

The United Benefice of  
Lichfield: Saint Michael and Saint Mary  
Wall: Saint John

**The Parish of  
Saint John's, Wall**

**ANNUAL REPORT  
and  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**of the**

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**for the year ended  
31st December 2020**

**Our Vision:**

As the spiritual heart of the village,  
our core purpose is to live out our Christian faith in sustaining and  
enriching our community through prayer, welcome, encouragement, care  
and support.

We aspire to be a vibrant, vital and relevant Christian presence, reflecting  
the whole community, with an extended building as a token of our faith in  
the future and

- ❖ providing essential facilities catering for the needs of all ages;
- ❖ giving plenty of space for people to gather and share;
- ❖ extending every aspect of the life of the church.



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# 1. Administrative Information

Location

Saint John's Church  
Green Lane  
Wall  
Lichfield  
Staffordshire  
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Saint John's is part of the Diocese of Lichfield and is situated in the Deanery of Lichfield. The correspondence address is:

The United Benefice Office  
St Michael's Church  
Church Street  
Lichfield  
Staffordshire  
WS13 6ED

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity exempted from registration with the Charity Commission.

During the year, the following served as members of the PCC:

**Incumbent:** The Venerable Simon Baker

**Curate:** Revd Dr Melanie Clark

**Churchwardens:** Mrs Christine Higgs  
Mr John Alsop

**Assistant Churchwardens:** Mrs Linda Rubisch

**PCC Secretary:** Mrs Christine Higgs

**Elected Members:** Mrs Margaret Ball  
Mrs Linda Gillion  
Mrs. Linda Rubisch  
Mr Andrew Ryman

**Co-opted member:** Mr John Crowe  
Miss Sheila Irvine

**Hon. Treasurer:** Miss Sheila Irvine

**Assistant Treasurer:** Mrs Linda Rubisch

**Hon. Verger:** Mrs Hilary Barker

**Clerk of Works:** Mr John Crowe

**Lay Vice Chairman:** Mrs Christine Higgs

## **2. Structure, Governance and Management**

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The appointment of members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. Members of the current Parochial Church Council and Ministry Team, guided by the Holy Spirit, proactively seek to draw church members into participation in all aspects of church life and governance. Saint John's church strives to foster fully participating and inclusive congregations.

## **3. Objectives and Activities**

Saint John's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, The Venerable Simon Baker, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Parish Church of Wall village.

As the spiritual heart of the village, our core purpose is to live out our Christian faith in sustaining and enriching our community through prayer, welcome, encouragement, care and support.

We aspire to be a vibrant, vital and relevant Christian presence, reflecting the whole community, with an extended building as a token of our faith in the future and

- providing essential facilities catering for the needs of all ages;
- giving plenty of space for people to gather and share;
- extending every aspect of the life of the church.

## **4. Safeguarding Statement**

The PCC has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). Safeguarding is a standard item on all meeting agendas. It is a subject matter that is taken very seriously by the PCC and appropriate strategies are decided upon to ensure we are fully compliant with best practice and guidance. The parish's Safeguarding Officer is Miss M Brand who is the officer for the benefice. Contact details for the Safeguarding Officer and the Rector are displayed in church along with other safeguarding information. The same contacts and information are highlighted in the benefice website.

## **5. Achievements and Performance**

### **a. Review and Prospective of Parish and United Benefice**

During 2020 St John's held a total of zero baptisms, zero weddings and 4 funerals.

Our attendance figures suggest a slight decline in attendance, and the small congregation continues to work faithfully to support the worship and life of the church. The congregation is split between those who reside in the village of Wall and those who choose to attend, though residing elsewhere. Some of the latter are former residents of the village. As a small congregation we rely upon the efforts of everyone and are grateful to all who actively support the church and especially those who work behind the scenes to organise and administer.

We were blessed in being able to elect two churchwardens at the APCM in 2020. But we have struggled to keep up the numbers on the PCC.

During the past year we have been served faithfully by a number of organists who have played on Sundays and for occasional offices. This means that we have not had to use music CDs to accompany our worship.

The activities and ministry at St John during 2020 were significantly affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. The church was closed during the first lockdown from March onwards and has been closed for worship for subsequent periods over the year and on into 2021. When the church has been opened we found it possible to accommodate our usual congregation in a socially distanced manner and this proved acceptable and attendance numbers were maintained. Sadly the reduced numbers meant that we were not able to build upon the success of our Carol Service in 2019 and we had to cancel Hymns and Pimms which has always drawn together the congregations of both churches in the benefice to St Johns.

