

ANNUAL REPORT

2020

DEANE PARISH CHURCH & ST ANDREW'S, OVER HULTON



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TEAM RECTORS REPORT | by TERRY CLARK

One of the better kings of Israel in Old Testament times was Jehoshaphat. You can read about him in 2 Chronicles chapters 17-20. The surrounding nations were ganging up on God's people and we read that *'The people of Judah came together to seek help from the Lord; indeed they came from every town in Judah to seek him'* (2 Chron 20:4).

Jehoshaphat stood before the assembled people and prayed to God, including these words *"If calamity comes upon us, whether the sword of judgment, or plague or famine, we will stand in your presence before this temple that bears your name and will cry out to you in our distress, and you will hear us and save us."* (20:9)

God's Old Covenant people, in special relationship with him, were looked after by God... as long as they trusted him. Us New Covenant people of God, Christians, have an even closer relationship with God, having God's Holy Spirit within each of us. Something that I've noticed across our Deane Church and Lostock Church fellowship this past year is that despite, or maybe because of, the pandemic and various levels of lockdown, the seeking

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Prayer

after God and the prayer temperature have gone up. One sign of this was the fantastic response to the Prayer Challenge last April-May. Another was the wonderful response to the Discipleship Challenge last Autumn, people from both churches, getting stuck in to weekly Bible study, fellowship and prayer. I know that there are those who cannot easily join a group online but who have continued through 2020 with their personal Bible reading and prayer times.

As churches, and of course we are not on our own in this, it has been a struggle not seeing our brothers and sisters in Christ, not being able to take part in Holy Communion, not being able to have a chat over coffee. And even when we got church services in the buildings up and running again, we were not able to sing! Just when we most needed our church family, we were not able to meet up, and as we go into 2021 some are still not able to return to in-person services. And even those of us who are, have to wear masks and socially distance etc. A long way from normal.

I am immensely grateful to all of you who went the extra mile in 2020 to provide pastoral, and often very practical, care for members of church and the wider community. The love and care shown has been impressive.

Jehoshaphat goes on in his prayer to say to God “***...we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.***” (20:12). For many (all?) in 2020 there were times when we didn’t know what to do. Covid fears. Bleak news every day. Forced isolation. One person whose husband had recently died said to me “I can’t grieve properly”. And as the pandemic, and lock-down rules, have gone on, many have just become fatigued, even

overwhelmed, by it all. What to do? Well, the answer is the same as in Jehoshaphat's day: "our eyes are on the Lord".



"OUR EYES
ARE ON YOU."

Reading on in chapter 20, God spoke through a prophet to the Israelites ***"This is what the LORD says to you: "Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's."*** (20:15). King and people worshipped God. Songs of praise were sung. And the army went out to meet the enemies saying ***"Give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever."*** (20:21). The enemies were completely defeated without a single Israelite casualty! Jehoshaphat and the army returned to Jerusalem and went straight to the temple ***'with harps, lutes and trumpets.'***! (20:28).

This same God protects and provides for his people today. This same God hears and answers our prayers today. This same God meets us in

Jesus Christ and, as I said recently in a sermon, as we bring our suffering to the foot of the Cross, it's often from the depths of OUR suffering that the sufferings of Christ FOR US have most significance.



Pulling out of Covid and lockdown will not be a sudden event but a long-term process. Pulling our church family back together again to

enjoy fellowship will also be a longer-term process, but we'll get there! The key thing is keeping our eyes on the Lord.

For Deane Church family, there have been sadnesses in 2020, but there have also been encouragements, some of which I have mentioned above. I could also mention the encouragement of the youthwork under Daniel's leadership, the Sunday@4 all-age services since September, and at the end of 2020 (in fact the week before Christmas!) being able to finalise Josh's three days a week placement with us as he trains for ordained ministry.

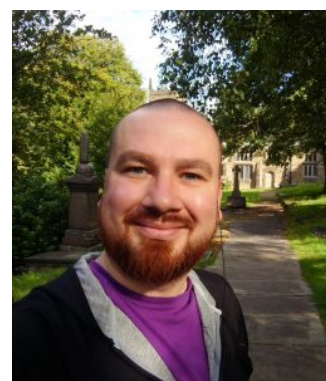
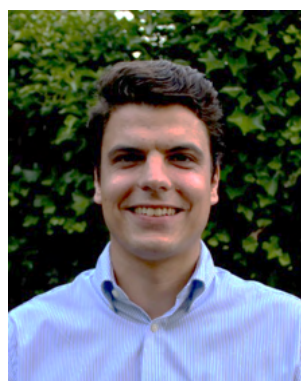
As ever, a big thank you from me to and for the Deane Church staff team and church officers, for all their hard work for us in 2020.

Friends, let us keep the momentum. Let's keep our eyes on Jesus. The challenges ahead may seem great but ***“Do not be afraid or discouraged... for the battle is not yours, but God's.”***

Bless you.

DEANE CHURCH STAFF TEAM AND OFFICERS |

(As at 31st December 2020)



Top row (from left to right): Rev'd Terry Clark (Team Rector), Rev'd Ben Wilkinson (Curate), Rev'd Elizabeth Plant (Assistant Minister), Daniel Booth (Youth Pastor)

Bottom row (from left to right): Beccy Clark (Administrator & DCC member (from October 2020) (Deanery Synod rep until Oct 2020), Sheri Taylor (Mission Partnership Administrator - Deane and Lostock), Jane Hampson (Church Warden & CAP Life Skills Manager), Heath Taylor (Church Warden & DCC Lay Chair)

Not pictured: Nicola List (Deane Church Shop Manager), Bryan Shephard (PCC & DCC Secretary, Verger and Churchyard Administrator), Paula Small (Safeguarding Officer & Deanery Synod rep)

Members of Deane Church Council (not listed above) elected at the annual meeting on 19th October 2020:

Chris Limpach, Fiona Limpach, Christine McWilliam, Margaret Rutter (Electoral Roll Officer), (Ian Hampson, co-opted as DCC Treasurer)

CURATE REPORT | by BEN WILKINSON



It has been a great blessing to share in the service of the Lord Jesus at Deane in the turbulent year of 2020. In many ways our church ministry and parish evangelism changed beyond recognition, with so much moving online. On the other hand, the heart of our ministry of growing together in our relationship with God and being used by him to bring his salvation to others has been ever present.

An evangelistic initiative that reached many hundreds of people, including a number in our local parishes was the 18 week series “Walking with Jesus through Coronavirus – A Journey in Mark’s Gospel”, uploaded on YouTube and shared on Facebook during the first national lockdown.



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It was a delight to see many church members sharing God's word of love and hope boldly with friends and family. Another highlight in online evangelism was our Christmas ministry on Facebook and YouTube, aimed at our local parishes.



In our newly developed online Sunday services, as well as at times when we were allowed to meet in the building, God's word remained central as we preached on Ecclesiastes, the

Acts of the Apostles and the Psalms.

Our small groups of Bible study, prayer and fellowship moved online, grew and developed during 2020. As a result of increased training and support for new and existing leaders, the number of Bible study group leaders across Deane and Lostock churches increased from 6 to 17. By the end of 2020 around 90 church members were meeting weekly for Bible



Discipleship Groups

If you would like to join one of our midweek discipleship groups or would like further information please contact the office, Terry or Ben.

Our groups will be studying 1, 2 & 3 John up until Easter.

studies in 1 Thessalonians. I have been so thankful to God that he was sustained our fellowship and even helped the ministry of Jesus to grow during lockdown. I am praying that, as a result, we will be equipped to serve him in new ways in 2021.

I have continued my occasional involvement with the youth group, with mentoring our youth pastor, as well as with funeral and bereavement ministry. Sadly, the baptism, thanksgiving and wedding I had planned were postponed due to the pandemic.

As a family we have continued to enjoy the children's ministry at Deane, whether through Junior Church before lockdown, our YouTube all-age service during lockdown, or our Sunday @ 4 gatherings since September. It has been a blessing to join with many other families and to hear of children and parents alike growing in their faith as a result of this ministry.



