

Saint Peter's Church, Curdridge

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

Administrative information

The Church of St. Peter's is situated on Botley Road, Curdridge. It is part of the Benefice of Botley, Curdridge and Durley (BCD), in the Diocese of Portsmouth within the Church of England.

The correspondence address is, The Rectory, 46 High Street, Botley, Southampton, SO30 2EA

The Parochial Church Council is a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2021 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent: Revd Gregg Mensingh

Wardens: Mr Simon Powell, Mr David Picton-Jones

Representatives on the Deanery Synod: Mrs Ann Young

Elected members:

Mrs Patricia Ball

Mrs Louella Kemp

Mr Peter Swinburn

Mrs Ann Young

Mrs Lisa Willshire

Co-opted members: Mr David Timmins (Treasurer)

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives and Activities

St. Peter's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church of St. Peter and the site, Church Lane, Curdridge.

Church attendance

Since St Peter's reopened on 25/10/2020 attendance has been good. Certainly with the reassurance of the jobs, the numbers have steadied at 20 on average for a Sunday service. We have tragically lost some of our most devoted church family over the lockdown period. Some others, understandably, are still delaying their return although they are absolutely still in hearts and minds. I look forward to giving them the warmest welcome when they feel it is the right time for them to return.

We have had 4 weddings and 3 baptisms, 2 funerals and 1 internment of ashes. Remembrance Sunday was well attended with 88 adults and 62 children. It was wonderful to see our uniformed organisations back. Our Christmas services were not as well attended as in previous years with 41 adults and 7 children. The Crib Service brought 30 adults and 14 children through our doors and Christmas day was 27 adults with 2 children.

Simon Powell

Restricted Church Opening during 2021

The rules governing church operation during the Covid pandemic were difficult for us and all the churches in BCD. Weekly advice from the Portsmouth Diocese was always useful but in the end we had to make decisions based around our own circumstances. Regular meetings of the BCD wardens with Gregg helped us talk through the issues. Those meetings were often on Zoom.

The medical messages weighed heavily on us because the age demographic of our congregation placed us firmly in the "vulnerable" category. This position was acknowledged by the congregation and accepted despite their keenness to return to services as soon as possible.

In the light of this situation the wardens made arrangements to keep the churches available for private prayer and meditation while ensuring all the national guidelines were maintained. As we were used to having a Thursday morning service, we decided that we should open St. Peter's for two hours on Thursday mornings and balance that with a similar period on Tuesday afternoon.

We developed rules for accommodating visitors and signage to keep proper space between people. We also provided hand sanitizer and masks although very quickly people were using their own equipment. A one way system for entering and exiting the church further demonstrated our determination to keep visitors as safe as possible.

This was helped by a rota of volunteers who waited to welcome, advise and guide visitors on those days. Signs were placed outside the church to encourage visitors. We kept Track and Trace registers.

While there were not large numbers visiting we were comparable with Botley and Durley in this enterprise. These arrangements were always going to be difficult. An important feature for the PCC was that we kept the church open to some degree during a national, indeed global, emergency.

David Picton-Jones

Warden meetings and the PCC

The wardens continued to meet with Gregg throughout lockdown via zoom and in person after morning prayer on Mondays in Botley.

Likewise the PCC met throughout lockdown and since September back in the church. The main topic being the increasingly urgent repairs to the roof. The unwavering dedication of the PCC over these unprecedented times has been an inspiration and they deserve a heartfelt thank you.

Simon Powell

Online Zoom Services

During the pandemic and lockdown, we all had to forego many of our pleasures. No longer could we call into neighbours for chat, browse the shops, or go out for a meal or coffee with family and friends, and of course we couldn't attend our usual Sunday service. It was wonderful then that those very clever people introduced us to service via Zoom. I was not too sure whether I would be able to cope with the technology, but I could and I did!

The service was conducted by Gregg, Richard or Janet, who took turns to lead the service and deliver a sermon each week. The lesson, Gospel and prayers came from the laity and it was lovely to see so many different faces each week. I think the services averaged 50-55 each week, from all three parishes. Beautiful icons were produced for us to view and a hymn ended the service. I found myself singing along with the choirs.....hope others did too!

No-one wants to return to Zoom services regularly, but for those who are still a little anxious about returning to church, give the once monthly Zoom a try. I don't think you will regret it!

