable to adequately feed their children during holiday times, when the children missed their free-school meals'. In response and in partnership with our local head teachers, we launched a Family Support Fund. As a result we were able to provide computers to a number of families and also put together 15

Christmas food hampers as well provide some Christmas gifts. The fund still has some funds and going forward will be used under direction including that of the head teacher of our school where there is real need in households of school families.

## CHURCH SERVICES

2020 has been dominated by the Covid 19 pandemic and the challenges associated with being able to be and do church when our buildings were shut or when very limited numbers were permitted to attend. Having embraced the challenges we have grown in ability and experience at being able to offer online services as well as manage the risks associated with worship in church during a pandemic and adapting to advise and restrictions laid down in law. We quickly adopted a pattern for Sunday worship:

12 noon Facebook live was a simple Service of the Word. Initially lead by Katrina and Phil from The Rectory, the Ministry Team learnt how to lead services from their homes and latterly we have managed to stream a group led service using a combination of Zoom and Facebook. Facebook allows people to watch the service live or later as it uploads to the benefice Facebook page for people to watch at another time.

6pm a Praise service using Zoom. The service has evolved into one in which many different people can contribute and it is different every week. We have had updates from many different parts of the world, linked up with different charities, had a pet service and a garden service, Songs of Praise for people to choose a favourite hymn and heard about different people's answers to prayer and experiences of faith. We have been joined by people from Canada and the USA as well as family members from other parts of the country. At this service people can see each other, sing along at home and enjoy a social time afterwards in breakout rooms.

Each evening Monday to Saturday we have held a short service of Compline at 6pm on Facebook live. This has been much appreciated as a source of peace and comfort at the end of each day. At this service we have included daily prayers for friends, family and neighbours who have been facing particular challenges at different points or throughout the year, including the bereaved.

We were able to add in services of Holy Communion at different times in the year and we held one such service at 10am each week in rotation around the villages, when we were permitted and when we felt it was safe to do so.

Significant celebrations and commemorations presented their own opportunities using online options: The three patronal festivals gave opportunity to have a guided tour of each church with pictures and commentary on the history of the buildings as well as hear about the life and witness of each church family with reflections on the patronal saint or saints. For All Saints day we were also able to have a short outdoor service with light sticks and a fire, which was much appreciated by a large number of families.

For the season of remembrance we were unable to have services in our churches, so we contacted the bereaved and invited them to attend an online service with names read out and pictures of candles lit in church. On Remembrance Sunday, small acts of Remembrance for military personnel and community leaders were permitted and in addition a service was held online with the names of the fallen for all three villages read out. At the Zoom service we heard stories of family members and their experiences during the First or Second World War.

During Advent and Christmas we were able to have a mixed economy of services including Messy Church, Christingle and a Carol service on Zoom as well as a very happy and well received door-step carols through the villages on Christmas Eve. In person services in church were inhibited by the requirement to wear masks and the inability to sing, but were nonetheless much appreciated. Throughout the year the Ministry team have never failed to rise to a challenge and have shown extra-ordinary creativity and resilience in preparing a leading worship online. Churchwardens have

had to keep on top of risk assessments in a constantly evolving situation. Paul Timms with Grace and Alice have provided music for services every week online and when possible in person. Sarah Derbyshire provided essential support keeping the flow of information moving and keeping the website up to date. I would also like to express thanks and appreciation to Peter Fabricius (Upper Clatford) for his informed interpretation of material produced by the Government and Church of England regarding safe practice in our churches, which has informed each of the PCCs in their responsibilities and decision making.

No doubt it will be a year we are pleased to put behind us for many reasons, but we have learnt lessons about worship online which we must carry into the future and will help us reach the housebound and those who do not want to venture out in the dark winter months.



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

**Fabric Management:** Repairs and modifications to the church and churchyard are controlled through the CofE faculty process which operates in parallel with Local Authority planning arrangements. Work is done by volunteers where possible or by paid experts.

**Policy on Donations and Grants:** St Peter's has chosen to make grants and donations to specific projects (like the school) when it can and to particular charities (like Christian Aid, the Children's Society and the Royal British Legion) through one-off collections.