ASSISTANT MINISTER'S REPORT |
by ELIZABETH PLANT



2020 was a year like no other for me, as for the rest of mankind!

“Normal service” ended halfway through March after I presided at the 10.45 communion at which we presented Alice Moone with flowers and a gift to mark her 90th birthday and to thank her for all she had done behind the scenes at Deane for many decades.

Until then I had continued with regularly leading and sometimes preaching at the 9am communion service and occasionally at 10.45. But lockdown changed everything. Clergy over the age of 70 were strongly discouraged, all but forbidden, leading any form of public worship including taking funerals. It was a great sadness that I was therefore unable to take the funerals of Jim Boydell, Irene Ashley and Hilda Collier, all long-term members of Deane Church.

Church services in church were halted between March and the end of July. During that period, I led two reflections online for Good Friday and Ascension Day. But my main ministry throughout the pandemic and continuing today is pastoral. There are over 30 people with whom I have maintained contact at least once a fortnight or so, generally by phone, but sometimes by text or the sending of cards. A few of these people are now housebound. Some are in care homes. Many have felt very lonely and isolated and continue to do so. It has been a privilege to share God's love with them and see how many respond with love for others in the church family and the wider community.

I was very pleased when services were able to restart in the second half of July. The 9 o'clock congregation, most of whom are over 70, came back in force, except for a few who have health issues. I lead and preside on most Sundays while Terry or Ben preach either in person or on video. There have usually been just over 20 present most Sundays. It has surprised many that the 9 o'clockers have embraced all the changes necessary to enable a communion service to go ahead. All this has been an answer to prayer.

Many of the pre-lockdown activities in which I was involved in such as the cafe, had to stop. The Ladies outing to the National Memorial Arboretum and Lichfield was cancelled. There was no trip to the Manchester Christmas Market.



In the Autumn the home groups were rebooted as Discipleship Challenge. I, with Beccy's help, was able to set up a group of eight ladies who meet weekly by using landlines in a conference call. It is a wonderful time when we can talk over the Bible with one another and share prayer needs for ourselves and others.

In Advent I produced the first of a series of advent reflections for Deane and Lostock. And on December 20th I preached for the first time for several months at the 9am service.



My hope and prayer is that life will return to 'normal' for all of us and that I will be given the health and strength to serve God and the people of Deane (*in a retired capacity!*) for some years to come.



YOUTH PASTOR REPORT | by DANIEL BOOTH

In January the position went from part-time to full time. The areas to develop with the extra hours are school work, 1 to 1 mentoring and outreach work.

January | February

- Sunday night youth club continued for year 6 – 13 from 7pm to 9pm. This consisted of a Bible study and making our own food.
- 1 to 1 work started with 5 young people. This was a 1hr session with a Bible study and pastoral care.
- I also started a social media account on Instagram, 'youth.deanechurch' as a way to update and share what we have been doing. (I am new to this and still learning).

March | June

The position was furloughed due to the coronavirus and lockdown. Due to the restrictions of furlough, I was unable to do anything that would normally be considered part of my job description.



July

- The Youth Pastor role was reinstated to part-time with lockdown restrictions eased.
- Although we couldn't meet in groups, we were able to meet in back gardens. I started 'back yard Bible studies'. There was an adult/parent/guardian at home to ensure safeguarding. This allowed me to offer 1 to 1 pastoral care and a tailored Bible study.
- Every young people was gifted a Soul Survivor Youth Bible from the church.



August | December

- Due to a rise in coronavirus cases, Bolton went into full lockdown in August.
- I was able to setup the Sunday night youth club online. This entailed dropping off Online Consent Forms for all the young people. We also delivered more Youth Bibles to those that I hadn't seen in July.
- The online youth groups were split:
 - Year 6 – 8 (7pm – 9pm)
 - Year 9 – 13 (8:15pm – 9:15pm)

The groups offer pastoral care, but is primarily a Bible study group.

The sessions start with the young people sharing their highlights and challenges from the week, we then pray to give thanks to God for the highlights and help for the challenges.

We do also have time to play online games and every so often we have a social night where we just play games.

In September, we had 5 young people from year 6 join the Sunday night sessions.

Year 6 – 8 have been doing a Bible overview, starting with Genesis, covering Creation and Noah.

Year 9-13 have been doing an extended 4 points gospel which covers; God loves me, I have sinned, Jesus died for me, I need to decide to live for God.

The online youth work has led to more young people being able to regularly attend on a Sunday evening. The year 6-8 group has grown since moving online and the year 9+ group has been consistent throughout.

The online sessions still need an assistant leader which have been covered mainly by Kath Dacey and Chris Limpach. Their work and input have been of great value to the sessions. Ben Wilkinson and Lynn Taite have also offered cover.



CHURCH WARDEN'S REPORT | by JANE HAMPSON & HEATH TAYLOR



Once again, we note our sense of privilege in serving God and the Church here at Deane as stewards of this magnificent historic building. Our last Quinquennial Inspection took place in November 2017. The report advises on the structural condition of the building. We continue to implement the recommendations of the report as and when we can.



Due to the pandemic and the closure of the building a number of issues have been delayed. However, since January we have been able to organise some essential repairs which we are sharing in this report although technically they fall into the year 2020.

In early January 21 we had the **access road to the graveyard** repaired by a local builder as a number of large pot holes were causing concern to local residents.

We are thankful that an **LED lighting** expert has replaced a number of lighting units and that the building is now beautifully lit. This work was all donated for which we are most grateful.

In February 21, we had a Historical Building conservation specialist carry out an initial inspection of roofing and pointing issues that are causing problems with water ingress in the Church building. At the time of writing, we are yet to receive the report back with the findings and recommendations. We hope to be able to report on this in next year's report.

As always, we are very thankful to Bryan Shephard who does an excellent job of keeping the paths, KK section and the Garden of Remembrance, clear and accessible to visitors. Thanks also go to those who have helped with some fly tipping issues on the Memorial Hall car park and to those who recently helped us following the theft of a large number of York stone slabs from the churchyard path. This has now been repaired and is looking the best that it has in years.

We are indebted to Keith, a member of our local community, who continues to regularly clear the brambles in the front churchyard.

An inventory is kept of all the silver and valuable items owned by the church. The majority of the silverware is kept in a safe deposit box in the Royal Bank of Scotland in Bolton.

Buildings and Employees' liability insurance has been maintained through Ecclesiastical Insurance Ltd who we were able to support our claim for the church path repairs.

We have now received our Year 2 grant monies from The Joseph Rank Trust which is enabling us to continue to employ our Youth Pastor. As this post has been furloughed for a part of this last year the post will be extended at the end of the 3 years. This continues to be a priority ministry in Deane Church and it is encouraging to see that our Youth Groups have been able to continue despite the impact of lockdown.

Finally, we would like to convey our sincere thanks to all the assistant wardens, sidesmen and sides women who have assisted us during the past year at our Sunday services and to those who have helped in many ways especially in cleaning and maintaining the building.





DISTRICT CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT (DCC) ST MARY'S DEANE | by BRYAN SHEPHERD

DCC Report for the Year 01/01/2020 – 31/12/2020

The District Church Council comprises of the 7 elected representatives as appointed at the APCM (1 vacancy), 2 Church Wardens, the elected Synod Representatives, plus co-opted members which include the Curate and OLM. It is chaired by the Rev'd Terry Clark with an appointed Lay Chair being Heath Taylor.

Meetings always commence with a Bible Study, a time of prayer and also the sharing of encouragements for matters that have happened since the committee last convened and for which we can thank God. The DCC endeavours to act with a duty of responsibility and prayerfully seeks God's guidance on a whole range of matters.

The Standing Committee under the chair of Jane Hampson reports to the DCC. The committee ensures good stewardship is maintained and any important decisions are tabled at the full DCC where members can vote. At each meeting the Treasurer also provides an update on the Church finances and will make recommendations as appropriate for agreement by the DCC to any actions that are required.