Ann Young

Curdrige Parish Magazine

Rory and I have been delivering the Curdrige Parish Magazine to houses in The Triangle as well as houses in Chapel Lane for the past three years. We now have 32 houses that we deliver to in 2022.

We are both enjoying this, as we get to meet people we have never met, even though they live very close to us. They also get to meet us! In fact, in January this year, we met a family that had moved into Chapel Lane about 6 months ago who were very pleased to have the magazine and said that they were glad to speak to someone who lived nearby. So here, we felt we had been neighbourly and also added another person to our list.

All the people who we have talked to are enjoying the magazine and feel it has recently become much better. Some commented on the colourful cover page! Some have asked if any news from Curdrige Primary School is going to be added. We have also mentioned that if they wanted to put something they think which is of interest in the magazine, they should do this.

We are hoping that in 2023 we should add to our list another two houses that are now being built.

Lula Kemp

Electoral Roll

At the end of February 2022 there are 48 people on the electoral roll, 3 people have been added and 1 person has died. 31 people live within the parish and 17 people live outside the parish.

Dorothy Bellchambers

Church cleaning

During lockdown the St. Peter's Church cleaning rota was put on hold and we hope to start a new cleaning regime next year. Currently the cleaning is done on an ad hoc basis and those using the church clean up after themselves to keep the church tidy each week.

Next year, it has been arranged that a cleaner will come fortnightly to clean the toilets and kitchen and to vacuum and dust. We are also in the process of organising a deep clean of the toilets and kitchen for this year.

Trisha Ball

Flower Guild

Currently the church flowers are done weekly, and also for special occasions such as weddings and baptisms. The Flower Guild has 6 members, increasing to 7 next year as we will have a new joiner. Most flowers have been donated throughout the year and we are hoping to put a write up in the parish magazine soon to encourage new people to donate flowers regularly.

Trisha Ball

AutumnFest

Raising an impressive £12,324 for St Peter's Church Roof, the Curdridge AutumnFest held in October was a big success. After months of preparation, the church bells rung and villagers (and most of Hedge End & Botley) made their way down to a hidden field in Curdridge to enjoy live music, locally sourced food, a craft fair and children's activities. Totally funded by local generous sponsorship (including Clarke Mews and Rathbones Investment), the event was kicked off by the Swanmore Samba Band, and the crowds then gathered throughout the afternoon until we had sold everything - shifting 1000 burgers and sausages in just a few hours.

The October sun shined all day, making it impossible not to enjoy the Gin Tent and great food, which was kindly provided by the team from The Cricketers Pub, Curdridge. Local Rhythm and Blues Band Chicago 9 and the Bundell Brothers helped to entertain the crowds throughout the afternoon, creating a brilliant atmosphere throughout the day. The pumpkin photo stand was popular, with families posing for photos against the atmospheric backdrop. A big thank you to all who volunteered and worked hard throughout the day and in the run up to the event!

Miles Willshire

Annual Bonfire

The annual church bonfire took place on Friday 5th November. The turnout was excellent with many villagers and those from surrounding areas and a large number of the local beaver group. We had a BBQ serving hot dogs and burgers and a bar offering homemade mulled wine and soft drinks. The evening was rounded off by some fantastic fireworks gifted by a couple of local generous sources. All in all a very successful source of community outreach.

Rachel Swinburn

Christmas services / carols

With Covid-19 unfortunately still very much part of day to day life; Curdridge Primary School took the decision to host its carol concert outside in the churchyard, rather than in the church itself. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended and provided another opportunity for the school and church to work together.

In early December we enjoyed a wonderful evening of carols at the Cricketers Inn. Around 15 singers and a piano player assembled by the roaring fire and enjoyed complimentary mulled wine and mince pies whilst singing carols of choice. The diners in the pub enjoyed choosing the next carol and even joined in with a few!

It was lovely to be back in St Peter's for the carol service. The church was beautifully lit by the many candles in the windows as well as the ones given to each member of the congregation. The readings were undertaken by many local figures, Headteacher of the school, councillors, landlord of the pub, villagers. It was a wonderful evening that brought all aspects of village life closer together.

The Crib service was well attended by families, both known to the church community and others who ventured in for the first time. It was a truly wonderful way to start the festivities. The Christmas Day service was also well supported and we were all glad to be able to take away a slice of the parish Christmas cake to enjoy at home.

