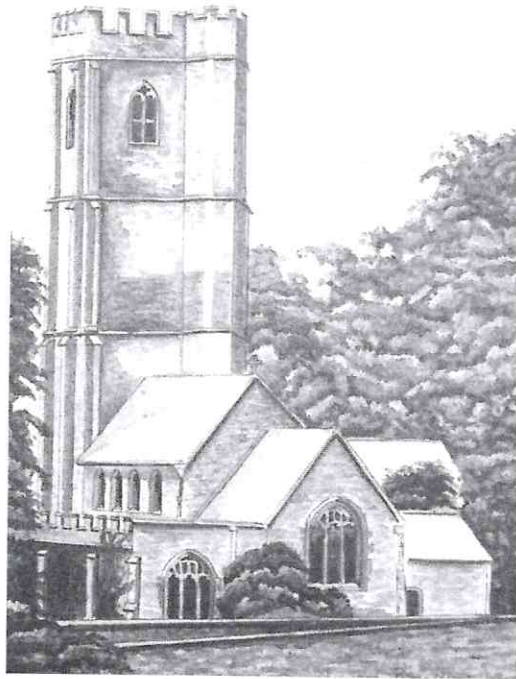


# **Church of St Augustine's West Monkton**



## **ANNUAL REPORTS and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**For the year ended 31st DECEMBER 2021**

# **Church of St. Augustine West Monkton**

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**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST AUGUSTINE, WEST MONKTON  
ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021**

**BACKGROUND**

St Augustine's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic and ecumenical.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules and to serve for a term of 3 years. During the year the following served as members of the PCC.

Incumbent	Rev Dr Mary Styles	
Assistant Priest	Rev Jim Cox	
Curate	Rev Tracey Hallett	
Churchwarden	Mrs Hazel Adams	(from April 2018)
	Mr Andrew Davidson	(from May 2021)
Treasurer	Mr David Cooke	(from April 2017)
Representative on The Deanery Synod	Mr John Roynon	(from October 2020)
	Mrs Betty Stone	(from October 2020)
Elected Member	Mrs Dianne Besley	(from April 2014)
	Mrs Sally Hillman	(from April 2018)
	Mr Carol Hicks	(from April 2018)
	Mrs Marion Baker	(from October 2020)
	Mrs Pearl Jeanes	(from October 2020)
Secretary	Mrs Susan Cleave	
Electoral Roll Officer	Mrs Sally Hillman	

**The Standing Committee** This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between full meetings subject to any directions given by the Council.

## CHURCH OF ST AUGUSTINE, WEST MONKTON

At the Parish Church on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022

### VESTRY MEETING

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of last year's meeting
3. Election of Churchwardens

### ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

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## ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, WEST MONKTON

### Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021 after the morning service

#### Vestry Meeting

1. Hazel Adams welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Apologies** were received from Sally Hillman, Rosie Brown, Marion Baker, Thelma Hawkins, Sue Cleave, Tiggie Reeves, Margaret Cavill
3. **Minutes of Last Meeting** – It was proposed by John Roynon and seconded by Henry Besley that the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020 be approved.
4. **Election of Churchwardens** – Hazel Adams agreed to stand as Churchwarden for one more year. Andrew Davidson was also elected as Churchwarden. This was proposed by Pearl Jeanes and seconded by Dianne Besley.

### Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

As those present had received copies of the various reports these would not need to be read out at the meeting.

1. It was proposed by Richard Campbell and seconded by John Roynon that the minutes of the last annual meeting should be approved.
2. **Electoral Roll** – Hazel Adams presented the electoral roll on behalf of Sally Hillman. There are 56 people on the electoral roll. 37 residents of the Parish and 19 non-residents of the Parish. One name was removed from the roll and there were no names added.
3. **Annual Report and Financial Statements for 2020** –  
2020 was a difficult year financially, with Covid-19 restrictions limiting income and required repairs increasing expenditure. Compared to 2019 we had a dramatic reduction in income, but this was primarily due to 2019 being inflated by two legacies. Excluding legacies income for 2020 was around £4000 down on the previous year with planned giving (plus the related gift aid) and collections both lower by approximately £2000.