The DCC met 4 times during the year, 3 of which via Zoom due to the ongoing pandemic impacting the ability to meet in person. The DCC have overseen actions/progress being made on:

- Church Lighting with actions in place for the current lighting to be replaced.
 - Fly tipping in the churchyard car park has been a recurring problem
 - Church Shop although it has been closed for periods through the year, maintenance work has been undertaken and internal improvements made.
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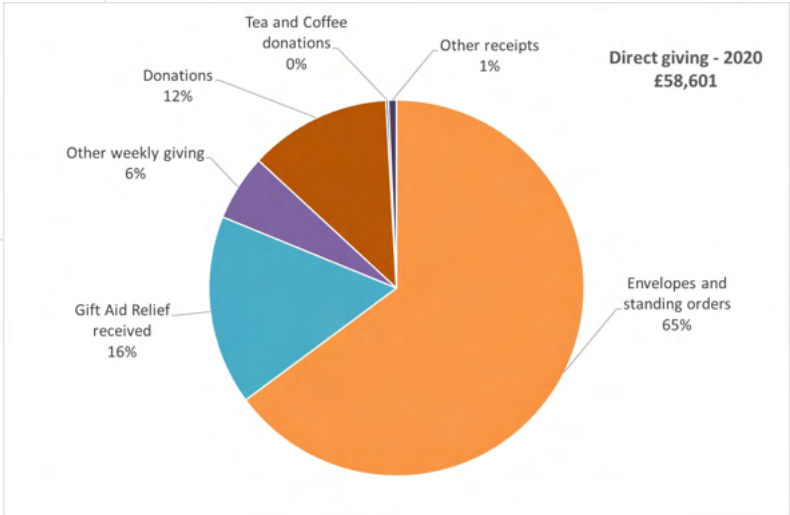
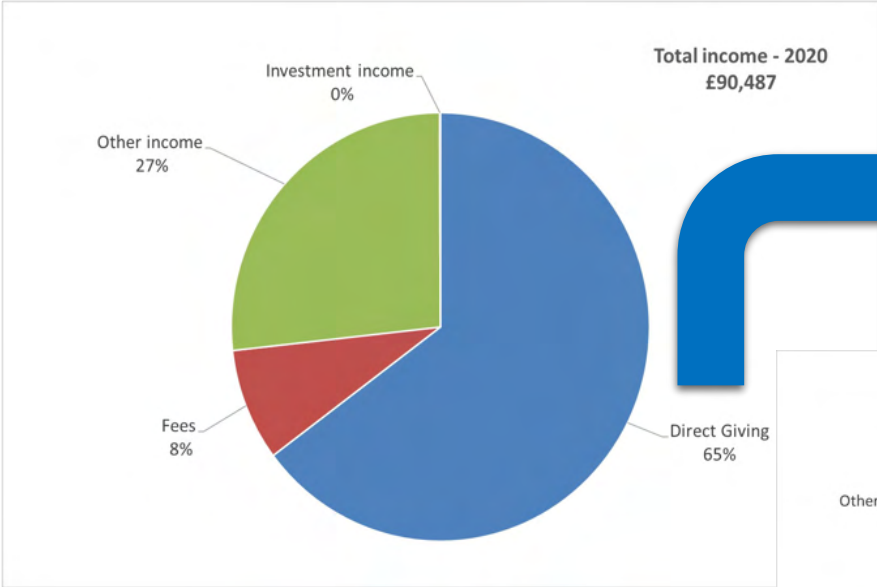
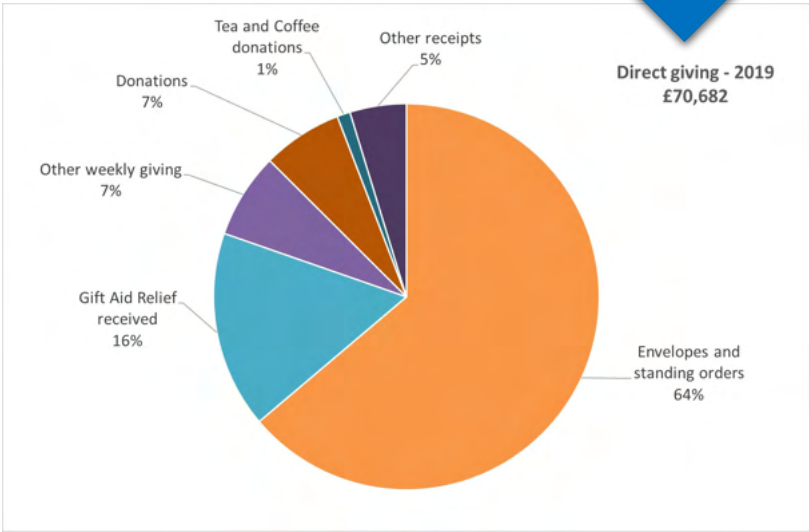
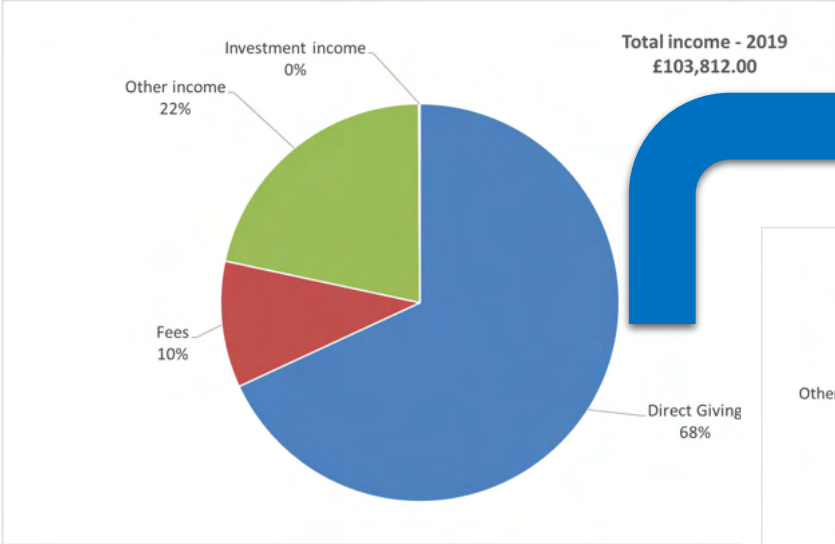
DEANE CHILD PROTECTION REPORT | by PAULA SMALL

The current pandemic has influenced most activities including work with children and vulnerable adults. Face to face training hasn't been possible to complete but hopefully will recommence this year.

