

# THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY MAGDALENE, WHIPSDNADE

## ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2020



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**The Trustees of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene Whipsnade present their report with financial statements for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.**

**Introduction**

The Church of St. Mary Magdalene Whipsnade sits on The Green in Whipsnade. It is part of the Deanery of Dunstable and within that of the United Benefice of Kensworth, Studham and Whipsnade in the Church of England Diocese of St Albans. It is also a member of the North Chilterns Group of Parishes. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, Clayhall Lane, Kensworth. The PCC form a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2020) and a charity currently excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served at any time between 1st January and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 are:

Ex Officio members:

The Rector: The Reverend Nicola Lenthall (Chairman)

Churchwardens:

Mrs Isobel Randall

Mr Martin Rees

Deanery Synod representatives (elected)

Mrs Bola Fola-Caleb

Mr Martin Rees

Elected members:

Mrs Sarah Ayres

Mrs Joan Bailey (Trustee and Secretary)

Mr Michael Bailey

Mrs Kim Brown

Mr Christopher Hazell (Vice-Chairman)

Mrs Sylvia Kendrick

Mrs Jo King

Mr Les Randall (Treasurer)

Mrs Jane Wright

**Our Purpose**

The PCC are committed to a life of faith and worship and in their role as PCC members to making our Church a welcoming place of worship and communion that parishioners will want to visit and support. The Church makes a vital contribution to village life and to the spiritual and pastoral well-being of our village community. Our objectives are reviewed annually and fully expressed in the Mission Action Plan (MAP) which is regularly updated.



**How our activities deliver Public Benefit**

Through our mission and ministry, the PCC provide:

- a focus for worship and prayer;
- pastoral care for people living in the parish.

We work with the Rector, the Reverend Nicola Lenthall, in ministering to the people of the Parish, both through spiritual and social action and through the use of the Church building and the Churchyard. Our principal object is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the beliefs and practices of the Church of England. The PCC are also specifically responsible for the maintenance and development of the Church building and the Churchyard.

## Mission and Ministry

The PCC are committed to caring for the people of the community in love and to encouraging as many as can to worship at our Church and become part of our worshipping life. The people of the Parish and those on the Electoral Roll are nurtured through worship and prayer. They knit together in love through their common understanding of the message of the Gospel and their desire to live out the Gospel in their daily lives, through social action and pastoral responsiveness.

2020 was a year like no other. Whilst it began in typical style, in late February 2020 it became clear that the country, and our whole way of life, would be heavily impacted by the global Covid-19 pandemic, and from March Government restrictions were introduced which made us rethink our mission and ministry for the remainder of the year.

In particular people were required to stay at home, especially the old and vulnerable, the Church was closed even for private worship throughout the Spring, and communal village events and activities in the usual style were no longer possible. As the life we had experienced as 'normal' began to shut down, decisions had to be made quickly: straightaway the most central and necessary parts of the life of the Church and our faith came to the fore – worship, love and pastoral care. Working together with the parish councils, neighbourhood schemes and Methodist churches across the Benefice we began the Coronavirus Response Group which first met on March 16<sup>th</sup>. This generated over 100 volunteers, nearly 100 people being helped, a food scheme, a newspaper scheme, a prescription scheme and much more. Sincere thanks are due to all who participated in the initiative. Beyond this there were lots of extra things going on like people making knitted hearts for the L&D hospital, people phoning people in need, people walking dogs, people praying, people recording and sharing hymns, people really just ministering to one another in love.

The PCC speak for all of the Church community in expressing heartfelt appreciation of the inspirational leadership of the Rector. Her caring and conscientious pastoral and ministering support sets a fine example to us all in our Christian living.

### **Ministry of Worship**

The Rector and PCC continued during 2020 to work together with the other Churches in the Benefice of Kensworth, Studham and Whipsnade to offer a range of services on a Sunday morning, and on High and Holy days. In normal times it is our policy to meet the expectations of worshippers by keeping to the same time every Sunday morning, with the exception of the services held on a fifth Sunday of a month which are held in rotation around the three Churches of the Benefice. Those who come to a service for the first time often talk about how welcome they are made to feel.