All these events have helped to nurture relationships with our local community, showing that the church is open and welcoming to all. We hope these relationships will continue to flourish in the new year.

Rachel Swinburn

Curdrige Bell Ringers

Ringling at Curdrige has been gradually getting back to something like normal over the past year, with practice night, Sunday service and wedding ringling restarting, generally while wearing masks if people feel more comfortable like that. We also rang for the Curdrige AutumnFest in October. We have had up to eight bells ringling for practice nights, helped by regular visitors from Netley Abbey and Soberton, and have helped Netley in our turn by ringling there on the first Sunday of the month when Curdrige services are on Zoom. We have also attended various Portsmouth District ringling events, including an interesting experience on the very loud three bells at St Mary's church in Portchester Castle. One of the ropes has been repaired by replacing the bottom end, and another rope is currently away for similar work.

Unfortunately one of our ringlers, Peter Cripps, was recently diagnosed with cancer but we were glad to hear that he has had a successful operation and the doctors are optimistic about his recovery. He will, however, be unable to ring for a while yet. As always, more recruits to ringling would be most welcome.

Robin Milford, Tower Captain

BCD Communications and Marketing (C&M) Team

This is a BCD team set up in 2017.

To improve communication with and between our three congregations and our three villages and to plan and create accurate and informative/explanatory publicity for special services and events across our three churches (parish Christmas cards, fliers, leaflets etc). We meet monthly on the third Thursday, usually at Lynn's home in Botley, except in August and December.

Current members:

Durley: Gill Mulley

Curdrige: Miles and Lisa Wilshire

Botley: Lynn Gosden (Chairman), Rob Hall, Elspeth Lamb.

Ministry Team: Janet Clarke

Rob Hall stood down at the February meeting. We are very grateful for his contributions over the past years, bringing his professional expertise in Communication and Marketing to our discussions.

Achievements 2021-22:

This has been an exciting year for the C&M team.

We were pleased to welcome Janet Clarke as a member to represent the Ministry Team.

We began meeting again in May 2021 and immediately got to work discussing what could be learned from the very successful Zoom services held from March 2020. We had no doubt that communication between our 3 congregations had improved greatly through this experience.

We watched an excellent C of E webinar about On-Line services and what we could learn from these. At our June meeting we discussed this in depth with Gregg in attendance and had a very fruitful brainstorming session.

We also had discussions with Justine Greenfield, who managed our on-line presence and data, about ways in which we should be communicating with our wider village audience and what our Digital Strategy should be across BCD.

This led to some useful Zoom meetings with Justine, Gregg, the Wardens, and the C&M team, looking more critically at our website, Facebook page and (newly set-up) Instagram account. A BCD logo was chosen by this group from several designs and can now be seen on all BCD marketing material.

The C&M team is now responsible for all our BCD presence on-line. Justine wished to stand down from her position managing our data but is currently building a new BCD website. We are grateful to Elspeth Lamb who has taken on the onerous task of managing this for us. We have had detailed discussions about the content of our new website and look forward to it being on-line soon.

The C&M team now produces an accurate monthly list of all services, both those on site and on-line, to be held across the three villages. This is published in the weekly newsheet and the magazines.

The C&M team is now also responsible for publicity across BCD and groups are asked to e-mail their needs; posters, Facebook posts, magazine publicity etc to the Team so that publicity can be generated and returned to you for approval. We are again indebted to Elspeth for creating this material and posting it on social media. It is planned that other members of the Team will, in future, be assisting Elspeth with this.

We are currently discussing ways in which more material can be shared between our village magazines, having decided against a proposal to create one magazine across BCD with some village-specific pages but a core of shared material.

We produced our traditional Christmas card for each village in December, with the winning nativity picture in each school's competition on the front cover.

Challenges for 2022/3:

To continue to focus on ways to enhance our village magazines with greater use of shared material stored on-line.

To continue to develop ways in which our BCD website can be used, alongside the C of E site "A Church Near You", to reach out to those who may be on the fringes of church life in our area and to encourage them to engage with some of the activities we have to offer, even if they do not wish to attend services.

With this in mind, we plan to develop a newsletter, regular but not necessarily frequent, accessible via our website, for those who wish to know more about us in BCD but do not want the detail and regularity of our weekly newsletter.

To support our Clergy team and our congregations, as we look to reach out to our wider villages and to seek ways in which the churches can enhance village life.