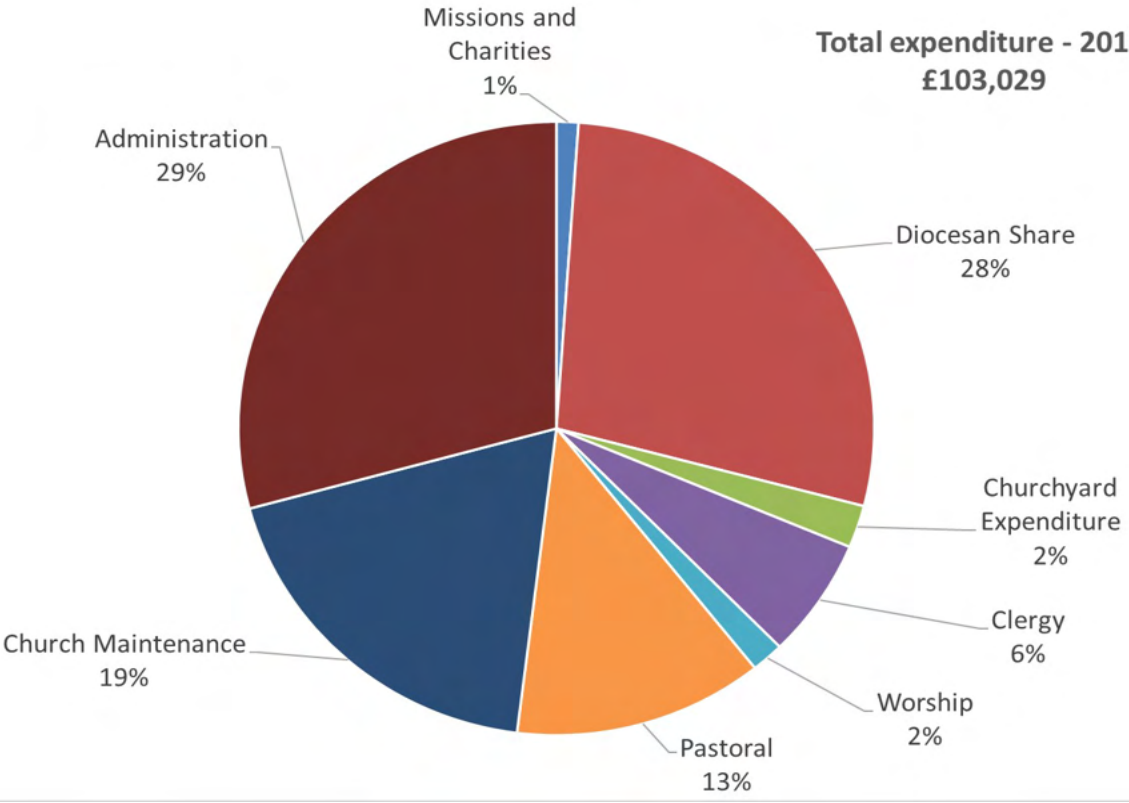
All volunteers currently working with children and young people have an up to date DBS certificate and we will renew our efforts of having two references on record for all volunteers. Safeguarding training will be emailed out to all current volunteers to be completed before groups restart.

Hopefully we will be able to offer first aid training this year so that all accidental needs can be attended to safely. We are also hoping to complete statements of practice for all groups as soon as we can safely meet up to do this.

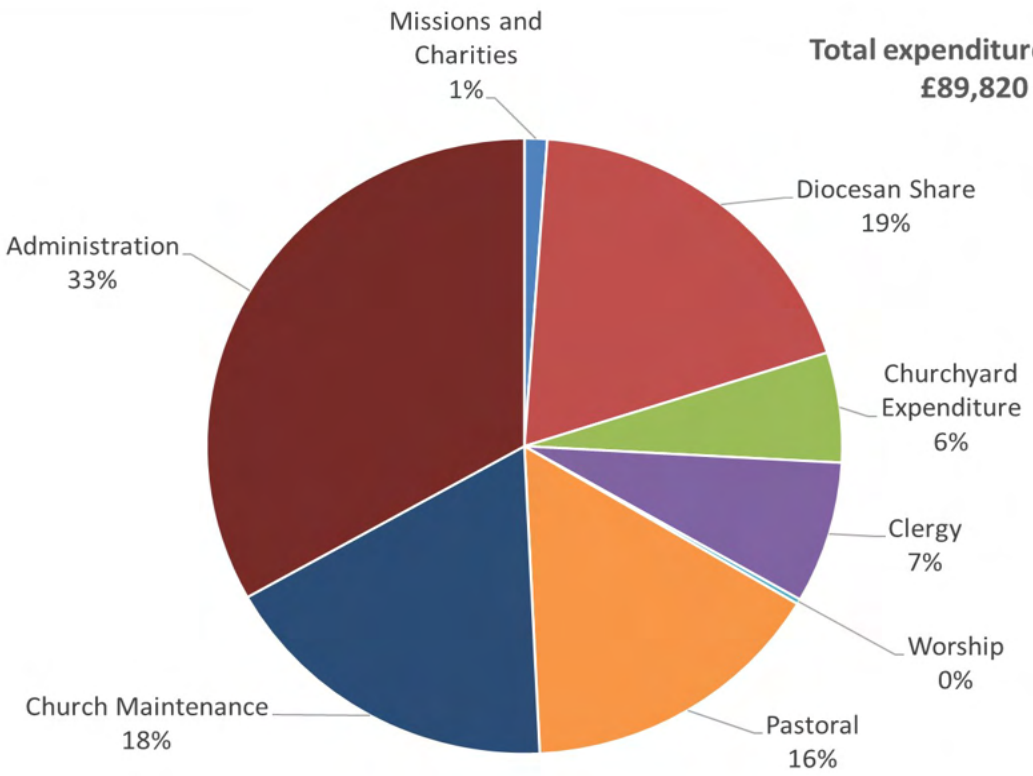
DEANE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS |



**Total expenditure - 2019
£103,029**



**Total expenditure - 2020
£89,820**



The graphs on the previous pages show income and expenditure for the year ending 31st December 2020 and a comparison to the year ending 31st December 2019.

We note the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on income, with a reduction in total income in 2020, particularly through direct giving from envelopes and Standing Orders. Whilst as a percentage of overall direct giving this has remained constant, the total amount received has decreased. We are very grateful to those who have continued to give in this way, despite not being able to be in the church building for much of 2020.

The reduction in the amount of Parish Share paid in 2020 is a reflection of overall reduced income due to the impact of COVID-19.

It should be noted that in line with DCC decision that Legacies received should be allocated to a Restricted Fund, legacies received in the year of £32,712 (2019 - £25,378) have been shown on the Balance Sheet as "LEGACY RESTRICTED FUNDS" with a summary of movements on page 32 of this report (page 4 of the accounts).

The increase in profit for Deane Church Shop, despite being closed for much of 2020, is a result of Government grant funding made available to non-essential retail stores that have been forced to close during the pandemic.

We have been able to claim furlough funding for the Deane Church Shop Manager, Youth Pastor and Mission Partnership Administrator (Deane and Lostock) for various periods during 2020 when those staff have been unable to carry out their roles.

Administration expenditure includes the salary for the Mission Partnership Administrator based at St Andrew's and St Bede's as we administer the grant funding. The grant funding for this post ends in 2021.

The full figures for the Deane Parish Church accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 are available below.

**DEANE PARISH CHURCH
ST MARY'S
INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
DIRECT GIVING:				
Envelopes and standing orders	38,000		45,109	
Gift Aid Relief received	9,565		11,665	
Other weekly giving	3,340		5,045	
Donations	7,168		4,741	
Tea and Coffee donations	132		779	
Other receipts	395		3,344	
		58,601		70,682
FEES:				
Weddings/Funerals and Blessings		7,678		10,667
OTHER INCOME				
The Sir James and Lady Scott Trust Grant		0		934
Ministry Transition Support Grant		7,608		8,645
Youth Pastor Funding		13,631		10,910
Church Centre and Café Income		166		486
Deane Church Shop Profit		2,753		1,399
		90,437		103,723
INVESTMENT INCOME		50		89
TOTAL INCOME		90,487		103,812
EXPENDITURE - see page 2		-89,820		-103,030
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		667		782

Note

In line with DCC decision that Legacies received should be allocated to a Restricted Fund, legacies received in the year of £32,712 (2019 - £25,378) have been shown on the Balance Sheet as "LEGACY RESTRICTED FUNDS" with a summary of movements on page 4.