Expenditure was higher, some major work to the church tower to repair louvres and stonework was offset by a reduction in minor repairs and running expenses. The increase in expenditure for 2020 was almost entirely the result of a £3500 increase in parish share.

We finished the year with a deficit of a little over £17000 and a closing balance of just over £62000, compared to £79000 at the end of 2019.

David Cooke had asked for questions to be sent to him prior to the meeting. He received several questions in relation to the accounts, which were as follows:

Q1: Where is the income from the 100 Club showing?

A: It is in Fundraising Events. We received £4500 from the 100 club during 2020.

Q2: We seem to have no Clergy expenses - is this because it all comes out of money sent to Benefice?

A: Yes, the benefice typically handles clergy expenses. We have in the past had the odd separate request for mileage expenses.

Q3: Are the support costs the money sent for the running of the Benefice?

A: Yes, the £2020 was actually the payment for 2019, since the invoice is being sent to us in arrears. The 2020 invoice will appear in the 2021 accounts.

Q4: If above - why are there separate Administration costs?

A: These consist of Minor Repairs, Music Costs, Heating and Lighting Costs and other non specific costs (which include the purchase of candles, the bell ringer fee and the alarm subscription).

Q5: What are Governance Costs?

A: The fee we pay our independent examiner.

Q6: Do we get to see how the money sent to the Benefice is spent?

A: Information on Benefice spending is not passed to the treasurer of West Monkton.

4. **Appointment of Independent Examiner** - It was agreed by all in attendance at the meeting that that the independent examiner be reappointed for the next financial year. This was proposed by Richard Campbell and seconded by Kate Ayres.
5. **Clergy Report** – Rev Mary Styles presented the report. Rev Mary passed on her thanks to Paul Elliston for the work he is doing in the community. Rev Mary then spoke about the listening exercise that is happening now that we are emerging from the pandemic. Pre-pandemic there was a slow decline in numbers of people attending Sunday services in church throughout the Benefice. Some of the churches were struggling to get churchwardens and PCC members. There was also a decline in giving. There have been some positives since the pandemic including a weekly increase in attendees at the benefice-wide Zoom services. It has been good to worship as a Benefice. There have been about 50 regular people on Zoom and a small regular group of 10 – 15 in the church building. Mary said that staffing also needed to be considered. We are fortunate to have Rev Tracey working in the Benefice currently, however, she may not be here next year. Rev Mary works with Rev Jim who is a half time vicar (with his Area Dean role on top of that), Christine our Reader and Michele in the Benefice Office.

The question that has been discussed within small groups made up of about 20 people from across the Benefice is “What next for our Benefice?” The priorities of the Benefice are being looked at and from out of these meetings a new Mission Action Plan will be developed for the next year. Rev Mary says that she is aware that some of this might cause anxiety, but the process is open. Rev Mary reminded people that the church started with people in one room and has evolved and continues to do so. Rev Mary asked if anyone who is not part of these groups has any thoughts or ideas, to speak to her or one of the Churchwardens.

Mr Norman Cavill said that he was pleased that Zoom was successful, but he is not sure that this is completely the way ahead. He asked whether it was time to return to more church services in the building. Mary said that this is one of the things being considered at the moment. It is about getting the balance right between in building services and Zoom. There is going to be an increase in services in July with twice monthly services at 8.30am in in the church buildings, one a month

at 10am in each church and the weekly Zoom services will remain. We will eventually go back to twice weekly services in the church building but need to wait for Government advice. Norman Cavill advised that there is an electronic version of details of church services around Taunton available and he offered to pass these details to Mary so that the benefice services could be included.

Pearl Jeanes also spoke to commend the need for more than one mid-morning service a month at West Monkton.

