



**Annual Report & Financial Statements  
of the Parochial Church Council  
for 2021**



presented to the  
Annual Parochial Church Meeting  
on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022

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## Vestry and Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022

10.30am

### Agenda

#### Opening Hymn– *Be Thou My Vision.*

Children go to their groups

Prayer & Confession

#### Vestry Meeting

1. Appointment of secretary for the meeting
2. Apologies for absence
3. Election of Church Wardens (during which any parishioner – as well as those on the Electoral Roll - may vote.)

#### Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021
2. Matters Arising
3. Presentation of the Electoral Roll (ER)
4. Elections and Appointments (only those on the ER may vote)
  - a. Election of Deputy Wardens
  - b. Election of the Parochial Church Council (PCC)
  - c. *Prayer for those elected*
5. **Hymn** – *Great is Thy Faithfulness*
6. Stewardship & Finance Reports
7. Presentation of the Annual Report and Accounts
8. Appointment of the Auditor for 2022.
  - a. *Prayer for our finances and stewardship*
9. **Hymn** – Tell out My Soul
10. Other reports:
  - a. Children
  - b. Youth
  - c. Mission & Outreach
  - d. *Prayer for these ministries*
11. Reading: Isaiah 61:1-6
12. Rector's Report and look ahead
13. Any other Business (AOB - any items for discussion should be notified to the Rector at least 24 hours before the meeting or they may not be taken)
14. Q&A during which children are collected
15. **Hymn** - *O Lord my God /How Great Thou Art* (omit v2)
16. Closing Prayer and Thanksgiving for Food
17. At a suitable moment once everyone has their food we will break bread for an 'agape' meal.

## Minutes To Be Approved At 2022 Meeting

**MEETING OF:** Annual Church Meeting of Buckingham Parish Church

**DATE & TIME:** Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 7.30pm on Zoom

(Rev'd Will Pearson- Gee is leading the Meeting from his office in the Rectory, Aris Way with Rev'd Kate Pellereau there too keeping an eye on the Zoom chat from members of the church throughout.)

Vestry Meeting

### 1 Appointment of clerk for the meetings.

Helen Grimditch was proposed as secretary for the meeting by the Rev'd Will Pearson-Gee (WPG). Those present voted and all were in favour.

### 2. Apologies for absence

101 people were in attendance via Zoom and 8 apologies were recorded.

### 3. Election of Church Wardens

**3.1** There were two nominations for Churchwarden. Mike Evans (ME) was proposed by Helen Grimditch and seconded by Sarah Dumbleton. Max Hailey (MH) was proposed by Lorna Piper and seconded by Andrew Grimditch. The vote was 72 'for' and 1 abstention.

**3.2** WPG welcomed ME and MH for another year and thanked them for their continued hard work and support.

**3.3** Prayers were said for HG, ME and MH by Pauline Stanton-Saringer to sustain them and give them wisdom and energy.

**3.4** The Vestry Meeting ended.

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting

#### 1. Minutes of the Annual Meeting held in 2020.

Paul Hirons proposed and Harry Morten seconded that the minutes be approved as a correct record of the APCM meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020. **There was a 99% majority in favour.**

#### 2 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

#### 3 Presentation of the Electoral Roll

**3.1** Mrs Helen Grimditch (HG) presented the Electoral Roll Report as prepared by Mrs Heidi Buchan. The Electoral Roll for the 2020 APCM had 285 names entered. 4 people have been removed from the list

since then. 5 people have been added to the list since then. There are now **286** names on the roll as at 11 April 2021 (of which 97 are non-resident in the Ecclesiastical Parish.)

- 3.2 The acceptance of the Electoral Roll figures was proposed by Max Hailey and seconded by Paul Mileham and then by voting by those online over zoom. **Everyone was in agreement.**

## **4 Election and Appointments**

### **i Election of Deputy Wardens**

- 4.1 Andrew Gibson proposed that all Deputy Wardens mentioned below should be accepted and Keith Croxton seconded this motion. From the traditional service these Deputy Wardens were: Paddy Collins, Pam Fox, Paul Hiron, Bob Legrove, Lynne Legrove and Robert O'Connell. From the Evening Service: Andrew Grimditch, Steve Tayfield and Matt Lambert. **All agreed.**

- 4.2 Mary Williams led prayers for the Deputy Wardens.

### **ii Election of PCC members**

- 5.0 There were two nominations to serve on the Parochial Church Council:

- Harry Morten was proposed by Rob Tucker and seconded by Mike Evans.
- Nigel Collison was proposed by Paul Wallace and seconded by Lizzie Ogden.

- 5.1 **All voted in favour.**

- 5.2 Thanks were expressed to those PCC Members who have stepped down or have rotated off the PCC Membership this year namely Harry Stolze and Tim Jones.

- 5.3 Prayers were led by Susan Mileham for the PCC members for all that they have done and will do in the year ahead.

- 5.4 WPG told the meeting that Tim Jones has done the most awesome job as Fabric Rep over the last 3 years dealing with high profile fabric jobs, especially the side Chapel. Tim, Peter Thorogood and Maurice Stanton-Saringer have worked excellently together with Warren Whyte giving architectural advice which has been very much appreciated.

- 5.5 WPG presented two tokens of appreciation from BPC; a leather bound bible and a special bottle of wine.

- 5.6 WPG also thanked Harry Stolze for his time serving on the PCC and thanked Nigel Collison for agreeing to take over from Tim as Fabric Rep.

## **6 Finance and Stewardship Report**

Harry Morten, Head of Finance, and Brian and Tracy Roskell, our Stewardship Team, presented a series of slides giving the financial highlights from October 2020 to April 2021.

**Stewardship:** Brian began by explaining where the church's income comes from month by month. The big variations in the income in 2020 meant it has been an incredibly challenging year.

### **2020 Income:**

- The first diagram looked at financial income for 2020 this showed that monthly giving by the congregation is BPC's biggest source of income.
- Monthly income from Gift Aid, was viewed on a chart.
- The estimated figure that we budget to receive is over £25K/month.
- In August we had our lowest income ever caused by lockdown and its resultant impact on weddings not happening nor the University or other groups hiring our building.

- Thanks to all those who have changed from giving cash to setting up a regular standing order and direct debits.
- We received no Legacy Income from 2020 and yet our average monthly income in 2020 very nearly matches our income from 2019. This means we are now more confident as to our monthly income in 2021.

#### **How we spent our money in this highly unusual year:**

- We have spent more money on fixed costs e.g. the parish contribution, running costs and staff as a percentage of our spending.
- Conversely, we have spent less on Mission and Outreach, Messy Church and other Children's Work due to restrictions.
- We achieved our objective to tithe 10% of all our income, money went to Open Doors and charities at home and abroad to the sum of £27,347.
- The Statement of Financial Affairs showed a total income of £379,727.
- We spent £40,000 on the mechanisation of the clock, the refurbishment of the Lady Chapel and buying new chairs for the nave.

**Finance:** Harry said how 2020 had been an exceptional year and how we are all looking forward to the next year. He then talked us through the Financial Statements which can be found at the back of the Annual Report from page 20 to the end. Harry emphasised that we were going back in time as the reports cover the calendar year 2020 and showed the financial position at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

The Financial Statements began with the Treasurer's report followed by the Independent Examiners Report on page 21 in which they confirmed that no adverse matters had come to their attention.

Next came the SOFA or Statement of Financial Activities on page 22. This report sets out to analyse our income and expenditure, using headings prescribed by the Charities Act. The Balance Sheet on page 23 sets out the assets and liabilities that represent our total funds. The assets are made up of the curate's house, various Investments and bank balances.

On pages 24 and 25 an analysis of the income and expenditure for all our funds are listed indicating whether they are completely unrestricted (e.g. General Fund where the church's everyday income and expenditure is allocated), designated funds (where money has been set aside by the PCC for a specific purpose), or restricted funds (which have to be spent in ways stipulated by the original donors). The different funds are explained in the Additional Notes on pages 26 & 27.

Then in more detail looking at the SOFA or Statement of Financial Affairs on page 22, our total Incoming Resources were £380k (which was down £21k on the previous year)

The decrease of £113k in Resources Used, i.e. the 'money spent', was due to a general lessening of expenditure, as the church was generally closed to activities. The total spend was £378k.

Net movement in funds is a positive number this year, which was great. Our income and expenditure was broadly matched, but we had gained on one of the Restricted funds we hold – the Harrison Trust. Last year was a negative number due to expenditure exceeding income.

Looking at the Fund Analysis sheets on page 24, we noted the General Fund on the left-hand column where most of our everyday income & expenditure goes. Our Closing Balance was up £15k on the year which was great news.

The Projects Fund, also on page 24, middle column, is where our various legacies have gone. We didn't receive any in 2020, but our major expenditure – approx. £40k – was on the repairs to the fabric of the church, the clock refurbishment and the re-ordering of the old Lady Chapel.