**DEANE PARISH CHURCH
ST MARY'S
EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
MISSIONS AND CHARITIES:				
Christian Giving Programme		1,035		1,150
DIOCESAN SHARE		17,000		28,800
CHURCHYARD EXPENDITURE		5,189		2,305
CLERGY:				
Expenses	2,904		2,920	
Telephone	984		820	
Accommodation - Rates and Water	2,797		2,748	
		6,685		6,488
WORSHIP:				
Organist & Bellringing	80		1,050	
Verger	156		663	
		236		1,713
PASTORAL:				
Youth Pastor	12,551		10,910	
Youth Club and Youth Pastor expenses	1,080		620	
CAP Courses and Training	0		934	
Books, etc	439		637	
		14,070		13,101
CHURCH MAINTENANCE:				
Insurance	7,107		6,233	
Heat and Light	3,282		4,118	
Organ repairs and maintenance	264		792	
Repairs and renewals	1,448		2,899	
Church Centre overheads	3,720		5,343	
		15,821		19,385
ADMINISTRATION:				
Administrator & Pension costs	14,430		13,962	
Mission Partnership Administrators	7,608		8,645	
Telephone	1,238		793	
Accountancy	360		720	
Staff Training	0		227	
Tea and Coffee supplies	0		416	
Miscellaneous	553		756	
Software and licences	3,104		1,726	
Postage, stationery and copier	2,492		2,842	
		29,785		30,087
		<u>89,820</u>		<u>103,029</u>

**DEANE PARISH CHURCH
ST MARY'S
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020**

		2020	2019
	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS:			
Deane Church Centre - St Mary's School House		305,147	305,147
INVESTMENTS HELD BY DIOCESE			
		101	101
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE - PCC	6,188		6,185
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE	762		758
CASH AT BANK - PCC	77,322		38,204
DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS - see page 4	<u>1,225</u>		<u>1,780</u>
	85,497		46,928
CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS - see page 4	<u>-3,657</u>		<u>-2,914</u>
		<u>81,840</u>	<u>44,014</u>
		<u><u>387,087</u></u>	<u><u>349,262</u></u>
REPRESENTED BY :			
RESTRICTED FUNDS - see page 4		308,637	308,637
YOUTH PASTOR DESIGNATED FUNDS - see page 4		36,798	28,311
LEGACY RESTRICTED FUNDS - see page 4		28,921	250
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS - see page 4		<u>12,731</u>	<u>12,064</u>
		<u><u>387,087</u></u>	<u><u>349,262</u></u>

**DEANE PARISH CHURCH
ST MARY'S
SUMMARY OF FUNDS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	2020 £	2019 £
DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS:		
Shop rent deposit	1200	1200
Shop float	25	25
Churchdesk software licence prepaid	0	555
	1,225	1,780
CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS:		
Staff pension accrued contributions	0	126
Accrued expense	3,657	2,786
	3,657	2,912
RESTRICTED FUNDS:		
Building - Fabric Fund - no movement	655	655
Church property - no movement	307,982	307,982
	308,637	308,637
YOUTH PASTOR DESIGNATED FUND:		
Opening Balance	28,311	10,000
Joseph Rank Trust Grant	13,500	0
Youth Pastor Fund Pledges	4,577	4,093
Youth Pastor Costs for the Year	-13,631	-10,910
Transfer from Legacy Funds	4,041	25,128
	36,798	28,311
<p>The DCC agreed that £4,041 of Legacy Funds received in the year to 31st December 2020 should be allocated to the Youth Pastor Designated Fund. The balance of the fund at 31st December 2020 together with further pledges and £27,000 of Grants receivable from The Joseph Rank Trust will finance the full time employment of a Youth Pastor till at least October 2023.</p>		
LEGACY RESTRICTED FUNDS:		
Opening Balance	250	0
Legacies Received	32,712	25,378
Youth Pastor Annual Funding - transfer to designated fund	-4,041	-25,128
Closing Balance	28,921	250
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS:		
Opening Balance	12,064	11,282
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	667	782
	12,731	12,064

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TEAM VICAR'S REPORT | by REV'D VINNY WHITWORTH



“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” (John 1:5).

2020 will be a year that will never be forgotten, as our lives have been turned upside down by Covid-19. It has been a dark and difficult year for us all in many different ways; some of us have lost loved ones who have died from Covid-19, families have been unable to say goodbye to their loved ones or grieve properly, many of us have been impacted financially, with people losing their jobs or even their businesses, and all of us have suffered from the profound effects of lockdown.

Covid-19 has also brought challenges to us at St Andrews. For the first time in our history, we were ordered to close the church building and in 2020 we were unable to meet in person for 5 months. Some of our congregation have not been able to set foot in church for nearly a year now. Our worship has dramatically changed with the restrictions in place and we long for the day when we can all sing songs of praise to God again in church. Many of our ministries such as Tiny Tots, our children's ministry and Open Door have had to stop or been severely impacted by the restrictions that are in place.

In our very 1st online service on the 22nd March 2020, I quoted the above verse from John 1:5 which in many ways for me sums up 2020.

The light shines
in the darkness,
*and the darkness
has not overcome it.*

-John 1:5



The Covid-19 crisis has been a dark moment in our history, yet the light of Christ still shines bright; bringing hope and life to all.

Our church building at St Andrews may have been closed for 5 months, yet we – the people of St Andrews – are the church – and it has been a privilege to see how Jesus has been at work amongst us despite all the challenges we have faced

and how our ministry at St Andrews has grown in ways we never would have anticipated.

Our online presence has grown tremendously; we very quickly developed online services so we could continue to worship in our own homes that hundreds of people have engaged with over the year including people beyond our own community. We now have a weekly e-mail newsletter where people can keep in touch with what is happening at St Andrews.

We engaged in new ways of mission and evangelism; as we supported the 'Believe in Bolton' evangelistic event which took place in May, where over 2,000 people heard the Gospel in a live-streamed event which featured a former member of St Andrews, Jill Duff, who is now Bishop of Lancaster.

Believe in Bolton Mission Evening
Saturday 16th May at 7:30 p.m.



Most exciting of all; in October after a few false starts, we finally established our new youth group, the KTJC (Keep Trusting Jesus Community) group, under the amazing leadership of Emma Bonfield, our Children Changing Places Worker, which has flourished and grown and we were blessed by our youth group who recorded a nativity for us at Christmas. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it!

Furthermore, it has been inspirational to see the light of Christ has been evident in our actions as a church community as we have sought to reflect the light of Christ to our local community and beyond through the Covid-19 crisis. We have cared for one another as a church community; delivering gifts throughout the year to those unable to come to church, such as daffodil bunches, palm crosses, harvest gifts and even nativity sets and Christingles at Christmas which have brought hope and joy into people's homes and it has been humbling to see how people have stayed in touch with one another via phone calls.



We have continued to demonstrate the light of Christ to those in need; particularly through our continued partnership with Urban Outreach. Every Tuesday our church car park has become a food donation drop off point for Storehouse; and we have received huge amounts of donations from both church members and people from our wider local community and a huge thank you to Sam Lancaster and Derek Millward for overseeing this. In November, together with St Bedes, we had an amazing response to our Christmas Dinner on Jesus campaign, donating 1,300 boxes of mince pies to bless local families at Christmas. We continued to develop our work with our other mission partners, including International Aid Trust and Church Army.

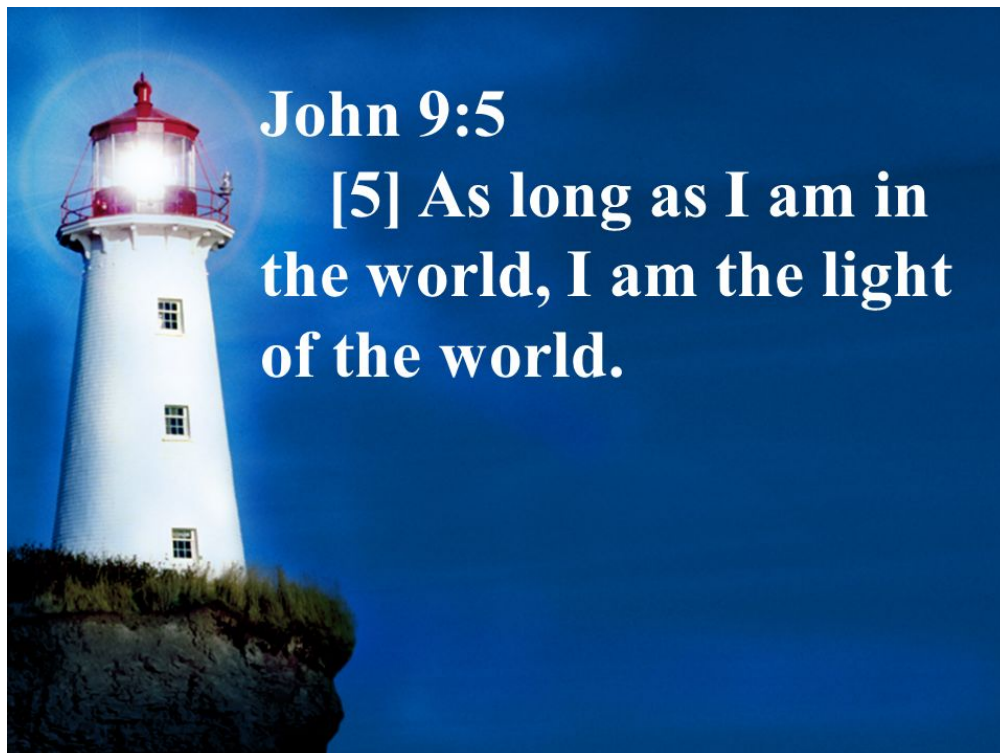
In what has been such a challenging year, we give thanks that Jesus has been at work in us as we have been a beacon of light to our community and beyond.