Henry Besley commented that he felt it was imperative that services should return to the church building at 10am twice per month.

6. **Churchwarden Report** – Hazel Adams presented her report. Hazel wanted to pass on her thanks to the PCC members. Hazel reported that Kate Ayres and Loretta McHugh were standing down as PCC members. John Roynon was also standing down after many years as a PCC member, however, she knows he will still be around for support. Samm Barge, PCC secretary, is also standing down. Hazel passed on her thanks to Samm.

There is one new PCC member joining the PCC. Sue Cleave will be joining and take over the role of PCC secretary.

Hazel also passed on her thanks to Richard Campbell who has been looking after the clock for many years. Hazel said that many people did not know that Richard climbed the tower each week for many years to check on the clock. Richard has now decided that he needs to pass this to someone else and Colin Ayres has agreed to take over this duty. Hazel also passed on thanks to John Roynon for completing the fabric report.

7. **Safeguarding** - The safeguarding policy needed to be approved at the meeting. This was approved and was proposed by Andrew Davidson and seconded by Pearl Jeanes. Rev Mary reported that Samm Barge has now stepped up as joint Parish Safeguarding Officer to share the position with Lucy Hay. This was proposed by Andrew Davidson and seconded by Pearl Jeanes. Rev Mary then asked everyone to look at the safeguarding information on the noticeboard at the back of the church.
8. **Election to the PCC** – John Roynon, Samm Barge, Kate Ayres and Loretta McHugh will be standing down as PCC members. One new member will be joining the PCC. Sue Cleave who was proposed by Pearl Jeanes and seconded by John Roynon.
9. **Elections to Deanery Synod** – Betty Stone and John Roynon are the Deanery Synod Representatives and are happy to stand for another year.

The meeting finished at 11.15am.

## 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.

### **ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT**

Electoral roll as at 31 Dec 2021 shows 57 members

2 died; 2 new members

19 non residents; 38 residents

*Sally Hillman*

### **CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT**

I am pleased to report that we now are able to hold a BCP Service at 8.30 am on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays and a Holy Communion Service at 10.00 am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. We continue to take special care and encourage people to wear masks and to sit in the pews where marked. Sadly we have not been able to go up to the altar for Communion, but the celebrant brings the wafer which has been dipped in the wine to everyone in their pew. We now have a small choir who lead us in our singing. Weddings, Funerals and Baptisms are also now held with the usual safeguards.

It was good to have our Remembrance Service again in the church and we also were able to have a Crib Service and a Carol Service. Sadly we were unable to hold a Christingle Service again this year, but our congregation enjoyed a Christmas Day Service. Zoom Services have continued for those who feel they are not ready to return to church. Hopefully in 2022 things might become more 'normal'.

It was also good to welcome Andrew as a Churchwarden and I should like to thank him for taking over the job of looking after the churchyard.

Unfortunately, as we have not been able to hold fund raising events, we have had to put on hold work that needs to be done from the Quinquennial Report. However, we continue to look after the church and the churchyard. As I mentioned last year I have decided to stand down as your Churchwarden. I must admit I have enjoyed the experience but without the help of a great many people this would have been difficult. I should like to thank Brian who continues to look after the Churchyard and prepares the ground for burials. Thank you John for all your help as without you both, life would have been very difficult. There is still a lot I don't know and have to ask. I should like to say a special thank you to Ian Gouge who has played the organ for us during our morning services and to Betty and all the members of our small choir. Thank you also to Pearl and the bellringers, to all the Sidespersons, readers and intercessors and also to those who week by week make sure that the church is clean and ready for services.

Lastly I should like to thank Mary, Jim and Tracey while she was with us, for all their support. The Inventory, Log Book and Terrier are all up to date.

*Hazel Adams*

### **PCC SECRETARY REPORT:**

During the year 2021, a total of six meetings were held of the West Monkton PCC, which included one ad hoc meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021, via zoom to discuss and agree the Charitable Donations as all payments had to be made by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021. Of the remaining five meetings 3 were on zoom and 2 in person meetings.