Pam Fox (Treasurer), noted that the total column on page 24 was in fact the totals for the Restricted Funds from the next page – a minor error, but the numbers presented on the screen this evening were the correct ones (and therefore the ones we voted on.)

Harry took the opportunity to publicly thank some people who have kept the finances in such good shape. Pam Fox has done an amazing job paying all the bills, the payroll and maintaining the accounts, helped out by Anne Exelby and Daphne Brown, while Judith Bundock did a fantastic job as Stewardship Co-ordinator until June last year – this is now ably handled by Tracy & Brian Roskell who deal with all the income and Gift Aid returns. But mostly Harry was keen to thank all the Church Members and our gracious Lord, for being so generous with your resources.

Lara Burt asked a question regarding the financial report and if her new role should have been mentioned in November time? The answer was yes and this was duly noted.

## **7 Presentation of the Annual Report and Accounts and Appointment of the Auditor for 2020**

7.1 Harry proposed that we accept the presentation of the Annual Report and this was seconded by Susan Mileham. **97% were in favour** with a couple of abstentions.

7.2 The appointment of the Auditors Hills & Burgess, as independent verifiers of the Accounts, was proposed by Harry and Mark Chapman seconded.  
**96% of the members said yes.**

7.3 Judith Wigley led prayers for the church finances, she thanked God for Harry, Brian and Tracy and for the Stewardship gifts and understanding of figures that they have. And to pray that we as the church will be excellent stewards of these resources.

## **8 Reports on key areas of Ministry and Who's Who....**

### **8.1 From Church Wardens by First Church Warden Mike Evans from Tingewick**

2020 has been a year like no other. A big thanks should go to WPG and the whole staff team.

Live streaming has been a success and a big thanks must be shown to Mike Roskell and Ali Burt for their considerable time and expertise in enabling high quality worship to happen- a BIG thanks. Thanks too to Keith Croxton for the excellent work with the Food Bank and Brian and Tracy for their ability to keep income coming in.

### **8.2 Retired Clergy Members**

WPG said a massive thank you to all the Retired Clergy that support the Church's teachings. A small gift will be given to each of you shortly in recognition of your service to BPC.

### **8.3 Safeguarding:**

WPG spoke on everyone's behalf when he thanked Jane Wardale and Denise Evans who have worked tirelessly this year ensuring that correct protocol is being followed and that the Church has been a safe space for everyone.

8.4 **Curate:** Kate Pellereau spoke about how exciting she was finding her role, and how with the CYPFAM team (working alongside Jayde, Jacob and Jo) they have been rebuilding the 11 O'clock service.

### **8.5 CYPFAM (Children, Youth and Families)**

New families had come to church. We will be restarting children's ministry as a prelude to Ark returning on May 6th. New mums have been invited. Kids' groups in church would start on the 6<sup>th</sup> June.

### **8.6 Youth**

Before Covid Jacob was working with After Schools Clubs, Refresh. During lockdown he maintained 21 Youth Members in groups over the week by going back online. The 3 Youth Groups are Fuel, The Way

(once a month) and Vision on a Thursday evening. It should be noted here that Jacob has done a brilliant job with the Youth and we must pray for the forthcoming Youth Pastor interviews, that the right candidate can be chosen to take over from Jacob and extend this Ministry Area.

WPG thanked, Jo Brice after she prayed for CYPFAM. He said how grateful he was to Jo Brice for her role in early 2020 for everything she did with church families and continues to do. Jo ran some family activities online at the beginning of the pandemic, like Ark, but a lot of children were on screen by day for schooling and so didn't want to tune in for anything else, not even Ark online.

#### 8.7 **Mission and Outreach**

**Keith Croxton:** Keith thanked Will for his ability to discern needs when most face-to-face activities had to be cancelled. The Centre was well used from May onwards in 2020 with the Food Bank operating from there, along with sessions to share the gospel in person. Food Bank volunteers have been very busy and this ministry area is thriving with many volunteers able to signpost those in need to other services/ agencies Outreach opportunities are really exciting.

**Brian Hubbard:** From his contact with people during this period he has learnt of the difficulty families are having because of Covid: in home schooling, poverty due to redundancy and mental health issues. He has been able to talk to some people about Christians in Poverty, introducing the Rebound Project at the Centre designed for young mums. This in turn is building a cohort to then continue into the Kickstart programme.

**Jo Wigley:** Jo has been busy pastorally. She has been ringing and helping people in need.

**Olly Holland:** Alpha is thriving as is Olly's Discipleship Course with recognition that in small groups people quickly form close relationships. He plans more courses on zoom.

#### 8.8 **Church Office**

Jan Ballantyne was joined by Lara Burt in the Office. Lara launched a church family Instagram group. we now have 289 followers on Instagram with 698 on BPC Facebook. 10 days ago Lara has said it is a joy to work with Jan. Lara and Lizzie Ogden are organising the Church Family's trip to High Leigh.

8.9 **Dr Andrew Gibson:** Andrew is part of the Sunday's Operations Team generally providing support to the Ministry Team. Amongst other tasks he is involved with networking and promoting the use of Church Suite.

8.10 Sophie Rudolf prayed for the projects mentioned above, particularly the office, for Andrew Gibson and for WPG.

#### 8.11 **Connect Groups: Michael Grieg**

200 people are involved in 20 connect groups. Throughout Lockdown the majority of Leaders have been able to keep connected with their groups and as a result connected with the bible and thus connected with God and the wider community, which is all incredibly encouraging.

8.12 WPG thanked Michael and Zena Grieg, Zena for her role in running a prayer group for the wider world.

8.13 Paul Wallace said a prayer thanking God for everyone and asked that our work in God's Ministry may be blessed.

8.14 **Judith Wigley:** Judith was asked to give the thoughts and findings of the 9am planning group which is reviewing the traditional worship at 9 am, which 7 or 8 people still attend in person. She would value anybody's thoughts or ideas. Rob Tucker is keen to grow the choir at the 9 am service.

#### **The new Fabric Representative**

8.15 Nigel Collison will be following on from Tim and will be working with others on the current project to replace the stonework around the church. Another big project is the movement in the south western

corner of the church kitchen and work starts next week with a bore hole being drilled for exploration purposes. WPG prayed with thanks to God for providing Nigel Collinson to work with them on this next stage of the project, thanks again to Tim and also to Paddy Collins for his advice and guidance.

8.16 **Mike Roskell:**

Mike has changed the way services are run using high quality equipment and trained people running operations. Volunteers have been stretched thinly but more have joined the team now. It is great when Will receives thanks from people in the Florida in the USA watching online and from Northern Ireland which makes it all worthwhile. 'Worldwide Ministries' WPG was said to quip?!

8.17 WPG said in conclusion that he hopes everyone has enjoyed hearing about each of the group's activities.

9 **Rector's report over the year and looking ahead:**

"Basically God had it all covered through Covid". The Rector admitted that he hadn't been happy with the church building being closed, however people in the church had kept working in their various ministries and God's work had continued. BPC followed all the guidance and social distancing and with so many people praying we were able to keep going. Well done to the Tucker Family for maintaining the 9am Service, and thanks too to all those members of the Congregation who had to figure out how to get online but in doing so have kept connected.

Jo Brice moved on, Lara Burt now works in the church office as an Office Administrator.

Highlights for Will were camping away for a weekend in the Summer with BPC and Christmas being run by the team without him and seeing how it worked brilliantly.

Daily Prayer Meetings at 9am and monthly Prayer and Praise have continued, and Zoom has helped terrifically with Prayer and Praise.

With regard to Christian Aid a big thank you to Judith Bundock for running this at BPC for a number of years and to Jane Wardale who has now taken over. Thanks too to Anne Bursnall who has been organising after service hospitality for a long time and has recently stepped down.

We are looking forward to the installation of Gino Ballantyne's painting in the chancel. We are also looking forward to our forthcoming visit by retired Archbishop George Carey to dedicate the Lady chapel with its beautiful stained-glass windows. A special thanks to Peter Thorogood for his support for this project.

To Jo Wigley, a big well done is in order as she's been accepted onto the Ordinand training BAP. Olly well done too for being accepted onto the HTB Peter Stream. Kate is being priested this Summer.

Then looking forward to Camping in the summer, Simon Ponsonby will be our chief speaker on the Saturday night. Andrew Walmsley who will begin working with us in September for 3 days/ week including Sundays can come for the day.

in Autumn, the staycation will include speakers, seminars and an evening harvest supper. A Barn Dance will follow that and on the next day confirmations will take place.

September 2022 will be our church holiday away at High Leigh, this will be launched this Sunday with leaflets and finance plans.

