



St Gregory's Church
Marnhull

Annual Parish Report

For the Meeting on
18th October 2020

Incorporating the PCC year from April
2019

MINISTRY SUMMARY 2019/20

On September 11th 2019 I was licensed by the Bishop of Sherborne to this parish of St Gregory's Marnhull and, although only 16 miles away from my previous incumbency in Yeovil, to a totally different diocese and deanery.

During these past 12 months we have seen extraordinary changes within British society, including the final Brexit plans, widespread winter flooding and summer heath fires and then the emerging new COVID-19 global pandemic, with the resultant nationwide 3 month lockdown, the deathly impact on nearly 50,000 people and their families, as well as on every aspect of life- including the life of the Christian church. So it's been an interesting first year here -especially when full national lockdown meant no gathered church worship through Easter and Pentecost.

Practically speaking, the pandemic has thrown us all onto technology far quicker than a lot of us would have imagined; it has caused clergy to re-imagine worship, prayer and pastoral care as well as mission and general ministry as being both online and live and to this end, I set up a weekly email letter, a pastoral care phone contact system and have used the newly updated website and Facebook pages to communicate to the parish, with the help of a number of willing volunteers- thank you to you all. I have transferred school worship onto Zoom this term, as well as having had governors' meetings online.

During this year we have seen some comings and goings including Sue as our administrator and Stephen as our organist. Our heartfelt thanks to them both. We have also had to say a final sad goodbye to two much loved retired priests Dave Treby and Peter Colebrook and several other well respected villagers whose funerals took place over the year.

We have had one wedding before lockdown affected the summer weddings and I hope that in the coming year we will see an increase in both weddings and baptisms which are wonderful life affirming events.

As a PCC we have had to meet online via Zoom as well as being given permission to make smaller decisions with consensus via email. However we have been able to see a few jobs done- including the

leaking vestry roof and the Safari style church fete was a resounding success. I would like to say a very big thank you to Stephen and Pat our Churchwardens, Elizabeth our Sacristan and everyone who has been involved in some way with the life of our church over the past 12 months and in these unusual and challenging times- humour, efficiency and pragmatism have been evident in abundance.

One of my first responses to the pandemic was to affirm the timelessness of God, expressed in Hebrews 13:8 *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever* because it reminded me that although human life may change, sometimes very rapidly, the nature of God never changes, the person of Jesus Christ continues to open his arms to the world and the Holy Spirit continues to speak into our hearts and minds.

It is my prayer that as we go into these next 12 months that our faith is stronger, our prayer is deeper and our worship lifts Christ higher within the life of our village community.

With every blessing

Revd Gaenor Hockey, Associate Priest

October 2020

PCC SECRETARY'S REPORT

There have been 8 full PCC Meetings during 2019 with an average attendance of 77% of PCC members. 6 of these meetings were held during the interregnum, with Stephen Sides, Churchwarden, chairing the meetings. At Revd. Gaenor Hockey's first meeting on the 2nd October, 2019, thanks were given to Stephen Sides and Pat Budden, Churchwardens, for all their support during the interregnum at St Gregory's.

Chris Langhelt

October 2020

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

The last APCM was held in May last year, which seems to be a lifetime ago and in a different world. Reverend Gaenor had just been appointed and was 'waiting in the wings'; few, if any of us, had heard of ZOOM, face masks were a cosmetic treatment or an accessory for burglars, 'bubbles' were blown by children with plastic wands and tubs of soapy liquid, and 'Corona' was a brand of fizzy drink.

In this Brave New World, the new technology enables us to have virtual meetings, conferences, choir and orchestral rehearsals, 'virtual' worship from most of our cathedrals, we have Apps that can follow us wherever we go, but the all important things - face to face meetings, hugs, handshakes and socialising are all practically off limits.