From March onwards, worship had to adapt to the new circumstances. For the first time to such a huge extent in the history of the Church, worship went online. This was a new challenge for the clergy, but our own Rector Nicola, with the help and support of her wonderful family, was able very quickly to embrace this new way of conducting services, and was able to offer a range of services, including the celebration of Holy Communion, services of Stillness and Reflection, special services, for example for Ascension Day, Rogation Sunday, filmed in the countryside, and the annual Tree Cathedral service at Whipsnade. There were also occasional Messy Church online services, so important to children not in school or not able to attend Children's church in the usual way. When the Churches were able in July to reopen, these online services remained vital for those who could not attend Church due to their own personal circumstances or because numbers were limited for safety reasons.

Some key landmark occasions of the Church year were impacted by the pandemic restrictions. Face to face Easter services were not permitted, and Christmas celebrations were severely constrained. A scaled down Remembrance service was held outside in each village in the Benefice, as well as an online service for all. The average weekly attendance at St Mary Magdalene, counted during October, was 18 including Harvest Festival on the first Sunday (attended by 24). Some 40 people came on Christmas Eve afternoon to the *Carols, Crib and Candlelight* event and enjoyed both being in the Church and hearing the terrific music arranged by Kim Brown along with much-appreciated performance of carols by the handbell ringers. Clearly fewer people than usual were able to attend Church for the occasional offices of baptism, marriage and funerals. During 2020 there was one baptism and one wedding, no wedding blessing services, six funerals with one full burial, and one interment of cremated remains.



We need to develop the new area of our Memorial Garden before we can continue to inter the cremated remains of several of our parishioners.

The PCC are grateful to so many other people who have helped keep ministry and worship alive in the Parish by continuing in roles that have been made harder by the situation. Thanks go in particular to our hard-working churchwardens for all that they do, as well as the team of volunteers who keep the Church open when permitted, keep it clean and safe for all.

### **Ministry within groups - Deanery Synod and North Chilterns Group (NCG); Methodist Churches**

We work closely with our sister Churches in the Benefice and in normal times the three congregations collaborate well to provide spiritual and social support for the local population, in addition to our regular services.

Through representation of the PCC at the Deanery Synod the PCC expresses the significance of its position within the Deanery of Dunstable and the wider structures of the church. Deanery Synod meetings have continued to take place virtually under the Chairmanship of Rector, the Reverend Nicola who was appointed as Rural Dean in June 2019. She and our Deanery Synod representatives report to the PCC so that matters are discussed at our regular meetings.

The NCG, which is currently chaired by Isobel Randall, normally has a strong programme of events, but these were cut short at the start of Covid-related restrictions in March. Only two sessions of the Lent Course, looking at different forms of Christian worship around the world, were held; the annual cathedral visit (to Coventry in 2020) was cancelled, the Confirmation was postponed and the regular NCG services did not take place. Plans are however in place to resume activities as soon as possible.

There is no Methodist church in Whipsnade, but the Rector has developed good relationships with the Methodists in the Benefice parishes of Kensworth and Studham, and we have opportunities to join with our Methodist friends for worship and activities when possible. Throughout the pandemic, however, the policy of the Methodist churches has been to abstain from public worship.

### **Mission for children and young people**

We have strong links with the catchment school, which on 1 October became Studham Village CE Academy and a member of the Diocese of St Albans Multi-Academy Trust. The Rector, the Chairman of the Parish Council and the PCC Secretary are governors of the School and Mike Bailey is Chair of the Board of Directors of the Multi-Academy Trust. During a difficult time for the School, staff and pupils the Rector has continued whenever possible to offer collective worship to the children, and pastoral support to the staff. She is much valued by the whole school community.

In February 2020 we revived our monthly Sunday School to bring our work with children back as a key element of mission and pastoral work in Whipsnade. While it has not been possible to continue with this since March, we have been delighted to welcome new children to the Church whenever services have been able to take place during the year. Thanks to the Ayres, Kendricks and to Glenda Cox for helping to get the Sunday School back up and running. We look forward to it resuming during 2021.