**Church Attendance:** The attendance at the Christmas service was 28, due to the restrictions in place. We had 5 burial of ashes, 6 funerals, 2 Baptisms and 2 weddings.

**Electoral Roll:** Currently there are 63 on the Electoral Roll of Goodworth Clatford, 10 of whom are not resident within the Parish. Should anyone wish to be included on the Electoral Roll, please contact Elaine Price for an application form on 01264 361882. St Peter's is extremely grateful to the work of Elaine Price, Electoral Roll Officer, in this respect.

**Health & Safety Risk Management.** There again have been no health and safety issues throughout the year. A full review of the risk register will take place in 2021 when COVID restrictions allow.

**Way Inn.** In 2020 due to the Coronavirus outbreak they were only able to have January, February and March lunch gatherings. However there was a Socially Distancing Coffee Morning at the Royal Oak in September. On the subject of Finance the Bank Balance at 31 December 2020 was £886.96.

**Bellringers.** Due to Covid restrictions 2020 was a difficult year for bellringing, however they were able to ring for a few Sunday Services and 2 weddings during the summer and autumn whilst observing social distancing. The last time the bells were rung was on Christmas Eve prior to midnight mass so it is hoped that the situation in the country continues to improve and they can again start to ring out over The Clatfords.

**The Benefice Choir.** This year's Benefice Choir and Music Report is somewhat different from previous years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The effect it has had on live music making and singing in particular has been, for many, hard to cope with. Once choirs were not allowed to sing together from early on in the first lockdown it was evident that our worship would be much the poorer. However, as with everything during this time, new ways, particularly with technology, have been explored and tried, usually with surprisingly successful outcomes that will probably enrich the future. Once confidence and the ability to do something had been decided it was agreed to try rehearsing for an hour each week using Zoom, from the beginning of May. Since then the choir has been rehearsing on-line, using Zoom weekly, apart from a summer break during August and when choirs were allowed back into churches to sing, in between the first and second lockdown.



Although choirs were allowed to sing in acts of Worship a decision was made to only sing at the major Festivals or on special occasions as it would allow more congregants to attend the weekly Eucharist. This window of opportunity was also used to put together hymns and anthems rehearsed virtually, when singers are unable hear each other, only themselves, and also to prepare for a Christmas video of some kind. Social-distancing and the Rule of 6 also impacted on the rehearsing as did finding a space that was well-ventilated. Rehearsals moved from the usually warm St Peter's Room Goodworth Clatford to the very chilly and airy All Saint's Church. All Covid regulations were followed allowing 'real' music-making to take place.

Back in the late summer members of the choir helped lead the singing for a socially-distanced Harvest at the Rectory and for an al fresco All Saints Patronal which was held in the Car Park on a dark and damp November evening. For Christmas the choir were able to prepare and film three carols for the Zoom Carol Service which were well-received and then shared by a member of the choir in America. The choir also led village Carols outside Upper Clatford village Hall and joined the Vicar and team on a highly successful, enjoyable and cold Christmas Eve Carol Pilgrimage around the Benefice. Sadly there was not be any choral music in the churches over the Christmas period. Singing online has given the choir an opportunity for some outreach and as a consequence past singers were invited to join as were others who would benefit from being part of our singing community.

When allowed to use instruments in church it has been just the organ and again Tim Pay needs thanking for helping out and keeping his fingers and feet nimble. The usual Christmas instrumental offerings from the Timms family and the Fitzgeralds sadly were absent this year on Christmas Eve and Christmas day but the inclusion of instrumental music did continue to play an important role in the worship of the Benefice during the pandemic. Working from home the Director of Music and his daughters have led the music at the weekly 6.00pm Zoom Praise and more recently the mid-morning Facebook Live Service. This has given the virtual congregations and others catching up an opportunity to enjoy the music and singing from their own homes. For Easter The Timms' *Ensemble Octave* recorded and produced a multi-screen video of the Easter hymn *Now the Green blade riseth*. Choir membership remains stable and will welcome at least 2 new members when singing is allowed back in church buildings.

Finally, the organ which last year suffered from dryness and the warm weather has, this year, had to endure periods of neglect due the lockdowns. Fortunately it has survived so far.