We all know what impact this has had on our community here at St Greg's. The long lockdown, no services, no music, and worst of all the Church locked to all, including the clergy - no longer a sanctuary for those in any sort of need, but although closed and secured, it felt calm and enfolding and just dormant whenever I had to come in to check the utilities. Re-opening for private prayer and public worship has been a joy, despite all the restrictions we all face, and Rev'd Gaenor's on-line services and Zoom Coffee Mornings have been a marvellous way of keeping people connected, especially those who, for all sorts of reasons, were either self isolating or particularly vulnerable. Although no accurate records were kept week on week, I think I can safely say that the numbers of people tuning in remained fairly constant and encouraging throughout.

Some statistics are fairly meaningless at the moment, but they do highlight some concerns, shared by so many rural churches. In the twelve month period up until lockdown our average attendance across both Sunday Services was 58, down from 65 the previous year. Since we reopened, the average attendance across both services has been 39. That being said, our on-line presence on the Church website and the Church Facebook page has expanded considerably thanks to Gaenor's and Ros Eveleigh's expertise and a great deal of information is available, together with many resources for worship. Those with internet access, but perhaps limited technical 'know how', can contact Ros or Gaenor for assistance in accessing these.

Sadly, several of Gaenor's initiatives, such as the 'Tea Service' for families and the 'Service of the Word' have remained on-line at present but hopefully as and when restrictions are eased, these can become a live reality once more. School worship likewise.

Our congregation remains fairly stable, some friends are no longer with us, some new members have joined, but regrettably there are gaps in the 'teams' and we do need more people to assist in the various aspects of church life.

The PCC continued to work on your behalf and throughout the vacancy and in the period following Gaenor's licensing up until lockdown they coped with the demands of Safeguarding courses, the Archdeacon's Triennial Inspection, Deanery Synod meetings, Health and Safety issues and so on. Lockdown has posed enormous financial implications and Heidi has worked tirelessly to mitigate both the loss of plate income and instigating different methods of giving, as well as managing to continue the share payments. All this as well as working from home and home schooling Amy. The secretary, Chris Langhelt has done an amazing job of keeping us all up to date with the latest bureaucracy, and particularly recently for spending Wednesday mornings in Church to enable visitors to come in for private prayer. Our sincere thanks to all members for their dedication.

Pat and I would also like to thank all those stalwarts who, week by week, have enabled the church to function so smoothly; Elizabeth our Sacristan, the choir, Clive, our Sound Wizard, those who lead the intercessions, those who read, the sidespersons, flower teams, vergers bell ringers, the hospitality team and the cleaners.

There are changes afoot. Hilary Parker, our Gift Aid Secretary, has indicated that she intends to stand down. She has done a wonderful job and has reclaimed thousands of pounds for the church as a result.

Stephen, our organist and choirmaster, has had to relinquish his post in order to do battle with his illness. We miss him terribly and pray that he will make a full recovery and that we shall again see him and Debbie as members of the congregation. Our heartfelt thanks to him for all he has achieved not only in promoting music at St Gregory's through concerts

and recitals but also in raising the standard of the choir and providing us with a weekly feast of music, hymns and voluntaries of quite outstanding quality. We are advertising for his successor who will have a difficult act to follow.

Pat and I have agreed to stand as Churchwardens for a further term, but we need to do some succession planning as this will be my last stint as Churchwarden and PCC member.

Finally we must thank Gaenor, who has had a baptism of fire. Anyone taking on a new parish has to take on not only the building, the pattern of worship, the established routines, a new house and so on, but also a whole community of parishioners and we can be a funny lot! I know that Gaenor was hoping to take a year to observe and assimilate and plan, but then having got through the first Advent and Christmas season, we go into national lockdown and everything is turned upside down and the need to adapt, change and think outside the box becomes the order of the day! We are grateful for everything she has done so far and we look forward to the future with confidence.