The Friends of Whipsnade Church are a small but enthusiastic group of volunteers, the majority of whom are also active members of the congregation. The Friends are an independent charity whose purpose is to support the PCC in maintaining and improving the fabric of the Church. Their fundraising activities, like those of other local charities, have come to a halt during the pandemic. Notably they were unable to support the planned Summer Fete as usual and the planned Sunday teas were not possible. The Friends are already planning a resumption of events as soon as they are allowed.

In 2020 we said goodbye to the Chairman of the Friends, Nick Craig, whose family have moved away from the village. We are grateful to Nick for all his efforts to support the Church.

### **Serving our Community - Ministry through pastoral and practical care**

In normal times some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness, disability or age. Holy Communion at home is taken by the Rector and a team of volunteers to those in need, and parishioners are visited at home and in hospital.

The Rector has been unfailing in her caring for people who have been ill, or died during 2020, and their loved ones, in the true spirit of Christian service. We have sadly lost some faithful and loved members of our congregation: John Ward, who served for many years on the PCC and made an enormous contribution to Church business and service to the community, who died in March; Pat Holtom, who died from Covid-19 in May; and Anne Duncombe who passed away in October. We hope to be able to commemorate their lives with a special service when things return to normal.

From March it was not possible to hold the highly popular monthly Village Lunch, resulting in an unfortunate decline

in the Church's ability to contribute to community relations. The Benefice had to put on hold their coffee mornings for lonely and bereaved people in Kensworth Church Hall and in Whipsnade Church. In March, 'Knit and Natter' a new social event for Whipsnade took place in the Church. Eight people attended and were keen to come again. Two were new to the Church and two learned to knit for the first time. Thanks to Jo King for her sterling work in getting the group started. We look forward to a time when we are able to extend such activities, and to get the full benefit of our Church and the Vestry extension for a range of purposes, and support our efforts to combat loneliness in the village population.

We take our responsibilities in relation to safeguarding very seriously. Safeguarding policy and practice meets the requirements of the Church of England and the Diocese of St Albans. The Rector, members of the PCC, the appointed safeguarding officer (Mrs Polly Frazer) and several other members on the Electoral Roll have attended safeguarding courses, and some have followed the on-line sessions. In late 2020 Mike Bailey took over from Polly as safeguarding officer. The PCC are grateful to Polly for her important work in this role.

Safeguarding is considered at every meeting of the PCC and policies are reviewed annually in accordance with Diocesan guidelines. During the past year there have been no reports of safeguarding issues. DBS clearance is required of those involved with vulnerable children and adults. In 2020 all members of the PCC obtained DBS clearance (the two new members began the clearance process). The needs of the disabled are addressed in our policies.

Daily open access to our peaceful and beautiful church is greatly appreciated and we were extremely pleased when this was resumed in July. One of the ways we previously knew this was through the extent that visitors used our Prayer Tree, kindly donated by Glenda Cox in memory of her parents Monica and Eric Todd. We also received many positive comments in our Visitors Book about the Church and Churchyard. While these things were not able to be used for much of 2020, we know how much parishioners and local walkers visiting the village have appreciated being able to go into the Church for a moment of private reflection and prayer during their daily walks. Materials to assist prayer and meditation remain available in the Church.

### **Ministry through Charitable Giving**

Charitable giving covers many activities by the PCC and individual members of the congregation, including charitable donations and volunteering in the community. All members of our congregation make a contribution in their different ways to share their diverse gifts and talents for the benefit of others in the community and beyond. Even during this unprecedented period, it has been important to maintain the fabric of the Church of St Mary Magdalene and the surrounding Churchyard, and we are grateful to those volunteers who have continued to work to this end.

Guided by the Charities Committee, the PCC have established a tradition of giving to charity on behalf of the congregation. We divide our giving between local, national and international charities, with a focus on issues related to spiritual growth, health and poverty. In 2020, and despite pressures on our finances during the year, we again shared a donation of £800 to 8 charities. We were conscious that we were unable in 2020 to give as much as usual in donations to charities at specific times, such as to the Bishop's annual Harvest Appeal, to the Royal British Legion on Remembrance Sunday, and to the Children's Society which at Christmas is the focus of our fundraising related to carol singing and carol services, or as is our custom to hold occasional fundraising events for charities and to make collections supporting peoples in crisis across the world. Profits from the September and December Village Lunches are normally a substantial part of the Harvest and Christmas giving, and we were unable to sing carols round the village. Details of the Church's charitable giving are in the annual accounts. The PCC are proud to represent a congregation which makes it a priority to support those in need.