The Organist and Director of Music would like to thank all the choristers and musicians that have contributed to the successes of the last year, and to any of the deputy organists that have covered in his absence for other professional reasons, including Tim Pay who has assisted in playing the organ for services at various times throughout the year. Thanks must also go to the Vicar, Churchwardens and PCC who support the music in the Benefice. In turn, St Peter's PCC are deeply grateful to Paul Timms and his family who have done so much to keep both music and the choir a coherent and integral part of the life of the church this year.

**Clatford (CE) Primary School.** Angela Rice, Headteacher, reports that this has been like no other year both for the school and the wider community, noting that the pandemic has changed everything previously taken for granted. Clatford Primary School alongside so many others has faced many challenges during this time. These challenges have been made easier because of the overwhelming support and kindness they have received from the wider Clatford Community. They thank everyone for the amazing donations given to the school, the fundraising done to support their most vulnerable families, the many cards and letters of encouragement and the cakes for the staff. It has meant a lot to each and every one of them.

The children and staff have taken on many changes over the last year. Children have had to learn to socially distance and frequently wash their hands. They have learnt to learn and play in differing ways. They have had to face anxious times, home learning and not being able to hug their grandparents or elderly relatives. Mrs Rice reports how impressed she has been with how well they have coped with all of these things which is a testament to the support they have had from their families and their teachers.

They have focussed activities on how to maintain good mental health and how to stay healthy. As a church school through their core Christian values of Love, Respect and Belief they seek to enable the children to Learn and Grow Together to develop their 'whole' unique individual potential as a member of our Clatford Family, whilst nurturing a lifelong love of learning within a caring, environment. This philosophy and vision has given them a firm foundation and pathway to nurture every child through these unprecedented times.

One of the biggest developments for the school has been the implementation of remote learning. Remote learning platforms were set up and every child has their own personal login. They have had a blended learning experience which is a combination of video lessons, live google meets and real-time verbal and written feedback on their learning. In addition, children with specific needs have received individual bespoke interactions and wellbeing calls have been undertaken. All this has been achieved alongside every teacher teaching key worker and vulnerable children throughout the school day. It has been a huge effort.

The teachers now face the challenge of assessing and developing every child's learning ensuring that any gaps are secured as quickly as possible. The school is very fortunate to have a highly skilled and dedicated workforce who put the children's needs first and who are able to create an exciting, creative learning journey which is engaging for everyone. The pandemic has meant that they have missed being able to meet together as a community, whether at school or at the church. They have however been able to keep their sense of belonging through the use of live video across the school and this has been supported by Rev Katrina and the Open the Book Team. The children have so enjoyed their weekly live worships and watching the stories. It has kept their connection to the church. Mrs Rice notes that Rev Katrina will be truly missed.



At the end of this academic year Mrs Rice will be retiring after 22 years of headship and 35 years of service to education, having so enjoyed being the Headteacher of Clatford Primary School and taking with her many happy memories. She reports that she has found it a real privilege to lead such a wonderful outstanding school.

And on behalf of St Peter's PCC we give sincere thanks and genuine appreciation for Mrs Rice's leadership of the School and wish her every happiness in her next steps.

**Clatfords Magazine:** At the start of 2020 Bulpitt Print Ltd continued to print 470 copies of the Magazine which were delivered or sent to the 437 subscribers. The annual subscription remained at £6 or £15 if posted each month. Due to Covid 19 and the lockdown restrictions it was not possible to deliver the majority of the April edition of the Magazine and since May 2020 the Magazine has been available only as a monthly online edition on both the Goodworth Clatford and Upper Clatford village websites. An advantage of the Magazine being online has been the ability to include much more colour and photographs but the team are mindful of the fact that not every subscriber has access to the internet.

Income for the year was £7,733 with subscriptions being £2,813 and advertising £4,920. Expenses including printing were £1,509, much reduced from 2019 as no printing costs were incurred beyond April. £3,600 was distributed equally between All Saints' and St Peter's. The accounts have been reviewed and confirmed by Tom Wilson FCA.

