

**The Parish of Whyke, St. George
Rumboldswyke, St. Mary
& Portfield, All Saints**

Diocese of Chichester



TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT 2021

With accounts and financial statements for the year ending

31st December 2021

Presented to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

on 22nd May 2022

Incumbent: The Revd Dr Angus Reid

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Annual Parochial Church Meeting

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The Annual Parochial Meeting (APM) and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will take place on Sunday 22nd May 2022 at 11.30am in St George's Church

AGENDA

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2. Apologies for absence
- 3. Annual Parish Meeting**
 - Election of Churchwardens

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**The Minutes of the Annual Parochial Meeting (APM) and the Annual Parochial
Church Meeting (APCM) on Sunday 30th May 2021,
held after the 10am Parish Mass at St. George's Church**

1. **Welcome** - Fr John Hall opened the meeting with prayer and welcomed 26 attendees to the APM and the APCM.
2. **Apologies for absence** were received from Colette Gray, Mary Howick, Catherine James, Garry Long, Jane Martin, Kim McNamee and Mike Nation.
3. **Annual Parish Meeting
Election of Churchwardens**
Nominations had been received from two candidates: Geraldine Burrows and Jill Merry, both of whom were standing for re-election.
Geraldine Burrows, *Proposer* Colette Gray, *Secunder* Mavis Dolton;
Jill Merry, *Proposer* Judy Emmett, *Secunder* Margaret Kennard.
There being no other nominations both were duly elected and greeted with a round of applause. On behalf of the congregation, Fr John expressed thanks to Geraldine and Jill for the vast amount of work that they undertake behind the scenes, largely unknown to others.

The APM closed.

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4. **Approval of the Minutes from the previous year's meeting, 11th October 2020**
The Minutes of the previous year's meeting had been circulated in advance and all in attendance agreed that they were a true account of the APCM for 2020. Fr John signed the Minutes on behalf of all present.
5. **Any matters arising from the Minutes** – None.
6. **Election of representatives to the Parochial Church Council (PCC)**
Four candidates had offered themselves for election: Alison Davis, Nikki Edge, Sue Howell Evans and Kim McNamee. All had been proposed and seconded and so were duly elected.
7. **Appointment of Independent Examiner**
Canon David Nason had confirmed that he was willing to continue as Independent Examiner. All present were in agreement that he should be re-appointed for a further year.

8. Report on the Electoral Roll

Rosemary Lay reported that the revised electoral roll stood at 155 persons. During the course of the year three names had been removed through death, another eight had moved away and seven names had been added.

9. Trustees' Annual Report on the proceedings of the PCC and activities of the parish during 2020

Jill Merry expressed thanks to Jenny Harding for compiling the report and stated that it was nice that it included photographs. The report was then received and accepted without further comment.

10. Financial statements of the PCC for the year ending 31 December 2020

In the absence of the outgoing treasurer, Alison Davis commented that it had been a very challenging year financially. She expressed her thanks to Geoff Merry for the risk assessments of the church and Centenary Centre that he had undertaken and hoped that these would help us to resume income generation through lettings in due course.

The independently examined financial statements were then received by the meeting and sincere thanks were placed on record for the commitment and hard work that Jane Martin had shown in role as treasurer over the past two years.

11. Churchwardens' Report on the Fabric and Furnishings of the church

The report contained within the Trustees' Annual Report was noted. The churchwardens made particular mention of the generous volunteering given by Sara Fildes & Edward Hands in maintenance of St Mary's Churchyard, with additional help being offered once a month by the Scouts. The church building at St Mary's is currently being marketed for sale and will include a little land immediately to the right of the church. The churchyard will be unaffected.

12. Deanery Synod Report

The report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod during 2020 contained within the Trustees' Annual Report was noted.

13. Safeguarding Report

The Safeguarding report contained within the Trustees' Annual Report was received. Fr John emphasised the importance of Safeguarding in all aspects of parish life.

14. Report on the year's proceedings from Fr John and Geraldine Burrows

Fr John said that he was looking forward to the time when St George's will have a new incumbent and was very hopeful that an excellent appointment would be made. In the meantime, he was enjoying his ministry at both St George's and the Cathedral. He was grateful for the kindness that had been shown to him and the faithful witness and commitment of the people at St George's. He expressed particular thanks to the churchwardens and also to Fr Philip Meader for covering some of the services.

Geraldine Burrows: 2020, What a year!

- Sunday 23rd February - Fr Toby's last day with us, drinks and nibbles in the Centre after Mass. Although sad, a cheerful occasion as Fr Toby would be moving to Swindon New Town to have his own parish, not just one church but three! We were all of one opinion that he would be alright, he would cope, take everything in his usual caring manner. Lucky Swindon New Town!
- The following Sunday, Fr Tim announced that he would also be leaving, this announcement had been held over from the previous Sunday, because of Fr Toby's last day. What a shock!
- On 11th March, Mary Howick, our Safeguarding Officer, Fr Tim and I attended a meeting with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team to see how we had fared with our SQP requirement, proving that all sections of the church were on the ball regarding safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. We floated out of the Centre having passed with flying colours. The certificate is on the noticeboard in the West Porch.
- 21st March - The Church of England announced that all acts of Public Worship to be cancelled. Fr Tim sent an email to parishioners advising Sunday Mass and weekday services to cease. He would be offering Mass for our whole parish community, but alone. The church would be left open each Sunday with the Blessed Sacrament exposed for anyone to who would like to quietly attend church to pray.
- The 25th March should have been the licensing of Fr Toby. A coach had been booked to take parishioners from St George's to the event, coach paid for, should we cancel? Will the coach firm cancel? And so it went on, are we going, or not, until almost at the last minute the coach company decided that due to the pandemic it would be too risky. The Licensing eventually took place in Fr Toby's study via Zoom with his Bishop.
- 22nd March – The date of our 1st weekly St George's Newsletter, this Sunday is No. 62, and still going strong. The idea was to keep in touch with the church family and anyone who would like to receive a copy, to help in keeping isolation at bay. Between Fr Tim and the two editors all manner of issues were covered, Fr Tim with his gentle humour, weekly Homilies and later when we came out of lockdown, from which ever priest would be taking Sunday Mass.
- Because of Lockdown Fr Tim was not able to move to his new parish in West Worthing, remaining in the rectory until 27th May when he was able to move, with the following day being licensed in Bishop Martin's private chapel.
- Last year we missed out on Mothering Sunday, Palm Sunday when we would normally walk through the Parish making lots of noise, bringing neighbours to their front doors, all the moving services normally held during Holy Week, but by the time Christmas was approaching we were able to hold those special services we all look so forward to, and we have Fr John to thank for being with us, enabling us to celebrate such meaningful services.
- What else happened in 2020 – Well, the Annual Parish Meeting was moved from April to October which saw Ken standing down after the maximum term of six years; Fr John endowed him with the title of Emeritus Churchwarden. The vacancy was ably filled by Jill Merry who has taken on the role and responsibly in a thorough and positive manner. We thank them both for their contribution to