*The Parish Link*, our Benefice magazine, is normally distributed monthly, free to every house in all three villages, providing vital means of communication for everyone who lives in the villages, be they churchgoers or not. The Parish Link was published online for part of the year, with only 6 hard copy editions being distributed in 2020. The Link website, [www.parishlink.org.uk](http://www.parishlink.org.uk) was invaluable during 2020 in keeping Benefice residents in touch and continuing to enable friends who have moved away to keep in touch with what is happening in the villages. Sincere thanks to Fiona McDougal and her team.

### **Volunteering**

Volunteering is a vital element of charitable giving. A church would not function without regular committed people of faith who work tirelessly and selflessly for the wider good, and this has never been more evident than in 2020.

This year as ever, the PCC are very grateful for the hard work of Isobel Randall and Martin Rees, churchwardens, Joan Bailey, the PCC secretary and Les Randall, our Treasurer.

The memorial garden is lovingly maintained by the Kingham and Bedford family in honour of their deceased relatives; this is greatly appreciated by mourners.

The quality of our worship has been enhanced by the music provided by Chris Hazell and by Norman Duncombe when Chris is unavailable. We are very grateful for this substantial contribution to the work of the Church.

A dedicated band of bell-ringers, led by Pam Ward and Roger Kendrick, summon people to worship.

The Church is made beautiful by the efforts of flower arrangers led by Anne Weir.

We also have a wonderful team of Church cleaners, especially those who have given their time regularly to make the Church safe every day for those who use it for private prayer, rest and contemplation.

Sidesmen, readers and those who administer the Chalice support our worship by their regular assistance in services, and we are grateful to those few who were able to continue to do this throughout 2020. Volunteers have also opened up the Church each day since the start of July for the benefit of the community and those who visit the Church.

### **The Churchyard**

The PCC are very conscious that our large and beautiful Churchyard plays an important part in the ministry of the Church in Whipsnade and how much it is enjoyed by local walkers and visitors from further afield. It has continued for all of 2020 to be available to all parishioners for full burials and the burial of cremated remains into existing graves. We hope to be able to resume the burial of cremated remains very soon in the new memorial garden.

The PCC have paid the bulk of the cost of regular grass cutting and hedge trimming, with regular support from the Parish Council.

A small and dedicated churchyard working party continued to work hard to maintain the Churchyard over many years. It has come to be regarded as an outstanding example of wildlife and plant conservation. We are grateful to Pam Ward and the team who keep the Churchyard in such excellent condition. Paul and Lorraine Wright, Theresa Williams, and Jane and Ben Wright are loyal members of this team.

The PCC recognise that the existing memorial garden is not now sufficient to meet demand for interments at Whipsnade. We have secured the Archdeacon's permission to develop a new area of the garden to the north-west side of the Churchyard. We expect this to become available in Summer 2021.

### **Maintenance and Works**

Work has been carried out in accordance with our maintenance schedule and has been recorded. Required checks on fire extinguishers were completed in February 2020. Electrical safety tests on portable equipment are up to date.

The Quinquennial inspection (October 2016) tasks are completed. A watching eye continues to be kept on the Tower and on gravestones. A copy of the Report is available for examination in the Church. The next Quinquennial Review is due in 2021.

Other minor works have been carried out.

It was brought to the PCC's attention in 2019 that the steps from the Church via the Vestry and the Chancel Doors do not comply with current Building Regulations. The PCC received permission from the Archdeacon to install external safety railings, which we expect to be done in Spring 2021.

### **Financial Review**

Total receipts during 2020 were £24,090 as detailed in the attached financial statements.