2020 has been a time of change for us in terms of our leadership. Eileen Brockbank stepped down as Warden and Brian Whittle stepped down as DCC Treasurer. Eileen and Brian have been wonderful servants of St Andrews and I personally am so grateful to them for the way they have led St Andrews over the last few years. However, it is wonderful to see new people taking up leadership positions; with Glynn Heywood taking up the role of warden, who alongside Martin Spielmann, have done an amazing job this year in overseeing the practical side of the church and ensuring that St Andrews is 'Covid-secure'. On behalf of St Andrews I want to thank Glynn and Martin for their ministry amongst us. We also welcomed John Tomlinson as DCC treasurer who has already brought us into the 21st century with bringing in online banking to the way we handle our finances.

As always, I am very grateful to our growing ministry team at St Andrews who lead services and preach God's word. I am particularly grateful for the continued ministry of Rev'd Julia Davies, Canon Tony Butterworth and Rev'd Dan Connolly who have been involved in leading both services in church and online. In June we sadly said farewell to Ian and Layna Fleming as Ian left to begin his curacy at Holcombe and Hawkshaw and we continue to uphold them in our prayers.

As we look forward, there are still many challenges ahead as we look to 2021. Even if, as we all pray and hope, the Covid-19 crisis will be brought under control, I sense there is much rebuilding that needs to take place in our lives and in our wider community. Yet Jesus remains the light of the world (John 9:5) and I believe God will continue to call us here at St Andrews to bring the light of Christ into our dark world today. Are we ready and willing to step up and be ready to bring light to our broken world?



ST ANDREW'S TEAM & OFFICERS | *as at 31st December 2020*



Top row (from left to right): Rev'd Vinny Whitworth (Team Vicar), Canon Tony Butterworth (Retired Clergy), Rev'd Julia Davies (OLM Retired)

Bottom row (from left to right): Martin Spielmann* (ChurchWarden), Glynn Heywood* (ChurchWarden), Emma Bonfield (Children / Youth work (1 day per week))

Not pictured: Rev'd Dan Connolly (Retired clergy), Barbara Wilson (Reader Emeritus), Elaine Almond (Mission Partnership Administrator - St Andrew's and St Bede's), Victoria Dewhurst (Safeguarding Officer)

Members of St Andrew's Church Council (not named above*)
elected at the annual meeting on 19th October 2020:

Stuart Braddock, Eileen Brockbank, Kathryn Campbell, Christine Grime (Deanery Synod rep), Kuez Heywood (PCC Lay Chair), Jennifer Lancaster (DCC Secretary), Aileen McDonald (Deanery Synod rep), Andrew Parkinson, Julia Taylor, John Tomlinson (DCC Treasurer), Rob Walsh (Deanery Synod rep)

ST ANDREW'S APCM WARDENS REPORT |

The year 2020 was characterised for all of us by the Covid-19 pandemic. During the first lockdown the church building was closed from March 2020 till 12.7.2020. On line services and zoom meetings meant that we were still able to worship and have fellowship together, albeit not in the church building.

Tony and Josie Butterworth produced a daily on line "thought for the day" which was sent out by e-mail and was very much appreciated.

Kwez launched a weekly zoom quiz to which all were welcome. Our Wednesday evenings have been greatly enjoyed and a big thank you to Aileen, too, for deputising regularly as quizmaster.

In preparation for the re-opening of the church building in July 2020 Covid safety measures were put into place (such as spaced-out seating and hand sanitisers). When services resumed, it was decided to have one Sunday morning service at 10.45 hours for which a booking system was introduced, to manage numbers. In addition, the Thursday 10 am communion service and the Sunday 6.30 pm recommenced as well.

The church roof has finally been repaired thanks to the tireless efforts of Alan, Sam and Stuart. We can now apply to install a new suspended ceiling with better lighting and insulation. A new audio visual (AV)

system was installed in the middle of 2020. This considerably improved the quality of the text and pictures on screen.

Since most of the people on our church cleaning rota were in the older age group and therefore more vulnerable to Covid, the DCC decided to engage someone to take over the task of cleaning the church. This task was taken up by a lady from our church and we are very grateful for all her hard work.



We want to thank the flower team for the wonderful floral displays which they provided whenever the church was open. Our thanks also go out to all those who donate to the flower fund.

We had two diseased trees cut down from the church property adjacent to the A6 to prevent the risk of an accident should they fall.

Due to the restrictions imposed on us by the government, none of the groups which normally used the church rooms were able to use our facilities. This not only reduced our income but also increased the isolation of the people who normally attend these groups.

The church AGM took place via zoom on 19.10.2020. Eileen Brockbank then formally stood down as church warden. We want to thank her for all her hard work over the last few years, especially during the interregnum. Glynn Heywood was duly elected as church warden in her place and we are very grateful to him for taking on the responsibility.

We would like to thank Jean Connell for providing the church with a Vicars past and present notice board which is now displayed in the entrance area.

As wardens we would also like to thank Vinny and all the other service leaders for coping so well in a difficult year, with all the new skills demanded of them!

DISTRICT CHURCH COUNCILS REPORT | by JENNIFER LANCASTER

The District Church Council of St Andrew's has met seven times during 2020 with the Standing Committee meeting on five further occasions. Only the first meeting on 3rd February was in the church premises and the remainder were via Zoom. We have been fortunate that the majority of the members were able to attend in this way and that the pandemic has had no detrimental effect on discussions and decisions.

We comprise of two wardens, Glynn Heywood (who took over from Eileen Brockbank at the AGM in October) and Martin Spielmann. John Tomlinson took over as treasurer from Brian Whittle also at the AGM. We have three Synod Representatives: Aileen McDonald, Rob Walsh and Chris Grime. Other members are: Kwez Heywood, Kathryn Campbell, Julia Taylor, Stuart Braddock, Andrew Parkinson and Eileen Brockbank (who remained on the committee).

Meetings are led by Vinny as Chairman and always commence with a Bible reading and reflection which leads into a time of prayer.

Any items arising from the previous meeting are discussed and this past year the topic has been very much dominated by the Covid 19 Lockdown. Vinny has worked hard in keeping our church available to all whether on line or with the doors open. Regular maintenance of the building has taken place and a new Past and Present Vicars board now hangs in the entrance area.