the church! Ken continues by way of ensuring there is a priest to take each service and producing the weekly Service Sheets. Thank you, Ken!

- I would like to offer a very special thank you to Rosemary Lay, our Parish Administrator who, throughout the lockdowns and various restrictions has ensured the church continued as a working church, opening up the office each week to ensure the numerous administrative tasks were dealt with, providing support to the churchwardens, returning phone calls etc. We thank you Rosemary, most sincerely!
- A very sincere thank you to Fred Corbin, who celebrated his 97th birthday just three weeks ago and has within the past few weeks stood down from administratively helping with the church finances. Fred was in at the conception of Deanery Synods in 1970, becoming our first Deanery Synod Treasurer, also taking on the role of Treasurer at St George's as well as Churchwarden, for many, many years. His sound financial advice /guidance to St George's has always proved invaluable and we thank him, most sincerely!
- Without the support of our team of Holy Dusters, currently referred to as the Holy Sanitisers, and ably led by Mavis Dolton, we would not have been able to continue in the weekly opening of the church for Sunday Mass or Private Prayer on Wednesdays. Their contribution has been invaluable, thank you all.
- To our Sacristans, Sue Stevenson Watt and Jill Merry ensuring that each week the elements, altar frontals, candles etc. are ready to receive the visiting priest for our Sunday Mass. Thank you both.
- The Servers, so valued, providing support to the Minister who is taking the service, and although much diminished in numbers always ensuring everything runs smoothly for them. Our sincere thanks to Nikki Edge and team.
- To our team of Flower Arrangers, continuing to present such beautiful displays, ably led by Sue Bainbridge, they quietly pop in during the week ensuring the displays continue to look pristine. Easter Displays this year were so appreciated. Thank you!
- Where would the services have been without the wonderful playing of the organ by Sue Howell Evans, without fail Sue has been there playing the appropriate music for each Sunday service. Invariably entertaining parishioners at the end of Mass with music to hold all our attentions, no one wanting to leave until the very end. Sue, you have given so much pleasure, thank you so very much!
- During 2020 we have had the pleasure of members of the Luc family performing on the piano and oboe. We have been so fortunate with their musical contribution.
- As regulations settle down, and in line with Government Guidelines there is the gradual return of the church choir. Thank you to all who have been prepared to return and to give so much pleasure.
- To those who have stepped up in ensuring Track & Tracing has been carried out at each Service, an essential part of allowing the church to be open for Mass. Thank you!
- There would have been no church services during 2020 without the Ministers who have been so supportive during this period of Interregnum: Bishop Martin, Bishop Michael, Archdeacon Luke, Fr Lawson and of course Fr John who, over the months we have come to know and love. He has been asked so many times to

become our parish priest but, I'm afraid that is not going to happen! We must wait a little longer!

- I think we should thank Bishop Martin for approaching Fr John who had only recently moved to Chichester, having served as Dean of Westminster Abbey for 13 years, and continues to fulfil many other roles within the Church of England. As the 3rd Sequestrator, we have been so fortunate, supporting the Churchwardens in their responsibilities, as well as fulfilling the various ministerial roles of baptism, wedding, burials, interment of ashes etc. Thank you, Fr John, your presence at St George's has been such a comfort to us all during what has been an unprecedented period in all our lives. Thank you!
- As we gradually come out of the numerous restrictions, what of this year! You will see in this week's newsletter, and recently heard from Jill we have a number of exciting events lined up for the second half of this year. Paper copies of the newsletter are at the back, some fundraising, others, an opportunity of having fellowship together. Please do take a look and if you feel able to help in anyway, please either have a word with Jill or myself afterwards – our contact details are on the back of the weekly service sheets. Finally, thank you, all of you for continuing to attend St George's, your presence is so important to us.

15. Any Other Business

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 11.46am.

Trustees' Annual Report

of

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of

**Whyke, St George with Rumboldswyke, St Mary
and Portfield, All Saints**

For the year ending 31st December 2021

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St George's, Whyke, Chichester

Trustees' Annual Report for 2021

This report follows the guidance documents produced by the Diocese for use in the preparation of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) Statutory Annual Report under English Law as required by the Charity Commission.

Our aims and purposes as a charity

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Dr Angus Reid, 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;
- Providing 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

The challenges faced by communities throughout the world continued in 2021 when the UK moved into 'Lockdown 3' on 5 January. Despite the curtailment of in-person meetings and social activities, the PCC decided that for as long as it was legal public worship in the form of the Sunday Parish Mass should continue. Socially distancing, 'track and trace' and hygiene regulations were meticulously followed and the weekly parish newsletter continued to provide a link for all, but especially those who were unable to attend in person. Throughout all this the PCC remained mindful of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion'.

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

Throughout 2021, we have continued to seek to meet the needs of both the regular worshipping congregation and the wider community by:

- Enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church
- Enabling as many people as possible to become part of our parish community
- Putting faith into practice, through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament

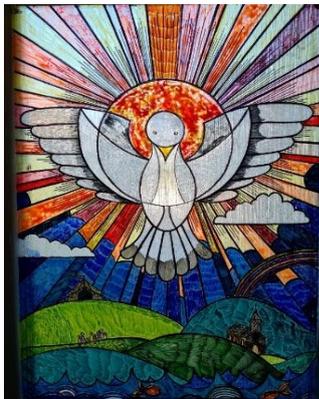
- Offering worship and prayer, and learning about the Gospel
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Maintaining the fabric of the church building as a focus of church and social life in the parish.