Stephen Sides

Pat Budden

October 2020

FABRIC REPORT

There has been some movement in the re-ordering process during the last 18 months. We obtained a temporary faculty to open up a hole in the roof so that the Art Conservator, Architect and Ed Cudlip the DAC Electrical Advisor could examine the state of the roof, identify possible routes for new cables and to look at the top section of the Chancel arch paintings. This was accomplished within a week with the scaffolding going up on Monday and being taken down on Friday so that no services were affected. Many notes were taken and surveys completed and sent through. Ed has plans to remove all the surface wiring and conceal the new cables in the roof space. The painting survey makes interesting (but VERY detailed) reading and provides very useful archive material as well as clear advice as to what we need to do to conserve what we have. Marcus the architect was happy with the overall condition of the roof and noted the interesting method of construction of the panels.

Further meetings were held to discuss the possible relocating of the toilet, the development of the kitchen area and the area beyond the crossing as a flexible space for meetings and hospitality. Marcus did some rudimentary drawings and proposals for renewing the floor in this area because of the varying levels and gradients as well as the different surfaces.

Then came Lockdown!

The gutters and valleys have been cleared and loose slates re-fixed and we have a contract in place for this to happen annually. We obtained Archdeacon's permission to go ahead with the repair of the Sacristy roof and this has now been completed. It was in a parlous state, and when stripped down revealed completely rotten woodwork, which had to be removed and replaced. Mercifully the weather was good during the repair so all was completed within a week. Permission was obtained to replace the Churchyard notice boards and the new ones are a vast improvement, providing as they do, secure locks and display space for advertising.

Sadly the annual spring clean could not go ahead, nor indeed the annual churchyard 'tidy up', which we undertook to help the Parish Council with. Following the re-opening on a limited basis, the church was given a bit of a 'spruce up' to remove as many cobwebs and bat droppings as possible, but limited access means that it remains a bit 'cobwebby' as only those with keys can get in to clean.

We are working with the Parish Council to create a couple of areas in the churchyard to re-wild', and Elizabeth Sturges is the PCC rep designated to liaise with the Parish Council on this matter. It is, literally, a work in progress, as there is a lot of goodwill on both sides, and much talk of school involvement, bird boxes, bug hotels and wild flower seed sowing. All very encouraging!

Stephen Sides

October 2020

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

Deanery Synod Report

Changes continue apace at Deanery Synod. The Revd. Lydia Cook, Rural Dean, has now ruled that there will no longer be minutes taken at meetings and that they will be open to all. They will in fact be different types of meetings.

The first one took place in January, 2020, at the Exchange in Sturminster. It was a talk and discussion led by Brother Sam of the Franciscans. The title was "Fragile people in a fragile world". The 80 or so who attended found it to be a heart warming and beneficial experience, given by a man of deep faith and awareness of the challenges of today's world.

The effect of the pandemic (Covid-19 virus)

As you can imagine, the pandemic looks likely to radically affect the rest of the Blackmore Vale Deanery's programme for 2020. The first cancellation was Bishop Karen's Pilgrimage, 27-29th March, Wareham to Shaftesbury.

There will also no doubt be question marks over the Deanery Songs of Praise (10th May) and the Deanery meeting with the Diocesan Secretary, David Pain (12th May) – what the church locally might look like in 2030.

Hopefully, the September programme will remain intact; on the 16th Dementia Friends Training and on the 20th, the Deanery Eucharist.

Fortunately, some events did take place during the past year, including our second Quiet Day for laity (October 26th). This time the location was not at Hilfield Friary but St Mary's School, Shaftesbury. St Gregory's once again was well represented and we all benefitted from taking time out to pause, reflect and pray.

South Sudan

Progress in war torn South Sudan depends to some extent on progress in neighbouring Sudan and its government in Khartoum. The Episcopal church continues to provide glimmers of hope in both countries and asks for our prayers and financial support. It plays a key role in the development and co-operation in both countries.

We are very fortunate that Miriam Gaston has now joined the Deanery Synod. This is due to our entitlement to a second member thanks to the size of our congregation.