Lynn Gosden

BCD Home Group

We are currently 8 in number and meet roughly fortnightly in the home of a member in Botley. We are a self-help group with a shared desire to know our Bible better and to discuss ways in which its teaching can be applied to our lives here in BCD.

We use a study guide, collectively choosing a new topic as we finish each one. We also find a Study Bible useful, plus any books we might come across in our personal reading.

Achievements 2021/22:

We are pleased to say that we managed to keep going in 2021 with our Zoom meetings, thanks to Elizabeth's expertise. It was frustrating to have so little time to discuss our study, but we persevered with "Philippians, Shining with Joy" during the summer months but took a break in August.

We finally regained some normality in the Autumn when we were able to begin meeting in person again and welcome back our last two members. It was a real pleasure to be able to chat and discuss over a cup of tea!

Having decided collectively to go back to the Old Testament for a change, we embarked on a new study of some of the Psalms; "Soul Songs. Exploring love, guilt, fear and temptation from the Psalms."

This proved quite challenging at first, but recent studies have proved to be insightful and very rewarding, particularly the study of Psalm 23, "A song for dark days" which took us also to verses in Exodus, Corinthians, Ezekiel, John and Romans. It was quite a journey and one we all very much enjoyed.

Objectives and Challenges for 2022/3:

Once again, we would love to welcome more members, especially anyone from Curdridge, to make us truly BCD!

We should like to make ourselves more widely known as a small but welcoming group, determined to know our Bible better, learn from each other and enjoy some lively discussion.

We encourage others to set up similar groups to encourage fellowship, friendship and most of all, a shared desire to learn more. Once again, to make sure we put into practice some of what we discuss in the group.

Lynn Gosden

Deanery Synod

There has been some important work undertaken at Deanery Synod during 2021. There has been consultations on proposals to reconfigure the organisation. This has been a complicated and tricky subject. The exercise seemed to be trying to balance reduced resources of people and finance with a reshaped Deanery designed to address better the challenges of serving the current system. BCD, being a plurality, seemed fairly well set up to be able to migrate to any new such arrangement. However these suggestions seem to have lapsed and the whole consultation has been shelved possibly until our new Bishop Jonathan takes his place later in 2022.

David Picton-Jones

Safeguarding

Currently we do not have a designated safeguarding person for St. Peter's. This probably puts us in breach of our rules of governance. Therefore we need to ask for somebody to volunteer to take on this vital role.

In the meantime David P-J has been taking a note of developments by watching the information exchanges from the Diocese. No action has been necessary but ongoing monitoring of training for all those who have contact with vulnerable and indeed all people is necessary if we are to properly fulfil our responsibilities.

David Picton-Jones

Health and Safety

At the time of writing all H and S matters have been attended to. There have been regular monitoring of the building and grounds. We are confident the potential hazards have been identified and, where necessary and possible, remedial action has taken place. For example, the heating in the church is important Health and Safety feature for our congregation. The boiler has been serviced and the oil tank has been topped up. When we used candles during the Christmastide we kept buckets of water with tea towels in them for emergencies. They were needed on one occasion when the Pascal Candle display became alight. It was doused using an adjacent bucket of water and towel.

Cleaning the church is an important H and S matter and has been very relevant during the pandemic. We've tried to keep the church clean (see separate report) while insisting on following not just the national rules but also the best guidance by continuous monitoring and consulting local experts especially medically qualified people.

David Picton-Jones

Building and Grounds

The general condition of the building and grounds is satisfactory. However there are important exceptions to this judgement. The part of the roof adjacent to the vestry where there is a valley needs urgent and costly repair. This has been outstanding for some time. The village will be aware of the success in fund raising for this in 2021.

Inside the church the reredos alabaster screen has moved slightly over some years and, while it is not judged dangerous, remedial work must be undertaken.

At the end of 2021 the boiler system was serviced and, while it will never be adequate to heat the church in the coldest times, it is operating satisfactorily.

The grounds and graveyard have received some growing attention by both volunteers and a commercial company. The project to "green" the area has begun and there are some exciting small scale plots. We need to build on these developments especially the way the area can be made attractive to families and young people for recreation and meditation.

Other work which has been identified includes the replacement of the fence around the oil tank and the repair of the gate at the end of the upper pathway.

The good news is that among all these challenges at the end of the year PCC began discussions about lighting the church exterior to signal our purpose in becoming a larger beacon to the village and the community.