What we achieved and how we affected beneficiaries' lives

Attendance at worship

The church family welcomes visitors from within as well as outside the parish boundary. We wish to welcome anyone from all walks of life to take part in the life of the church. We maintain that voluntary attendance to worship the Lord Jesus Christ is a major demonstration of the public benefit of our activities. It has been a delight to welcome a number of newcomers into the worshipping community during the year and to see growth in the number of children attending J-Team.

It was good to once again be able to celebrate the many festivals of the church calendar, albeit with adjustments for social distancing, the wearing of face masks and numerous other Covid safety precautions. Although Lent groups were not permitted to meet, a reading list was put together for anyone interested in pursuing personal study. The resumption of J-Team activities on Sunday 12 September was another milestone and we give thanks for those who lead and nurture our young people in these sessions every week.



With thanks to George Cross for this holy dove



George & Alfred Cross' beautiful Easter garden



Following the death of HRH Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Union flag flew at half-mast over St George's during the period of national mourning. The Church was open each day from 10.00am until 7.30pm for public prayer and the lighting of candles.

Our Patronal Festival was celebrated on 23 April when Fr John blessed and dedicated the new main doors to the church. We are extremely grateful to the generous member of the congregation whose donation made this possible.



Prayer spoken by Fr John when blessing the new doors.

May the doors of this Church be wide enough to receive all who hunger for love, all who are lonely for friendship.

May they welcome all who have cares to unburden thanks to express, or hope to nurture.

May the doors of this Church be narrow enough to keep out pettiness and pride, envy and enmity.

May they shut out all complacency, selfishness or harshness.

May the threshold of these doors be no stumbling-block to young or straying feet.

May this Church be, for all who enter, the doorway to a richer and more meaningful life.

For we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ who said:

"I am the door, whoever enters through me will be saved, they will come in and go out and find pasture." (John 10:9)



Poppies made by members of the J-Team were laid beside the wreaths in front of the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

We welcomed 104 people to our services at Easter, whilst special services during Advent for the congregation and local community attracted 131 people. 131 people also attended Christmas services.

Two children and one adult were baptised at St George's during 2021 and two couples were married in church. One funeral was held in church, and four full funeral services, committals or burial of ashes were conducted elsewhere for deceased parishioners.



The J-Team Nativity service took place during the Parish Mass on 19 December. A wonderful way for our new Rector, Fr Angus to begin his ministry amongst us!

Adieu Fr John

St George's is indebted to Fr John Hall for sustaining us in worship during a long interregnum. Not only did he preach stimulating sermons and spend time with people in conversation, but also engaged wholeheartedly in all our social and fundraising activities. During his last Mass with us on Sunday 12 December we were able to present him with a variety of gifts as a token of our love and affection.



Welcome Fr Angus!

There was much excitement and eager anticipation when it was announced in October that Fr Angus Reid was to be our new Rector. He and his wife Jess and their two young sons moved into the Rectory in late November and he was licensed by the Bishop of Horsham on Monday 13 December 2021. Although the Omicron variant of Covid prevented some people from attending and meant that the provision of refreshments had to be scaled back, this did not diminish everyone's enjoyment of the occasion.

In his first newsletter as Rector, Fr Angus wrote of being made aware of just how precious a gift had been entrusted into his care – **the cure of all the souls in this parish**. He said that *“For me to hold the cure of souls means the following: to preach the word of God's undying love for all as revealed in Christ; to administer the sacraments of God's love that underpin the life of faith, reverence and worship; to foster the life of prayer and spirituality that help us grow in relationship to God; to build up a community of love in which we learn to treasure each other as made in God's image and nurture everyone's gifts; to celebrate all that is good and true about human life irrespective of whether people believe the same things as us or not; and, to reach out to all those in need whomsoever they may be in the knowledge that they are already loved by God.”*



*Fr Angus receiving the Cure of Souls from
The Rt Revd Ruth Bushyager, Bishop of Horsham*



Fr Angus and Bishop Ruth

Evangelism and outreach



The St George's Ramblers group, open to all, whether members of the church or not, was able to resume its monthly programme in June when we walked from the RSPB reserve in Sidlesham down to the beach at Church Norton. Other rambles have taken us from Fishbourne to Dell Quay; along Centurion Way and through Brandy Hole Copse; whilst in early December we enjoyed a walk around some of the lakes before meeting up with others from St George's for coffee at the Walnut Tree in Runcton.

Regrettably, the ongoing Covid restrictions meant that neither '**Tea & Chat**' nor '**Tots**' were able to meet in 2021. Better news was that the WRAP Community Choir, which is part of St George's outreach mission, was able to resume meeting on 9 November. The choir which takes its name from the parish - Whyke, Rumboldswyke and Portfield - is for anyone who would love to sing but thinks they can't. Strong friendships are forged and community bonds strengthened with many members coming from outside the worshipping community.

Music: a review of the year by Sue Howell Evans, Director of Music

At the start of 2021 our singing voices were silent in church. After a few days of absurd reports suggesting the organ blowers could spread infection, we became accustomed to gentle organ music (so that speech would not need to project above it). This is how January and February found us and it was at the beginning of March that we moved from hymns or songs on the organ, (perhaps gently hummed!) to having a solo singer from the choir to sing small parts of the Holy Week liturgies at the beginning of April. We were fortunate to be able to call on Mary Howick, Jonathan Lacey, Alison Davis and Derek Price (with his cornet, on Easter Day) for each service in the Triduum; each one was beautiful and memorable but "This Is The Wood Of The Cross" on Good Friday still resonates! We are also indebted to Yuriko Luc for all her playing before and after the liturgy to add another sound-scape for our worship - a wonderful continuation of all the music she and Kenji had played the year before.

After Easter we were able to use three singers at each service which, with 2 hymns, the Alleluia and an Anthem, saw us through to Pentecost when we were allowed 6 singers and more service music; it felt very liberating! This pattern continued from the end of May until the end of July when all members of the choir were able to return and we were gradually

able to resume our normal repertoire of hymns, a setting of the Mass and an anthem, which we have maintained to the end of the year. We were able to sing for the Advent and Christmas Carol Services, with 17 out of a possible 18 singers taking part.