During those times when the church has not been opened the benefice has made available services on line, either pre-recorded or live on Zoom. Members of St John's congregation have joined in with these.

From Easter 2021 we intend to re-establish our normal pattern of worship, with Holy Communion every Sunday. St John's is served by the benefice ministry team. The retirement of the Rector at the end of April and the appointment of the curate to an incumbent post may affect services across the benefice but this is yet to be determined.

The opportunity to worship and to experience fellowship in a smaller setting gives St John's a unique and complementary role in the United Benefice.

In the next few years there will be significant housing development on the edge of the parish. This will not affect Wall village directly as it will be built from the edge of Lichfield outwards. This offers a significant mission challenge to St John's and plans will need to be made to contact those who will move in to these new houses.

In financial terms St John's is not in a good place and runs at a deficit each year. This has been made up with legacies and other funds but in the long term is not sustainable.

We continue to pray that God will guide and lead us in our ministry and mission, and in all that lies ahead.

Representatives of St John's church will play a full part in the appointment of a new Rector.

*Simon Baker, Rector*

## **b. Church Membership and Attendance**

The number on our electoral roll at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 was 33.

The number on our electoral roll at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 was 32.

On the 2020 electoral roll there are 19 non-resident members and 14 who are resident.

The average weekly attendance, counted during October 2020 when the church was regularly open, was 12 adults and 0 children.

The average weekly attendance, counted during October 2019, was 16 adults and 2 children. These figures include a Sunday Baptism Service and Home Communion visit.

The overall average for 2020 has not been requested by the Diocese this year because they recognise that the pandemic has changed patterns of worship.

The overall average throughout 2019 was 13 adults and 0 child.

*Angie King (Electoral Roll Officer & Mission Statistics)*

## **c. Review of the Church Council's Year (PCC Report)**

Due to the restrictions caused by the pandemic all PCC meetings after the APCM in March had to be cancelled.

### **18<sup>th</sup> February**

**Churchyard Plan.** The plan which had been drawn up for the future usage of the churchyard had not been adhered to because the wet weather had caused problems in digging double graves. The office had a plan which showed which graves had been reserved.

**Steps and Rail to lower churchyard.** Mrs Law had offered to pay for steps and a hand rail which would enable easier and safer access to the lower churchyard.

## **6. Celebrating Our Common Life (Church Reports)**

### **a. Fabric, Goods and Ornaments**

#### **Fabric, Goods and Ornaments**

The organ was tuned twice during the year, the boiler had its annual service, the PAT testing of electrical appliances was carried out and the fire extinguisher serviced. The electricity meter was also upgraded as requested by Opus Energy. The front door of the church was stained and the inner door eased. The bench in the lower churchyard was oiled and stained.

A Quinquennial Inspection was carried out by Andrew Hayward from Brownhill Hayward Brown Architects and an Electrical inspection by Dlight maintenance services. The Inspection highlighted repairs which were needed to tiles and flashing on the roof caused by exceptionally high winds and the wall at the bottom of the upper churchyard which was beside the public footpath needed to be rebuilt because of cracks in the structure.

#### **Church Activities**

Immediately after the APCM on 15<sup>th</sup> March all the churches were closed for public worship due to the pandemic. Services were recorded thereafter and available on YouTube and these helped us to stay together as a church and a benefice. The readings and sermons were also printed and distributed to those who could not access the internet. We were able to open the church for private prayer in the middle of June on Wednesdays during the summer months and the church began to hold services in church again from 12<sup>th</sup> July. Strict social distancing and hand sanitisation were adhered to. The All Souls service was well attended and social distancing was maintained. The Church was decorated for Christmas in time for Christingle which this year took the form of an opportunity to walk through the church to enjoy the decorations and pick up Christingles on the way. Our organist played carols on the organ. Sadly, it was not well supported.

The Knitting group which had met weekly and provided a real service, not only to those who attended but also to the recipients of their knitting, became a Phone Knitting group. The group continued to knit and items were donated to the Pathway Project and the Salvation Army. We thank Chris Gilbert for her leadership and encouragement of the group throughout these difficult times.