BPC is forming a Mission Link with a couple of churches in Bradford known to the Wigley family, working with Rev. John Bavington. It looks to be an exciting project for all concerned.

There will be challenges ahead to rebuild our many teams but thank you to everyone for returning their sign up sheets.

We are very excited about the prospect of a new Youth Worker. Interviews for two people will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

We need to build on relationships formed during lockdown bringing more people to our church, there is a massive mission field out there.

We have now sent off our forms to the Oxford Diocese asking if we can have a 'chunk' of strategic planning money to go towards funding our Youth Pastor post.

WPG shared a piece of passage Isaiah 43 verses 18 –19. 'Don't dwell on the past, we have been redeemed.' We are all raring to go and WPG is sure that God is doing something new in store for us all so we must make sure we move in alignment with the Holy Spirit!

There are many new faces in our congregation who will be invited to a welcome tea party.

10 **AOB:** None

11 Questions and Answers:

Jane Wardale asked the question 'When can we have the weekly/monthly newsletter back again please? She misses it and there is a real vacuum caused with people not knowing what is going on.' Andrew Gibson and Jan are open to suggestions but there is a strong possibility that we will stick with what we had in the past i.e. the newsletter.

11.1 Brian Hubbard thanked Will on behalf of everyone for his leadership.

11.2 Lorna Piper again spoke of the importance of having been able to worship since December even socially distanced and with masks. Peter Williams echoed this saying the church has really been open since 4<sup>th</sup> July except for a small gap in November.

11.3 Ade Osibogun, spoke of his enjoyment of attending BPC and that his family have tried all services. He finds the 9am is more appropriate for him but for his family and young children they prefer to worship at the 11am. It is their first time within the Anglican Faith as they have previously attended Pentecostal Churches.

11.4 Simon and Victoria Morrell and their young family have recently moved from Banbury to Tingewick. Simon wanted to say how lovely it has been to join with the church family at BPC and it's good to meet everyone.  
Will expressed his thanks and appreciation to the entire congregation and said hopefully we will be in person at next year's APCM (2022).

To conclude the meeting Will led everyone in saying the Grace together at 9.40pm.

## The Annual Report – 2021

### Background and Statement of Facts

Buckingham Parish Church is part of the Buckingham Benefice along with the Parish of St John the Evangelist, Radclive cum Chackmore.

The Rector and the Parochial Church Council (PCC) consult together on matters of general concern and importance to the parish. The PCC co-operates with the Rector in promoting in the Parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in order to implement its vision “To Worship God, Make Friends and Change the World”. The PCC also considers and discusses matters concerning the Church of England or any other matters of religious and public interest (but not the declaration of the doctrine of the Church on any question) and raises such matters as the Council considers appropriate with the Deanery Synod and Diocesan Synod.

### The Parochial Church Council

The following served as members of the PCC during the year 2021

Incumbent	The Revd Will Pearson-Gee
Curate	The Revd Kate Pellereau
Churchwardens	Mr Mike Evans Mr Max Hailey
Deputy Churchwardens	Mrs Pam Fox (from ACM 2013) (Treasurer) Mr Paul Hirons (from ACM 2014) Mr Paddy Collins Mr Bob Legrove Mr s Lynne Legrove Mr Robert O’Connell Mr Andrew Grimditch Mr Steven Tayfield Mr Matt Lambert
Diocesan Synod Rep	Mr Paul Hirons until July 2024 (and ex-officio on Deanery Synod)
Deanery Synod Reps (Until ACM 2023)	Ms Ruth Newell Mrs Pauline Stanton-Saringer Mr Gerry Causer Dr Andrew Gibson Ms Beth Jeremy
Elected Members:	(In 2020 it was agreed at the APCM that from October 2020 there should be 15 elected members on the PCC, 4 being elected each year to serve for 3 years.)
Until ACM 2021	Mr Harry Morten (Head of Finance) until 2024
Until ACM 2022	Mr Robert O’Connell Mrs Lorna Piper Mr Andrew Miscampbell
Until ACM 2023	Mrs Vicky Hughes (HR Lead) Mr David Squibb Mr J Grinyer Ms Pam Fox (Treasurer)

Mr Brian Roskell (Head of Stewardship)  
Mr Mike Roskell (Head of Production)  
Until ACM 2024 Mr Nigel Collison (Head of Fabric)

The PCC also has the responsibility for the care and maintenance of the Parish Church (SS Peter & Paul), the lavatory block on Church Hill, 5 Chandos Close (the Curate's house) and The Centre in Verney Close.

### **Parish / Benefice Staff**

- Revd Will Pearson-Gee has now been in post as Rector for 11 years
- Revd Kate Pellereau joined us as curate in 2020
- Robert Tucker serves as Organist and Choir Master and Ray Mitchell as Assistant Organist
- Ali Burt has served as a Contemporary Worship Team Leader (since 2019)
- Sam Graham served as Youth Minister (from August 2021)
- Jayde Crouch served as Children's Pastor (from 2018)
- Jan Ballantyne served as the Parish Manager (since 2013)
- Sue Fox served as PA to the Rector (since 2014)
- Jo Wigley served as Pastoral Team Leader (since January 2017)
- Olly Holland served as Outreach Pastor (since 2018)
- Lara Burt was appointed as Office Administrator, Communications Lead, Caretaker in 2021
- Bob Johnstone served as the caretaker of The Centre.
- Paul Wallace, Pauline Stanton-Saringer and Paul Mileham officiated as LLMs
- Keith Croxton has a preaching licence.
- Revd Maurice Stanton-Saringer, Canon Dr Peter Williams, Revd Michael Greig, Revd Ron Bundock, Revd Chris Murray and Canon Max Wigley assisted as retired clergy
- Andrew Walmsley joined us on a 2-year student placement in September 2021.

### **Review of PCC discussions in 2021**

During the year the PCC met for 4 scheduled meetings and had an average attendance of 84%, thanks in part to meetings on Zoom. Main items discussed were:

- Reviewing how BPC should/could remain open
- Clock chimes – complaints
- Schedule for Vision and Stewardship days
- Living in Love and Faith (LLF)
- Church's Programme for 2021
- Parish W/E at High Leigh 2022
- The proposed Bradford Link
- Afghan Welcome
- Dedication of Clock, chancel painting and prayer chapel
- Ideas for replacing Jayde Crouch and resurrecting Families post.
- Funding requests from Production
- Safeguarding
- Service Timings: Review and Update
- Diocesan Development Fund Bid
- Subsidence Issues at NW corner

### **Standing Committee**

The Standing Committee (SC) is a statutory requirement. It meets to prepare the agenda for the PCC and has power to transact business of the PCC in emergencies between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC. The PCC has delegated to the SC responsibility for Human Resources (HR) matters concerning non-clergy paid members of staff. The Curate, Churchwardens, Head of the Finance and Stewardship Committee, Treasurer, PCC Secretary and up to two other members of the PCC serve on the SC which is chaired by the Rector. It meets in every month that the PCC does not and generally meets via Zoom.

## **Safeguarding Policy**

Buckingham Parish Church places the highest priority on safeguarding the welfare of the children, young people and vulnerable adults in its care, and as is required by the Church of England and by law, it has effective arrangements in place to protect them. These are set out in the parish Safeguarding Policy which was reviewed and approved for 2021-2022 by the PCC in November 2021. This document is on display in church and is available on the Safeguarding page of the church website. The parish safeguarding procedures and volunteer recruitment processes are also available on the website. The church is registered on the Diocesan Safeguarding Dashboard, which enables the PCC and the Safeguarding Officers to monitor the implementation of safeguarding measures. Jane Wardale and Glynnis Eastwood have been appointed by the PCC as the Parish Safeguarding Officers.

## **OTHER COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS**

The PCC operates through a number of sub-committees and working groups, which are responsible for areas of activity. They meet between PCC meetings giving reports and, where appropriate, making recommendations to the PCC and implementing decisions by the PCC when asked to do so. These sub-groups are The Mission and Outreach Group (MOG), Discipleship Group, Pastoral Group, Stewardship & Finance and The Children, Young People and Families (CYPFam) Group and are listed below.

### **Finance & Stewardship Committee**

This committee oversees the finances of Buckingham Parish Church by monitoring the income and expenditure, preparing an annual budget and coordinating the promotion of the Christian stewardship of money through planned and regular giving. The Finance and Stewardship Committee was chaired by Harry Morten (Head of Finance) and Pam Fox was Church Treasurer. Stewardship Coordinators are Brian and Tracy Roskell. (For the accounts see Finance reports on page 23).

### **Children, Youth & Families**

Reaching out to children, youth and families is seen as a key area of mission activity. A wide variety of groups and activities are organised by a growing number of volunteers resulting in many new children, youth and families attending.

