

**Church of  
St. Mary the Virgin  
Kingston St. Mary**



**Annual Reports and Financial Statements of the  
Parochial Church Council  
for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

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## THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Kingston St Mary has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in the promotion, within the ecclesiastical parish, of the whole mission of the church; pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the responsibility for the maintenance of the Church of St Mary the Virgin, its services and the surrounding graveyard.

### Administration

St Mary's Church is situated in Church Lane, Kingston St Mary. TA2 8HW. The Benefice Office, which serves all four Parishes, is located at the Vicarage, Kingston St Mary. TA2 8HW. Telephone 01823 451257.

## MEMBERS OF THE PCC

Members are either elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), or are ex-officio, in accordance with the Church Representation rules.

The following served as members of the PCC during 2021:

### Ex-officio

Rector                      Rev'd Mary Styles  
Associate Vicar          Rev'd Jim Cox

Churchwardens          Mrs Julia Hammett (until May 2021)  
                                     Mrs Jan Holmes

Representatives on the Deanery Synod ( 2 permitted)  
                                     Mrs Julia Hammett  
                                     Mrs Jan Holmes (until 30.05.2021)  
                                     Mrs Barbara Stokes (from 31.05.2021)

<b>Elected members</b>	Mrs Barbara Stokes	Vice Chair
	Mrs Dorothy Earp	Secretary, re-elected 2021
	Mrs Lucy Hay	retired and re-elected 2020
	Mrs Rosalie Hughes	retired and re-elected 2020
	Mrs Lesley MacKay	elected 2019
	Mr. John Earp	Treasurer - Ex Officio

### Committees

The Standing Committee is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings subject to any direction given by the PC

**KINGSTON ST MARY PARISH CHURCH**  
**Annual Meeting of Parishioners in Kingston St Mary church**

**15<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 11.00am**  
**Agenda**

1. Welcome
2. Acceptance of the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021
3. Election of two churchwardens

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

**at 11.00am on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022**  
**Agenda**

1. Welcome
2. Attendance list
3. Approval of the minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021
4. Election of parochial representatives of the laity to
  - a) The Deanery Synod ( TWO positions allocated to our parish)
  - b) The Parochial Church Council
5. Appointment of an independent examiner of the accounts of the PCC
6. To receive the reports as printed in the report pack:

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8. Any other questions
9. Other reports
10. Closing prayer

## KINGSTON ST MARY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners held on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021 in St Mary's Church, Kingston St Mary

**Present:** Rev. Jim Cox, Barbara Stokes (Chair), Ann Bull, John Bull, Dorothy Earp, John Earp, Margery Gillett, Carla Griffith, Julia Hammett, Jan Holmes, Cathryn Howse (ordinand), Rosalie Hughes, Rachael Kemp, Joan Leahy, Alison Palmer, Rhoda White.

**Apologies:** Lucy Hay, John Leahy, Lesley MacKay, Robbie MacKay

1. Barbara welcomed everyone to the meeting. She thanked the clergy team for their continued efforts over the last few months.
2. Acceptance of the minutes of the last meeting held on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020 in St Mary's church Kingston St Mary.

It was proposed by Rosalie Hughes, seconded by Jan Holmes and agreed unanimously that these minutes be approved and adopted.

### 3. Election of Churchwardens

Barbara thanked Julia Hammett who had decided to stand down from the post as Churchwarden after several years in the position. She will continue with the duties of Sacristan and to give support to Jan. Her dedicated service was marked with applause.

There was only one nomination for Churchwarden

Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Jan Holmes	Nena Carter	Julia Hammett

Jan was elected unanimously.

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**Apologies:** Lucy Hay, John Leahy, Lesley MacKay, Robbie MacKay

1. Barbara welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. Attendance list: See above
3. Approval of the minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

It was proposed by Julia Hammett, seconded by Rhoda White and agreed unanimously that these minutes be formally adopted.



#### 4. Election of parochial representatives of the laity to

##### a. The Deanery Synod

The following were nominated and elected

Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Julia Hammett	Dorothy Earp	Barbara Stokes
Barbara Stokes	Rosalie Hughes	Julia Hammett

##### b. The Parochial Church Council

Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Dorothy Earp	Rhoda White	Julia Hammett

#### 5. Appointment of an independent examiner of the accounts of the PCC

John Earp proposed, Julia Hammett seconded that Robbie MacKay be appointed to this position. John confirmed that Robbie had indicated his willingness to stand. Agreed unanimously.

#### 6. To receive the reports as in the Report Pack:

##### 6.1 Clergy Report.

Jim gave an update to the report (written some months ago) from Mary. She pointed out that pre – pandemic worship numbers had been in decline and it was a struggle to fill “lay posts”. With the advent of Zoom Services there had been an increase in numbers with several people joining who were not regular churchgoers and now church services had restarted people were worshipping around the Benefice not just in their “own” church.

The staffing situation remains Mary full time, Jim half time including Rural Dean duties, Christine as Reader and Michele as Administrator. In March 2022 Tracey will be free to seek a move.

A group of approximately 30 is looking at “how to build back better” post the pandemic and formulating priorities for a new MAP. Suggestions are welcome.

##### 6.2 Churchwardens Report.

The church had recently undergone a Quinquennial Inspection and the report is awaited.

##### 6.3 Treasurer’s report.

Whilst this has been a difficult year financially, Kingston has suffered less in terms of income than at least 2 of the other churches in the Benefice due to a large number of Standing Orders having been set up. The general bank account balance as of 28/05/2021 stood at £17,604. A Gift Aid claim for 2020 would be put in soon for £3,300 with an additional £250 expected from the GASDS (tax reclaimable on collections)- this figure much lower due to the lack of church services.

##### 6.4 Secretary’s report.

Barbara expressed thanks at this point to Judy Rhodes who had decided to relinquish her job of keeping the War Memorial planted and weeded. She also thanked Carla and Phil Griffith for undertaking this task and the locking and unlocking team for their help.

6.5 Electoral Roll: Lesley reported that the number on the roll is up from 45 to 48.

6.6 Safeguarding: The adoption of the Benefice Safeguarding Policy which is displayed on the church noticeboard and also on the church website was proposed by Rosalie Hughes, seconded Julia Hammett and agreed. A vote of thanks was given to Lucy who had undertaken a lot of work updating the policy.