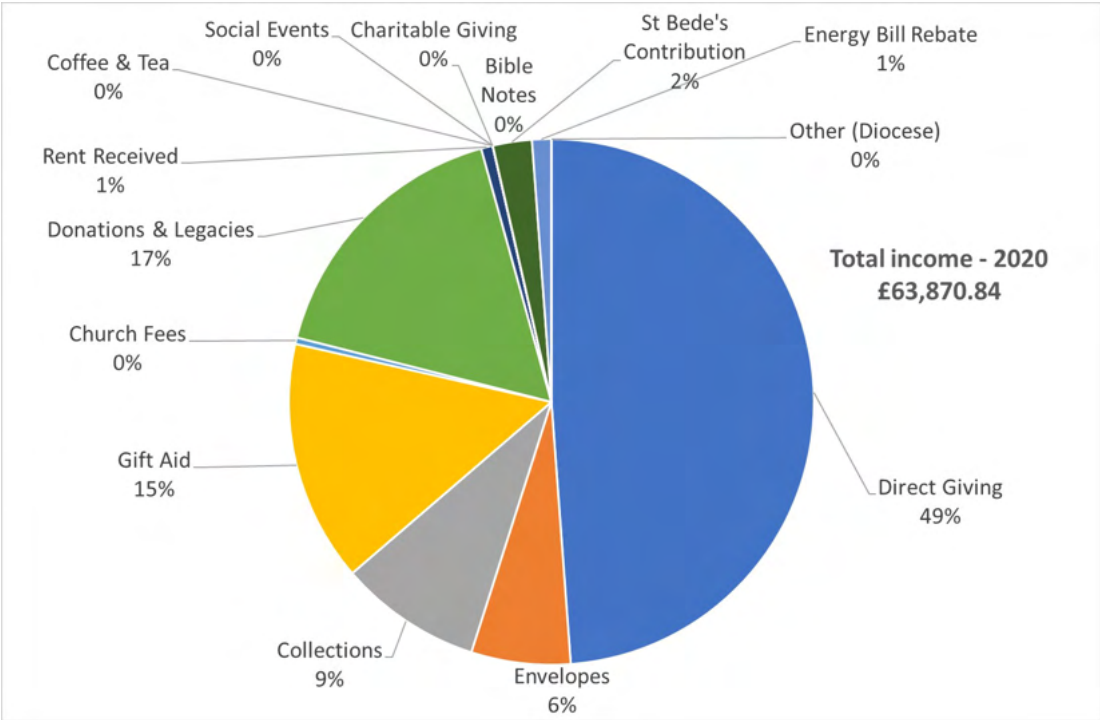
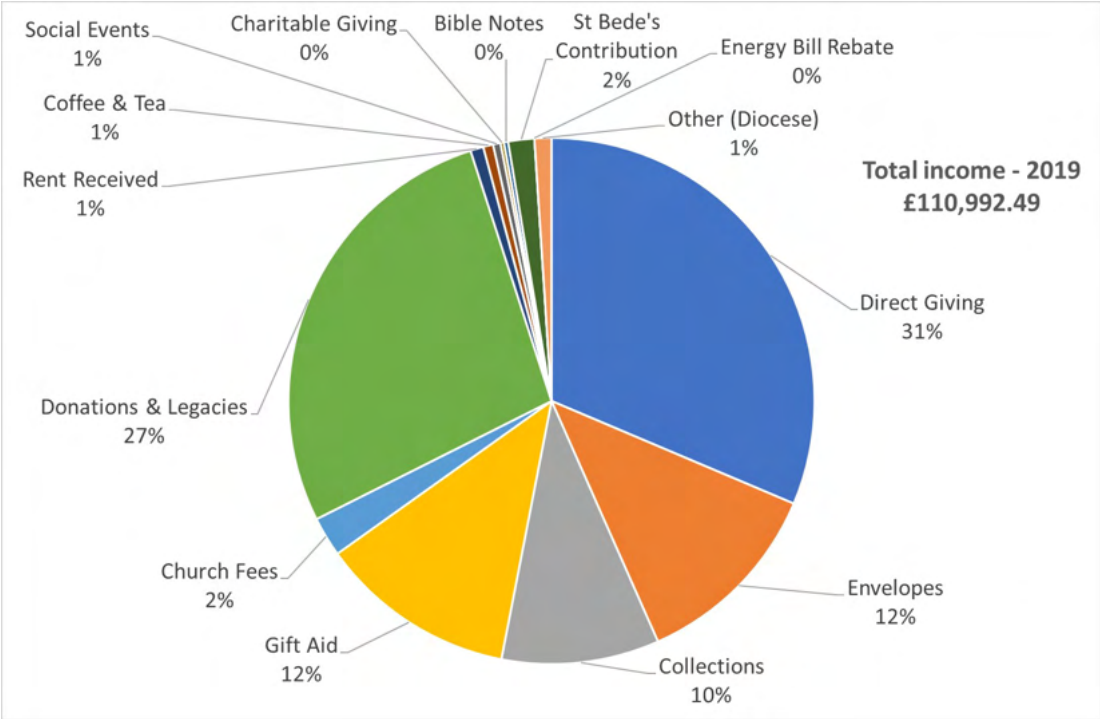
YOUTH WORK REPORT |

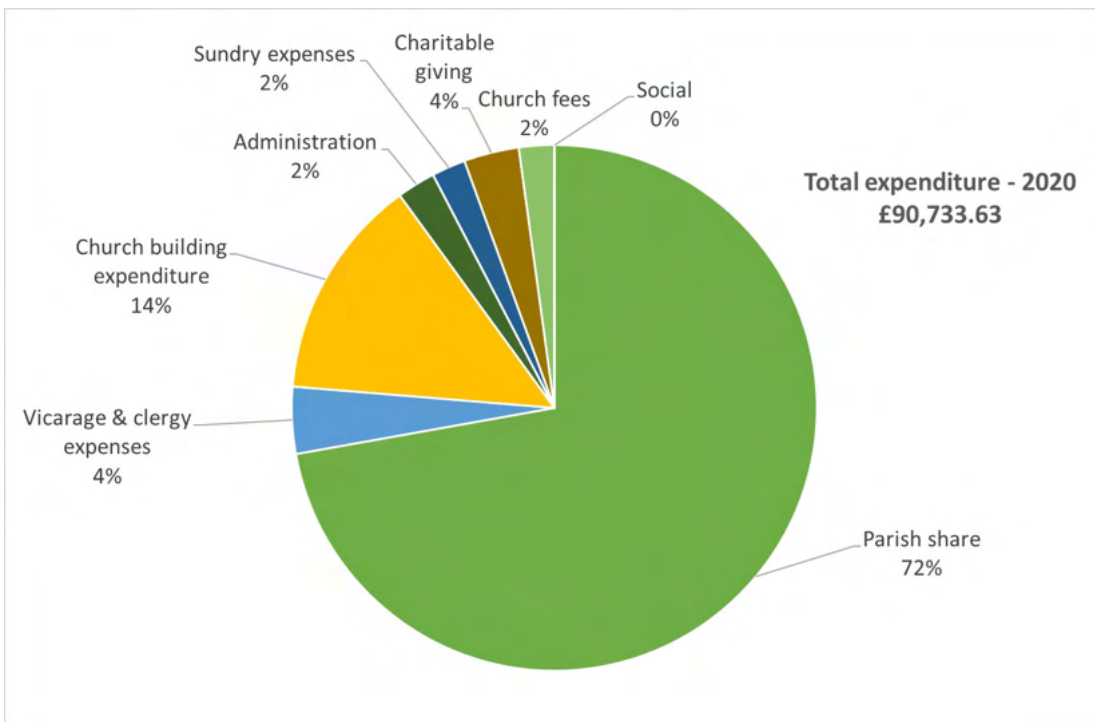
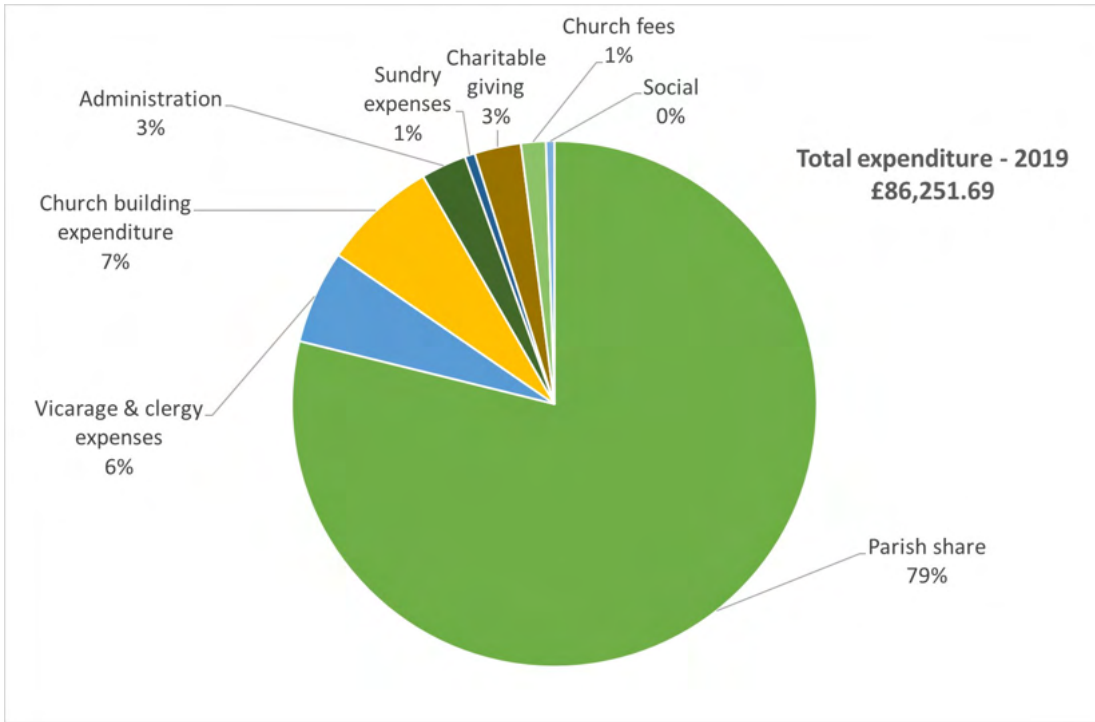
This year youth groups have struggled to meet due to the various lockdowns and restraints of the current times. However, we have made progress and happily we were able to start a new youth group called KTJC (Keep Trusting Jesus Community) Set up by our Children Change Places worker Emma Bonfield. This is aimed at children in school years 6-9. This was created with an initial launch date of March 2020 but due to national lockdown was delayed until the start of November 2020 where we were able to meet in person for the launch, with 8 young people attending. Since the start of the group, we have recreated the nativity screen using video, which was shown for the Nativity service, sung carols for the Carol service (again via video). We are currently learning about Fairtrade and are doing the 40 Day Fairtrade Challenge.