#### **Children**

**BPC Kids Groups** caters for children from Age 3 years to School Year 6 during the 11am Family Service in appropriate age groups - Stepping Stones (3-Reception) Sparks (Years 1-2), and Dynamite (Years 3-6). Trail Blazers continues to run; a group that caters for children in school Years 3 to 6 at the 6pm service.

We introduced the All Age Service on the 3rd Sunday of the month at the 11am-this is like previous 'Big Story Sundays' and includes all age worship, a bible story/sermon that has something for each age group, family games and communion.

#### **Annual Events**

Our Light Party happened inside this year-alternating from last years outdoor Light Trail. This event is open to families with children and young people of all ages, and still comes under the Buckingham Churches banner-involving team from the Holiday Club volunteers list.

Crib Service went ahead in person in 2021 and, although quiet, still involved the dressing up and narrating aspect from previous years. It was great to see the families and young children joining in with up front service activities again after a tough year.

#### **Families**

**The Ark** continued to meet, at a new time of 10-11:30am (to suit volunteer needs). The morning consists of craft time, free play with the Ark cupboard toys, a story time and a time of singing to end. The Ark team has grown in number and there are faithful weekly attendees who are on team. The attendance from families has also grown, and we have begun to reuse the Ark Facebook page to reach as many people as possible (which has proven successful).

**Messy Church** also restarted with a launch in October. The team for this has also been rebuilt and has been well attended by the Buckingham Community. The running remains the same as previous years- free flow craft and activities, leading into a time of worship and sermon/story, finishing with a shared meal together. Donations for

Messy Church have been at an all-time low, however, as we are reaching more and more families in need who may not be able to offer a financial contribution - the budget remains at a good number to cover the Messy Church expenses in regards to this.

**Family Fun Day** was unable to happen for a second year in a row, however we tied some elements of this into our Messy Church relaunch in October (games, advertising).

## **Other Children, Youth & Families activities**

### **Holiday Club**

Holiday Club returned in person in 2021 and was well attended at about 100 children across the week. Covid restrictions were still in place, so we kept measures such as rigorous cleaning and one way systems in place. The community supported the return, and donations remained consistent to previous years in relation to the number of children attending.

### **Schools Ministry**

This continued with our online presence into the primary schools for Christmas Unwrapped and Easter cracked-using videos the Churches Together team created, and hand delivering craft to the schools. Jayde continues to work with Wendy Edworthy to plan and organise these events and the links with schools remains strong-despite the lack of availability to visit in person and deliver assemblies and afterschool clubs (the plan for which is to restart in 2022). Kate attends Chackmore village school every week for an assembly and is currently building up a relationship with them. She spoke at the Christingle service in December and will be speaking at the Easter service for both sites on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Youth.** Students connect:

This connect group for the students at Buckingham University is to grow the relationships between the students and God. This group meets fortnightly.

### The Way: (School years 7-13)

This is youth provision at the 9am & 6pm services with games, snacks and bible teaching. We follow the teaching plan of the 11am & 6pm services so that young people and parents can be disciplined together.

### Fuel: (School years 10-13)

A connect group for the older youth. With games, snacks and bible teaching the aim of this project is to deepen the faith of the young people.

### Vision: (School years 7-9)

A connect group for the younger youth. With games, snacks and bible teaching the aim of this project is to deepen the faith of the young people.

### Youth Nights Celebrations:

These events are in partnership with the Buckingham Churches Holiday Club to deepen the faith of all the young people in the Buckingham churches together and offer the opportunity to have fellowship with each other.

### Youth Café: (School years 7-11)

This is the primary outreach project for the youth ministry. This Tuesday afterschool drop in is for all young people to come and have a safe space to chat and be themselves.

## **Mission and Outreach**

Mission and Outreach is a sub group of the PCC mandated to discern and respond to the spiritual and social needs in the community: reaching out to share God's love and compassion with others as well as supporting the wider mission of the church.

It oversees the following:

- The Centre
- Distribution of the Tithe supporting our Mission Partners
- CAP Life Skills
- Bradford Link

- SOS Room
- Men's Ministry
- Buckingham Food Bank
- Tuesday Community Lunch
- Saturday Morning Coffee Service
- Hot Dog Wednesday

Whilst many activities were curtailed during the year owing to covid it is a joy to see they are all now up and running again. Owing to the ever-growing activities two new groups were spawned by MOG at the end of 2021, a Discipleship Group and a Pastoral Ministry Group so greater focus could be given to these important areas

### **Pastoral**

2021 was a year of constant change and with that came many pastoral issues as members of the church family and the wider community struggled with isolation, illness, mental health, and financial issues. I worked with numerous individuals on a one-to-one basis, signposting many to professional agencies, praying with people and listening. Working with Olly in the Hot Dog Wednesday ministry brought with it many blessings and also many more people who need support. I have had regular and varied dealings with our safeguarding team as situations have arisen and thank God for their wisdom. During the early part of the year, as we went into another lockdown, I set up, as a temporary measure, an emergency food bank at The Centre that offered a 'no questions asked' food parcel to those in need. Community Lunch started back in September and I Work with Andrew Gibson to organise the collection of people in the minibus and build relationships with those who attend. I gave a short talk at their Christmas meal. I have had some involvement with the SOS room as I supported Olly. Christmas was very busy as I worked with the Salvation Army and Well St in organising the Christmas lunch that was delivered on Christmas Day and I also worked with the Salvation Army on the Toy Appeal. I work closely with, and line manage Olly. It is a privilege and joy every day to serve God and play a small part in His mission in our town.

### **Outreach**

2021 saw the arrival of a new ministry, Hot Dog Wednesdays, born of a casual meeting in The Centre. It immediately became bigger than we had anticipated as the need for somewhere for young families to meet with others and enjoy some food and a drink became evident. It has provided a safe space and an after-school snack for many families, with games and activities for the children. We have a wonderful team and are an established part of the week for many families and some teens. We run weekly all year round, dishing up over 100 hot dogs most weeks. Our aim is to introduce people to Jesus in a very gentle way with the next step being Messy Church. At Christmas we organised a Christmas Meal which we had at church and fed over 100 a full Christmas dinner, had a visit from Santa and some games. It was wonderful! Olly has supported several men who were living in difficult situations, some homeless. One has been supported in our SOS room and Olly evangelised to them all, managing to share some of the Alpha course with them. Pop up prayer moved to church and once a week for 2 hours Olly has had some special time praying with people who needed support. He actively pastors a few people who are going through difficult times and is part of the pastoral team. Once the various restrictions allowed Olly has organised events in the Men's Ministry, a curry night, a breakfast, and a film night, all of which were a great success.

### **Fabric – Nigel Collison**

In line with previous years, the Quinquennial Inspection report has continued to drive the work programme throughout 2021. Low level stonework repairs took place during April and May. Lighting to the bell tower has been improved and Gino Ballantyne's wonderful painting of Christ on The Cross has been hung in the Chancel. The subsidence to the west corner wall has been a focus throughout 2021. Under the direction of appointed structural engineers, soil borehole investigations were carried out to determine the strength of the existing ground and new foundations were designed to support the building. Tenders were invited from 5 contractors but the recent discovery of an underground soakaway close to the Church has caused the project to be put on hold while the drain can be replaced and any further movement of the structure can be monitored.

## Electoral Roll Report

The electoral roll for the 2021 APCM had 286 names entered.

10 people have been removed from the list since then.

16 people have been added to the list since then.

**THERE ARE NOW 292 NAMES ON THE ROLL AS AT 11 APRIL 2022 (of which 97 are non-resident in the Ecclesiastical Parish)**

Average numbers attending at:	Adults	Children	online average
Morning Worship and Parish Communion [9am]	55	3	140
Morning Contemporary Family Service [11am]	35	22	24
6pm Contemporary Service	63	9	156
Wednesday 10am Holy Communion	25	0	57
Messy Church	34	25	n/a