6.7 Deanery Synod.

These meetings have been taking place via Zoom but it is hoped to have a "live" meeting in September.

6.8 Foundation Governor.

Barbara Stokes gave a verbal report about Kingston school stressing how well Kim and the staff had continued to cope with the pandemic. A survey of parents had revealed that they were happy with the way the school had handled the Covid situation. The number of pupils is decreasing – as they are nationally – which obviously brings concerns over staffing. Jim remains involved with the school for which they are very grateful. Barbara recommended everyone should visit the School Website.

6.9 Bells.

The number of ringers had reduced, and it was suggested Julia should have a word with John Lock to discuss the situation.

All the other reports were received with thanks

The meeting closed at 11.05 with a prayer.

## APCM REPORTS FOR 2021

### Clergy annual report (2021) for the Benefice APCM's

*Our Benefice Mission: "To know, share and spread the love of God."*

#### Sunday Worship:

The whole of 2021 has happened under the shadow of the Covid-19 pandemic – and yet, having built on the experience of 2020, a lot had changed. From a church-service point of view we moved from the majority of worship happening on-line using the "zoom" platform – there was an average weekly "zoom" attendance of around 50 people for much of the first 3 months of the year with very small in-building services. Some made Easter day on 4<sup>th</sup> April a moment to return to the church building – we were still unable to sing indoors but went outside with hymn-books in hand to sing "Jesus Christ is Risen today!" which felt very special.

We progressed through different levels of opening up our church buildings and edging towards some sort of normality – always in masks and with great care. Gradually we re-introduced Holy Communion bringing just the bread to worshippers where they sat. Much later in the year the clergy "intincted" (dipped) the wafers in the wine to enable everyone who wished to, to receive in both kinds. Through the year we moved from listening to the organ play our hymns, to a soloist or choir singing and finally to congregational singing indoors. As people became more comfortable with attending in-building services, the Sunday numbers grew and those attending zoom services reduced – so we gradually increased the in-building services from a single Benefice-wide one each week early in the year, to re-introducing the early BCP service, and then moving back

to almost the Sunday rota that we were using before Covid by the end of the year, but retaining a monthly zoom service for those who need it.

Most parishes have sadly lost some previously regular worshippers through frailty, and sadly some deaths, and we've also been blessed by a few new people joining our worshipping communities over this past year.

We were able to hold most of our usual "special" services, even if slightly adapted for the pandemic – Lamas outside at Broomfield was perhaps the highlight of our agricultural celebrations and it was good to see the pet service back again. Our first ever "Climate Sunday" was a great success and held in the open air at Cheddon, led by Rev Tracey and a team of volunteers, we hope to build on this in 2022. Remembrance was marked in each Parish, and all our usual Christmas services happened, though with reduced attendance due to the pandemic.

We are particularly grateful to Reader Christine for her ministry over zoom in this period and for Dean's technical support.

Curate Tracey and her husband, Dean's last service with us was on Boxing Day 2021.

#### Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals:

Government restrictions impacted these pastoral services significantly. Funerals were permitted throughout 2021 but restrictions on numbers able to attend made these even more difficult occasions for bereaved families. As both Baptisms and Weddings were permitted during the year, they came with restrictions on numbers (and receptions afterwards) too and so many families / couples decided to postpone (sometimes multiple times!)

Now as we write in 2022 it's good to see a steady stream of requests for baptisms coming in but requests for weddings are significantly lower for 2022.

Pastoral service numbers 2021 (2020 numbers in brackets for comparison):

Weddings/wedding blessings 9 (4)

Baptism 26 (6)

Thanksgiving for a child 1 (0)

Funerals: church, churchyard and crematorium 23 (25)

Ashes interment 14 (6)

#### "Build back better":

We were encouraged by the Church of England as well as many other church (and non-church) organisations to look at the pandemic as an opportunity from which we might build back better. A group from across the Benefice gathered on "zoom" in spring / early summer 2021 and in person in gardens on a number of occasions, to pray and imagine how we might emerge from the pandemic. We wondered and prayed about how things might be in the future for us and sought to be guided by God into formulating a plan.

This work is currently (in 2022) being used to inform our next MAP (mission action plan) but we have already made some changes (as well as deciding to keep much the same!) such as re-introducing all age worship in 2 parishes and creating church events to attract families.

#### Community support, communication and pastoral care:

Tracey (our pioneer curate) and Paul (our pioneer) have been the focus of community interaction in Cheddon and West Monkton Parishes respectively and have overcome significant difficulties in their



ministries caused by the pandemic. Much practical, pastoral and moral support being given in these communities.

Rev Mary worked with Revs Robin and Tobie from the Deanery to run a Lay Pastoral Assistant (LPA) course this year (over zoom) attended by 3 people from our Benefice. Kate and Corrine were commissioned in the Benefice as LPA's this year with particular focus on West Monkton and Cheddon Parishes respectively.

The clergy continued to use a combination of phone and home visiting across our large Benefice.

Michele, in the Benefice Office, has been central to our communications, producing the weekly pew-sheet and e-mailing that out to our ever-increasing mailing list each Friday (working through the pandemic from home where necessary.) She's also keeping our web-site up to date (no mean feat!) She is frequently the first face or voice of the Benefice to those seeking our help or thinking about a Christening or wedding in one of the churches – as well as being a pastoral listening ear to those in need or distress.

The ministry team took turns in recording a weekly video reflection for the first part of the year aimed at those who were not able to attend our live worship (either in building or over zoom) – a real challenge to our technical ability and patience – but they were well received by those who view them.

Rev Jim continues in his role as Area Dean (and Mary as assistant area dean) facilitating deanery clergy working together, connecting with Archdeacon Simon and being part of the "DMPG" that plans and enables deanery synod.

Rev Tracey set up the "Little Seedlings" group in Cheddon Memorial Hall as a parent/carer and child group – something that was hugely appreciated by young families with "lock-down" babies wanting to get out and meet others. Emma Booker has now taken on the leadership of this group with the help of LPA Corrine – it meets weekly. Our thanks to the Memorial Hall Committee for their support of this important community group.

Care for creation has been an important theme through the year with the Lent course helping to launch some initiatives: Investigation of "eco-church" at West Monkton, some natural planting by church and community at Kingston, and our partnering with "Send a Cow".

