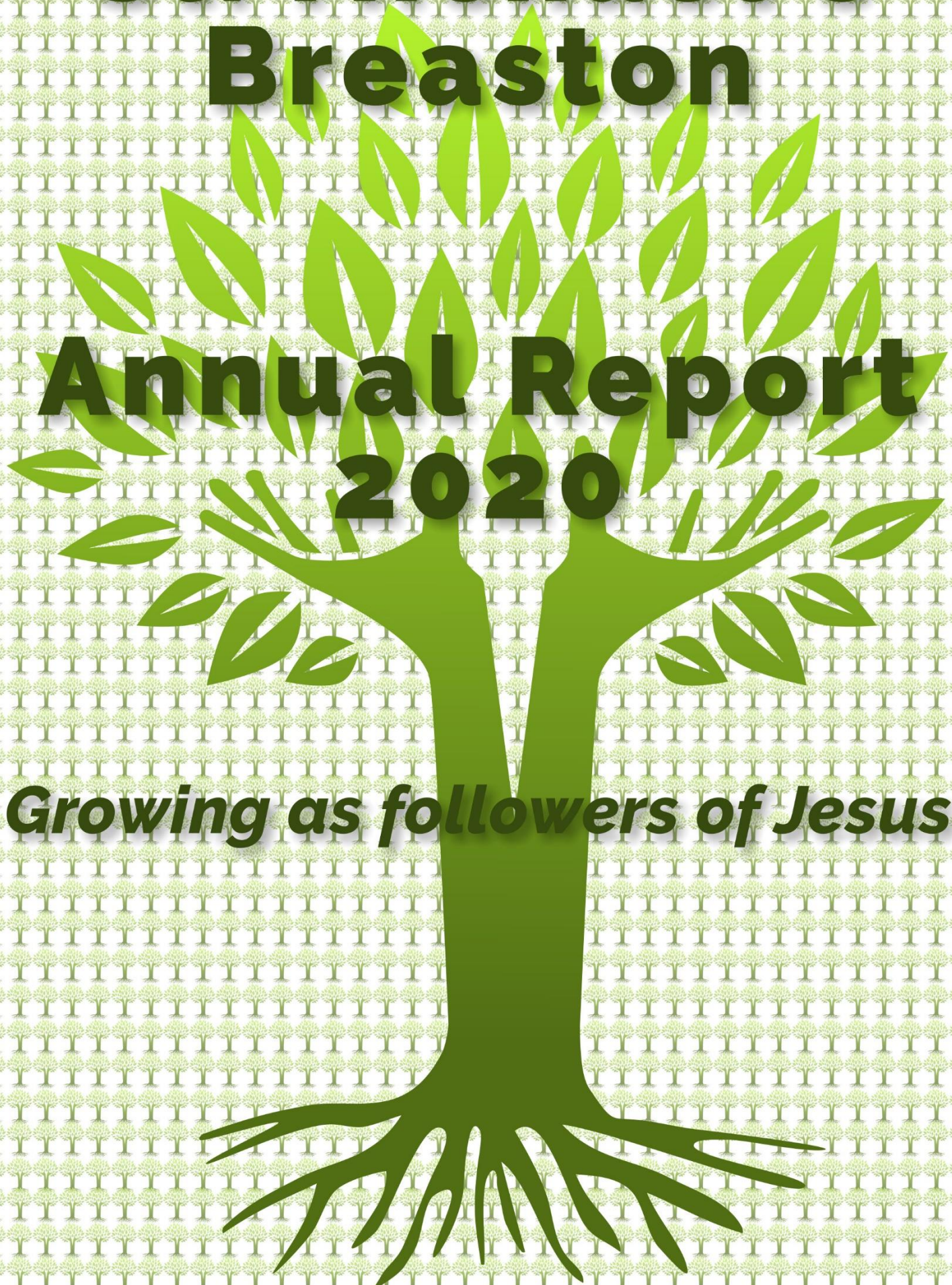


St. Michael's Breaston

Annual Report 2020

Growing as followers of Jesus



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Church business

Chairman’s report

None of us could have foreseen what the last twelve months were going to be like. Lockdown, streaming, zoom and so forth became the norm and had a radical impact on people’s lives and the way we worship and interact as a church community. Some have tragically lost loved ones, and many have struggled with their personal circumstances.