Lots of discussions have taken place around the project reported previously, regarding the Stained-Glass Windows which had been removed after the storm of 1987. Two of the restored painted panels have now been retrieved, and are back with Chris Dalton. We are awaiting final administrative and financial issues being resolved, before a date for these to be installed somewhere in the church.

During 2021 the number of services being held in West Monkton have increased, currently there are 2 services a month at 8:30 am on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, and 2 services a month at 10am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. With the increase of "in church" services, a zoom service is now only held once a month. This is in line with the gradual lifting of the Covid restrictions within the UK. Everyone attending live church services are still encouraged to wear face masks and to take responsibility for their own covid hygiene.

A joint Benefice PCC took place on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at Broomfield which proved to be very successful indeed.

Safeguarding is now a standing item on the PCC meeting agenda, this ensures that if there are any issues around safeguarding these can be covered, it also ensures that we are able to check that all members of the PCC are up to date with their safeguarding training. Samm Barge continues to support West Monkton with any Safeguarding issues or queries.

Practical Path to Net Zero Carbon has also been discussed at our meetings and we are looking to recruit a volunteer to lead the project on the Installation of the New Heating system in the church and the associated works. On-going discussions are continuing with this at present.

Arrangements are in hand to set up a meeting with the PCC members and Paul Ellison, the Community Pioneer in living in Bathpool, this is currently on-going. Paul has an Open House on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month in the morning for people who wish to drop in for a coffee.

It has been suggested that a Bicycle Rack ought to be provided for those cycling to church, as a means of storing and locking up their bikes. It is hoped that we might be able to get funding from the Parish Council for this request.

The annual accounts for the year 2021 were presented and approved by the PCC.

There are currently 58 parishioners on the Electoral Roll.

There were 7 Baptisms, 1 Marriage and 4 Funerals (in church) during 2021.

*Sue Cleave -PCC Secretary*

### **FABRIC REPORT – 2021-2022**

Sadly due to Covid we have still not been able to carry out some of the things that need to be done from the Quinquennial but now that things are easing this will hopefully be possible. At present we are looking at work which needs to be done to part of the South Aisle roof above the Lady Chapel and Andrew is awaiting a response from three builders. This needs to be done as a matter of urgency to prevent the carpet and the roof timbers from being damaged.

A very large laurel tree has been removed in the old churchyard which has now opened up the area. The grass in the old churchyard continues to be cut by the Council, but sadly this is not very often and it has been arranged that Shaun who cuts the grass in the new churchyard will also undertake a grass cut if necessary.

Our organ needs work done on it and it is hoped to obtain quotes for this to be done. Our Fire Extinguishers and the church clock have had their annual inspection and are in order. I should like to thank all who continue to regularly clean the church and it is often noted in the visitor's book how clean and well cared for our church is. Thank you to you all.

*Hazel Adams*

### **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)*

## **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.*

## **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*

### **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*

## **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*

## **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*

## **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*



## **WEST MONKTON BELLRINGERS REPORT**

West Monkton tower was silent from the beginning of the pandemic March 2020 until July 2021 when restrictions were relaxed. Inevitably with such large ancient moving parts - stationary for so long - there have been some challenges with restarting regular ringing. Despite careful maintenance before we resumed, some of the bells were quite sluggish to handle, simply because they hadn't been rung for so long. This meant they required more skilled ringers to manage them. A difficult time since none of us had practiced for so long. However, over time, and with regular ringing the movement of most of our bells has improved, but we have had to manage a few problems.