Largely motivated by the fine 'new' Nicholson organ, St George's has been able to promote three series of concerts which were given the title The Last Friday Concert Series. A fourth series was in preparation and we were able to rescue 3 of our regular contributors for September, October and November. The 'Young, Local and Talented' concert featured organists under the eye of Tim Ravalde (the Cathedral Assistant Organist). This much-appreciated event was followed by our own outstandingly wonderful Luc family with their large band of supporters. The 3rd concert brought the Chichester City Band together for their first concert under their new director (Alfie Hughes).

As a result of concerts like this, we are looking into the possibilities of improving the lighting over the nave dais so that performers can see the music and audiences can see the faces of the performers.

Next year's concerts are yet to be planned and fresh ideas and suggestions are always welcome.

We were very pleased to welcome Richard McVeigh to St George's to make a recording of the organ. He has a website called Beauty in Sound and he added us to his amazing portfolio in his Virtual Church series. So far it has been watched by over 6,500 people the world over. He gives a beautiful description of the church, organ and the music he plays and also includes his wife (a former pupil of mine) and baby Hugo to round off the program. If you haven't watched it yet, - do, it's free to watch and you can also sign up to support him.

Care for others

Members of St. George's continue to be involved in the HEART charity (Homeless Empowerment and Relational Transformation): Geoff Merry serves as a trustee and Chris Harrison advises on Safeguarding. Church members are also encouraged to support the annual Christian Aid Week appeal during May each year.



In September, a team of walkers from St George's took part in the sponsored Moonlight Walk in aid of St Wilfrid's Hospice. Over the same weekend, walkers from the church also participated in the annual sponsored 'Ride & Stride' event, raising funds for the Sussex Historic Churches Trust as well as for St George's itself.



As the economic effects of the pandemic grew, members of St George's willingly responded to appeals made by Chichester Foodbank for donations to help those less fortunate than ourselves. We continue to be grateful to Sue Bainbridge and Tom Batting for coordinating this.

Our Harvest Festival service was very well supported. Along with gifts from Rumboldswyke Primary School the children of the J-Team brought up a wide selection of gifts which were all taken to the Foodbank.

Provision of the church building for people to enjoy

The first anniversary of the UK lockdown on 23 March was marked by a National Day of Reflection as we remembered those who had passed away due to Coronavirus and those left bereaved. The day was organised by the charity Marie Curie and supported by the Church of England. St George's was open for private prayer and reflection. At 12 noon a minute's silence was observed nationally and the church bell was rung in conclusion of the observance. Prayer sheets and tea-lights were both available. The church also continued to be open on Wednesdays throughout the year for private prayer and contemplation.

Following a relaxation of Government restrictions from 19 July, we were able to reintroduce refreshments with waitress service after the Mass and plan for a programme of social and fundraising activities that would bring church and our neighbours in the local community together.

Our Summer Fair on 24 July was opened by the Chichester Town Crier, Richard Plowman, resplendent in his full regalia. He stayed all morning engaging with everyone, posing for photos and making various announcements in his special way. The children enjoyed playing games and making badges while the raffle, bottle tombola, book and cake stalls proved a hit with the adults. The Fishbourne Mill Morris Dancers performed as people watched in the sunshine. As this happy event drew to a close, Fr John presented cups and rosettes for the best dressed scooter and the best homemade masks. Sincere thanks are due to Jill Merry for her meticulous planning which ensured that the day was a resounding success.



Mike and Hilary Nation hosted a Vintage Tea Party on Sunday 1 August. It was a lovely relaxing afternoon with wonderful homemade refreshments and good company. The event raised a very welcome £300 in aid of church funds.

A coffee morning was held in the Centenary Centre on 14 August. People socialized over refreshments and browsed the 'bring & buy', bric-a-brac and secondhand book stalls. All proceeds were donated to the J-Team leaders to purchase new materials for when sessions recommenced in September.

The Jumble Sale on Saturday 4 September was a mammoth event. Volunteers gave generously of their time sorting and setting up on the Friday, returning the next morning to run stalls, serve refreshments, chat to our guests and clear away at the end of the day. It would also be a slight understatement to say that we were a little overwhelmed by the generosity of so many members of the public who arrived with bags and boxes of items for us to sell. A long queue of bargain hunters eagerly waited for Fr John to declare the sale open and brisk business was done. In addition to raising over £500 for church funds, leftover saleable goods were taken to various charity outlets throughout the city, and other items were taken to the Amenity Centre and Clothes for Africa Centre for recycling, thus giving other causes the opportunity of receiving income.

"I could not believe that a jumble sale could make so much money, as well as helping those who cannot afford to buy new; providing opportunity for people to de-clutter; and so importantly, saving the environment by recycling so much stuff!"

"I had feedback on Sunday, from one of our customers that they like St George's jumble sales, fairs and such events because the people are so friendly!! How great is that!!"

On Saturday 2 October we held a Harvest event on the theme of food. The evening started off with a quiz in church which challenged our minds with some unexpected answers about food. We then enjoyed a 'bring and share' supper. After the meal Joanne Konabeka, CEO and founder of Chichester Foodbank, gave a talk about the work of the Foodbank, followed by a question and answer session. It was a thought provoking and memorable evening.



The year would not have been complete without our Christmas Fair on Saturday 27 November. Both the church and Centre were full of tempting stalls, including home-made gifts and cards, cakes, jewellery, books and toys and of course a raffle with an array of seasonal prizes. Children's activities were ably led by members of the J-Team and with help from Susie Godfrey they also built a grotto in church for a very special visitor, Father Christmas.



The Rumboldswyke Primary School choir sang beautifully and Derek Price's brass quartet also entertained us. The fair raised over £1400 and leftover items were donated to local charities. Thanks are due to all who helped in so many ways, but especially to Bill Johnston who led the planning group.



Rumboldswyke Church of England Primary School

In April the Education Department of the Diocese of Chichester launched its “*Growing Partnerships*” initiative. “*Growing Partnerships*” is all about building a foundation upon which school and church communities can grow together to fulfil God’s mission through serving their locality. Through a mutual covenant schools and church communities will demonstrate a desire to “serve the common good” and be role models for how Christians should live a life based on love and care for others.