David Picton-Jones

Financial Review of the Year Ended 31 December 2021

Introduction

The Covid-19 virus caused some restrictions to church activities during the year and, to an even greater extent, from March onwards in 2020. Government directives and guidelines resulted in the suspension, or some limitation, of church services including weddings, baptisms and funerals. Normal fundraising activities were also not possible in many respects. In response to this threat to cash generation, church running costs were kept to the minimum possible. No discretionary spend was undertaken including for any mission/evangelical activity.

On the positive side, Planned Giving was maintained at budgeted levels and in line with recent years. Cash Generation was significantly boosted by two receipts during the year. The first was a generous legacy of £6,750 and the second was the net proceeds, amounting to an outstanding £12,324, generated from the AutumnFest Fund Raising event. This amount is ringfenced in Restricted Funds for church roof repairs only.

The final result was a positive cash flow for the year of £19,780 (2020 : £5,576) which enabled a transfer of £22,000 to the income-earning investment account to be made.

Receipts & Payments Account - Unrestricted Funds

Total receipts for the year of £47,464 was about £5,000 higher than in 2020. This was due to receipts from Regular Giving and Other Voluntary Receipts being, respectively, some £2,000 and £3,000 higher than in the prior year.

Total payments of £40,203 were some £2,500 lower than in 2020. This was due mainly to the decrease of about £2,900 in the share of the Deanery's costs paid to the Diocese. These costs principally cover the incumbent clergy and associated costs. The parish share is an amount set by the Portsmouth Diocese based on pre-set criteria and thus not under St. Peter's control. The share of joint Benefice costs (Botley, Curdridge and Durley) increased to £5,001 from £3,332 in the prior year because Covid had a somewhat lesser impact on Church activity in 2021 than in the prior year. This increase was offset by the decrease in Magazine Production costs which was due, in part, to timing differences.

The result for the year of Unrestricted Funds was an excess of receipts over payments of £7,261 compared to an excess in 2020 of just £35.

Receipts & Payments Account - Restricted Funds

A profit of £12,324 was made from the Autumn fundraising event. Prior to this event, the PCC resolved that the net proceeds should be ringfenced for significant roof repairs. In addition, donations of £195 received at a memorial service for a parishioner were also designated for the roof repair fund. Accordingly, the combined amount of £12,519 is classified as Restricted Funds.

In 2020, donations amounting to £6,040 were received in the second half of the year for uses specified by the donors and are therefore also classified as Restricted. Of this amount, £5,500 related to Evangelic/Mission activities and £540 related to the upkeep of the churchyard, of which £499 had been spent by the end of 2020 and the balance in 2021. The £5,500 for Mission remains unspent because the Covid virus has severely limited the opportunities to use and make an effective impact.

Assets

The bank balance at year end was £9,196 compared to £11,416 in 2020.

The mid-market value of the Investments at 31 December 2021 was £81,328 compared to £51,274 at the end of 2020. This increase results from the further investment of £22,000, as noted above, together with a growth in investment value of some £8,000. In accordance with PCC policy, these investments are managed by the CBF Church of England Investment Fund and the COIF Charities Investment Fund.

Total Restricted Funds of £18,019 are held in the Investment Account which is readily accessible without penalty.

Reserves policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance of Unrestricted Reserves of cash and investments to cover a minimum of six months forecasted church running costs and a reasonable provision for unexpected repair and maintenance costs to include replacement capital items.

Approved by the PCC on 26th January 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Rev'd Gregg Mensingh (PCC Chairman)

David Timmins (PCC Treasurer)

St. Peter's Church, Curdridge
Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 December 2021