David Goddard

March 2020

CHURCH MUSIC REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2019

In Terms of variety and quality, 2019 was another year of terrific music-making. There were some wonderful performance in the concerts and some fine singing during the services. Unfortunately, two of the concerts had to be cancelled. A hand injury to the guitarist Maynard O'Byrne led to the cancellation of that event and the second-half of Stephen's two-art mini-marathon was cancelled when Deborah, his wife, page-turner and registrant was badly bitten by a dog during the break and ended up in A & E! The two remaining Saturday events, along with the *Tuesday @ Twelve* series raised nearly £400 for Church funds and the Flower Fund.

The brilliant assistant Director of Music at Salisbury Cathedral, John Challenger presented a superb recital in June.

Later in the same month, Stephen and Deborah resurrected a programme scheme which they first devised some 30 years ago, in which they invite a soloist to perform and intersperse solo items with piano duets. The very first *Plus-One* soloist was the flautist Sian Williams and we were delighted that she accepted the invitation to play this year. Accompanied by Deborah, her programme included music by Telemann and Faure. It was beautiful ensemble playing. The piano duets included a *Sonata* by Mozart and the *Dolly Suite* by Faure. The final Saturday concert was Stephen's annual Gift Day recital in October.

The dedicated choir sang an anthem at almost every Eucharistic service throughout the year and the repertoire ranged from early plainsong to the present day; some of it quite challenging in a rich variety of musical style – *Lift up your heads, O ye gates* by William Mathias and Parry's *Dear Lord and Father of mankind* are just two pieces that spring to mind. In addition to playing a full part in all the major festivals, the choir sang Compline on Ascension Day and Choral Evensong in St Mary's, Sturminster Newton in September. The Carol Service in December gave

plenty of opportunity for the congregation to raise the roof and the choir contributed a number of choral items including *In Dulci Jubilo* and a special adaptation of David Willcocks' *Birthday Carol*.

We said a sad farewell to four of our choristers, Shirley Ficke, David and Edie Simkins and Carol Savage. Shirley recorded over 30 years in the choir and was a most loyal member of the sopranos. David and Edie made a wonderful contribution to the choir and, indeed, to St Gregory's church as a whole. In September they began their studies at Bristol University, where they continue to sing. It was good to see them back in the ranks for a number of the Christmas services.

I should like to record what a pleasure it continues to be working with the choir and how much I value and appreciate their dedication, support and friendship. I am grateful too to my wife, Deborah, for accompanying at special events and hosting any number of musicians on concert days. My sincere thanks also to Chris Langhelt and those who kindly helped with refreshments on concert days.

Stephen Binnington

March 2020

REPORT FOR ANNUAL VILLAGE GATHERING

It has been an interesting and challenging year since our last report. The latest Inter-regnum ended when the Reverend Gaenor Hockey was appointed our new Priest. She has settled in well and we are all enjoying her services. Our regular congregation has remained fairly consistent in terms of numbers attending weekly services, with newcomers joining us pretty much equalling the numbers of older members who leave us in various ways! Gaenor has introduced new services, weekly morning prayer, an afternoon "Family Tea Service" every first Sunday, while the weekly School worship on Wednesdays during term time actively involves the school "Worship Ambassadors" who lead the services and operate the sound system.

Our major festivals, Remembrance Day, Advents services, Christingle, Christmas Services have all attracted much larger congregations from the village, which is encouraging and indicates we still have a major role within the community. We had an Archdeacon Inspection, (a sort of Ecclesiastical Ofsted) to check on our systems, safeguarding,

insurances, various legal requirements etc., which I am pleased to report gave us a “clean bill of health”! The old pipe organ was finally removed to give more storage space and we were really pleased that some of the organ pipes have found a new home in a refurbished organ in Grasmere Parish Church, where Wordsworth is buried.

With regard to the proposed re-ordering plans, there has been some progress. The surveyor has completed the 3D plans, the painting conservator has done his work and is preparing the final report, which shows that the mediaeval paintings are indeed of national significance, Ed Cudlip has examined the roof space to prepare for new cable runs for the re-wire and the architect is now in a position to start preliminary drawings – so we are moving forward. The kitchen designs are dependent on whether or not we create new space for the toilet facilities, and of course all of this depends on successful fund raising!