The churchwardens subsequently met with Mrs Lisa Harris, who as the new headteacher of Rumboldswyke Primary School was very keen to develop links between St George's and the school, and the PCC responded with equal enthusiasm at its June meeting. Prayers are offered for the school each Sunday and since September Mrs Harris has been invited to attend PCC meetings as an observer and to report on how the school is thriving as part of the Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership. Fr John has also regularly visited the school and on 27 September he blessed an outside table and benches donated to the school in remembrance of Vince and Kay Glover, paid for from their generous bequest to St George's.

On 30 September, the children, staff and nearly 30 parents from Rumboldswyke School were welcomed to St George's for the school's Harvest Festival. It was a most joyous occasion with Fr John making everyone feel welcome and encouraging lots of participation from the children in answering questions. Each class took it in turn to sing a song relating to harvest. The prayers ended with resounding Amens from everyone. The tables set out to receive donations for the Foodbank were heavily laden, with thanks to the generosity of parents.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish

During the year discreet pastoral care has continued for anyone in need of a listening ear, sacramental care or other form of support.

Charitable giving

Apart from those items mentioned elsewhere in this report, £55.50 was donated to The Children's Society.

Plans for the future

Our new Rector will bring a fresh vision and new ideas about how St George's may best serve all who live in the parish regardless of whether or not they are part of the regular worshipping community.

To help prepare for this, during 2021 the PCC has been working to develop a Mission Action Plan. We first looked at the Diocesan Vision for Growth 2020-2025 and its 'Four Moors' (more open; more converted to Jesus Christ; more generous; more engaged). A small group then met on a Saturday morning in August to work through a Community Audit and Mission & Ministry Audit paper sent to us by the Department for Apostolic Life. In the autumn we asked members of the congregation to complete a questionnaire that sought their views on what they like and value about St George's and areas where they would like to see change. We also sought feedback about the role that members feel that the church plays in the community and whether we are doing enough for good causes and charities. Drawing on all the information gathered, a Mission Action Plan was then prepared that seeks to identify some key areas and priorities for our mission over the next few years. This is very much a work in progress and will be refined and further developed during the year ahead.

Acknowledgement: Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this report, either with narrative, ideas or photographs.

Financial Review

Incoming and outgoing resources

The pandemic continued to place a strain on our financial resources and has left very little in our general funds. If it hadn't been for a considerable legacy donation we would now be in a very precarious position.

Sharing ministry costs of the Diocese of Chichester

The largest expenditure for the PCC was the Parish Share to the Diocese which for 2021 was £55,000, which was £10,000 less than 2020. The Parish Share goes towards meeting the costs of clergy stipends, housing, training, and pensions, as well as national church responsibilities.

The PCC also pays to insure the church with Ecclesiastical Insurance. The cost of the policy in 2021 was £2,485.

Staff Costs

Our organist, who is also a trustee, received payment of £3,991 during 2021 and a further £988 was expended on employer social security costs for her.

Trustee payments and expenses

The PCC paid council tax, water and environment charges of £500 for the rectory. The new doors were purchased, as well as new mats and noticeboard for the porch, from an anonymous donation costing £11,163. The PCC agreed to donate a bench and table to Rumboldswyke School costing £1,109 and purchased a new tree for the memorial garden costing £1477, including planting, out of the legacy from Kay and Vince Glover.

Office costs

The PCC is fortunate in that office administration is carried out by able and hard-working volunteers.

There have been no major purchases for the office during 2021.

Money held in reserve

It is PCC policy to invest temporarily surplus general funds with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund, returning proportionately these funds to our current account as and when finances are required to pay day-to-day bills. As at the end of December our reserves consist of £14,568 and the CBF Church of England Investment Fund has a credit balance of £25,273.

As well as holding the above general reserves, from time to time the PCC may receive restricted legacies for expenditure on purposes defined by the donor. We aim to expend such money as soon as possible after receiving a legacy, depending on the specific objectives of the donor.

Structure, Governance and Management of the Charity

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is registered with the Charity Commission as required by the Charities Act 2011, its governing document is the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

During the year 2021 the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council:

Ex Officio members

Incumbent:	The Revd Dr Angus Reid	(From 13 December 2021)
Sequestrator	The Very Revd John Hall	(Until 13 December 2021)

Churchwardens:	Geraldine Burrows	Lay Vice-Chair
	Jill Merry	

Deanery Synod:	Geraldine Burrows
	Fred Corbin
	Neville Stevenson-Watt
	Sian Thomas

Elected Members:	Sue Bainbridge	
	Alison Davis	Treasurer (from APCM 2021)
	Mavis Dolton	
	Nikki Edge	
	Steven Godfrey	(From 17 November 2021)
	Ken Green	
	Jenny Harding	PCC Secretary
	Susan Howell Evans	
	Mary Howick	Safeguarding Officer
	Catherine James	
Kim McNamee	DBS Administrator	
Jane Martin	(Resigned 30 May 2021)	
Garry Long	(Resigned 13 June 2021)	

Co-opted member:	Ann Howarth	(From 14 Sept 2021)
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Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of ex-officio members (the incumbent, the churchwardens, members of the Deanery/Diocesan or General Synods) and 12 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 encourage a balance of skills and experience where possible.

This Trustees' Annual Report was approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by The Revd Dr Angus Reid, PCC Chairman.