Baptisms: 20

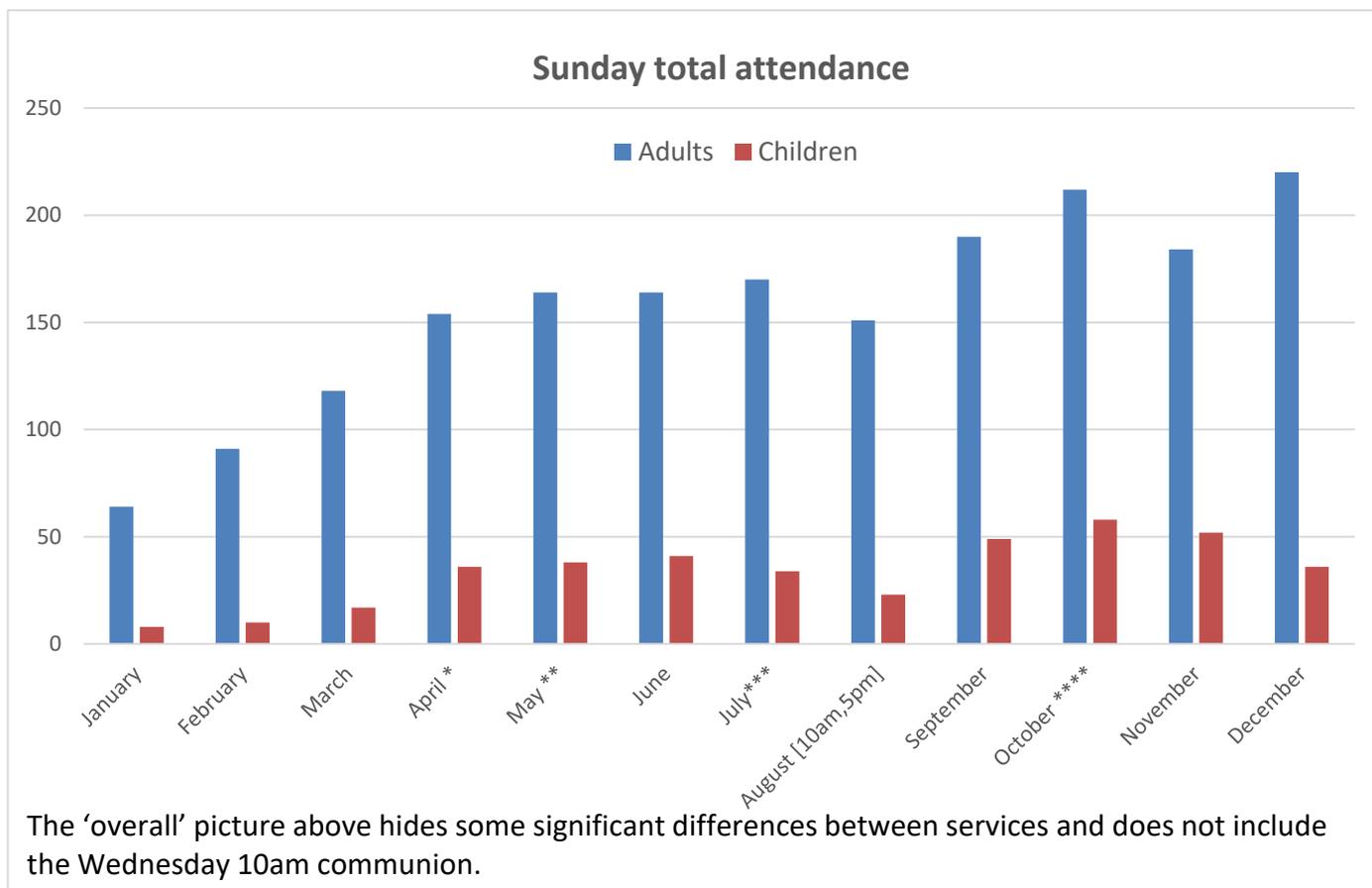
Weddings: 7

Funerals: 21

## 2021 'return to in-person church' report

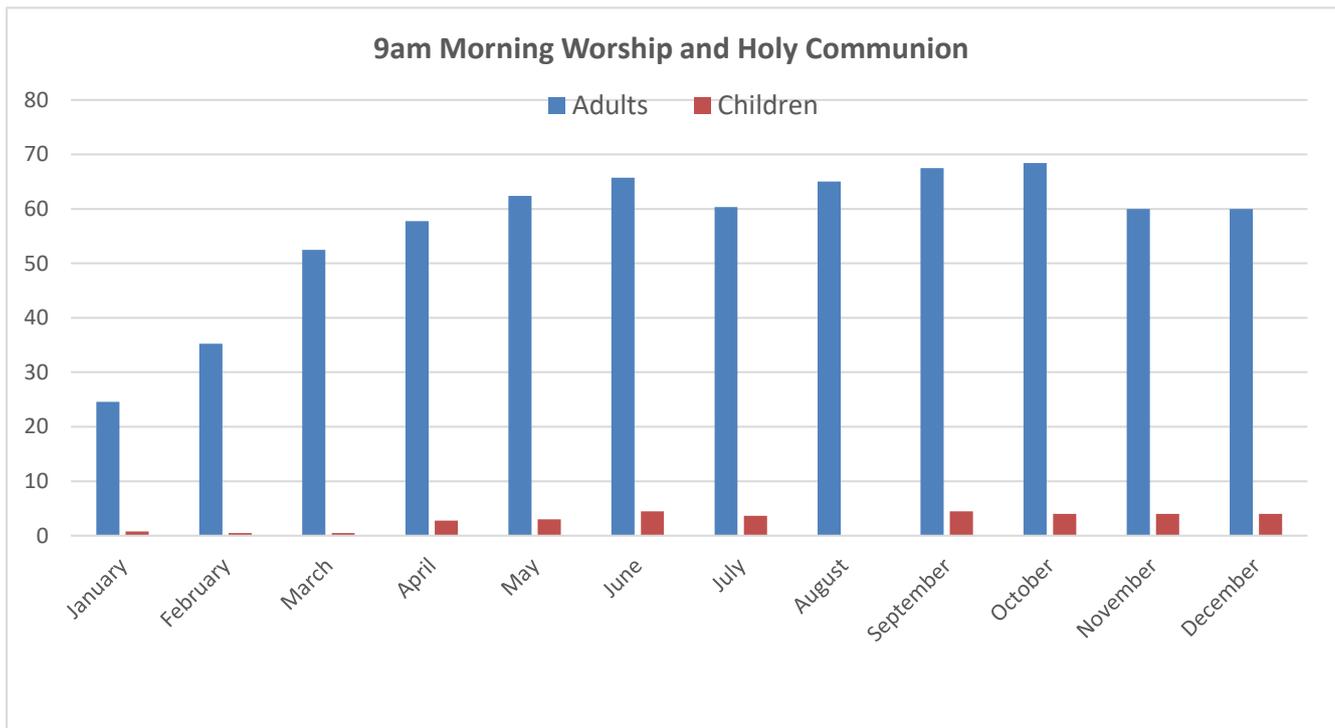
This report has been prepared for the APCM as the yearly averages give a partial picture.