We hope that in the coming year we shall be able to welcome even more new and regular worshippers to support the Anglican church’s activities in Marnhull.

Jeremy Watson

March 2020

CHURCHES TOGETHER

Following the APCM in 2019, our committee swung into action again and met on May 23rd at Barbara’s house to discuss future plans. Our first “get-together” was booked at The Blackmore Vale Pub, for the traditional summer gathering and was well supported.

Everyone enjoyed meeting up, catching up on news and tucking into delicious sandwiches and sharing drinks.

We decided that it would be good to keep the tradition and meet for the Harvest celebration which was held in the Village hall. We were a smaller number, but we spent a lovely evening, sharing the food and reading favourite poems and singing two of our special Harvest hymns. The table decorations were lovely.

When September came, Gaenor Hockey was inducted on Wednesday 11th September. It was a special service and we were able to meet her husband and 2 daughters.

Advent crept upon us very quickly. The Rev. Paul Arnold had promised to guide us through for this service, Stephen Binnington took care of the music and the choir from the Catholic church sang. In fact, everyone contributed towards a lovely pre-Christmas service in their various ways.

Churches Together Prayers for world peace continue to be held on the last Friday of each month and the priests take turns.

We are so lucky to share our faiths in Marnhull.

“More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of ...”

Mij Goddard

March 2020

HEALING TEAM REPORT

During 2019 the Healing Team continued to meet to pray in church on the first Saturday of the month, until August. Then, after Richard and Alex moved away from the village in September, leaving just two or three people, the team was no longer viable and no further meetings have taken place. But we give thanks to God for all that He accomplished through the team over the year and for all those who faithfully served in it. And we look forward to a new expression of this ministry which will start to be developed next year.

Carol Savage

September 2020

ST GREGORYS'S DIGITAL PLATFORMS

Web Site

A new web site was developed this year, going live in March 2020. The basic layout was provided by the web site developer and we were able to tune the layout and add photos locally. Since the launch, the web site is kept up to date every week with readings, collects, Gaenor's Reflections and the Intercessions. The Pew news is also kept up to date. The developer provided an email address for the PCC secretary. There is a small ongoing charge for hosting the web site.

Zoom Coffees

Zoom is used to host a coffee and chat session every Sunday after church. The details to join the Zoom meeting are given in the Pew News section of St Gregory's web site.

Facebook Page

A St Gregory's Facebook page was set up some time ago, but it was not regularly updated. With the lockdown Gaenor has used this page exclusively to share news and prayers with the congregation and others further away. Over 1,000 people have been "reached" in the last month with 306 post engagements (likes, comments, etc). While it was not possible to hold church services, Facebook was used to host live and recorded videos of short services. Relevant posts about the church and its activities are shared on the Marnhull Village Facebook page as appropriate.

Ros Eveleigh September 2020

ST GREGORY'S FLOWERS

The flower arrangers have had a good year although we have lost some people who, for various reasons, have not been able to be so active but thankfully other people have expressed an interest in joining us. Parishioners continue to donate money for flowers in memory of loved ones, without whom we could not survive. We also received other donations from funeral flowers and a concert in the church for which we are grateful.

Eileen Woodward October 2020

ST GREGORY'S BELLS

Last year was a very good year for our ringers who were able to progress from rounds and call changes to plain hunting. We have 9 ringers all of whom are now proficient ringers. The ropes, as reported, have needed repairing with polyester top ends and this has been carried out as required to 4 ropes. We still have enough material to complete this to all the bells.

Keith Woodward, Tower Captain October 2020



St Gregory's Church

Marnhull

End of Year Financial Statements

Year Ending 31st December 2019

Accounts approved by the Parochial Church Council on 29th April 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

The Reverend Gaenor Hockey – Associate Priest

Signed.....

Mrs Heidi Jarratt – Treasurer to the PCC

Signed.....

The 2019 end-of-year Financial Statements for the Parish Church of St Gregory are produced in accordance with the requirements of the Church of England.