The clapper of the treble bell had been working loose - making it difficult to ring. Once the problem was discovered it has been repaired 'in house' saving us what could have been an expensive trip to the Bellhangers. The wheel on the second has been problematical with a nail working loose - this problem was only discovered when the rope shredded one evening causing some consternation. However again this has been managed 'in house' with the nail being filed down, the wheel remains stable, and we have not experienced any further problems. Both these bells and mechanisms are under regular review. It is likely that the treble will require a costly repair at some point. We have also had to replace parts of three ropes (wear and tear), these all being beyond the powers of our regular rope splicing volunteers. With regard to our team of ringers here - the initial restarting of ringing was slow. Despite being able to ventilate the tower quite well, many were understandably not sure about returning - and we started with 5 or 6 ringers at practices and struggled to ring for services. Inevitably some of our older ringers had become less mobile, or in ill health, so have not returned and two more are currently ringing on Sundays only which is much appreciated. September brought some of our regular experienced ringers back to support us on Thursday evenings, and regular Sunday morning ringing has become routine again, with the help of local friends who are not necessarily part of our local team.

The Open tower mornings in September brought forth interest, and after an initial flurry we have interest gained one recruit who is progressing well. We plan to have further open sessions again in the Spring to try to attract more interest and strengthen the team.

A bright spot recently has been our Annual Outing re-instated by a team member who wanted to ring in the church where he was a choir boy. Having organised it all he sadly was in close contact with Covid, so was unable to join us. However a happy band of friends set off one cold February morning to Seavington St Mary, Haselbury Plunknett, Puckington, and Ilton, all chosen because they were ground floor rings and therefore well ventilated. An Outing is always a shared experience of ringing different bells, and the challenge that it presents to us all. The humour and camaraderie is very special and something we have all missed. Lunch together at Haselbury Mill was particularly enjoyable - so a good team day out was much appreciated after such a long time.

My thanks to all of the team for taking on the challenge of returning to ring, it hasn't been an easy road. I would like to record my thanks especially to Rob for his expertise in taking on the Steeple keeper duties, particularly the treble repair - on the Sunday before Christmas, ie just before the Carol service, enabling us to ring the 8 for service. Also I would like to record thanks to Andy - who is now managing the clock/time - and has also written its history which is available now at the back of the church.

Pearl Jeanes Feb 2022

*Pearl Jeanes*

## **ACTIVITIES REPORT**

The Activities Group had to put organising fundraising events on hold due to the Covid restrictions for most of this year. We have continued to keep the Church building clean. Thanks go to Kate Ayres for organising the 100 Club which brings in much needed funds throughout the year.

The Christmas Fayre and Coffee Morning held in December was a great success and thanks go to all who supported the event. We have a busy time ahead for 2022.

*Dianne Besley*

## **WEST MONKTON MOTHERS' UNION**

Sadly due to Covid we have not been able to meet together but we did all meet in July at my house for a cup of tea and cake. Again in September we met at my house. In October we were able to meet at the Benefice Office and Mary came and gave us Holy Communion. We were pleased to welcome Mike a Street Pastor and he told us about his work as a Street Pastor. Not only do they meet in the town centre but are also seen on various estates in the town. Sadly we were unable to have our Christmas Meal but hope that 2022 will find us meeting again more regularly.

*Hazel Adams*

## **CHOIR**

We are still a small group of 5 but a faithful group.

We have warmly welcomed Pearl Jeanes who joined us before Christmas and in January Pat Wright joined us, both a great asset.

Hilary Shaw has given us a recent choir practice and will help when she can, and we thank her for doing this. We are eager to refresh our singing and learn new pieces.

Thank you to Ian Gouge who continues to play for most of our services.

*Betty Stone, Choir Member*

## **100 CLUB**

The 100 Club continues to provide a great source of reliable income towards the upkeep of the church and over the past year has raised, once again, in excess of £4,000.

I have been thrilled to receive quite a few new members of late, but sadly these usually counteract those we have lost. Therefore, I am always grateful for help in recruiting new members, the current tally standing at 95.

The past year saw the inauguration of the Friends of St Augustine's Church Newsletter, which was issued at the end of March 2021. It has met with a positive response and serves the purpose of keeping those who subscribe up to date with church news, most importantly those who live afar or are not regular churchgoers. At the time of writing this report I am collating items for the second edition.