We are creatures of habit and we often find it difficult to think of new ways of being and doing. I believe that some of the lessons that God



has been teaching us include resting and relying on Him, valuing people, serving the needy and using technology in worship and outreach. Only God knows what the future will look like, but the general feeling is that the church in this nation will never quite be the same again.

We have so much to thank God for in the last twelve months. We embraced technology from the first Sunday of lockdown in March 2020. This was initially from people’s homes and developed into prerecording and latterly live streaming from St Michael’s. The pre-recorded services

took a huge amount of time and effort and special thanks to Richard Warburton, Jonathan Lupton, Ben Gooding and Jill Bradley (who copied and distributed videos to those who couldn't access the live service). Also, thanks to those who have taken part in the services because it's far more challenging being in front of a camera than a live audience.

We have used technology for children, youth work, Home Groups, Marriage Course (run by Simon and Becci) and various meetings. It's encouraging that the children and youth have continued to meet (thanks to Simon Bentley and Jodie Kirk) because many larger churches have not done so.

We also thank God for the opportunities given to serve the community. On the day that the Prime Minister told us that we were going into lockdown, we had a meeting in St Michael's, which principally comprised church members, to work out how we could serve the community. Sarah Warburton (ably supported by Paul Stuttle) stepped forward and led the setting up of the Covid19 Street Leaders team and organised regular food collections for the Canaan Trust and Long Eaton and Sawley Foodbanks. A big thank you to the team of volunteers at the food collections who have worked so hard to receive, label and collate the goods that are brought. The impact of both of these activities has been remarkable and we have been seen as a

church that cares and makes a difference. All of this brings glory to God, which is what we're about!

Christmas was a challenging time for many with most of the normal things cancelled. Sarah Warburton, Hannah Knighton, Gemma Tovey and Annie Noble organised a raft of activities to bring some joy and the message of Christ's birth to our village. They were well supported by Simon Bentley, Andy Noble, John Connell and Jill Bradley in various ways.

There has been a huge amount of administration supporting and promoting what we have been doing. A special thank you to Sarah (Communications Co-ordinator) and also Jonathan Lupton and Richard Warburton who have produced our new website. The Standing Committee has met frequently throughout the year and have put a lot of work into Risk Assessments and so forth to enable the church to be open for private prayer and worship.

We had live worship between July and the end of December. This was under Covid restrictions. Thank you to all who were involved especially Maria (Wednesday communion) and our Church Wardens Steve and Jan and team who have enabled us to open the church for private prayer.

One of the most important but unseen tasks has been maintaining contact with people. We all have a responsibility to care for the church

family. I am encouraged and humbled by the love that has been shown.

We have seen a growing unity between the parishes of Breaston and Draycott, with streamed services, joint children's work and a joint Facebook page and website. This has been so encouraging for Draycott and feels right!

The Standing Committee and PCC briefly discussed revisiting our Mission Action Plan before lockdown. A small group (appointed by the PCC) are evaluating our children, youth and community work in the light of the pandemic. There will be more information about this in due course.

Jesus' ministry was supported financially (Luke 8 v 3). I want to thank those who have continued to support St Michael's financially over the last twelve months. Our income has held up remarkably well, which has enabled us to continue our ministry effectively.

We are called to be the people God is calling us to be, doing the things God is calling us to do. It's so important to spend time in God's presence to enable the transformation that he wants to bring and to enable us to discern what he is saying. The bible verse that has spoken to me most powerfully over the last twelve months is 'Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and

you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light'. The 'Jesus way' is challenging but light. Without Him, we wear ourselves out. It's crucial to learn to relax in God, which takes time! We don't know what the future holds but let us be a people who work with the One who does!