#### **Thanks**

We are very much aware of how much stress this year has proved to be because of the pandemic and all the restrictions which that has brought. We thank especially Simon and the Ministry Team who have continued to enable us all to join in worship whether that has been online or by post. We must also thank Roy Plimmer who recorded the readings and sermons so expertly during the lockdown. Special thanks at St. John's to all the churchwardens and assistant churchwardens who took responsibility for ensuring that we complied with the regulations to remain safe. We thank those who contributed to our worship and community in so many ways, to our rota of organists who gave us music even when we were not allowed to sing, and to those who both read and led the intercessions. We are very grateful to those who have arranged the flowers each week and to Mary Ryman and her team who provided a spectacular display in church for Christmas. Thanks too to Chris Gilbert who has continued to lead and encourage the Knitting Group which is much appreciated. We are most grateful to Hilary Barker, our Verger, who does so much to prepare the church for our services and without whom we could not function. We thank Gina Youngs for her faithful cleaning of the church. The lockdown has enabled her to clean



parts of the church which are normally left alone! We are also very grateful to the Wall Parish Council who have once again given us financial support to keep the churchyard in good order.

We also need to express our thanks to Sheila Irvine who has been our treasurer for over 10 years and has now retired after completing the accounts for 2020. She has put an enormous amount of time and effort into keeping us up to date with all that is required of accounting in this day and age and we thank her and wish her a well deserved and very happy and relaxing retirement!

We thank God for all of these, for their faithful service and commitment which has enabled us all to join together to worship God.

*Christine J Higgs and John Alsop (Churchwardens)*

## **b. Lichfield Deanery Synod**

This report has been written so that it can be used for the APCMs of St Michael & St Mary Lichfield and St John, Wall. It covers the calendar year of 2020.

Ordained members of the United Benefice Ministry Team are automatically members of Lichfield Deanery Synod. The elected lay representatives for 2020 were:

**St Michael & St Mary:** Liz Clarke, Ted Green and Steve Oliver.

The June meeting was cancelled and there were three meetings of Deanery Synod in 2020, two of them by Zoom.

**19 February at All Saints Church.** The speaker was Rachel Thomas of **The Children's Society**. She gave a brief history of the society and spoke about the categories of children it is trying to protect now. These include those at risk from sexual and drug abuse, migrants and refugees. Rachel explained how the Diocese is helping to fund Mental Health interventions. These programs, known as BEAM, help over 400 children every month, 85% of whom are aged between 16 and 17 years of age and suffering from anxiety, depression and pressures from school and home. A lot of the funding comes through Christingle services and collection boxes, which have been operating for 51 years. In 2019 Lichfield Diocese raised over £20,000 through the boxes, with another £12,000 from Christingle Services. Other donations are always welcome and speakers can be made available for church services.

**14 September by Zoom.** Representatives of various churches spoke about the way they had continued **services online** while churches were closed because of the pandemic. YouTube and Facebook were both very popular and it was agreed that it takes a lot longer to pre-record a service than to hold it in church! The great benefit is that these churches are having their services followed by hundreds of people around the world. Within the Deanery the United Benefice is the only user of Zoom for services and it was generally agreed that this is better for keeping the church congregation together, because of the face-to-face element, but the opportunity for wider evangelism isn't available. All the churches involved thought it likely that they will continue with some kind of electronic service when churches are open again and limits on numbers lifted.

**17 November by Zoom.** Revd Steve Hollinghurst spoke about his work as the 'Lichfield Diocesan Enabler with an **Environmental Focus**'. He explained how it fits into the Anglican *Five Marks of Mission* but also about its wider ecumenical scope. He quoted Bishop Michael, "Ecological mobilization, ecumenical partnership and economic justice go together ....." In a wide-ranging presentation, linking theology and ecology, Steve also spoke about his support for *Forest Church* and this may be a development that is particularly relevant to St Michael's.

**Amended Dates.** Because of the pandemic, dates of APCMs and triennia for Deanery Synods have been changed. At the St Michael's APCM in October 2020 Liz, Steve and Ted were re-elected as representatives for Deanery Synod from 1 December 2020 until mid-2023. Ted withdrew his resignation as Deanery Synod Treasurer and has since been re-elected for a further three years.

*Edward Green*

## **7. Finance Review (Treasurer's Report 2020)**

The first page is a summary of all the accounts, then we have the Statement of Assets and Liabilities and The Fund Movement by type, but the more informative figures are on the next two sheets, the Analysis of Receipts and Payments.