### Schools:

2021 has been a second difficult year for our schools. We have tried to support them as much as possible through prayer, e-mailing and visiting (when possible.) Clergy have supported our three church primary schools in their collective worship times in different ways: Joining them "on-line", sending in a video reflection with some ideas for activities around the theme, and on the few occasions possible to go into school to a single class or year group.

Rev Mary, Pioneer Paul and Cathryn Howse (on placement with us) were able to take a limited session with the year 6's at West Monkton in July (which hadn't been possible the year before) to help them prepare for moving up to High School. And the "It's your move" booklets were given out in all 3 church primary schools. Mary and Paul continue to contribute to the West Monkton Ethos committee and Mary has recently joined the Cheddon ethos committee.

Rev Tracey spent a lot of time (as her final curate year "placement") working with Cheddon school, on collective worship, muddy church, preparing for their inspection and Christingle – to name but a few activities.

In November, Rev Mary worked with the Somerset Wood volunteers to lead a Remembrance Day service attended by West Monkton, Cheddon and Nerrols school children and staff as well as a host of dignitaries, Royal British Legion representatives and local people – the children had learnt the National Anthem as well as some special prayers for the occasion and so were able to lead many of the adults on this important day.

### Small groups:

The Benefice continues to have a weekly “home group” on Wednesday evenings – functioning on zoom during restrictions and moving to meeting at the Vicarage when permitted. The Lent course was held on zoom and focused on the environments, our care for creation. Out of that a small group have helped us, as a Benefice, become a sponsor for one of the “Send a Cow” projects in Kenya which, rather than sending a real cow, enables a community to learn new farming practices (to cope with global warming) supplies seeds and tools and helps them to then help their neighbours.

The Advent study groups used Church of England materials focused on the daily readings.

### Training and wider ministry

Rev Mary continued to act as “training incumbent” to both Rev Tracey in the last year of her curacy and also to Rosie as our Reader-in-Training – which involved supporting their academic work, reflecting with them on their practical ministerial work and fulfilling diocesan requirements of report writing for them.

We also had Cathryn Howse with us doing her final year placement before her curacy starts.

We so often learn as much from those in training as they learn from us, different ministries enriching our worshipping life together.

Reader Christine continues to minister among us and contribute to the staff team. Pioneer Paul, works on the edge of church, in the Bathpool housing estate (see his separate report.)

Our particular thanks to Rev Maureen Doble who continues to help with worship leading on occasional Sundays and is a hugely important part of our funeral ministry. Taking funerals and supporting families through these difficult times.

### Looking forward:

We are already well into 2022 and thankfully seeing pandemic infection rates fall and government restrictions continuing to ease. We will continue to monitor the situation and adapt our in-building services and meetings as things unfold. We will also be adapting to Benefice life without a curate, having bid Tracey and Dean a fond farewell.

### Baptism Group

Any benefice church is called upon to conduct baptisms, weddings and funerals and most churches do not have the personnel to follow up properly after these services. At a benefice gathering last year there was interest from a few church members to offer something more to baptism families in particular. So after conversations with interested parties we evolved a baptism group. Its aims are modest, but it is intended to be a one-off pastoral follow-up phone call to families to see if they are all right and if the baptism was a good occasion. At the initial visit the clergy will explain this to the families and these callers will hope to be present at the baptism service to be introduced.

Besides this, we will continue to email families to invite them to events within the benefice throughout the year.

This group has just been launched, so it is hoped there will be more to report at next year's APCM.

We are in the process of producing a new “MAP” to help our direction of travel as a Benefice – aiming to grow and develop as followers of Jesus and to share the Good News with those around us in the most appropriate ways.

Thank you!

To Church Wardens, PCC members and the many, many Parishioners who work and pray so hard, enabling our church buildings and grounds to stay safe, open, comfortable and welcoming. To all who aim to keep our Benefice Values\* integral to all we do and to enable us all to fulfil our mission: "To know, share and spread the love of God."

*Mary and Jim*

\*Benefice Values:

Being welcoming.

Having welcoming buildings.

Being community minded.

Telling stories of Jesus.

Being discipling.

Enabling people to flourish.

Being attractive (so people want to find out more.)

Being kind and caring.

Being people of integrity.

### **Kingston St. Mary Churchwardens' Report 2021**

2021 continued to be dominated by Covid. Services were held when possible but strict social distancing and mask wearing were enforced. The year started with the country under strict regulations and we held one service a month until July when two more services both at 8.30am were added. The Good Friday group of services took place but unfortunately it wasn't possible to do refreshments this year. Easter Sunday was well attended as were the Christmas services. We held a reflective service for those that find Christmas time difficult, a popular Carol service followed by mulled wine and mince pies, a crib service and our usual midnight communion. It was decided for safety and social distancing reasons to separate the crib service from the Christingle, the latter being held some weeks later in January.

In April we had our Quinquennial report conducted by Annie Evans. The report itself highlighted various "minor" problems which we quickly got on to.

- Removing our lovely cherry tree by the path from the car park. Its roots were causing structural damage to a tomb and thus the tree had to be removed
- Some minor plumbing problems some of which we are still waiting for Glynn's to fix.
- Similarly we are waiting for Glynn's to paint the ferramenta on the West window of the South Aisle
- The floor in the toilet was feeling a bit "spongy" and so has been supported by extra cross beams from underneath
- Several churchyard walls were in need of work this was hoped to be done in the summer but has now been put back by the contractors until the spring of 2022. As was the replacing of several roof tiles and the clearing of the guttering.
- The hunky punks were thought to be in need of some work but Dawson's looked at these and felt they were ok.
- The weather vane was said to be in need of a refurbishment. It was decided to carry out this works and also to regild the cockerel.



- The long term future of the drainage was also mentioned as damp patches behind the altar and in the priest's vestry were becoming widespread

However quite quickly minor turned into major in several cases. The bell tower plumbing began leaking quite severely running through to the ringing chamber. This meant we were going up to the bell tower every time it rained emptying buckets of water over the sides of the tower. Eventually we managed to get Glynn's to take this seriously and they have fitted a "temporary" pipe which is working very well.

The drainage problem then became a pressing issue as the children's corner flooded because the drains were not coping with the water and the damp patches previously mentioned were getting worse. A decision was then made to undertake a major project to replace the old surface drains with a more effective system. This is an ongoing project requiring faculties and the involvement of an archaeologist as well securing a company sympathetic with this type of work.

Stonework noted on the tower has been made safe but subsequent problems now need to be addressed.