*Kate Ayres  
(100 Club Administrator)*

## **CHEDDON & WEST MONKTON FILM CLUB**

I have now handed over management of the Film Club to Bill Rigby who is also Hall Manager for Cheddon Memorial Hall. If required Bill can be contacted on 07810 718994 or [cwmfilmclub@cheddonmovies.com](mailto:cwmfilmclub@cheddonmovies.com).

The Film Club re-commenced screenings in October and November 2021 with low attendance and barely profitable. With the increase of the Omicron infections the December meeting was cancelled, restarting again in January 2022 but still low attendance. Although all safety precautions are adopted, there is little doubt that the majority of attendees were still apprehensive at venturing out from the safety of their homes.

At the time of writing in February 2022, screenings are scheduled for the rest of the season to May 2022. Most of the COVID restrictions will then be lifted, and it is hoped that the audience will soon return to strength.

St. Augustine's church was one of the original sponsors and it is hoped that there will still be a profit share at the end of the season.

*Chris Dalton*

## **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*

## **FOOD BANK**

We continue to support the Food Bank with our food donations. Mary has helped deliver these to the depot but shortly I hope to start doing this again. Thank you for all your donations during this difficult time.

*Betty and Tony Stone*

## **THE GRAY WINDOWS**

Two restored painted panels of the four damaged in the Great Storm of 1987 have been gifted back to the Church by the former collector owner. Some plans for displaying the panels have been submitted to the Diocesan architect for approval prior to application for a Faculty. It is expected that the PCC, who have been forwarded the plans, will also be able to attend the meeting with the architect. Although the first request to the architect was made in July 2021 he has not yet come. Further contact will be made along with a copy to the DAC secretary.

A company specialising in the illuminated display of stained glass will in turn provide a quotation for mounting the panels on the North Tower wall. It is envisaged that a separate Bank Account will be opened with the Charities Aid Commission for the purpose of accumulating gift aided donations for the work.

Some local services have offered their assistance if necessary for final installation.

By reason of dependence on outside contractors it is not possible to forecast completion.

*Chris Dalton*

## **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*

**St Augustine's Church, West Monkton**  
**Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021**

**West Monkton's Receipts & Payments Account**  
*for the year ended 31 December 2021*

	Notes	General fund	Designated fund	Restricted fund	2021	2020
<b>Receipts</b>		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Donations and Legacies:</b>						
Planned giving		12,097	-	120	12,217	12,883
Collections, donations & other giving		2,317	-	2,040	4,357	5,161
Income tax recovered		3,447	-	-	3,447	4,259
Legacies		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Other Trading activities</b>						
Magazine/Bookstall sales/Hall Lettings etc		-	-	-	-	-
Income from other Properties		-	-	-	-	-
Annual Fete/events		6,296	-	-	6,296	6,171
<b>Receipts from Investments:</b>						
Interest & dividends		111	-	198	309	489
<b>Receipts from Charitable activities:</b>						
Parochial fees		2,198	-	-	2,198	3,356
<b>Other Receipts</b>						
Insurance claims		-	-	-	-	-
Sale proceeds from fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Loans received		-	-	-	-	-
Other		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>26,466</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,358</b>	<b>28,824</b>	<b>32,319</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
<b>Charitable activities:</b>						
Donations/Grants to charities		(1,210)	-	-	(1,210)	(1,310)
Mission & Evangelism		-	-	-	-	(250)
Parish Share		(23,684)	-	-	(23,684)	(26,315)