The first sheet covers the income for this year. This has been an unusual year (understatement) for various reasons. In several areas the income is down on the previous year due to less activity and fewer services, but the first item is considerably higher. This is due to a late receipt from the previous year. Without this there would have been slightly less income due to the death of a regular giver by standing order, but we do also have a new entry late in the year. This means this area is maintaining its level, but it would be even better if we could increase this. We have also had movement from Gift Aided to Non-gift Aided which is why the next item is slightly higher than the previous year.

The next eight lines are all lower than the previous year which is mostly due to fewer services, but also fewer people attending Church. This is a good reason to encourage more people to give directly through the bank. The flower income was higher this year but this was due to the generous donations to cover the flowers for the funeral of Mrs Margaret Russell. The refund of clergy travel expenses would have been lower this year as there was less claimed, but it is nonexistent as I forgot to claim it back from the diocese earlier in the year – but I have done that now and it should be in next year's figures. The tax recoverable on Gift Aid is lower this year as the Diocese misread the documents that were sent to them but this has now been rectified and there should be an extra £289.39 coming in next year. There appear to be no donations into the wall safe this year, but those figures have been entered along with normal collections this year.

Once more we are fortunate enough to have received another legacy this year but it is somewhat smaller than the one received last year and these cannot be seen as normal regular income. The next item of £50.00 is just like "Monopoly" "a bank error in our favour"; I raised a complaint about an error the bank had made and this was the

compensation. Other funds generated are again for unusual items and last year it related to sale of furniture and this year I have created an account for this item and this now appears under Other Trading Activities.

Income from Charitable activities has maintained a similar level to the previous year and is made up of fees for funerals and memorials. Other Trading Activities have been non-existent this year other than the sale of furniture. Investment Income is down this year due to reducing interest rates and a reducing capital balance. Wall Parish Council continue to fund the work in the Churchyard and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Grant is only received every three years.

If we look at the total income figures it appears that we have received £30,099 less than last year but this is not very helpful. If we deduct the legacies and non-recurring one-off grants, last year's income would be £17,947 and this year's £16,488, so a reduction of £1,459.

So, now to the Expenditure and first of all the Raising Funds heading. The only cost in here is the cost of the stewardship envelopes as no other fund raising was done this year. Next is the Expenditure on Charitable Activities starting with Ministry Parish Share. Due to the issues arising as a result of COVID-19 this year, the Diocese credited us with one and a half months Parish share which is a reduction of just over £1,500. Less clergy travel has been claimed this year as mentioned earlier and a refund for that will be in next year's figures. Church insurance, organ tuning, and church maintenance are all similar to last year. Cleaning, cost of services and music are all lower due to the church being open less often. The cost of flowers is up but this is all covered by donations as mentioned above. Some extra work was done in the Churchyard this year but that has been covered by Wall Parish Council. Administration would have appeared lower this year but there was a credit received last year for the Accounts package which makes that figure look lower. Both the gas and electricity are up a little this year some of which will be the cold spell at the earlier part of the year when the Church was still in regular use. The water is the usual annual increase and there is no governance this year as I have not claimed it back.

The overall costs this year are down on last year's by £1,667. So, to compare like with like, last year's income was £17,947 less costs of £21,982 giving a loss of £4,035, and this year's income is £16,488 less costs of £20,315, giving a loss of £3,827.

To conclude, once more we have made a significant loss, and as I said last year, at this rate we will soon work our way through the legacies that we have received. Unless some way of increasing the normal income is found there will come a point when the Church will not be able to function.

Once more I would like to thank Linda Rubisch for all her help with matters financial and Mr Linney for carrying out the examination of the accounts.

I would also especially like to thank Paul Wright who is taking over from me as treasurer.

Finally, thank you all for the lovely retirement gift you have given me.

*Sheila Irvine*  
(Honorary Treasurer)

## **8. Accounts**

### **a Reserves Policy**

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to approximately 10% of unrestricted annual income, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time.