On a different theme a lot of work has been done on plans for reordering and we are hopefully getting nearer to applying for an initial faculty

At this point I want to thank the involvement of the Friends' Group who have said they will undertake the cost of the work done to the fabric of the church.

The memorial stones in the cremated remains area were virtually full and so two "half size" ones have been commissioned to be put either side of the second stone. The initial foundation for one of the stones was laid but the stonemason has delayed the rest of the work until the spring.

Rev Tracey conducted her last service in the Benefice at the end of December leaving to take up a post as the Rector at South Petherton with the Seavingtons and Lambrooks. We are grateful for all the work she has done in the benefice, always with her infectious enthusiasm and we wish her well in her new calling.

At the APCM after 10 years of exceptional service Julia Hammett decided to step down from her role as churchwarden. During this time her commitment was unstinting not only in the public side of the job but in all the myriads of unseen jobs she undertook on a regular basis. As a church community we have a lot to thank her for. Thankfully she has not retreated into the shadows but continues to contribute on all levels and is an invaluable source of information and help to me.

No church can function without an army of volunteers, a choir, bell ringers, cleaners, flower arrangers, refreshment ladies and those that lock/unlock the church; to all these people I want to say thank you very much without you all we wouldn't have the church of which we are so rightly proud.

The required checks including the safeguarding audit have been carried out. The Terrier and Inventory are both up to date.

*Jan Holmes*

### **PCC SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 2021**

This has been another disrupted year as a result of the ongoing Coronavirus situation with a mixture of Zoom and "face to face" meetings and e mail resolutions. However, the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Annual Meeting of Parishioners were able to be held in church in May.



The Council with guidance from the clergy has continued to review the measures required to keep congregations safe during the ongoing pandemic. Worship was disrupted for much of 2021 but with precautions in place we are now able to have regular services.

We now have just one Churchwarden as Julia Hammett stepped down from the position at the APCM. However, she still supports Jan Holmes in lots of ways. Our Committee has 6 members two of whom are Deanery Synod reps plus the Rector, Churchwarden and ex officio Treasurer.

The Quinquennial Inspection took place in April and highlighted serious drainage problems which are to be addressed in 2022 as well as other maintenance tasks mainly related to the tower.

Other issues discussed during the year

- Re ordering of the church
- Ideas for reducing our carbon footprint
- Local fees and charges
- Acquisition of a new piano

The loan made to Broomfield Church was repaid in full in December.

2021 was a second year when lives seemed to be put on hold and again there has been little opportunity for the PCC as a body to be active in the community. We hope and pray for better times in 2022.

*Dorothy Earp*

### **ELECTORAL ROLL OFFICER REPORT**

The number on the Electoral Roll stands at 44.

At the close of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting additional names may be added to the roll, for which application forms can be obtained from the Benefice Office.

*Lesley Mackay*

### **SAFEGUARDING REPORT FOR SOUTH QUANTOCK BENEFICE**

This year my work has been made so much easier by the support of Samm Barge as joint Safeguarding officer across the benefice. I am very grateful to her for agreeing to take time out of her already busy life to share the work.

We have continued to carry out DBS checks online for new people joining relevant benefice activities and to renew the checks on anyone whose original DBS is over 3 years old. Please notify one of us if you think this applies to you.

Bath and Wells have been through a lot of changes in the Safeguarding training Department but seem to have settled now for online training for most roles. We would encourage anyone who is in a position that has required a DBS check to take the C0 and ideally C1 courses and to advise us when they receive their certificates. We are available for more information and assistance with these online courses if needed.

We have been encouraged to join the Parish Dashboard Safeguarding process. This requires a comprehensive look at all the Safeguarding requirements at each of the 4 churches individually and the

production of a record of these in the form of a Dashboard or Grid. It is time consuming but useful and we hope to complete and review this process across the benefice during 2022.

Finally, I am pleased to report there have been no Safeguarding incidents across the Benefice this year and we remain confident that if any such incident was to occur, we would be able to call on the professional support of the team at Bath and Wells.

*Lucy Hay, Benefice Safeguarding officer.*

### **DEANERY SYNOD REPORT**

Apart from the deanery service in the summer presided over by the archdeacon, Synod has been forced to meet on zoom which has sucked any momentum out of this triennium. It has stalled in its attempts to produce a useful Mission Action Plan or get a strong sense of direction – tho it did decide it would be useful to have a Facebook page.

However, Synod met in person in March which gave it a renewed sense of purpose. Julia Hill (acting deanery accompanier) gave a presentation on the diocesan resources Church: what we are and what we could be... and encouraged parishes to engage with the material.

On the agenda - still, from previous years - are the Living in Love and Faith documents (a deanery course is to be led by St Andrew's church on a Wed evening 8<sup>th</sup> June – 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022) and the diocesan deployment strategy.

The other meetings this year are the Visitation Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June at Staplegrove, the Holy Communion Tue 21<sup>st</sup> June and the business meeting Tue 4<sup>th</sup> October – all in the evening.

*Rev Jim (Area Dean)*

### **ORGANIST and CHOIRMASTER'S REPORT – 2021**

2021 was again a year of mixed happenings. We began auspiciously with a service on 3rd January. But then we were in lockdown until the end of March, and we were again forced to have choir rehearsals on Zoom.

Life returned to some sort of normality on 4th April, with a sung service for Easter Sunday. And there was a special service on 17th April as a memorial to the late Duke of Edinburgh. Choir practices began again, and things were back to normal, with a eucharist on the first Sunday of each month, and a choir practice every Friday.

The choir had a holiday during August, but we were given a second hand Challen piano in excellent condition, and this has working with the choir much more satisfactory.

Normal choir practices resumed in September, and there was a special service for Harvest on 17th October and for Remembrance Sunday on 14th November. Our annual Christmas Carol service was on 19th December with an extra choir practice on the Tuesday beforehand.

I must again thank the choir for their continuing support and hard work - and to Tim Zilkha for looking after the organ.

Now that we are virtually past the Covid pandemic, and normality has returned, the routine of Church music making - choir practices on Fridays and a service on the first Sunday of each month - does not make for exciting reading, but that is the essence of church music making.

*David Knight, Organist and Choirmaster, January 2022*



## **ECO CHURCH REPORT FOR 2022 ACPM**

Our Lent course in 2021 focussed on Caring for God's Creation. It was quite a challenging course but it did leave us thinking about what more we could do as individuals and as a benefice to become more aware of environmental issues and impacts and consider how we could live more sustainably.