2019 Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St Gregory's Church, Marnhull

Aim and Purposes

St. Gregory's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the building of St Gregory's Church, Marnhull.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St. Gregory's. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- To be a centre of Christian Worship in Marnhull
- To be a centre of excellence for music in the liberal Catholic tradition of the Church of England
- To offer a range of opportunities for Christian education and spiritual growth
- To support the leadership and activities of St Gregory's Church and St Gregory's CE School
- To play a role in ecumenical activities in the village and surrounding area
- To provide Christian outreach and pastoral care throughout the parish
- To engage effectively and meaningfully with the village and with the wider world
- To play a significant role in the Anglican mission of the Pilgrim Vale benefices, in the regular meetings of the Pilgrim Clergy, and within the deanery and diocese.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St. Gregory's, Marnhull.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. All are welcome to attend our regular services.

During 2019 a new Church Electoral Roll was established. There were 67 (2018: 94) parishioners on the Roll, all of whom are resident within the parish. 6 (2018: 4) names were added during the year and 8 (2018: 15) were removed either through death or because they moved away from the parish. 25 did not reapply to join the new Roll. The average weekly attendance, counted during March, was 65.6 (2018:69), but this number increased at festivals and Christmas.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. We have celebrated 2 baptisms (4 in 2018), 3 weddings (1 in 2018) and held 11 funerals (13 in 2018) in our church this year.



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Deanery Synod

Two members of the PCC sit on the deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

Pastoral Care

Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. All church members who have requested it were visited, to celebrate communion with them either at their homes or in hospital.

Mission and Evangelism

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. The Marnhull Messenger magazine is distributed to all households in the village and additional copies are available at various locations throughout the village. The magazine keeps our parishioners informed of the important matters affecting our Church and articles that help develop our knowledge and trust in Jesus.

Ecumenical Relationships

The church is a member of Churches Together in Marnhull and of the Pilgrim Vale Benefices.

With Churches Together we contribute each month to the Marnhull Messenger magazine, which is distributed to all households in the village and additional copies are available at various locations throughout the village. The magazine keeps our parishioners informed of what services are available each month at each of our three churches. We have also worked with Marnhull Methodist Church and Our Lady's Roman Catholic Church to deliver a flyer to every home in the villages advertising the Christmas services of all three churches.

Financial Review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £72,352 (2018: £74,652) of which £54,024 (2018: £53,084) was unrestricted voluntary donations, and a further £9,934 (2018: £13,032) was from Gift Aid. Restricted donations of £Nil (2018: £140) were also received and are detailed in the Financial Statements. The planned giving through envelopes and banker's orders decreased by 5.77% compared to 2018 (2018: 2% decrease). Total income, including tax recovered but excluding legacies, decreased by 3% compared with last year (2018: 3% decrease). No legacies were received during 2019 (none received during 2018).

During 2019 donations with gift aid available were received from 114 donors (2018: 132). This movement is due to the reduction in the number of "one off" donors (15 added in 2019 and 21 removed) and in the number of regular donations (9 were suspended in 2019 and 3 were added). Some of this movement was caused by members moving away from the area or, sadly, by their passing. Of the 114 donors only 9 used the weekly envelope scheme.



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£68,928 (2018: £58,796) was spent from unrestricted funds to provide the Christian ministry from St. Gregory's Church, including the contribution to the diocesan parish share that decreased by 0.1% in the year (2018: 3%); and was paid in full. The sum that the churches in the diocese have to find is shared between the churches according to a formula that is based mainly on a head count of the congregations.