Total expenditure over all accounts was £26,585, a reduction of £1,393 from 2019's expenditure of £27,978. The Parish Share rose by £708 between 2019 and 2020, and stood at £20,939 in 2020, which is a significant expenditure for such a small church. This amount will be unchanged in the next financial year.

St Mary Magdalene has no charitable endowments.

We wish to record our thanks to Barrie Huggins for kindly examining the PCC accounts again this year.

### **PCC account**

The PCC account balances stood at £42,040.69 at the end of December 2020 compared with £45,429 in 2019.

Total income during the year was £23,550 compared to £28,072 in 2019. This reflected reductions in income from Church fees, the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS) and bank interest, and from the Village Lunches which raised just £378 compared with £2,314.50 in 2019. There were only 2 lunches in the year instead of 11 due to the pandemic. The loss of the Summer Fete and other events also reduced income compared with the previous year. These reductions were tempered by the continuance of regular giving by gift-aided standing orders on the part of church members, and a number of generous donations. Also a saving was made in total expenditure which was £26,585, compared with £27,978 in 2019, which we are pleased to say included £800 of donations shared between 8 charities. Overall the account showed an in-year deficit of £3,035.

## **Restoration Fund**

There was little movement in the Restoration Account. Income for the year was £539 from the Church box, bank interest and the Bike 'n Hike. There was no expenditure and the end year balance was £13,907.

## **Development Fund**

There was no movement in the Fund in 2020, and no projects needed funding at this point. The account stands at zero.

## **General issues**

Interest on all accounts totalled £239 compared to £411.63 in 2019

## **Reserves Policy and Risk Management**

The PCC aim to retain sufficient funds in the PCC account to enable the smooth day-to-day running of the Church, that is, payment of the Parish Share to the Diocese, and meeting our administrative expenses. Funds for the maintenance of the fabric are kept in the Restoration Account, to provide for emergencies. The Church, including the new extension, is insured following the advice of the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group, to cover any potential damage to the building and the Churchyard, and to meet the cost of any potential claims against the PCC. As part of the terms of this policy, we follow advice in taking precautions against theft, fire or damage to the building, goods and chattels.

## **Legacies policy**

The PCC welcome all gifts in Wills, however large or small. Our policy is to use gifts for the benefit of the Church and its community and to ensure that there continues to be an active and thriving church in Whipsnade, both now and for future generations.

## **Structure, governance and management**

At present the PCC form a Charity within the Church of England which is regulated by the Charities Commission but excepted from registration, as gross annual income is below the threshold of £100,000. The Charity is, however, regarded by HMRC as having charitable status for tax purposes.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Mary Magdalene's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our Rector), Churchwardens, members elected to serve on the Deanery Synod and a maximum of 9 members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll of the Church. All those who attend our services regularly are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the Parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. Each year members review policies on health and safety, disability access and safeguarding. The policies and practices with regard to safeguarding are clearly displayed in the Church. The Annual Parish Church Meetings (APCM) were held in October 2020, having been deferred from April.

The Church Electoral Roll was reviewed in 2020 and presented to the APCM. The legal requirements in relation to the holding and publishing of personal data are strictly observed. Each member is given an assurance that we only use the information to enable us to collate church membership statistics and report them to the Diocese, and also so that we can communicate with members. We do not keep any unnecessary personal data on individuals. At the APCM in October there were 57 people on the Roll, three more than in April 2019. Fifteen members of the Roll reside in the Parish, with 42 members living outside the Parish boundary.

Sub-committees were re-constituted and members appointed in December 2020 following the APCM: the Standing Committee (Rector, Churchwardens, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice-chair); Charities Committee (Rector, Churchwardens, Treasurer, Secretary plus one other available member); Children Committee (Rector, Churchwardens, Sarah Ayres, Sylvia Kendrick, Polly Frazer, Mike Bailey and Glenda Cox, Secretary); Fabric and Churchyard Committee (Churchwardens, Pam Ward, Paul and Lorraine Wright, Bola Fola-Caleb, Secretary).