Clergy expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Church running expenses	(2,506)	-	(1,287)	(3,793)	(3,862)
Churchyard maintenance	-	-	(1,196)	(1,196)	(1,680)
Cost of raising funds	-	-	-	-	(192)
Support costs	(1,438)	-	-	(1,438)	(2,020)
Administration costs (inc. staff costs)	(600)	-	-	(600)	(600)
Governance Costs	(100)	-	-	(100)	(100)
Other	(1,232)	-	-	(1,232)	(1,018)
Major expenditure					
Repairs to church buildings	-	-	-	-	(12,234)
Repairs to other property	-	-	-	-	-
Capital purchases/additions	-	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>(30,770)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(2,483)</b>	<b>(33,253)</b>	<b>(49,581)</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) of Receipts over payments</b>	<b>(4,304)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(125)</b>	<b>(4,429)</b>	<b>(17,262)</b>
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
	(4,304)	-	(125)	(4,429)	(17,262)
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 Jan (Actual Balance)	39,683	-	22,594	62,277	79,539
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec (Actual Balance)	35,379	-	22,469	57,848	62,277

**St Augustine's Church, West Monkton**  
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**Statement of assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2021**

	<u>2020</u>	2019
<u>Cash Funds</u>	£	£
Bank Current Accounts	6610	11067
Churchyard Current Accounts		
CBF Deposit Account	4	4
CBF Deposit Fabrics - Designated	2426	2424
CBF Deposit Fabric Fund	30848	30832
CBF Deposit Burial Ground Restricted	17959	17949
	57847	62276
42.02 Shares CBF re Churchyard - Restricted	860	860
	58707	63136
General Account	11650	15963
Fabric Account	20748	22018
Churchyard Account 42.02 shares (see below)	860	860
Churchyard Account	7490	6346
Churchyard Legacy Account (note 3 below)	17959	17949
	58707	63136

**NOTES :**

West Monkton Parochial Church Council receives income from two investments controlled by the Bath & Wells Board of Finance as custodian trustees as follows:

**246 CBF shares** in account 101001530S representing the capital sale proceeds of the 1983 disposal Bathpool Iron Room . The capital is not expendable but the income is available to the PCC for the Maintenance of West Monkton churchyard.

**186 shares** in account 101001573S representing the legacy left in the will of Mr JP Barnicott who died in 1989. The will provides that the money should be held by the BOARD upon trust to pay the income to the PCC of West Monkton Church for the maintenance of the Church and churchyard parish office so long as my grave and that of my Sister Dorothy Kathleen Barnicott are kept in good order and repair and on breach of this condition then both capital and income for the general purposes of the Board.

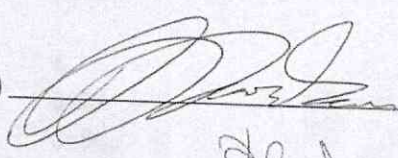
**42.02 shares** are held in account 601122001S by the CCLA, these are revalued every six months but no adjustment is made in the cash accounts for the change, hence why the assets may be higher than the cash at bank and in hand figures. These shares pay interest which is credited to the bank account and allocated to the Churchyard.

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 following assets are recognized but not necessarily valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities: Movable church furnishings held by the Church Wardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal.
3. The Churchyard Legacy account allows the income there from to finance churchyard expenditure as required but the capital is only to be used in exceptional circumstances as determined by the Rector and Churchwardens.

Approved by the PCC on 15/3/22


and signed on their behalf by:

Mr Andrew Davidson (PCC Chair)



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Mr David Cooke (PCC Treasurer)



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Enclosure 1 to  
Leddy/IE/WestMonkton  
Dated 12 February 22

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S UNQUALIFIED REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE  
WEST MONKTON PCC**

I report on the accounts of the West Monkton PCC for the 12 months ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021, which are set on pages 1 to 2.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner**

As trustees of the charity, the members of the West Monkton PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The members of the PCC consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an IE is needed. The Charity is preparing Receipts and Payments Accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA).

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit and is eligible for IE, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Charities Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the CC under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Charities Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the CC. 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 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.


**Independent Examiner's unqualified statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below) in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- a. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the West Monkton PCC as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- b. The accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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12 February 2022