### Monthly average of the total attendance on a Sunday:



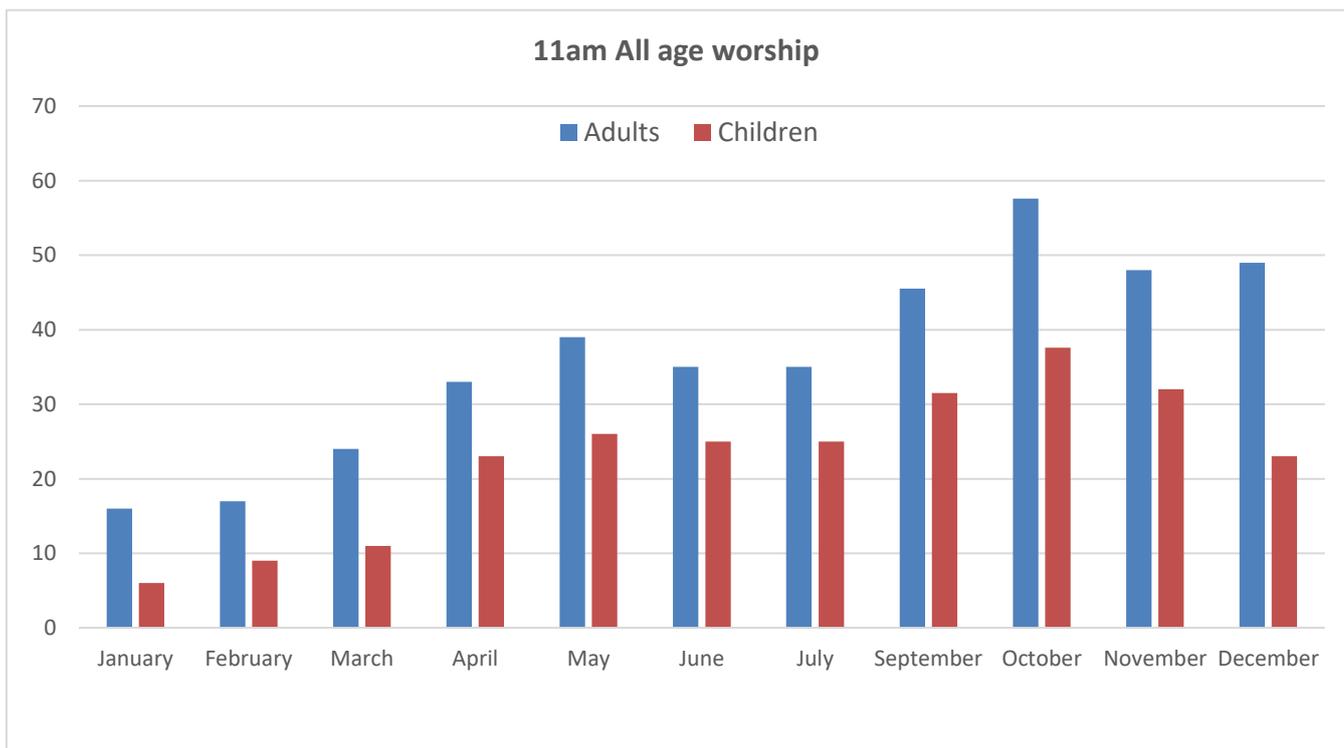
## Service Analysis

### Sunday 9am Parish Holy Communion monthly average



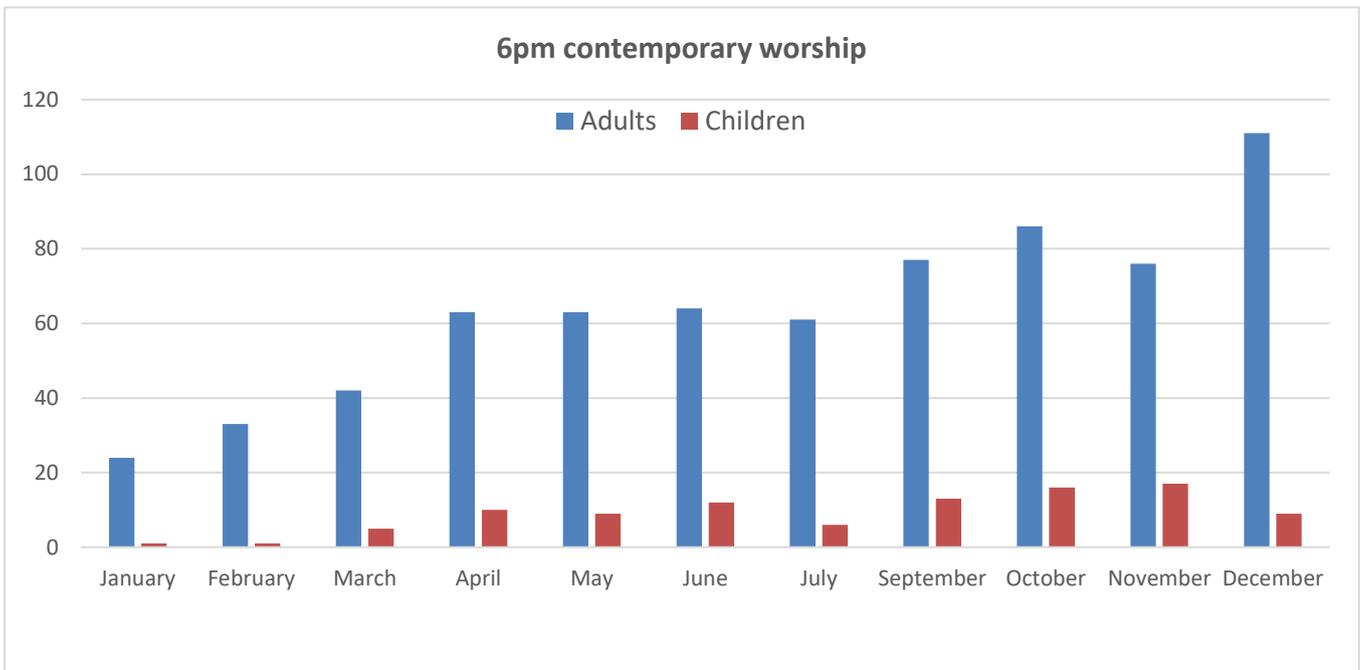
- By the end of May, attendance was close to pre-COVID numbers.
- The visit of Lord Carey, former Archbishop of Canterbury, was attended by 91 adults and 9 children; this was higher than any traditional service in 2019.
- July numbers dipped slightly, probably as restrictions eased and holidays were possible.
- Numbers seem very stable

### Sunday 11am All age worship monthly average



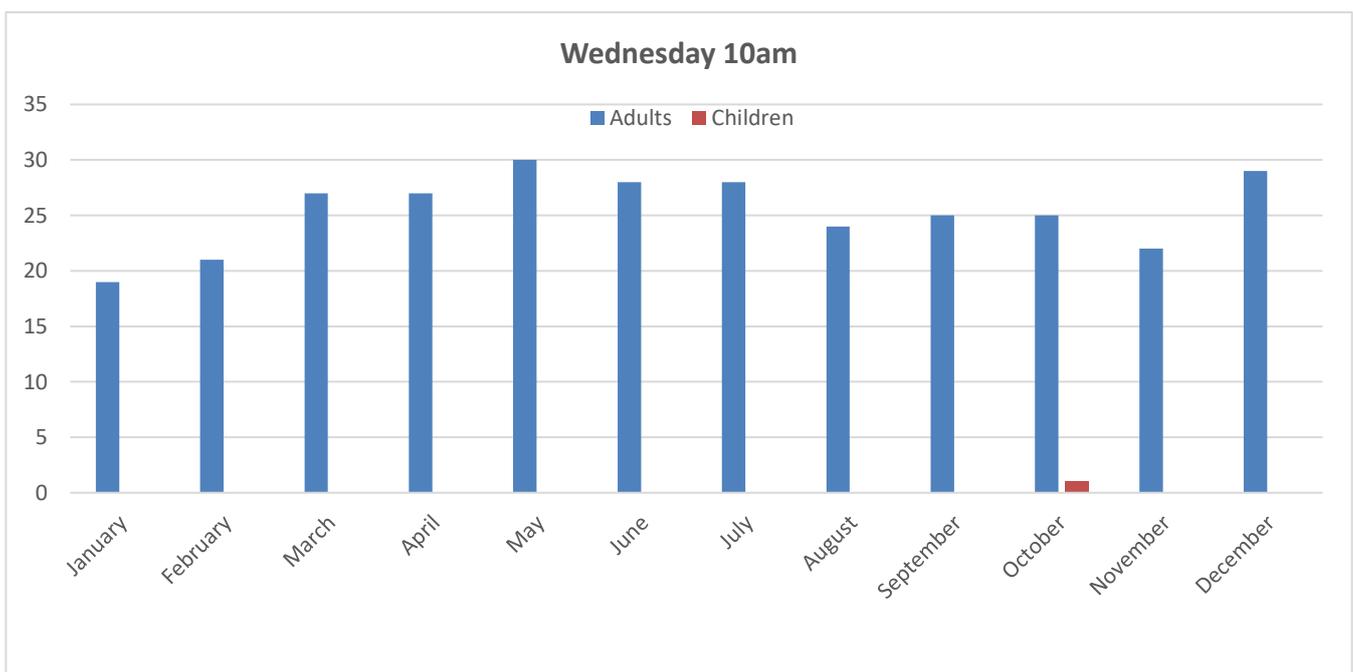
- Numbers continued to grow up to the start of summer, although half-term did impact May's average.
- The introduction of more groups for children in September has grown numbers back more closely to pre-Covid levels; this is encouraging
- December's slight dip is probably linked to the 'busyness of the month', increasing Covid restrictions and/or attendance at other services

**Sunday 6pm contemporary monthly average**



- May's average was impacted by half-term with 80 fewer attending than the week before.
- The cancelling of GCSE and A level written examinations meant an earlier school leaving date for many students and this, with the easing of restrictions, meant families took the opportunity for an early cheaper break.
- Weekly groups for children and young people started at the end of October.
- Numbers have increased but overall are still below pre-COVID numbers; December's data includes large attendances at the two Carol services.

**Wednesday 10am Holy Communion monthly average**



This service had increased its attendance from pre-pandemic averages before the summer. This could have been people 'switching' from the Sunday 9am and/or more people wanting to worship in a smaller service. Since September numbers have been stable at around 25 each week but December showed an increase possibly due to the colder Sunday mornings.

## Rector's Report for 2021

We rather limped into 2021 off the back of some good but sparsely attended Christmas services. Schools were closed and with a stifled cry of agony, we returned to the dark and frustrating days of home-schooling. Controversially BPC took the decision to keep meeting physically but encouraged those who felt vulnerable to 'stay at home to stay safe' and watch online via our excellent livestream service. This was in marked contrast to many other churches who played it safe and closed their doors relying instead on 'church via Zoom' which worked to a certain extent but as we all know now, could never really replicate or match a physical church meeting. While the ecclesiastical lawyers debated whether or not individual wine cups were allowed under Canon Law, we settled in to a routine at the Lord's Supper of using them and consuming all together.