The meetings are currently all done via Zoom on a Monday evening and still regularly get 7 young people attending with more enthusiasm than ever, with the feedback from the parents saying that they can see that their children are really enjoying it, it is helping them grow their confidence and knowledge of God and other things around.

ST ANDREW'S ACCOUNTS |





ST ANDREWS CHURCH

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
INCOME		
Direct Giving	41560.00	34825.00
Envelopes	5201.54	13310.81
Collections	7460.60	10754.84
TOTAL GIVING	<u>54222.14</u>	<u>58890.65</u>
OTHER INCOME		
Gift Aid	12637.03	13412.73
Church Fees	333.00	2715.00
Donations & Legacies	14259.98	30440.50
Legacies Transferred to Building Fund	-21250.00	0.00
Rent Received	610.00	894.00
Coffe & Tea	0.00	676.49
Social Events	0.00	507.00
Charitable Giving	0.00	237.30
Bible Notes	9.75	285.23
St Bede's Contribution	2040.00	1780.00
Energy Bill Rebate	1008.94	0.00
Other (Diocese)	0.00	1153.59
	<u>9648.70</u>	<u>52101.84</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u><u>63870.84</u></u>	<u><u>110992.49</u></u>

ST ANDREWS CHURCH**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Parish Share	65500.00	68000.00
Vicarage Rates	2248.84	1774.81
Gas	1160.72	1300.82
Electricity	1648.00	1080.00
Water Rates	581.69	527.40
Vicarage expenses	0.00	2098.76
Insurance	900.40	860.04
Licences & Software	705.65	1073.85
Health & Safety	977.25	467.16
Organ Repairs	0.00	276.00
Audio-Visual System Upgrade	5874.00	0.00
Website	690.00	0.00
Church Sign	762.00	0.00
Minor Repairs & Maintenance	88.10	1176.90
Wi-Fi Church	422.40	408.60
Clergy Expenses	1477.17	1090.71
Bible Notes & Bibles	194.70	315.89
Printing & Stationery	202.10	1023.76
Sundry Expenses	1890.61	540.19
Accountancy	360.00	0.00
Charitable Giving	3078.00	2473.80
Church Fees	1972.00	1318.00
Social	0.00	445.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>90733.63</u>	<u>86251.69</u>

ST ANDREWS CHURCH**RECONCILIATION OF BANK MOVEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
RECONCILIATION OF BANK MOVEMENT		
Income	63870.84	110992.49
Expenditure	-90733.63	-86251.69
Excess of Expenditure over Income	<u>-26862.79</u>	<u>24740.80</u>
RECONCILED BANK BALANCES		
31st December 2020	3310.43	30173.22
31st December 2019	30173.22	5432.52
Bank Account Movement	<u>-26862.79</u>	<u>24740.70</u>
BANK RECONCILIATION		
Closing Balance at 31st December 2020	3276.81	30143.56
Cash Float	33.62	29.66
Accounts Balance at 31st December 2020	<u>3310.43</u>	<u>30173.22</u>

ST ANDREWS CHURCH

BUILDING FUND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT - YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
BUILDING FUND MOVEMENTS		
Balance brought forward	13998.12	21096.76
RECEIPTS	302.00	1660.00
Legacies Transferred from General Fund	21250.00	0.00
Bank Interest	7.83	7.96
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	35557.95	22764.72
EXPENDITURE		
Roof	0.00	676.60
Drainage	0.00	220.00
Knee Pads	0.00	525.00
Carpets	0.00	3180.00
Decorating	0.00	1548.00
TV	0.00	271.00
Boiler	0.00	2346.00
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	0.00	8766.60
Balance carried forward	<hr/> <u>35557.95</u>	<hr/> <u>13998.12</u>

**THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN,
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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

SECRETARY | Bryan Shephard

TREASURER | Ian Hampson (from June 2020)

LAY CHAIR | Kuez Heywood



Registered Charity Number 1133864



PARICHIOAL CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT (PCC) ST MARY'S DEANE | by BRYAN SHEPHERD

PCC Report for the Year 01/01/2020- 31/12/2020

To comply with Church Representation Rules, there is one Parochial Church Council (PCC) comprising of 15 members (8 from St. Andrews and 7 from St. Marys) who are elected at a single APCM. It is agreed that each church would vote for their own representatives. In addition to the elected PCC members, Wardens, Deanery Synod representatives, OLM and lay ministers also attend the meetings.

The PCC comprising of the elected members of the District Church Councils (DCC) of St. Marys and St. Andrews, have met (via Zoom) on three separate occasions through the year. In "normal" circumstances the Council meets more times than this but has not been possible this year.

The highlights reported during the year include:

St Marys

- From the beginning of the year Danial Booth has been appointed as a full time Youth Pastor
- Online services have been held in the absence of services being held in Church and these continued alongside services in the Church building when these were allowed.
- It has been encouraging with the number of visitors to these services, but it has also been challenging meeting the needs of the congregation and keeping in touch with them.
- The Sunday@4 afternoon services aimed at families with primary school age children are proving a real success with 14

families registered to attend. The services are alternating each week between an in the building service and a zoom service.

St Andrews

- During this time of lockdown there has been lots of positives and have seen God at work.
 - Online Services are going well
 - A weekly prayer meeting has been held.
 - Wednesday evening quiz being held via Zoom during lockdown which is ongoing.
 - Three church services per week plus one house group (on Zoom).
 - Alpha Service has commenced.
 - A Bereavement Course is being launched on the lines of Holy Trinity Brompton's "Bereavement Journey".
 - Shoe Boxes will be filled again this year for International Aid Trust.
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