### **b Financial Statements**

**See over: -**

## Receipts and Payments Account

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations and legacies	13,932	—	—	13,932	43,516
Income from charitable activities	1,427	—	—	1,427	1,455
Other trading activities	200	—	—	200	1,120
Investments	271	—	—	271	390
Other income	1,708	—	—	1,708	1,156
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>17,538</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>17,538</b>	<b>47,637</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Raising funds	93	—	—	93	143
Expenditure on charitable activities	20,221	—	—	20,221	21,839
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>20,315</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>20,315</b>	<b>21,982</b>
<b>Excess of receipts over payments before transfer</b>	<b>(2,777)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(2,777)</b>	<b>25,655</b>
<b>Transfers</b>					
<b>Excess of receipts over payments before other gains / losses</b>	<b>(2,777)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(2,777)</b>	<b>25,655</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>(2,777)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(2,777)</b>	<b>25,655</b>
<b>Excess of receipts over payments at beginning of year</b>	<b>71,674</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>71,674</b>	<b>46,019</b>
<b>Excess of receipts over payments for the year</b>	<b>68,897</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>68,897</b>	<b>71,674</b>
<b>Represented by</b>					
<b>Unrestricted</b>					
General fund	43,183	—	—	43,183	45,960
<b>Designated</b>					
Fabric	25,714	—	—	25,714	25,714

## Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
<b>Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand</b>						
Bank current account -	(4,583)	1,850	1,692	—	(1,041)	(406)
Business Reserve Account -	6,778	—	—	—	6,778	9,028
CCLA (CBF) deposit account -	38,251	23,864	—	—	62,114	61,852
Petty Cash -	2,737	—	(1,537)	—	1,200	1,200
<b>Totals</b>	<b>43,183</b>	<b>25,714</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>69,052</b>	<b>71,674</b>
<b>Liabilities - Agency accounts</b>						
Agency collections -	—	—	155	—	155	—
<b>Totals</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>43,183</b>	<b>25,714</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>68,897</b>	<b>71,674</b>

## Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
<b>Fab - Fabric</b>						
Designated	25,714	—	—	—	—	25,714
<b>Sub-total for Fab</b>	<b>25,714</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>25,714</b>
<b>General - General fund</b>						
Unrestricted	45,960	17,538	20,315	—	—	43,183
<b>Sub-total for General</b>	<b>45,960</b>	<b>17,538</b>	<b>20,315</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>43,183</b>
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>71,674</b>	<b>17,538</b>	<b>20,315</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>68,897</b>

## Analysis of receipts and payments

					<b>Total</b>	
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Designated</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Endowment</b>	<b>This year</b>	<b>Last year</b>
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>						
<b>Donations and legacies</b>						
Gift Aid - Bank Standing Orders	6,163	—	—	—	6,163	4,448
Non-Gift Aid Bank Standing Order	1,244	—	—	—	1,244	1,044
Gift Aid - Envelopes with declaration	2,031	—	—	—	2,031	2,718
Envelopes without declaration	—	—	—	—	—	145
Gasds envelopes	50	—	—	—	50	150
Loose plate collections	463	—	—	—	463	663
One-off Gift Aid gifts	285	—	—	—	285	747
Donations appeals etc with Gift Aid	—	—	—	—	—	65
Donations and appeals without Gift Aid	260	—	—	—	260	565
Donations and Appeals GASDS	40	—	—	—	40	304
Flower donations with Gift Aid	243	—	—	—	243	25
Flower Donations GASDS	20	—	—	—	20	10
Vicars travel from LDBF	—	—	—	—	—	90
Wall Safe	—	—	—	—	—	296
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	2,083	—	—	—	2,083	2,432
Legacies	1,000	—	—	—	1,000	20,000
Non-recurring one-off grants	50	—	—	—	50	9,689
Other funds generated	—	—	—	—	—	125
Total	13,932	—	—	—	13,932	43,516
<b>Income from charitable activities</b>						
Fees for weddings and funerals	1,427	—	—	—	1,427	1,455
Total	1,427	—	—	—	1,427	1,455
<b>Other trading activities</b>						
Concerts	—	—	—	—	—	457
Knowle Lodge open gardens	—	—	—	—	—	613
Mott Room lettings - fund raising	—	—	—	—	—	50
Sale of old furniture	200	—	—	—	200	—
Total	200	—	—	—	200	1,120
<b>Investments</b>						
Bank and building society interest	271	—	—	—	271	390
Total	271	—	—	—	271	390
<b>Other income</b>						
Wall Parish Council for Churchyard Maint	1,708	—	—	—	1,708	1,150
Commonwealth War Graves Commission Grant	—	—	—	—	—	6
Total	1,708	—	—	—	1,708	1,156
<b>INCOME TOTAL</b>	<b>17,538</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>17,538</b>	<b>47,637</b>