Date

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted <u>Fund</u>	Restricted <u>Fund/s</u>	Endowed <u>Fund/s</u>	Total Funds <u>2021</u>	Total Funds <u>2020</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	55,022	58,453	-	113,476	61,967
Charitable activities	2,591	-	-	2,591	1,520
Other trading activities	8,588	-	-	8,588	2,953
Investments	734	-	-	734	883
Other receipts	-	-	-	-	-
Total income	66,936	58,453	-	125,389	67,323
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	1,372	-	-	1,372	-
Charitable activities	74,275	14,844	-	89,119	81,135
Other trading activities	1,691	1,109	-	2,800	727
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	77,338	15,953	-	93,291	81,862
Net gains (or losses) on investments	(1,596)	(659)	-	(2,255)	945
Net income or (net expenditure)	(11,998)	41,841	-	29,843	(13,594)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
	(11,998)	41,841	-	29,843	(13,594)
Other recognised gains/(losses):					
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Reconciliation of funds:</i>					
Net movement in funds	(11,998)	41,841	-	29,843	(13,594)
Total funds brought forward	39,266	19,938	-	59,204	72,798
Total funds carried forward	27,268	61,779	-	89,047	59,204

Balance Sheet

	Total Funds 2021	<i>Total Funds 2020</i>
	£	£
Intangible assets	-	-
Tangible assets	-	-
Heritage assets	-	-
Endowed investments	24,599	26,195
Total fixed assets	24,599	26,195
Stocks	-	-
Debtors	2,144	2,360
Investments	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	66,632	32,246
Total current assets	68,777	34,606
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(887)	(1,597)
Net current assets or (liabilities)	67,889	33,009
Total assets less current liabilities	92,488	59,204
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	-	-
Total net assets or (liabilities)	92,488	59,204
The funds of the charity:		
Endowment funds	22,425	24,021
Restricted income funds	63,476	19,938
Unrestricted funds	3,146	15,245
Revaluation reserve	-	-
Total unrestricted funds	3,146	15,245
Total charity funds	89,047	59,204

This Financial Report for the year ended 31st December 2021, including the notes following, was approved by the PCC and signed on its behalf by The Revd Dr Angus Reid (Rector)

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Date

Notes to the financial report (continued)

Analysis of income and endowments

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2021	<i>Total Funds 2020</i>
	£	£	£	£	£
Planned giving (excl. tax refunds)	33,734	-	-	33,734	38,715
Planned giving (no tax refunds)	790	-	-	790	3,549
Loose cash collections	1,705	-	-	1,705	2,418
All Other Giving	11,703	3,646	-	15,349	6,753
Gift Aid recoverable	7,091	-	-	7,091	10,199
Legacies		54,807	-	54,807	-
Grants		-	-	-	333
Donations and legacies	£55,022	£58,453	-	£113,476	<i>£61,967</i>
Fees for weddings & funerals	2,591	-	-	2,591	1,520
Charitable activities	£2,591	-	-	£2,591	<i>£1,520</i>
Summer fete & Christmas market, jumble sale, Tea Party	5,150	-	-	5,150	820
Last Friday Concerts	871	-	-	871	-
Other Trading activities		-	-	-	1,327
Church centre hiring fees	2,561	-	-	2,561	795
Jenny's Books	7	-	-	7	11
Other trading activities	£8,588	-	-	£8,588	<i>£2,953</i>
Bank & CBF deposit interest	440	-	-	440	446
CBF investment fund dividend	294	-	-	294	437
Rent from letting of investment property		-	-	-	-
Investments	£734	-	-	£734	<i>£883</i>
Other receipts	-	-	-	-	-
Total income and endowments on all funds	£66,936	£58,453	-	£125,389	<i>£67,323</i>

Notes to the financial report (continued)

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2021	<i>Total Funds 2020</i>
	£	£	£	£	£
Special appeals costs	-	-	-	-	-
Stewardship costs	-	-	-	-	-
Grants costs	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-
Other fundraising costs	1,372	-	-	1,372	-
Cost of raising funds	£1,372	-	-	£1,372	-
Missionary & Charitable Giving			-	-	779
Diocesan parish share	55,000	-	-	55,000	65,000
Parsonage House Expenses	500	-	-	500	1,303
Curate House Expenses		-	-	-	305
Ecclesiastical Church Insurance	2,485	-	-	2,485	2,476
Parish Training & Mission		-	-	-	6
Salaries and honoraria incl NI	4,407	-	-	4,407	3,659
Upkeep of services			-	-	1,135
Church running costs	5,557		-	5,557	1,258
Church maintenance and repair	6,197	14,844	-	21,041	4,426
Upkeep of churchyard			-	-	788
Ministry Expenses	128	-	-	128	92
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-
Governance	-	-	-	-	-
Cost of charitable activities	£74,275	£14,844	-	£89,119	<i>£81,227</i>
Church Centre maintenance	1,280	-	-	1,280	451
Other Trading Costs	410	1,109	-	1,520	276
Cost of other trading activities	£1,691	£1,109	-	£2,800	<i>£727</i>
Total expended on all funds	£77,338	£15,953	-	£93,291	<i>£81,954</i>

Notes to the financial report (continued)

Missionary and charitable giving:

	<u>Unrestricted Fund</u>	<u>Restricted Fund/s</u>	<u>Endowed Fund/s</u>	<u>Total Funds 2021</u>	<i>Total Funds 2020</i>
	£	£	£	£	£
Home:					
<i>Heart for Homeless Project</i>	-	779	-	779	779
	-	779	-	779	779

Staff costs

	<u>Unrestricted Fund</u>	<u>Restricted Fund/s</u>	<u>Endowed Fund/s</u>	<u>Total Funds 2021</u>	<i>Total Funds 2020</i>
	£	£	£	£	£
Remuneration					
<i>Wages and salaries</i>	3,659	-	-	3,659	3,260
<i>Employer social security costs</i>	748	-	-	748	399
<i>Employer pension costs</i>	-	-	-	-	-
	4,407	-	-	4,407	3,659

Governance

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Fund/s</u>	<u>Endowed Fund/s</u>	<u>Total Funds 2020</u>	<i>Total Funds 2019</i>
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Independent examination</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Accounts production</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Bookkeeping</i>	-	-	-	-	285
	-	-	-	-	285

Notes to the financial report (continued)

Fixed Assets

a Investments

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Market value 1 January 2020	24,021	2,174	-	26,195
Disposals at carrying value	-	-	-	-
Purchases at cost	-	-	-	-
Net gains and revaluation	(1,596)	-	-	(1,596)
Market value 31 December 2020	£22,425	£2,174	-	£24,599