The 9am congregation, who by dint of age had all had their vaccinations before the younger congregations, were stoic and quick to return to church and generally happy to wear face coverings. The 11am family service followed an all-age format as the kids' groups couldn't be run and despite all the challenges attracted new people and grew slowly. The evening service ran at a fraction of its former numbers but its heart kept beating as one by one people started to return, albeit chafing at having to wear masks.

The teams responsible for our corporate worship poured themselves out sacrificially week by week and a special mention must go to the Production Team whose high standards enabled our livestream to be very successful indeed, not just in live views but with people watching on 'catch-up'.

As the letter writer to the Hebrews said, "*not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing*" and our stubbornness over remaining open for physical worship, no matter what, meant that the home fires never went out. It is for this reason that we were able to recover in a remarkable way that few other churches managed. There were tensions along the way and Covid polarised the church just as it did society with people at one end of the spectrum thinking we were foolhardy and endangering people, to those who felt the whole Covid response was far too draconian. Mercifully and by the grace of God we generally held these two opposing views in a creative tension which whilst very hard to manage did lead to deep conversations with people and a greater reliance on the Holy Spirit to mediate and strengthen the body of the church.

Attendance at services grew gradually but the trajectory was always in the right direction (as can be seen from the figures elsewhere in this report) and is something to thank God for.

The schools reopened on 8<sup>th</sup> March and we held our traditional Maundy Thursday Communion and Stripping the Altar service in the chancel on 1st April. The Good Friday Churches Together service took place but we cancelled the Walk of Witness and outside service on Good Friday.

The Easter services were less well attended but went ahead as usual.

The APCM was held on 27<sup>th</sup> April on Zoom and was very well attended indeed.

In May we interviewed for a new Youth and Student Pastor and appointed Sam Graham and housing was provided by a member of the congregation following prayers and an announcement.

The Choir reformed in June and blessed the 9am, socially distanced, from the chancel.

There was a large and successful men's BBQ on 25<sup>th</sup> June which after so much isolation and being cooped up for so long attracted a large crowd.

Our curate Kate was 'priested' on 26<sup>th</sup> June, and then the next day, on our patronal festival, Lord Carey came to dedicate the restored clock, Gino Ballantyne's oil painting of Christ on the cross and the re-ordered prayer chapel. This was followed by an exquisite tea party under clear skies with the Thorogoods at Hill House.

With no major Christian festivals taking place (New Wine and Focus were either severely curtailed or cancelled) we decided to create our own festival – 'Focus at the Farm' camping at Stampwell Farm near Gerrards Cross over the weekend 23-25<sup>th</sup> July. 80 people camped and an extra 50 joined us for the Sunday worship and BBQ lunch. It was huge fun and we were blessed by some of the best speakers on the UK Christian circuit in Amy & Frog Orr-Ewing and Simon Ponsonby.

Ark re-started in July and gradually grew.

Holiday Club took place 9-13<sup>th</sup> August and 100 kids joined an excellent week of Christian teaching and fun, the smaller size enabling deeper relationships to form.

The Bishop of Oxford visited BPC on his pilgrimage walk to our Deanery on 31<sup>st</sup> August and we celebrate the Lord's Supper and a sandwich lunch before he headed off on the next leg of his walk.

Our 11am kids' groups re-started in September, and I think there was a collective sigh of relief to return to full-on sermons and teaching.

The staff team went away for a 2 day residential 13-15<sup>th</sup> September at High Leigh, partly to do a reconnaissance for this year's parish weekend away and we were blessed with a facilitated morning of training so as to understand our character types so we can work better as a team.

The big post-Covid event was the 'Big Church Day' on 2<sup>nd</sup> October. The day was well attended and we were blessed with inspirational teaching from Canon John Bavington (vicar of St John's Great Houghton) a delicious lunch followed by a Harvest supper and a barn dance. It was wonderful to be back together socialising.

The following day (Sunday) we held an evening service with baptisms and confirmations with Bishop Graham Dow officiating. It was an exhausting but uplifting weekend.

Messy Church restarted in October and I paid my first visit to Bradford on 2-3<sup>rd</sup> November to continue the discernment process on whether we should establish a mission link with St John's Great Houghton.

The new service timings trial (initiated in early 2020) had been extended due to Covid and a decision was made at PCC before Christmas that the trial timings should be made permanent in the New Year. The evidence was there (in terms of attendance figures) that this arrangement seemed to suit the majority best and so the 9am slot became the home for the traditional congregation and 11am the home for the family service. A casualty of the new timings and to an extent of Covid has been the 8am BCP service. This has been laid down due to falling numbers and the early start of the 9am service. The congregation has been encouraged to attend St John the Evangelist Radclive which continues to offer BCP services.

Your Rector stood for election to General Synod and subsequently gained enough votes from the clergy in Oxford to be elected. Likewise, Jacob Wigley did very well to be elected as a lay representative.

Remembrance Sunday took place on 14<sup>th</sup> November under clear skies and was once again very well attended.

The PCC held a Study Day on 4<sup>th</sup> December and discussed how best to structure the leadership team to cater for future growth.

Fear over the new Omicron variant was at fever-pitch in late November as we had yet to learn that whilst it was more easily transmissible, it was far less serious than the Delta variant. I made my view clear that we should remain open for worship whatever and a recording of me sharing my thoughts went viral on Twitter and led to an interview on GB News. Our Christmas services all went ahead but understandably numbers were lower than hoped for.

And so a challenging year ended with us celebrating in person but with many watching online. We came through the challenges remarkably well, thanks be to God!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Pearson-Gee', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

**Revd Will Pearson-Gee**

Rector

## **BPC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The accounts have been prepared under the 2011 Charities Act. The Central Board of Finance of the Church of England has produced its own financial regulations and associated Guidance in response to the Act. These have been adopted by the PCC and followed in producing these accounts.

The Guidance recommends the analysis and presentation of information under a standard set of headings, which can also be used for the annual financial return to the Diocese or the Central Board of Finance. These headings have been used in these accounts. Funds are shown as unrestricted, designated or restricted. Designated means that the funds are allocated by the PCC from the General fund and Restricted means that the funds are normally only available for purposes specified by the donor. The PCC has one general fund, five designated funds and six restricted funds. Full details of these are in the Additional Notes on pages 28-29.

The total Incoming Resources from donors was £359,475 (up marginally from £354,800 in 2020). Other Income from Charitable Resources was £16,086, while Investment Income was £7,823.

Activities directly related to Church Work (£366,244) has decreased from £379,670 in 2020 reflecting a fall in the running costs for the church during the Covid-19 lockdowns.

The Church's charitable giving was £31,106 (2020: £25,247) compared to an increased budget of £32,000 which is now based on 10% of all actual income received in 2021. The Mission & Outreach team has been very conscientious in making sure the whole "tithe" is spent within the year, but sometimes requests for items don't fit in neat financial years.

Our community hub at The Centre has grown from strength to strength, being occupied most of the time. The original 2-year lease on the building has already been extended by Bucks County Council to 5 years. It is noted that The Centre is totally self-sufficient financially and running at no cost to the church. At the end of 2021 The Centre's bank balance stood at £32,484 (2020: £37,159).

The auditors received £200 + VAT for carrying out the audit of the church accounts. This fee has been frozen for several years and I would like to thank Hills and Burgess for their continued support in examining and approving these accounts.

I would like to especially thank Pam Fox for maintaining the church accounts all year round and Tracy Roskell for looking after The Centre accounts and Anne Exelby for banking the weekly collections and Daphne Browne and Lara Burt providing additional treasurer support. I would also like to thank Brian & Tracy Roskell for taking on the Stewardship role in mid-2020, where they have managed to move the whole process online, via Churchsuite.

Harry Morten  
Head of Finance

# Independent Examiners Report

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE PCC OF ST PETER'S AND ST PAUL'S, BUCKINGHAM

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This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2021 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2008 (the Regulations); and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 144(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of Regulations.