The Church of England has developed 5 marks of Mission, one of which is "To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth"

At the end of the Lent course we thought about ideas and environmental initiatives that we as a benefice could develop and take forward, one of which was Eco Church.

Eco Church is a scheme run by the Christian organisation "A Rocha" and open for all churches in England and Wales who want to demonstrate that the Gospels are good news for God's earth.

A Rocha have developed a survey and supporting resources designed to equip churches to express their care for God's world in their worship and teaching; in how to look after buildings and land; in how to engage with your local community and in global campaigns, and in the personal lifestyles of the whole congregation.

As churches become more environmentally aware and actively care for creation they can achieve prestigious Eco Church Awards at Bronze, Silver or Gold level.

Eco Church's vision is for churches of all denominations to care for creation as an integral part of loving their neighbours and following God faithfully.

At the end of August a Climate Sunday Service was held at Cheddon Church – an outside service that allowed people to listen, to see and to give thanks and praise to God's wonderful natural world around us; and think about how we can respond to reduce our impacts to the climate.

We have undertaken the Eco Church Survey at West Monkton and nearly completed the baseline Eco Church questionnaire to gauge where our church currently is in relation to the three award levels. This will help us identify and plan actions to work towards an award.

The plan is that we do the same across all 4 of our churches. To achieve this we would like to establish a benefice wide environmental working group to help undertake the surveys, complete the Eco Church questionnaires and identify initiatives and actions to take forward.

Help us bring that vision to reality by participating in Eco Church. If you are interested please drop a line to Mary – and also feel free to have a chat with Steve Barge to find out more.

*Steve Barge*

## **MEN'S GROUP**

Men's Group has - like everything else - struggled with the covid restrictions. However we ended the year with a very stimulating in-person talk by Dr John Scanlon on Cheddon's WWII secret bunkers and related activity, based mostly on research John had done on the war graves in Cheddon churchyard.

We began this year with a meeting at the New Mill pub and planned a programme of events hoping to take advantage of fair weather when we can (walks and barbecue) and huddling indoors for the winter months (pool and pubs). Numbers are modest - there are about 20 names on the emailing list - and people opt in to what is of interest.

The programme of events up to July 2022 is on the website and we welcome new members at any time.

*Jim*

## **APCM REPORT ON BELLS OF THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

As with other group activities the bells remained silent for a long period of Covid 19 restrictions. When ringing resumed albeit with masks, many ringers were reluctant to return resulting in many towers unable to ring. Even now the restrictions are lifted there is considerable shortage of ringers. Many experienced ringers, for various reasons, have decided not to return. We have not been immune from this situation and generally only able to ring four or five bells. The situation is likely to become critical as, with one exception, we are an over 70's band with health problems.

Currently we have one learner from the village but need to attract more to take up the art of bell ringing. To that end it is proposed to arrange an open day on a Saturday in April/May to invite local residents to view the village from the top of the tower and at the same time find out about the art of church bell ringing.

In the meantime an appeal for ringers will be included in the Link-Up magazine asap. The bells and installation are in excellent condition especially as there has been limited ringing since their restoration was completed in Jan 1999. There is an ongoing requirement for Taylors to re-checked the installation which was suspended due to the restrictions.

*John Lock, On behalf of the ringers 12 March 2022*

## **LITTLE SEEDLINGS REPORT:**

Little Seedlings Baby and Toddler group was started in 2019 for the families in the Northwalls Grange area. In Autumn 2021, Rev Tracey, with an eye to the future, started to look into the possibility of applying for support from the Mary Joslin Trust to enable the group to continue when she moved to a new parish in January 2022.

It was therefore agreed that Little Seedlings would continue under the leadership of Emma Booker (Community Support Worker) and Corinne McMylor (volunteer) and that a budget from the Messy Church Fund would be transferred over. This has been used to widen the range of toys available including purchasing a lovely wooden buggy, diverse books and dolls and a tuff tray for messy play.

The Facebook page has been refreshed and an Instagram version introduced. The Facebook page has almost 90 likes! Families are encouraged to check the page on a Sunday evening to check notifications of the next day's activities. We operate a "drop in" policy so that families can come by at whichever time suits between 1.30-3.15. On average, 8 families attend at the moment and new faces are appearing all the time. We have some links with social services and health visitors and are receiving enquiries from a range of sources.

We have also organised a couple of family events- a picnic, family walk and den-decorating. We have just purchased some flasks so that hot drinks can be (safely) offered- something we've wanted to do for a while. Thank you so much to everyone for their support, enabling this valuable community resource to continue and flourish.

*Emma Booker*



## **BOOK CLUB**

There were around 12-15 people who first joined book club, when it was originally arranged over Zoom at the beginning of 2021, during the third lockdown. Tracey suggested we read the Quick Reads, as they are short reads of no more than 100-120 pages so there wouldn't be a huge commitment to read and talk about during the book club meeting. After around 6-7 months of meeting over Zoom, Tracey invited us to meet at her house and from then on, book club continued for a further 6 months. The face-to-face book club would bring in around 6-10 people and we continued to read the Quick Reads, as many of us found these reads enjoyable and, despite the shortness, there was plenty to discuss!

*Report from Hannah – one of the attendees*

## **BIBLE STUDY HOME GROUP**

The Home Group meets regularly every Wednesday evening and for the more popular bible study series on Monday afternoons too. Initially, like all other activities, we met via Zoom but with the gradual lifting of restrictions it has been great to be meeting face to face since last Autumn.

Our topics for study have varied during the year as has the style of study – but always an informal setting so that everyone feels welcomed and relaxed. No previous knowledge is required and the home group helps those just starting to explore the bible for the first time as well as those who regularly read and study the bible.

During Lent last year we explored “Caring for Creation” – a guided study looking at the Environment and Climate Change through the lens of the bible and how we as Christians can respond to give a future of faith and hope. In the Summer we explored Paul's letter to the Galatians and living by the fruits of the spirits. Over Advent we followed a guided study of daily bible readings “Reflections for Advent” – a series designed to enhance our spiritual journey through the season of Advent.

We are currently watching an amazing film series called the “The Chosen” exploring the life of Jesus and the Disciples through the Gospels. Exploring the Gospels through film has helped put us right into the action and given us a deeper understanding of many of the familiar gospel stories.