Unrestricted Fund - Receipts & Payments Account

	Notes	2021	2020
		£	£
Receipts			
<i>Voluntary Receipts</i>			
<i>Regular Giving</i>			
Planned Giving		17,343	17,094
Collections and Other Giving		1,345	706
Gift Aid (Income Tax) Recovered	1	<u>5,253</u>	<u>4,150</u>
		23,941	21,950
<i>Other Voluntary Receipts</i>			
Donations		1,170	4,595
Legacy		<u>6,750</u>	<u>-</u>
		7,920	4,595
<i>Receipts from Activities for Generating Funds</i>			
Parish Magazine - sales and donations		2,823	2,719
Parish Magazine - advertisements		8,165	8,920
Fund Raising		<u>290</u>	<u>250</u>
		11,278	11,889
<i>Receipts from Church Activities</i>			
Fees from weddings, baptisms & funerals		2,290	1,895
<i>Receipts from Investments</i>			
CBF and COIF Investment Fund dividends		1,635	1,457
<i>Receipts from Curdridge Parish Council</i>			
Magazine production cost contribution		400	400
<i>Other Receipts</i>			
Other income		-	130
Total Receipts		<u><u>47,464</u></u>	<u><u>42,316</u></u>
Payments			
<i>Church Activities</i>			
Donations made	2	762	759
Diocesan Parish Share (Quota) and Deanery Synod levy		21,648	24,585
Church running expenses		4,085	4,201
Upkeep of churchyard		1,292	222
Clergy expenses including share of joint Benefice Costs		5,001	3,332
Cost of church services		-	-
Magazine production expenses		7,415	9,088
Fund raising expenses		-	94
Mission expenses		-	-
Total Payments		<u><u>40,203</u></u>	<u><u>42,281</u></u>
Excess Receipts over payments		<u><u>7,261</u></u>	<u><u>35</u></u>

Restricted Fund - Receipts & Payments Account

	Notes	2021	2020
		£	£
Receipts			
Fund Raising	3	15,858	-
Donations		195	6,040
Total Receipts		<u><u>16,053</u></u>	<u><u>6,040</u></u>
Payments			
Fund Raising	3	3,534	-
Upkeep of churchyard		-	499
Total Payments		<u><u>3,534</u></u>	<u><u>499</u></u>
Excess Receipts over Payments		<u><u>12,519</u></u>	<u><u>5,541</u></u>

	2021	2020
	£	£
Bank balance at 1 January	11,416	5,840
Total Excess Receipts over payments	19,780	5,576
Transferred to Investments	-22,000	-
Bank balance at 31 December	<u>9,196</u>	<u>11,416</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December

	Notes	2021	2020
		£	£
Cash Funds			
Cash		-	-
Bank Current Account		9,196	11,415
Cash and Bank Funds at 31 December		<u>9,196</u>	<u>11,415</u>
Other Monetary Assets & Liabilities			
<i>Assets</i>			
Gift Aid - tax reclaimable	1	915	1,568
Accrued income on investments		196	121
		<u>1,111</u>	<u>1,689</u>
<i>Liabilities</i>			
Magazine advertising received in advance		4,990	5,255
Unpresented cheques		-	249
		<u>4,990</u>	<u>5,504</u>
Investment Assets			
1,548.59 Income units COIF Charities Investment Fund	4	31,849	27,892
2,112.84 Income shares CBF C of E Investment Fund		49,479	23,382
		<u>81,328</u>	<u>51,274</u>

Notes to Financial Statements

- Gift Aid connected to Planned Giving via the Parish Giving Scheme is received from the Government in the same month as the actual giving. For other eligible giving and donations, Gift Aid was reclaimed for the period 1 June 2020 to 31 December 2020 and for the period 1 January 2021 to 30 September 2021. The amount of Gift Aid reclaimable at year end of £915 relates to the three months period ended 31 December 2021 and Gift Aid through GASDS for the 21 months period ended 31 December 2021.
- Donations totalling £762 were made during the year to the charities Save the Children, Wessex Cancer, Friends Without Borders (Portsmouth based charity for refugees) and the Royal British Legion. In 2020, donations totalling £759 were made to the same charities.
- A profit of £12,324 was made from the AutumnFest fundraising event. The PCC resolved that these funds should be ringfenced for roof repairs. Donations of £195 received at a memorial service were also designated for the roof repair fund. Both of these receipts are therefore accounted for as Restricted Funds. In the prior year, donations of £6,040 were received for specific uses and are therefore classified as Restricted Funds. Of this amount £5,500 was specifically designated for Evangelical and Mission purposes and £540 for Churchyard enhancement and maintenance which has now been spent. The former remains entirely unspent. Total Restricted Funds at 31 December amounted to £18,019 (2020 : £5,541).
- The Investments are shown at their mid market value as at 31 December for each year and are available on demand without penalty. Of the Investments, £63,309 is unrestricted as to use.
- The insurance value of the buildings and contents amounts to £8,870,000.
- The only payments made to PCC members were for reimbursement of receipted expenses incurred on behalf of the church.

7. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts & Payments basis.

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David Timmins (PCC Treasurer)