### Basis of independent examiners' report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering 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 we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### Independent examiners' 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 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the 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



Stephen Wilson on behalf of  
**Upton Wilson Ltd**

Certified Accountants

13 April 2022

3 West Street  
Leighton Buzzard  
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BUCKINGHAM PARISH CHURCH  
 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
 For the Period 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total funds	Prior Year Total funds
Donations and Legacies	£352,298	£7,177	£359,475	£354,800
Income from Charitable Activities	£16,086		£16,086	£16,949
Income from Investments	£7,787	£36	£7,823	£7,921
	£376,171	£7,213	£383,384	£379,670
Resources Used				
Activities Directly related to Church Work	£360,913	£5,331	£366,244	£333,950
Other Expenditure	£31,659	£85	£31,744	£43,675
	£392,572	£5,416	£397,988	£377,625
Net Incoming Resources Before Transfer	-£16,401	£1,797	-£14,604	£2,045
Gross Transfers In	£12,268	-£12,268	£0	£15,298
Gross Transfers out	-£1,500	£1,500	£0	-£15,298
Gains and Loss on Investments	£26	£38,715	£38,741	£17,943
Net Movements in Funds	-£5,607	£29,744	£24,137	£19,988
Total Funds B.f	£175,557	£462,546	£638,103	£618,973
Total Funds C. F	£169,950	£492,290	£662,240	£638,961

BUCKINGHAM PARISH CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET DETAILED 2021

	As at 31.12.2021	As at 31.12.2020
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Curates House	£150,000	£150,000
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Philip Box Charity	£1,382	£1,260
Harrison Bequest	£328,113	£290,265
Harrison Bequest Loan	-£22,500	-£24,000
CBF Investment Loan	<u>£4,960</u>	<u>£4,216</u>
	£311,955	£271,741
PCC Current Lloyds	£81,400	£92,976
CAF Accounts	£23,911	£28,584
CAF Gold Organ Fund	£3	£3
Petty Cash	£132	£132
Restoration Lloyds Account	£9,155	£5,895
Asst Curate Current	£47,575	£46,093
Asst Curate Deposit	£282	£282
Asst Curate NS	£5,153	£5,116
CBF Philip Box	£1,046	£1,010
The Centre	<u>£31,628</u>	<u>£36,273</u>
	£200,285	£216,363
	<u>£512,240</u>	<u>£488,104</u>
Total Assets	£662,240	£638,104
<b>Represented by</b>		
Unrestricted	£169,950	£175,556
Restricted	<u>£492,290</u>	<u>£462,547</u>
	£662,240	£638,103

BUCKINGHAM PARISH CHURCH															
FUND ANALYSIS 1ST JANUARY 2020 to 31 DECEMBER 2021															
INCOME		Designate	Designate	Designate	Designate	Designate	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted			
	General	Curate	Projects	Centre	Restoratio	Rector	Restoratio	Funeral	Special	Harrison	Curates	Philip	TOTAL	Unrest	Restricted
											House	Box			
Donations and Legacies	£334,935		£6,000	£11,363			£3,000	£3,364	£813				£359,475	£352,298	£7,177
Income from Charitable Activities	£8,852			£6,972	£261								£16,085	£16,085	£0
Income from Investments	£4	£7,783										£36	£7,823	£7,787	£36
Income from Charity and Ancillary Trading													£0	£0	£0
Other Ordinary Incoming Resources													£0	£0	£0
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£343,791</b>	<b>£7,783</b>	<b>£6,000</b>	<b>£18,335</b>	<b>£261</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£3,000</b>	<b>£3,364</b>	<b>£813</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£36</b>	<b>£383,382</b>	<b>£376,169</b>	<b>£7,213</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>															
Activities Directly Relating to Church Work	£330,079	£3,495		£29,077		£348		£3,364	£2,052				£368,415	£362,999	£5,416
Other Expenditure	£3,538												£3,538	£3,538	£0
Repairs to Building			£23,582										£23,582	£23,582	£0
Fund Raising & Publicity													£0	£0	£0
Church Management & Administration		£2,453											£2,453	£2,453	£0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£333,617</b>	<b>£5,947</b>	<b>£23,582</b>	<b>£29,077</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£348</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£3,364</b>	<b>£2,052</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£397,987</b>	<b>£392,571</b>	<b>£5,416</b>
Excess of Income Over Expenditure	£10,174	£1,835	-£17,582	-£10,742	£261	-£348	£3,000	£0	-£1,239	£0	£0	£36	-£14,605	-£16,402	£1,797
Starting Balance B/F	£38,254	£13,784	£75,394	£37,159	£10,633	£333	£24,090	£0	£19,921	£266,265	£150,000	£2,270	£638,103	£175,557	£462,546
Assets Introduced	£10,174	£1,835	-£17,582	-£10,742	£261	-£348	£3,000	£0	-£1,239			£36	-£14,605	-£16,402	£1,797
Gains/Loss on Investments		£27		£0			£745			£37,849		£121	£38,742	£27	£38,715
Transfer from restoration to projects			£3,000	£0			-£3,000		£0				£0	£3,000	-£3,000
Transfer to Harrison Fund		-£1,500								£1,500			£0	-£1,500	£1,500
Transfer from special to Centre	£0			£6,089					-£6,089				£0	£6,089	-£6,089
Transfer from special to General fund	£3,179								-£3,179					£3,179	-£3,179
Transfer to Rectors Discretionary	-£500					£500								£0	£0
Closing Balance c/f	£51,107	£14,146	£60,812	£32,506	£10,894	£485	£24,835	£0	£9,414	£305,614	£150,000	£2,427	£662,240	£169,950	£492,290
													£662,240	£169,950	£492,290
£1,500 has been transferred from the curates fund to the Harrison Bequest to repay the capital borrowed from this Fund for the Open Door Project															0
£3,000 has been transferred from the Restoration to the Projects for a grant received for the Clock Repair															
£6,089 was transferred from the special fund to donations received for the Centre															
£3,179 was transferred from the special fund to the general for expenditure made in that fund															
£500 has been transferred from the General Fund to the Rectors Discretionary Fund															

## **BUCKINGHAM PARISH CHURCH**

### **ADDITIONAL NOTES**

#### **Staff**

The PCC employed, a Contemporary Worship Leader, an Organist & Assistant Organist, Pastoral Care Worker, Children's Worker, Youth Worker, Parish Manager, Office Administrator, the Rector's PA, Minister Trainee, Cleaner and a Caretaker for The Centre.

#### **Fixed Assets**

The PCC owns the house in Chandos Close (known as the Curate's House) which remains in the accounts at a value of £150,000. It has not been re-valued in the accounts this year however, the insurance on this house is based on a more realistic figure.

#### **Trust Funds**

Gains on investments recorded relate to variations in share prices of investments held by the Central Board of Finance (CBF).

##### Philip Box Organist Charity

Is a trust whose Custodian is the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance. This trust was established to provide income to or for the benefit of the organist of the Parish Church of Buckingham.

The Capital is not available to the PCC and the interest has been reinvested in a CBF Deposit Account. The fund consists of a deposit and an investment fund. The value of the fund is £2,427 (2020: £2,270)

##### The Harrison Bequest

Is a Trust fund held by the Oxford Diocesan Board of Trustees for the provision of a curate. The income from the trust can be used 'for providing the stipend of a curate in the parish and subject thereto for any ecclesiastical purpose in the parish as the PCC shall decide'.

The capital is not expendable by the PCC but the interest is paid into the Assistant Curate's Fund. The Charity Commissioners and the Diocese agreed in 2001 that the sum of £50,000 could be advanced from the capital of this fund to the Open Door (Redevelopment) Project, subject to the recoupment of £1,500 annually until 2036 from the interest of the residual capital of the fund, to be reinvested as a permanent endowment of the charity (as above).

At the year end the amount to be recouped stood at £25,500 and the investment is valued in the accounts at £305,614 (2020: £266,265). During the year the trust fund made a gain of £37,849 (2020: £17,204).

### **DETAILS OF FUNDS HELD BY THE PCC**

#### **General Fund**

The General Fund is where our everyday income and expenditure goes through and represents the "current account" for the church. The closing balance on the fund stands at £51,107 (2020: £38,254).

## **BUCKINGHAM PARISH CHURCH ADDITIONAL NOTES (continued)**

### **Designated Funds**

#### **Curates Fund**

This fund is for the maintenance and repair of the Curates House and also provides funds for the curate's expenses. At the end of the year the fund stood at £14,146 (2020: £13,784).

#### **Projects Fund**

This fund was set up to provide a specific fund for PCC Projects. Legacy money of £6,000 was added in 2021. During the year £23,582 has been used by projects designated by the PCC. At the end of the year the fund stood at £60,812 (2020: £75,394)

#### **The Centre**

This fund was set up to hold funds for the ongoing missionary work in The Centre, which is currently running a surplus. The fund stands at £32,506 (2020: £37,159).

#### **Restoration**

This part of the restoration fund is unrestricted. The fund stands at £10,894 (2020: £10,633).

#### **Rector's Discretionary**

This fund has received specific donations from members of the congregation which the rector has used to help members of the parish at his discretion.

### **Restricted Funds**

#### **Restoration Restricted**

The Restoration fund stood at £24,835 (2019: £24,090).

#### **Funeral**

This fund is used to collect money where the families have specifically requested donations for charities of their choice. These are held by the PCC and then paid out as requested.

#### **Special**

This fund is used for special collections, like the Christingle, Christian Aid, Bishops Outreach etc where the money is then distributed to the relevant charities. It is also used where money has been donated for specific causes, for example money donated for the food bank and paid out for this purpose and money for Kit Kat which holds regular events for vulnerable young children and money donated for the Kitchen. The balances amounted to £9,414 (2020: £19,921).