If you are interested please do come along and join us on a Wednesday evening - and there is no commitment to be there every week; just come and join us when you can. We look forward to seeing you soon.

*Steve & Samm Barge*

## **KINGSTON ST MARY FLOWER AND CLEANING GROUP**

Following the relaxation of restrictions for Covid we had a good turnout for cleaning the church and have re-instated the regular washing of the floor and general cleaning.

We decorated the church for Christmas with greenery and candles and we shall be re-introducing a flower rota to try and keep fresh flowers on display regularly.

It is important and appreciated that we have a bright and welcoming church which is often commented on by visitors. Our volunteers do a very good job, but we really could do with some new faces to help.

*Rosalie Hughes and Barbara Stokes*

## PIONEER REPORT

Allowing for the obvious interruptions of COVID, my third year in post has built on the previous two. There has been progression and evolution in what I'm doing, but I yet to encounter anything that has prompted me to question the general direction of travel. My focus remains on trying to foster a sense of community on the new housing estate as, I strongly believe, it's in community that people can flourish and enjoy being known and accepted. Not only does community enrich, protect and support us all as individuals, but it's through the relationships born of community that we get to walk alongside others and, as we do life together, to naturally share our stories and our faith with them.

I see developing community somewhat akin to the process of growing a tree. We all know that it will grow up to become a place of shelter and refuge, of fruitfulness and provision but, as complex organisms, the trouble with trees is that they take a long time to reach maturity. Communities are no less complex and I'm painfully aware that my five years in post can only achieve so much. My hope and prayer is that others in the future will be able to benefit from the start that has been made.

Nevertheless, our sapling community is already starting to show some signs of life. Working with the Parish Council over the past year, community-building has become one of the top two priorities (along with the environment) and greater energy and resource is now being put into this. One example has been the start of the West Monkton Youth Group. Starting this in the midst of a pandemic has been an interesting and disrupted experience but, when we're able to meet, we now have a group of around 15 young people coming together. Whilst I take heart from these green shoots, there can be no doubt that there is plenty more room for the tree to grow.

In the absence of a strong and active community, my focus has continued to be on supporting individual families in need. In my context, this approach to pioneering makes sense, but I am aware that this can create issues in terms of visibility of what I'm doing. Since the sense of community is not strong enough to build relationships through a constant diet of activities, events and initiatives, there is little by way of advertising, headcounts or news to give visibility to my work. Likewise, the confidential nature of what I am doing as I work with families dealing with a range of issues, from debt and depression to health concerns and relationship issues somewhat precludes communication. What I can say is that, here too, as we've done life together, some encouraging green shoots of faith have emerged.

Openly broadcasting the nature of my work is problematic for the reasons just given. However, whilst I would never discuss individuals (and strongly resist the notion of turning people into projects), as always, I would welcome conversation with anyone interested in my work and approach. Feel free to grab me for a chat after a service or let me take this opportunity to also advertise the monthly drop-in morning I host on the first (non-Bank Holiday) Monday of each month from 11:15am at 16 Bishops Close.

*Paul Elliston, Bathpool Pioneer*



## **BOOK REVIEWS**

I'm not sure exactly when or why, but at some point - maybe during the lock-down - I decided to write some book reviews which have been appearing, somewhat randomly, on the benefice website. I am no academic, nor am I a fast or scrupulous reader so these rather grandly-termed 'reviews' are really just personal reflections on books I've enjoyed.

Some of the books are hefty - and come with a health-warning, others are 'imaginative histories' or - better still - slim!

Parke and Tsiolkas are basically novels about NT times. Sacks and Heschel are both Jewish writers, the other German-sounding authors are generally harder, and Chalke and Wells are 'known' in current church conversations.

I shall continue to read and write, and if these musings are of any interest, they are on the website.

*Jim*

## **CUPPA AND CHAT**

Over 8 weeks in the Summer of 2021, on Tuesday afternoons, I took flasks to make tea and coffee in the four churchyards of the benefice, hoping to encourage people to meet in the fresh air after so many months of isolation. The weather was very kind and was dry on every occasion.

Over the Summer at least 20 different people came together to chat along with speaking to others who were visiting the churches or just walking through the churchyard on the day.

It was great to see so many people and to relax and have conversations face to face. Some came only once whilst others chose to come many times. It was great to see you all and get to know each of you a little better.

Cuppa and Chat will return to the churchyards this Summer – so please look out for the dates and do come along, bring a chair if you can. You will be welcome to bring your own drink or to share mine.

I look forward to seeing you.

*Rosie Brown*

The South Quantock Benefice Comprising the Parochial Church Councils of Broomfield,  
Cheddon Fitzpaine, Kingston St Mary, and West Monkton

Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements of the Parochial  
Church Council of The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Kingston St Mary.

For the year ended 31 December 2021

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**Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements of the Parochial Church  
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Trustees' Annual Report**

**Structure & Governance**

The PCC is a charity exempted from registration with the Charity Commission. The election of PCC member is governed by and set out in the Church Representation rules.

**Aim and Purposes**

The PCC is responsible for co-operating with the Rector in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical.

**Objectives and Activities**

We are committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at the Church of St Mary the Virgin and to become part of our parish community. We have considered guidance on public benefit, including the supplementary guidance for charities on the advancement of religion. Our objective is to enable all people to access worship and prayer, to study the Gospels and to develop their knowledge and trust in our Saviour.

To support this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church and the Benefice Office.

The Trustees (the PCC) confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's General Guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing the Charity's Aims and Objectives and in planning future activities.

**Kingston St. Mary Church Wardens' Report 2021**

2021 continued to be dominated by Covid. Services were held when possible but strict social distancing and mask wearing were enforced. The year started with the country under strict regulations and we held one service a month until July when two more services both at 8.30am were added. The Good Friday group of services took place but unfortunately it wasn't possible to do refreshments this year. Easter Sunday was well attended as were the Christmas services. We held a reflective service for those that find Christmas time difficult, a popular Carol service followed by mulled wine and mince pies, a crib service and our usual midnight communion. It was decided for safety and social distancing reasons to separate the crib service from the Christingle, the latter being held some weeks later in January.

In April we had our Quinquennial report conducted by Annie Evans. The report itself highlighted various "minor" problems which we quickly got on to.