**Notes to the financial report
(continued)**

**Analysis of net assets by
fund**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2021	<i>Total Funds 2020</i>
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets for church use	-	-	-	-	-
Investment fixed assets	22,425	2,174	-	24,599	26,195
Current assets (except cash)			-	-	2,360
Cash at bank and on deposit	50,095	1,217	-	51,313	32,246
Current liabilities	(887)	-	-	(887)	(1,597)
Long term liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
	£71,633	£3,391	-	£75,024	£59,204

Debtors

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2021	<i>Total Funds 2020</i>
	£	£	£	£	£
Gift Aid recoverable	2,144		-	2,144	2,360
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-	-	-	-
Other debtors	-	-	-	-	-
	£2,144	-	-	£2,144	£2,360

Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2021	<i>Total Funds 2020</i>
	£	£	£	£	£
Deferred income	-	-	-	-	-
Roof Repair Work from Insurance Claim		-	-	-	-
Archdeacon's loan	-	-	-	-	-
Other creditors	887	-	-	887	1,597
	£887	-	-	£887	£1,597

Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2021	<i>Total Funds 2020</i>
	£	£	£	£	£
Deferred income	-	-	-	-	-
Accruals for utilities and other costs	-	-	-	-	-
Archdeacon's loan	-	-	-	-	-
Other creditors	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-

Notes to the financial report (continued)

Prior year Statement of Financial Activities comparative figures for this year

	Unrestricted <u>Fund</u>	Restricted <u>Fund/s</u>	Endowed <u>Fund/s</u>	Total Funds <u>2020</u>
	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	61,316	651	-	61,967
Charitable activities	1,520	-	-	1,520
Other trading activities	2,953	-	-	2,953
Investments	867	16	-	883
Other receipts	-	-	-	-
Total income	66,656	667	-	67,323
Expenditure on:				-
Raising funds	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	78,186	2,949	-	81,135
Other trading activities	727	-	-	727
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	78,913	2,949	-	81,862
Net gains (or losses) on investments	818	127		945
Net income or (net expenditure)	(11,439)	(2,155)	-	(13,594)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
	(11,439)	(2,155)	-	(13,594)
Other recognised gains/(losses):				
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-
<i>Reconciliation of funds:</i>				
Net movement in funds	(11,439)	(2,155)	-	8,266
Total funds brought forward	50,705	22,093	-	72,798
Total funds carried forward	50,705	19,938	-	81,064

Statement of funds

	Balances b/fwd 1 Jan 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers, other gains and losses	Balances c/fwd 31 Dec 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Langdale Avenue 110001327F	10,662	-	-	(708)	9,954
Portfield Hall 110001266F	13,359	-	-	(888)	12,471
Total of all endowed funds	24,021	-	-	(1,596)	22,425
Churchyard	1,506	268			1,774
Flower Fund	667	757	(657)	-	767
Flower Tin	200	-	-	-	200
Childrens Activities		159	(128)	-	31
Organ & Choir	597	-	(310)	-	287
New Doors	8,702	2,462	(11,164)	-	0
Kay Glover Fund	5	54,808	(2,586)	-	52,226
ChiDC (S 106 Planning)	610	-	-	-	610
Girls Choir	247	-	-	-	247
Iris Woodhams Fund	5,732	-	-	-	5,732
CBF Investment 610278001F	1,672	-		(72)	1,600
Total of all restricted funds	19,938	58,454	(14,844)	(72)	63,476
General fund	13,548	66,936	(77,338)	-	3,146
Total of all unrestricted funds	13,548	66,936	(77,338)	-	3,146
Total funds	£57,507	£125,390	£(92,182)	£(1,668)	£89,047

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St George's Church, Chichester for the Year Ended 31st December, 2021

This is my report to the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish (PCC) of Whyke, Rumboldswyke and Portfield, Chichester, on the annual report for the year ended 31st December 2021.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner:

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement:

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

Independent examiner's statement:

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below in Section B *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the (brackets) if they do not apply*

Examiner's signature

Examiner's name (*CAPITALS*)

Date

Examiner's address

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Relevant professional qualifications (*if any*)

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems *for example:*

- accounting records have not been kept in accordance with s132 of the Charities' Act 2011 and those accounts do not comply with the requirements of the 2008 Regulations setting out the form and content of charity accounts;
- any material expenditure or action which appears not to be in accordance with the trusts of the charity;
- any failure to be provided with information and explanations by any past or present trustee, officer or employee; and
- any material inconsistency between the accounts and the trustees' annual report.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose

CHURCHWARDENS' ANNUAL REPORT ON THE FABRIC AND FURNISHINGS OF THE CHURCH DURING 2021

At the start of the year 2021 we were still living under the coronavirus restrictions, and this obviously affected the work of the church. Also St George's was still in an interregnum. However, we were blessed to have The Very Revd. John Hall KCVO continuing to preside at most of our services with the help of Father Lawson Nagel and Father Philip Meader assisting. We are extremely grateful to them as this allowed us, as Churchwardens, to concentrate on other matters connected to the church.

In February the Monterey Cypress tree, which was located behind the War Memorial, was felled. Chichester Council consented to the tree being removed on condition a new tree was planted. In October the ground was levelled and a Golden Alder tree planted. We then proceeded to obtain from the congregation possible ideas as to people's wishes for that area. It is hoped that shortly in 2022 the garden area will be landscaped and ready to be used and enjoyed by the church.

Also in February work was carried out by a professional to reinstate a number of wooden floor blocks which over time had become loose in the Church and Vestry. This was necessary for safety reasons and the blocks were lifted reglued and put back in their correct positions.

In April the big project to replace the West Doors was finally reaching its conclusion. After many years, the red doors of the church were removed and replaced by a bespoke pair of oak doors especially made for the church. A lot of work behind the scenes was required for this to take place. Once installed the doors were blessed during a service conducted by Father John Hall. The doors have made a huge difference to the look of the church and will be a great benefit for many years to come. We are extremely grateful to the anonymous donor who paid for the new doors. Also in April the bell rope in the Lady Chapel which had been allowing water to leak in to the Chapel was repaired. It was necessary for scaffolding to be erected. The steel cable holding the bell rope was replaced, the protective cup was repositioned, and the bell serviced. It was during this time that some roof tiles to the church and Centre were also replaced due to them being cracked or missing.