The PCC met four times during 2020, with the December meeting taking place virtually. Members considered matters relevant to the development of ministry, the health and safety of people attending the Church, and the maintenance of the Church fabric and Churchyard. Matters of a pastoral nature and issues concerning safeguarding were reported at each meeting. Minutes are displayed in the Church so that all details of discussions were available to all. Each meeting received reports from the Churchwardens and Treasurer as well as from representatives of the Deanery Synod and the North Chilterns Group.

In between meetings, a number of matters were dealt with by email including in relation to the closure and re-opening of the Church during the pandemic and the suspension of face-to-face services; risk assessments; and matters relating to the development of the proposed extension to the memorial garden and to the proposed handrails for the Vestry and Chancel steps. These were formally reported to the following PCC meeting.

**And finally**

A huge thank you from the PCC to all those who have worked in this most difficult of years to fulfil our purpose and continue to provide public benefit through much needed worship and pastoral support, while keeping the Church and the Churchyard safe and in good order.



Signed on behalf of the PCC by the Reverend Nicola Lenthall (PCC Chairman)

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Date: .....

**ST. MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH, WHIPSDADE**  
**Income and Expenditure Account 1st January 2020 - 31st December 2020**  
**PCC Account**

	<u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>	
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>
<b>Balances brought forward 1st January</b>	<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>	
CCLA PCC 001D	3,222.36		3,198.32	
HSBC BANK PCC General Fund 281	17,736.04		18,316.51	
Secure Trust Bank	24,117.35		23,820.60	
	<u>45,075.75</u>		<u>45,335.43</u>	
 <b>INCOME</b>				
Church Fees	1,403.00		2,851.94	
GASDS	1,291.92		4,260.34	
Collection (non GASDS)	600.00			
Planned Giving - Tax Efficient	13,042.00		10,636.00	
Tax recovered on Gift Aid/GASDS	3,896.64		3,503.20	
Donations	2,758.72		2,101.08	
Bank interest	180.03		320.79	
Village Lunch	378.00		2,314.50	
Events			2,083.92	
Charity Events		257.00		1,801.36
	<u>23,550.31</u>	<u>257.00</u>	<u>28,071.77</u>	<u>1,801.36</u>
 <b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Parish Share	20,939.00		20,231.00	
Church Expenses	3,591.34		4,519.84	
Utilities	893.12		859.49	
Clergy and Admin cover	192.00		376.50	
Clergy Expenses	144.91		497.35	
Charities	825.00	257.00	800.00	1,801.36
Transfer to Development Fund			693.89	
	<u>26,585.37</u>	<u>257.00</u>	<u>27,978.08</u>	<u>1,801.36</u>
 Balance of Income less Expenditure	-3,035.06		93.69	
Add Opening Balance	<u>45,075.75</u>		<u>45,335.43</u>	
<b>Balance called forward 31 December</b>	<u>42,040.69</u>		<u>45,429.12</u>	
 <b>Bank Balances</b>				
CCLA PCC 001D	27,274.41		3,222.36	
HSBC BANK PCC General Fund 281	14,528.67		17,736.04	
Secure Trust Bank			24,117.35	
Add cheques not cashed in previous year	724.61		1,077.98	
Deduct cheques not cashed in this year	<u>-487.00</u>		<u>-724.61</u>	
(Cheques 101585, 101587, 101588, 101589, 101590)	42,040.69		45,429.12	

ST. MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH, WHIPSNADDE

PCC Account

Breakdown of Expenditure

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	£	£
Admin support to the Rector	192.00	224.00
Altar wine, breads, linen and candles etc	35.23	84.75
Charity giving	800.00	800.00
Charity giving (restricted)	257.00	1,801.36
Church Flowers	100.00	100.00
Church Music		69.00
Churchyard grass & hedge cutting	900.00	965.00
Clergy cover		152.50
Clergy expenses	144.91	497.35
Electrical work	270.00	72.00
Electricity	854.13	818.63
Fete Float		300.00
Fete expenses		62.40
Fire extinguisher	114.00	119.94
First Aid course for Benefice		176.00
Gift for retirement		42.59
Headstone work and plaques		82.85
Insurance	564.38	556.98
Lightning Conductor test	156.00	
Materials for Easter Gardens		30.44
North Chilterns Group of Churches Levy	108.00	108.00
Notice Board	141.47	
Parish Share	20,939.00	20,231.00
Poppy Wreath	25.00	25.00
Rector's stipend account		54.00
Refunded church expenses paid by the Rector	1,112.29	1,290.89
Removal of Trees		340.00
Sanitiser and gloves	49.97	
Subscriptions	40.00	40.00
Transfer donation to Development Fund		693.90
Water bill	38.99	40.86
	<u>26,842.37</u>	<u>29,779.44</u>