Our thanks go to Editor, Cherry Milne, and Administrators, Nicki Crosthwaite-Eyre (subscriptions) and Sue Stephens (advertising), for the hard work and enthusiasm they have brought to keeping the magazine fresh and relevant for our readers.

## DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

2020 was a unique year in the history of Andover because of the restrictions caused by the coronavirus pandemic. This meant that only one Synod meeting was possible in March 2020 just before the lockdown began. It was inevitable that many decisions taken would not happen because of Covid-19.

In the Diocesan Synod Report Area Dean Rev Trevor Lewis advised that the diocesan Deployment Plan would be discussed at the synod on 12<sup>th</sup> March and should be formally presented at the end of this summer. This sadly did not happen and is still awaited. In the Deanery Update Trevor summarized changes in the new 2020 Church Representation Rules. The Church Commissioners should decide shortly on two objections to the proposed amalgamation of the Pastrow and Hurstbourne Tarrant benefices. Parishes responding to the coronavirus were urged to monitor advice updated frequently on the CofE and diocesan websites. Measures include no physical contact in services, not offering the common cup at Communion and providing resources for BCMs and churchwardens to lead services of the word if a minister has to self-isolate at short notice. Pastoral visitors should continue to provide their valuable service whilst taking sensible precautions. Rev Jax Machin warned that some rural parishes which rely on village fetes as a major source of income could struggle to make their CMF contributions if public gatherings were banned during the summer.

The proposal that LLMs be invited to join deanery clergy at their monthly get together for a greater chapter meeting sadly did not happen.

It was noted that the absence of a diocesan deployment plan was having a negative effect on congregations of the two benefices currently in a vacancy. Trevor outlined some of the plan's proposals: to detach West Andover from the otherwise rural Portway & Danebury team and a trend toward larger rural benefices with 2 full-time clergy.

General Synod's aim to achieve zero carbon emissions by 2030 is extremely ambitious. Parishes can make a useful start by adopting the EcoChurch scheme which includes carbon reduction among its criteria, but the pandemic has prevented progress here.

In the dMAP Update Andrew Kent said that the deanery has made considerable progress on most of its objectives, but we needed to focus on the one that remains outstanding – EcoChurch. Parishes not already following the scheme were urged to find a champion to take it forward. There had been two significant developments in the deanery since the dMAP had been agreed in November 2017: The Benefice of the Future initiative being trialed in Pastrow and the transformation of St Mary's Andover into a Resource Church. Rev Alex Randle-Bissell and Rev Chris Bradish will be invited to report their experiences at a future synod meeting.

In the Deanery Finance report the Current Account stood at £1499.46. A motion to propose a parish levy of £15 for 2020 was unanimously approved. The Overseas Account was worth £2111.98. Suggestions were invited from members as to how to use the money. Pamela was to be notified by the end of March 2020. For the Deanery Finance Committee Michael Coleman said that in 2019 the diocese had received £9.3 million from parishes, 94.4% of the target – a shortfall of £550k. Andover Deanery's £590k, 96.7% of its target, was slightly better than the diocesan average but down on previous achievements of 100%. Calculations for 2021 commitments would begin shortly and he urged parishes to submit accurate attendance figures. Trevor thanked parishes which had paid their full CMF requirement. Michael then praised the work of Clive Thompsett who had been an extremely valuable member of the DFC for many years but was now stepping down.

As always this Synod meeting featured Good News from the Parishes which showed the wide breadth of activities going on in our parishes. This has been a very strange and frustrating year for Andover Deanery Synod under the leadership of Area Dean, Rev Trevor Lewis and Assistant Area Dean Rev Katrina Dykes.

## CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT



**Overview:** 2020 has given St Peter's many challenges, with changing Government guidelines, to ensure we are doing the best we can to comply and keep people safe. Sadly we had to close our church, then later opening for private prayer on Tuesdays and Fridays adding Sundays when able, then had to close completely again when the infection rate rose again in the autumn. The other side of the coin is that the lockdowns made us look at how we can worship in different ways.

It was a huge learning curve for us all, but led by Katrina and with the help from Phil we managed. Online zoom services have been very well attended on Sunday evenings, with people joining in who would not normally come to church and even people from further afield in this country and USA!