Other tasks undertaken were repairs to the lighting in the church as various problems materialised and needed to be rectified. Also the church boiler and fire alarms were serviced.

Besides being responsible for the church we were also responsible for the Rectory while it was empty. Each week an inspection took place, and a report sent to Church House informing them of any jobs which needed dealing with during the interregnum. A soak away in the garden became blocked and a new one was created. Also a few windows needed replacing as the double glazing had blown. At regular intervals a gardener was employed to deal with the front and rear gardens.

St George's Church is also responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of St Mary's Churchyard. At the beginning of the year we applied to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission for a sign indicating the existence of war graves in the churchyard. The application was accepted, and a sign was fixed to the entrance gate in the latter half of the

year. Sara Jane Files and Edward Hands continue to oversee the cutting of the grass and pruning of bushes in the churchyard, and we are very grateful for their commitment to this strenuous work.

Last year proved a difficult year because of the reasons mentioned previously. But the year ended on a high with the appointment of Dr Angus Reid as our new Rector. After offering our sincere thanks to Father John Hall for all that he has done for St George's during the interregnum, a Licensing service took place on 13th December, and we were able to welcome Father Angus as our Rector together with his wife Jess and sons Jack and Alfred as they moved into the Rectory.

We could not have carried out our role as Churchwardens without the support and commitment of the fellowship and we are extremely grateful to everyone at St George's. We have come through a difficult time but been utterly amazed by how everyone has worked together to keep St George's open for worship and functioning as a church. THANK YOU!

Geraldine Burrows and Jill Merry
Churchwardens
January 2022

Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod in 2021

There were three regular meetings held of the Chichester Deanery Synod during 2021: 3rd March by Zoom, 29th June at St Peter's, Selsey and 3rd November at St. Pancras, Chichester.

Via Zoom, the Rural Dean, Fr David Jarratt, who was the Rector of Lavant, welcomed the 34 people who had joined the meeting through their computers and opened the meeting with prayer and a gospel reading. Parish representatives were then invited to respond to three questions: How has your church managed the lockdown? Has the number of parishioners taking communion in your church decreased? And how can we share our problems with each other? The members who had joined the meeting were then divided into six groups, which were each given six minutes to consider their responses. The responses, given by a spokesperson chosen by each group, were fairly positive on the whole, but there were some local difficulties, and the lack of music was regretted.

The second meeting in the year was held in St. Peter's Church, Selsey, and was attended in person by approximately 35 synod members. The meeting was addressed by Revd. Jack Dunn, from the diocesan office, whose main message was that the future of the Church of England was in crisis, with clergy redundancies possible. They were trying to discern the way forward, to make changes, and members were invited to report back to them with ideas. We need to use our resources in the best possible way. Action plans are needed, and local actions are welcomed.

The third meeting was held at St. Pancras. The Archdeacon of Chichester who should have attended was unwell so Lesley Lynn and Tim Redding, both from Church House presented the draft diocese budget for 2022. Visual slides preceded the presentation. Apparently only 11% of the parishes in the diocese pay more than their allotted share, and an appeal was made to parishes to increase their contributions. Chichester was not at the moment in a financial crisis, unlike some dioceses, but they did need to meet the cost of the 2022 budget proposals. The church works with local authorities to maximise the value of its assets. The meeting was told the Diocese has cut down on improvements to parsonages, short term. 79% of the parish share goes on clergy, including training of ordinands. There will no longer be costs of past cases in Safeguarding. Following the presentation questions were invited from the floor, including concern about selling off glebe land, and provision of part-time priests for poor parishes. Parishes were reminded that their giving is voluntary and are only asked to pledge what they can afford.

Geraldine Burrows

Fred Corbin

Neville Stevenson-Watt

Sian Thomas

Deanery Synod Representatives

January 2022

Safeguarding report for 2021 - St George's Church, Whyke

Covid-19 Pandemic

For the past year the Covid-19 pandemic has continued to impact on attendance at church and the number of activities taking place at St George's, with the following groups and activities being actively paused or reduced for much of the year:

- J Team
- Tots Group
- St George's Choir
- Communion Club
- Tea and Chat

This significant reduction in church activity has resulted in a decrease in all related safeguarding processes and procedures, including DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks for volunteers. The Safeguarding Officer and DBS Administrative Officer have remained contactable throughout should any concerns have arisen at any point.

As restrictions now begin to ease, the Safeguarding Officer will be working with Fr Angus and the Churchwardens to ensure that all necessary safeguarding procedures are in place and relevant checks have been implemented as activities restart and new groups start up.

As things stand currently, the J Team and St George's choir have started up again, however the Communion club, Tots Group and Tea and Chat have not yet restarted.

It is anticipated that activities will be increased as restrictions continue to ease.

St George's Safeguarding Policies and SQP

Mary Howick continues as Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Level one of the Diocese of Chichester's new safeguarding programme, SQP, was obtained in 2020. This programme aims to improve safeguarding at parish level. As part of this J Team, church choir, Monday Tots and Servers now have a folder containing all relevant safeguarding policies and forms. These folders will now be reviewed as activities restart.

The church has adopted a Safeguarding Adults policy, which provides guidance and sets out procedures, should safeguarding concerns about an adult be raised.

There were no safeguarding issues reported in 2021.

Training

The Church of England's Child and Adult Safeguarding Protection Training (C1 module) is available online for members of St George's to undertake. This training is compulsory for all those eligible for a DBS check. It is also open to all church members. Leadership officers are required to undertake the C2 leadership module. As restrictions ease there will be a renewed

focus on ensuring that all relevant church members undertake the necessary training or refresher training as required.

Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)

Kim McNamee continues as the DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) Administrator.

All DBS checks for St George's are up to date and there is one renewal due. Kim keeps up to date with any changes to volunteer roles or new members whose role requires a DBS check.

Until very recently, all DBS checks within the diocese were valid for 5 years. There have been recent substantive changes to this timeframe which took effect from the 4th of January 2022. As laid out in "The Church of England's new Safer Recruitment and People Management" policy, the renewal period for DBS checks has now been shortened from 5 to 3 years. In practice, this means that anyone who has a new DBS check or renewal after 4th January 2022, will automatically go onto the three-year renewal cycle.

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