- Removing our lovely cherry tree by the path from the car park. Its roots were causing structural damage to a tomb and thus the tree had to be removed
- Some minor plumbing problems some of which we are still waiting for Glynn's to fix.
- Similarly we are waiting for Glynn's to paint the ferramenta on the West window of the South Aisle
- The floor in the toilet was feeling a bit "spongy" and so has been supported by extra cross beams from underneath
- Several churchyard walls were in need of work this was hoped to be done in the summer but has now been put back by the contractors until the spring of 2022. As was the replacing of several roof tiles and the clearing of the guttering.

- The hunky punks were thought to be in need of some work but Dawson's looked at these and felt they were ok.
- The weather vane was said to be in need of a refurbishment. It was decided to carry out this works and also to regild the cockerel.
- The long term future of the drainage was also mentioned as damp patches behind the altar and in the priest's vestry were becoming widespread

However quite quickly minor turned into major in several cases. The bell tower plumbing began leaking quite severely running through to the ringing chamber. This meant we were going up to the bell tower every time it rained emptying buckets of water over the sides of the tower. Eventually we managed to get Glynn's to take this seriously and they have fitted a "temporary" pipe which is working very well.

The drainage problem then became a pressing issue as the children's corner flooded because the drains were not coping with the water and the damp patches previously mentioned were getting worse. A decision was then made to undertake a major project to replace the old surface drains with a more effective system. This is an ongoing project requiring faculties and the involvement of an archaeologist as well securing a company sympathetic with this type of work.

Stonework noted on the tower has been made safe but subsequent problems now need to be addressed.

On a different theme a lot of work has been done on plans for reordering and we are hopefully getting nearer to applying for an initial faculty

At this point I want to thank the involvement of the Friends' Group who have said they will undertake the cost of the work done to the fabric of the church.

The memorial stones in the cremated remains area were virtually full and so two "half size" ones have been commissioned to be put either side of the second stone. The initial foundation for one of the stones was laid but the stonemason has delayed the rest of the work until the spring.

Rev Tracey conducted her last service in the Benefice at the end of December leaving to take up a post as the Rector at South Petherton with the Seavingtons and Lambrooks. We are grateful for all the work she has done in the benefice, always with her infectious enthusiasm and we wish her well in her new calling.

At the APCM after 10 years of exceptional service Julia Hammett decided to step down from her role as churchwarden. During this time her commitment was unstinting not only in the public side of the job but in all the myriads of unseen jobs she undertook on a regular basis. As a church community we have a lot to thank her for. Thankfully she has not retreated into the shadows but continues to contribute on all levels and is an invaluable source of information and help to me.

No church can function without an army of volunteers, a choir, bell ringers, cleaners, flower arrangers, refreshment ladies and those that lock/unlock the church; to all these people I want to say thank you very much without you all we wouldn't have the church of which we are so rightly proud.

The required checks including the safeguarding audit have been carried out. The Terrier and Inventory are both up to date.

*Jan Holmes*

### **Financial Review**

The financial statements attached are correct as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 by direct comparison with the Bank Statements for the year 2021; there is complete alignment.

Overall, the accounts show a different picture to last year, firstly there were no major works either planned or unforeseen, hence outgoings are less. As a consequence, there were no additional monies in the form of grants to cover such work hence receipts are showing as down. In addition, receipts are marginally up because of the change to current Covid regulations which resulted in a few more services and therefore a small increase in cash contributions.

The Benefice Office activity has continued as normal with no major changes other than the installation of a meter to enable the vicarage electricity use to be measured rather than rely on

estimates. The meter was installed, and the installation costs (£114) incurred in the latter part of 2021, and the benefits will commence in 2022.

This year the funding of the Benefice Office has benefited from increase in the Grant from the Joslin Trust it was £10,000 annually it is now £12,000 with the change commencing in April hence the annual contribution this year was £11,500. The Benefice Office activities show a negative £6,841, this includes the contributions from the benefice churches for 2020 hence the actual deficit is £9,717 which will be recovered from the churches in accordance with the split 60,20,10,10. In practice the number being recovered is £9,531 the difference being recovered by small "Other Income" transactions a significant proportion of this being a £150 refund from TLG.

The small benefit from the Covid position mentioned last year of people transferring their giving to a regular standing order arrangement continues to help the cash flow position and will continue to do so going forward. Whilst the opportunity for Kingston to improve its fund-raising activity was not possible this year, as last year it remains an area for consideration to support all church activity.

The "Church Activities" line and the "Other Income" line show significant differences to last year. This is due to a change in coding protocol, last year fees income was coded as "other income" whereas a review this year resulted in it being reflected in the church activities line since it more correctly relates to church services such as funerals and weddings etc. This also reflects in the "Church Activities Expenses" which are shown as higher this year and relate to the increased church utilisation.

The lower "Church Running Expenses" reflects a problem with billing by EON Next. The Church gas supply was with Npower who were taken over by EON Next in early spring. Initially the changeover went well, and EON took their first DD correctly. However, in completing the end of year accounts it became clear that they had not taken their due DD's for the latter part of the year. In subsequent conversations with them they can offer no reason why their systems did not claim through the DD system. I have checked their billing and it correctly reflects the gas we have used so we now owe them in excess of £1,000 which will be taken in 2022 albeit for gas used in 2021!

The "Cash in Hand" figure for 2021 is higher than 2020 and a significant proportion of this reflects the fact that there was a surplus awaiting banking from the Christmas services at the end of the year. This banking took place in 2022.

At 31 December 2021 the Charity had unrestricted reserves made up of the current account, the deposit account, the cash in hand plus the fees owed from other parishes less the fees account which is restricted, and the liabilities amounting to £340,817 (2020; £311,509). Of these unrestricted reserves £292,711 is held as investments leaving £48,106 of free reserves. However, this plus our continuing regular donations will provide sufficient free reserves to cover the next 12 months of general Church expenditure.

Despite the limited services the PCC continued its financial support to a range of charities, through organised collections and direct giving.

The potential use of card machines for donations in Church was pursued in a limited way but the advice was that the mobile signal strength at Church was probably insufficient. This will be further pursued in 2022 as people tend to be carrying less cash, so to provide the opportunity to donate via cards could be beneficial to the church.

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For the year ended 31 December 2021**

**Administration**

St Mary's Church is situated in Church Lane, Kingston St Mary. TA2 8HW. The Benefice Office, which serves all four Parishes, is located at the Vicarage, Kingston St Mary. TA2 8HW. Telephone 01823 451257.