The net result for the year was an excess of receipts over payments of £3,424 (2018: £15,706) on unrestricted funds. Adding bank and deposit balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, plus the movement in the value of the investments held by St Gregory's Church (£16,664 increase to 31 December 2019; £1,537 decrease to 31 December 2018), the balances carried forward at 31st December on unrestricted funds totalled £160,993 (2018: £140,905) of which £15,654 (2018: £11,706) has been set aside to meet the costs of refurbishing the Kitchen area and is carried forward as a designated fund.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. In particular we want to mention our churchwardens Mrs Pat Budden and Mr Stephen Sides who have worked so tirelessly on our behalf.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Gregory's the membership of the PCC consists of the Incumbent (our vicar), 2 Churchwardens, 2 Deanery Synod Representatives and 6 members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The full PCC met eight times during the year with an average level of attendance of 77% (2018: 85%). Areas, which include worship, mission and outreach and fabric and finance, are led by members of the PCC, who report back regularly with their recommendations which are received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

Administrative information

St. Gregory's Church is situated on New Street, Marnhull. It is part of the Diocese of Salisbury within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Rectory, New Street, Marnhull. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011) and a charity currently excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.



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PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2019 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio members:

- Incumbent: Reverend Gaenor Hockey (Chairman) – appointed 11th September 2019
- Wardens: Mrs Pat Budden; Mr Stephen Sides (Vice Chairman)

Elected members:

- Representatives on Deanery Synod:
 - Mr Ian Treece (resigned 12th May 2019); Mr David Goddard;
 - Mrs Miriam Gaston (appointed 2nd October 2019)
- Mrs Chris Langhelt, Secretary
- Mrs Heidi Jarratt, Treasurer
- Mrs Eleanor Woodhouse (resigned 10th May 2020)
- Mrs Sue Simkins (resigned 2nd October 2019)
- Mr Clive Gibbs
- Mrs Ros Eveleigh

Approved by the PCC on 29 April 2020 and signed on their behalf by the Reverend Gaenor Hockey (Associate Priest).



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Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of St Gregory's Church, Marnhull, Parochial Church Council.

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2019 which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Kate Locke

Kate Locke
Burton Street
Marnhull

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18 April 2020

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Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2019

Receipts and Payments Accounts

	Note	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Receipts						
Voluntary Receipts:						
Planned Giving		33,892	-	-	33,892	35,965
Collections at Services		9,475	3,717	-	13,192	15,892
All other giving/voluntary receipts	3a	6,709	231	-	6,940	1,227
Gift Aid recovered		9,934	-	-	9,934	13,032
		60,010	3,948	-	63,958	66,116
Activities for Generating Funds	3b	3,225	-	-	3,225	3,836
Investment Income	3c	3,358	-	-	3,358	3,225
Church Activities	3d	1,811	-	-	1,811	1,465
Total Receipts		68,404	3,948	-	72,352	74,642
Payments						
Church Activities:						
Parish Share		38,226	-	-	38,226	38,264
Clergy and Staffing costs		10,322	-	-	10,322	4,804
Church running expenses	3e	13,381	1,034	35	14,450	14,582
Church major repairs & maintenance		5,393	-	-	5,393	1,029
Mission giving and donations	3f	450	-	-	450	414
Governance Costs		-	-	-	-	-
		67,772	1,034	35	68,841	59,093
Cost of generating funds		122	-	-	122	207
Total Payments		67,894	1,034	35	68,963	59,300
Excess of receipts over payments		510	2,914	(35)	3,389	15,342
Transfers between funds	2	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on investment assets		16,664	-	-	16,664	5,875
		17,174	2,914	(35)	20,053	21,217
Cash at Bank and in hand at 1 Jan		117,774	23,131	14,833	155,738	134,521
Cash at Bank and in hand at 31 Dec		134,948	26,045	14,798	175,791	155,738

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Notes	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Cash Funds					
Bank Current Account	(32,963)	25,653	9,812	2,502	3,526
Bank Deposit Account	59,714	(2,331)	(8,986)	48,397	46,172
CCLA Deposit Fund	25,997	(382)	(8,590)	17,025	13,689
	<u>52,748</u>	<u>22,940</u>	<u>(7,764)</u>	<u>67,924</u>	<u>63,387</u>