**ST. MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH, WHIPSDADE**

**Charity Giving 1st January 2020 - 31st December 2020**

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>
	£	£
Children's Society	100.00	87.00
Dunstable Foodbank	100.00	
East Anglian Air Ambulance	100.00	
Keech Hospice Care	100.00	
Mercy Ships	100.00	
Open Doors	100.00	
Society of Mary and Martha	100.00	
The Bishop's Harvest Appeal		170.00
Women's Aid in Luton	100.00	
<b>TOTAL CHARITY GIVING</b>	<b>800.00</b>	<b>257.00</b>

**ST. MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH, WHIPSNADDE**  
**Income and Expenditure Account 1st January 2020 - 31st December 2020**  
**Development Account**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>Balances brought forward 1 January</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
HSBC Rest & Dev Account 023		27,999.49
Virgin Money Bank		436.18
		28,435.67
<b>INCOME</b>		
Fete and Other Events		359.16
Donations/Grants		905.17
		29,700.00
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Extension Costs		
Roadway costs		29,700.00
		29,700.00
Balance of Income less Expenditure		-28,435.67
Add Opening Balance		28,435.67
<b>Balance called forward 31 December</b>		<b>28,435.67</b>
<b>Bank Balances</b>		
HSBC Rest & Dev Account 023		
Virgin Money Bank		
Add cheques not cashed in previous year		
Deduct cheques not cashed in this year		

There was no income or expenditure in this account in 2020.

**ST. MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH, WHIPSDADE**  
**Income and Expenditure Account 1st January 2020 - 31st December 2020**  
**Restoration Account**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>Balances brought forward 1 January</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
CCLA Restoration 002D	1,185.75	754.71
HSBC Rest & Dev Account 023	760.37	1,022.74
Virgin Money Bank	<u>11,420.97</u>	<u>10,899.61</u>
	13,367.09	12,677.06
<b>INCOME</b>		
Church Box (50% Dev/50% Rest.)	103.71	115.44
Donations		
Interest	59.40	90.84
Historic Churches Trust (Bike n Hike)	376.50	383.75
Marmalade		
Craft Fair	<u>539.61</u>	<u>100.00</u>
	539.61	690.03
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
	<u>539.61</u>	<u>690.03</u>
Balance of Income less Expenditure	539.61	690.03
Add Opening Balance	<u>13,367.09</u>	<u>12,677.06</u>
<b>Balance called forward 31 December</b>	<b>13,906.70</b>	<b>13,367.09</b>
<b>Bank Balances</b>		
HSBC Rest & Dev Account 023	1,665.96	1,185.75
CCLA Restoration 002D	763.60	760.37
Virgin Money Bank	<u>11,477.14</u>	<u>11,420.97</u>
	13,906.70	13,367.09

**ST. MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH, WHIPSDADE**  
**Income and Expenditure Account 1st January 2020 - 31st December 2020**  
**Summary of Bank Accounts**

	PCC	REST.	TOTAL
HSBC PCC General Fund 281	14,528.67		14,528.67
HSBC PCC Rest, & Dev. Account 023		1,665.96	1,665.96
CCLA PCC General Fund 001D	27,274.41		27,274.41
CCLA Restoration 002D		763.60	763.60
Secure Trust Bank (moved to CCLA Account 001D)			
Virgin Money Bank		11,477.14	11,477.14
Add transactions not cleared previous year	724.61		724.61
Deduct transactions not cleared this year	-487.00		-487.00
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<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>42,040.69</b>	<b>13,906.70</b>	<b>55,947.39</b>

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Whipsnade Church.**

I report to the PCC of Whipsnade Church on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to 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 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 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 statement**

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

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



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9/3/21