**Membership of the PCC**

Members are either elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), or are ex-officio, in accordance with the Church Representation rules. The following served as members of the PCC during 2021:

**Ex-officio**

Rector Rev'd Mary Styles  
Associate Vicar Rev'd Jim Cox

**Churchwardens**      Mrs Julia Hammett                      (until May 2021 – then resigned)  
                                 Mrs Jan Holmes

**Representatives on the Deanery Synod ( 2 permitted)**

Mrs Julia Hammett  
Mrs Jan Holmes                      (until 30.05.2021)  
Mrs Barbara Stokes                (from 31.05.2021)

**Elected members**      Mrs Barbara Stokes                      Vice Chair  
                                 Mrs Dorothy Earp                      Secretary, re-elected 2021  
                                 Mrs Lucy Hay                              retired and re-elected 2020  
                                 Mrs Rosalie Hughes                      retired and re-elected 2020  
                                 Mrs Lesley MacKay                      elected 2019  
                                 Mr. John Earp                              Treasurer - Ex Officio

**Committees**

The Standing Committee is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings subject to any direction given by the PCC.

**Electoral Roll**

The number on the Electoral Roll stands at 44.

Approved on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2021 and signed by the Chair



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Mrs. B. Stokes



**Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council of The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Kingston St Mary**

This Report is in respect of an examination carried out under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 (lithe Regulations") and section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 (lithe Act") on the Financial Statements of the Parish Church Council for the year ended 31st December 2021, and the notes thereto, all as set out in pages 7 to 9 here to ("the Financial Statements").

As members of the Parochial Church Council, you are responsible for the preparation of the Financial Statements. You consider that the audit requirements under the Regulations and the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to give this Report on the Financial Statements in accordance with regulation 25 of the Regulations.

My examination has been carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishop's Council. That examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the Council and a comparison of the Financial Statements with these records. It also included a consideration of any unusual items or disclosures and the explanation from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the Financial Statements.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention -

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:  
to keep accounting records in accordance with s.41 of the Act and  
to prepare Financial Statements which accord with the accounting records and  
to comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met;  
or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the Financial Statements to be reached.



R Mackay CA. Chartered Accountant.

DATE: 27.06.2022

**The Parochial Church Council of The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Kingston St Mary**  
**Receipts and Payments Account For The Year Ended 31 December 2021**

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Benefice</u> <u>Fund*</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2021</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>2020</u>
	£	£	£	£
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>				
Donations	16,029	1,540	17,569	17,020
Grants	0.0	11,500	11,500	11,000
Church Activities	23,020	1,533	24,553	8,096
Other Income	11,055	301	11,356	21,766
Investment Income	9206	0.0	9,206	8,961
Legacy	100	0.0	100	2,000
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Total Receipts	59,410	14,874	74,284	68,843
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<b><u>Payments</u></b>				
Church Activities	24,139	847	24,986	18,165
Parish Share	21,098	0.0	21,098	23,219
Church Running Exp	9,522	478	10,000	15,429
Benefice Office Costs	0.0	2,416	2,416	6,430
Salaries & Exp	318	17,974	18,292	17,748
Major Capital Expenditure	2,045	0.0	2,045	0.0
Loan to Broomfield				3,500
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Total Payments	57,122	21,715	78,837	84,491
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Net (Payments)/Receipts for the year	2,288	(6,841)	(4,553)	(15,648)
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Cash at Bank at 31 December 2020 Brought forward			56,022	71,735
Note: the 2020 figure wrongly included the £65 cash in hand			<hr/>	<hr/>
Cash at Bank at 31 December 2021 Carried forward			<b>51,469</b>	<b>56,087</b>
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\* Denotes Restricted funds

**The Parochial Church Council of The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Kingston St Mary**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities - For the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

	<u>Unrestricted</u>		<u>Restricted funds</u>				Total
	General	Benefice*	Fabric*	Picture*	Endowment	Total	Total
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£	£	2021	2020
						£	£
<u>Cash Funds</u>							
NatWest Current Account	9,193			2,445	-	11,638	23,838
Deposit Fund	36,613			-	-	36,613	30,867
Fees Account	3,218			-	-	3,218	1,317
Cash in Hand	325			-	-	325	65
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Total Cash Funds	49,349			2,445	-	51,794	56,087
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<u>Assets</u>							
Investment at Cost	210,000				-	210,000	210,000
Investment Land	-				37,500	37,500	37,500
Fees owed from other Parishes	-	2,859			-	2,859	2,876
	=====	=====			=====	=====	=====
<u>Liabilities</u>							
Fees owed to other Parishes & Diocese	3,329				-	3,329	1,088
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As at 31 December 2021 the Stock Exchange Securities shown above had a market value of £292,711(2020: £252,423).

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2022.

B. Stokes

Mrs. B Stokes - Chair

On behalf of the Board of Trustees

J.E. Earp  
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 J.E Earp - Treasurer

**The Parochial Church Council of The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Kingston St Mary**

**Notes to the Accounts**

**Year ended 31 December 2021**

1. The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis and in accordance with Charity Commission guidance.
2. Neither the Trustees, nor any person connected with them, have received any remuneration. Expenses claimed are paid at cost.
3. The Endowment Fund represents the land at Lodes Lane held at valuation. The balance at 31 December 2021 was £37,500 (2020: £37,500).
4. The Restricted Funds are represented by:

The **Benefice Fund** which is managed under the direction of the rector by the Kingston PCC in support of all four churches in the benefice. It aims to break even over the year with the four churches contributing in the ratio of 60,20,10,10 (Kingston, West Monkton, Cheddon, Broomfield).

The **Picture Fund** arises from the sale in 1996 of a painting. Application has been made to the Diocese to transfer the Fund to a Fabric Fund and is pending. Balance at 31 December 2021 £2,445 (2020: £2,445).

5. Cash Deposits are held by the CBF Church of England Funds
6. Investments as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 were as follows:

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
The Church of England Global Equity Income Fund	£70,000	£117,042.59
The Church of England UK Equity Fund	£70,000	£103,109.53
M & G Charifund	£70,000	£72,558.20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£210,000</b>	<b>£292,710.32</b>

The Deposit Account also attracted an interest payment of £3.57 making the account valued at £36,616.12 on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 (in the accounts £36,613) the £3.57 will appear in the accounts in 2022.