Notes	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Investment Assets					
<i>Investment Fund Shares at market value</i>					
CCLA Fixed Interest Account	(61)	-	4,136	4,075	3,985
CCLA Churchyard Trust Investment	65,940	3,105	32,647	101,692	85,668
CCLA Share Accounts	16,321	-	(12,832)	3,489	2,939
	<u>82,200</u>	<u>3,105</u>	<u>23,951</u>	<u>109,256</u>	<u>92,592</u>

Notes	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Liabilities					
Salisbury Diocese Board of Finance	-	-	609	609	170
Children's Society - Christingle	-	-	281	281	71
Sudan Medical Link	-	-	469	469	-
Verger Fees	-	-	30	30	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,389</u>	<u>1,389</u>	<u>241</u>

Notes

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts & Payments basis.

2. The movements in designated and restricted funds during the year were:

	Balance B/fwd £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfer £	Balance C/Fwd £
Restricted					
Charity	501	-	-	-	501
Church Choir	365	-	35	-	330
Church Repair	(2,760)	2,760	-	-	-
Churchyard Fund	13,288	-	-	-	13,288
Weatherwane	3,439	-	2,760	-	679
	<u>14,833</u>	<u>2,760</u>	<u>2,795</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,798</u>



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	Balance B/fwd £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfer £	Balance C/Fwd £
Designated					
Audio Visual Fund	7,545	-	1,034	-	6,511
Charity	20	-	-	-	20
Church Choir	860	-	-	-	860
Flower Fund	140	-	-	-	140
Kitchen Fund	11,706	3,948	-	-	15,654
Lighting Fund	250	-	-	-	250
Performance Staging Fund	689	-	-	-	689
Reordering Fund	1,593	-	-	-	1,593
Youth Club Fund	328	-	-	-	328
	23,131	3,948	1,034	-	26,045

3. Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted General Fund £	Unrestricted Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Receipts					
<i>(a) All other giving/voluntary receipts:</i>					
Donations – appeals, etc	1,279	200	-	1,479	680
Donations – hospitality	501	31	-	532	547
Reimb' of Clergy expenses	3,250	-	-	3,250	-
Legacy	-	-	-	-	-
	5,030	231	-	5,261	1,227
<i>(b) Activities for generating funds:</i>					
Church Fete	2,122	-	-	2,122	2,528
Concerts	427	-	-	427	1,308
Silent Auction	676	-	-	676	-
	3,225	-	-	3,225	3,836
<i>(c) Investment income:</i>					
Dividends on CBF Investment Fund	3,222	-	-	3,222	3,139
Bank & CBF Deposit Fund Interest	136	-	-	136	86
	3,358	-	-	3,358	3,225
<i>(d) Church activities:</i>					
Fees for weddings and funerals	1,811	-	-	1,811	1,465
	1,811	-	-	1,811	1,465

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	Unrestricted General Fund £	Unrestricted Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Payments					
<i>(e) Church running expenses:</i>					
Insurance	4,059	-	-	4,059	3,857
Heating & lighting	2,437	-	-	2,437	4,292
Maintenance	1,464	-	-	1,464	2,590
Upkeep of services	2,254	-	-	2,254	1,377
Choir & organ	779	-	35	814	230
Audio equipment	-	1,034	-	1,034	568
Bell ringers	90	-	-	90	70
Hospitality	1,407	-	-	1,407	698
Upkeep of churchyard	125	-	-	125	288
Administration	410	-	-	410	282
Bank charges	356	-	-	356	330
	13,381	1,034	35	14,450	14,582
<i>(f) Mission giving and donations:</i>					
Missionary Societies	-	-	-	-	-
Relief and Development Agencies	-	-	-	-	-
Children's Society	-	-	-	-	-
Home Mission	450	-	-	450	414
	450	-	-	450	414

4. Amounts Collected on behalf of and remitted to Charities:

	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Children's Society (Christingle)	281	72
Salisbury Sudan Link (Licensing)	383	-
Salisbury Sudan Link (Christmas)	469	-
	1,133	72

It should be noted that the collections for the Poppy Appeal (Remembrance Day) were counted directly by the Royal British Legion (Marnhull Branch).