We offer night prayer every evening at 6pm, taken by different members of the team and the videos are watched by well over 40 people later on.

The midday Preach and Pray Sunday service, also recorded, is often watched by over 100 people, showing that the three churches have joined together in worship and have reached out to more than

anticipated during the pandemic. There are, though, many who cannot access the online services and this is cause for great concern as they are left out. Few have used the published phone line.

At the start of lockdown in March 2020, John Milne suggested that the churchwardens write an update each evening to the congregation to keep in touch. This we did, week and week about and the mailing list has gradually grown as word spread from around 40 to 69 at present which is a good example of outreach.

Our Remembrance service was held outside this year with limited numbers, but was much appreciated.



We held an online Christmas Messy Church service which was very well attended and appreciated by all. Plans are in place for 2021 to continue in February and on Palm Sunday.

An outside nativity scene at the church was greatly appreciated with people bringing children especially to see it. Huge thanks to all the creative parents who made the figures. This will now be an annual event.

**Fabric:** It has been a quiet year on the fabric side with only minor repairs needed for a leaking tap, the fitting of a replacement roof tile, and a rather expensive repair to the sound system loop element. Great thanks is given to Tony Bridger for all his excellent work tending the Garden of Remembrance.

**Social & Fundraising:** there have been no social or fundraising events this year.

**Thanks:** Notwithstanding the reduction in services and activity, St Peter's PCC would like to give their wholehearted thanks to all those who help in any way at all with the running and administration of St Peter's; it is deeply appreciated. Of particular note this year have been the challenges taken on by the cleaning team who have kept the church clean.

The churchwardens are most grateful to Katrina, Nicky, Tim and Peter for all they do for St Peter's and its community, not only leading worship but also contributing to the life of the church in many other ways, including visiting people, leading bible groups, pMap report, supporting Katrina in all she does. To that end the PCC thank Phil Dykes as well for his help with understanding the pMap process and helping out with our services. We appreciate the whole team's hard work.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

**Overview:** St Peter's managed to pay its requested Parish Share in full, and increased its reserves. However, this was entirely due to the substantial increase in the value of its investments after excellent returns by the fund manager.

**Regular Finances:** Regular income fell by £2,000 to £42,000. Clearly, the voluntary income suffered from the closure of the church and consequent loss of casual giving at services. However, regular planned giving has actually risen by some £2,000 to £23,000 so that the total of voluntary giving remained at its 2019 level of £35,000.

The lack of a village fete, and the closure of St Peter's Room, resulted in a reduction of some £4,000 of other income, but this was partially offset by higher fee income and an increased contribution from the Parish Magazine which benefited from an enforced lack of printing costs.

Regular payments, including the full payment of the Parish Share of £34,200, also fell by some £3,000 to £46,000.

There was a slight increase in church maintenance costs (£500) and the Parish Share ((£900) but this was more than offset by a reduction in churchyard costs with no tree maintenance being required, and a reduction in general costs resulting from the closure of the church for much of the year.

The surplus of regular income less regular expenditure remains well below the level that would normally allow the payment of the requested Parish Share in full. However, in view of the level of the general reserves and the perilous position of the wider church finances brought about by the pandemic, the PCC approved the payment of the full Parish Share request of £33,380. Of this amount, £3,872 was provided from the general reserve.

**Reserves Policy:** The PCC had intended to consider the issue of the appropriate level of reserves to be held and any action necessary to deal with any surplus during 2020. However, with the uncertainties caused by the coronavirus outbreak and consequent suspension of services, and with the prospect of a structural review of the Deanery in 2021, the PCC decided that it would be prudent to re-examine the position once some degree of normality was restored.

**Funds:** As noted above, £3,872 was deducted from the General Reserves from the operating deficit for the year. However, investment gains of £6,706 enabled the overall level of the general reserve to increase to £68,558.

There was little movement in the value of the various restricted funds which, at the year end, amounted to some £27,500.

**This Annual Report was Approved by the PCC on 18 March 2021 and signed on their behalf by The Revd Katrina Dykes (Priest-in-Charge).**