## EXPENDITURE

### Raising funds

Costs of stewardship campaign	93	—	—	—	93	93
Costs of concerts	—	—	—	—	—	20
Knowle Lodge Open gardens costs	—	—	—	—	—	10
Village carols	—	—	—	—	—	20
Total	93	—	—	—	93	143

### Expenditure on charitable activities

Ministry parish share etc	10,744	—	—	—	10,744	12,053
Working expenses of incumbent	600	—	—	—	600	600
Clergy travel	23	—	—	—	23	90
Church running - insurance	1,269	—	—	—	1,269	1,282
Organ / piano tuning	180	—	—	—	180	175
Church maintenance	390	—	—	—	390	468
Cleaning	780	—	—	—	780	1,060
Upkeep of services	135	—	—	—	135	381
Church Sunday music performers	525	—	—	—	525	720
Church Flowers	263	—	—	—	263	132
Upkeep of churchyard	1,507	—	—	—	1,507	1,308
Administration	2,501	—	—	—	2,501	2,412
Church running - electric	454	—	—	—	454	396
Church running - gas	714	—	—	—	714	643
Church running - water	137	—	—	—	137	104
Governance costs examination/audit fee	—	—	—	—	—	15
Total	20,221	—	—	—	20,221	21,839
<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>20,315</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>20,315</b>	<b>21,982</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>(2,777)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(2,777)</b>	<b>25,655</b>

## Notes on Assets

### 1 NatWest Bank Accounts

The total balance in our general deposit and current account at the end of the year is £6,778 which is lower than last year. There are outstanding payments of £1,041 and no receipts at the year end. There is a liability of £155 at the end of the year which is made up of two wedding deposits and a verger fee to be paid in the new year.

### 2 Church of England Deposit Account

A balance of £62,114 was held in the Church of England Deposit Account at the end of the year and represents a balance of £25,714 for the Fabric Fund and £36,400 for our General Fund.

### 3 Petty Cash

The petty cash balance has remained at £1,200 this year.



#### **4 Payments due to Church**

Outstanding income tax from previous year	£289
Gift aid income tax refund to be claimed should be about	£2,324
Wall Parish Council – grant for churchyard received in following year	£1,107

#### **5 Church Furnishings**

These are held by the Churchwardens on special Trust for the Parochial Church Council and require a Faculty for their disposal. During last year it was agreed to sell some chairs and a pew for which we received £125 last year and for the balance of the chairs in this year £200.

#### **6 Fabric Fund (designated)**

The PCC previously agreed to designate the sum of £35,000 from the bequest received in 2014 to a Fabric Fund. The balance held is still £25,714.

### **Notes on Other Funds**

#### **Pavier's Charity**

This is a separately registered charity within the parish. The Incumbent and Churchwardens are the Trustees, who have a small sum from an investment to distribute to the needy.

### **Other Notes**

#### **1 Grants**

The grant for clergy travel was not claimed during the year but an amount has now been claimed of: £22.50

We have received a grant from Wall Parish Council for work in the Churchyard for the previous year of: £1,307.82

And another for extra work in this year of: £400.00

#### **2 Fund Raising Events**

There were no fund-raising events during this year due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

#### **3 Charitable Grants made**

This year there have been no grants made to charities previously supported by the Church. This is due to the continued position of expenditure exceeding income. The PCC will continue to monitor this situation.

#### **4 Voluntary Collections** (Not included in the Accounts)

Children's Society Home Boxes - these collections are on hold until the COVID-19 situation has improved.

The Bishop's Lent Appeal

£25.00

#### **5 Insurance**

The insurance this year has decreased by about 1%

#### **6 Lichfield Deanery Synod**

The Deanery Synod have not invoiced us during this year, due to the circumstances of the pandemic.

#### **7 Bankers**

National Westminster Bank, 47 Market Street, Lichfield, WS13 6YB  
CCLA Investment Management Ltd (The CBF Church of England Funds)  
85 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4ET



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

THE PARISH OF ST. JOHN WALL

On accounts for the year ended

31st DECEMBER 2020

Charity no (if any)

Set out on pages

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
• to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
• to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the 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 statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
• the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

29/3/21

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