Rev'd Chris Smedley

Churchwardens' report

Church

The church building has seen limited use this year, but we have remained open for private prayer and some services when they were permitted.

Routine maintenance of the building has continued where possible. The gullies and drains were cleared and flushed out and it was recommended that we cover the gullies with wire mesh to prevent leaves and other debris from clogging the drains. This will be progressed in the coming year.

The lifting gear on the font cover was condemned by the inspector, so this has now been removed. The font cover has been made lighter to ease its removal when necessary. A 'time capsule' of artefacts and information has been placed inside and a photo of the contents fixed to the underside. Fillets have also been fixed to the underside to prevent the lid sliding off. We should like to thank Marie Meachem for producing a new banner depicting our logo and mission

statement. It is intended that this will be hung permanently on the north side of the chancel arch.

The church fabric is kept in good order with minor repairs being undertaken as and when necessary. Additional AV equipment has been purchased to enable the live-streaming of the 10:30 am service. We thank the technical team for their wonderful efforts in making this possible.

The church inventory has been updated to reflect the changes we have made during the year. All moveable goods and chattels are recorded and new ones added as necessary.

Church Hall

Work that was intended to be done on the ceiling and the floor in the hall has had to be postponed for the time being. Some ceiling tiles have been replaced and minor repairs have been carried out as and when necessary. A small section of the floor in the large room lifted again and has been repaired.

Playgroup has been the sole user of the building since March, apart from our use of the office.

The Old Library

The new lease has been agreed and signed. We agreed, with the leaseholders, to share the cost of fitting much needed new windows and these have now been done.

*Stephe Bowley and Jan Wilkinson,
Churchwardens*

Financial review

Our total net assets (which are all held in cash, deposits and investments) have increased from £160,689 to £169,732 mainly due to the increase in our investment value by £10,977.

The CCLA CBF Investment Fund has risen to £118,274 as of 31st December 2020. The Brexit uncertainty of the last few years was finally resolved by 31st December 2020 and, combined with the good news about successful vaccines, had a bounce-back effect on our investment fund which more than recovered from the falls during the initial stages of the pandemic. Investments, as I continue to remind us all, can go down as well as up! Nonetheless, our initial investment of £60,000 in 2016 has nearly doubled in value.

The Barclays Current Account totalled £7,674 as of 31st December 2020 (2019- £7,745) and the Deposit accounts (Barclays and CBF) total £43,683 (2019 - £45,648). The 3 CBF deposits were consolidated into one account.

Covid 19 – Financial Impact

The chairman's report has commented on the wider impact of this. When the church shut (physically) there was real concern that the loss of loose plate income and regular envelopes from weekly services plus regular givers possibly

being furloughed or facing redundancy could have had a major impact on giving and hence our finances. In practice, giving stayed at the same levels as 2019 overall for which we are extremely grateful.

Simon Bentley reduced his hours from 40 to 30 and then 16 partly due to the difficulties of fulfilling his hours during the pandemic.

Paul Stuttle, Treasurer

Description	2020	2019	Comment
Total Income	£141,979	£192,642	2019 included re-ordering income and expenditure
Total Expenditure	£132,499	£236,536	
Surplus/(Deficit)	£9,480	£(43,894)	
Larger items of expenditure			
Parish Common Fund	£60,413	£57,767	
Youth & Community worker & costs	£28,040	£38,388	
Cost of re-ordering works	£1,706	£91,609	

PCC Secretary's Report

As with so much else of the church's life, this has been a strange year. With the APCM delayed until September 2020, the "old" Parochial Church Council continued until then, although because of the restrictions there were no actual meetings. Business during the pandemic has often been conducted by electronic communication and votes. Some meetings have been held on Zoom rather than in person.

Up to the APCM in September 2020, the Parochial Church Council comprised 14 members. The Rector serves as Chairman and our treasurer, Paul Stuttle serves as Vice Chairman. We had had only one churchwarden, Jan Wilkinson. Jonathan Lupton served as Secretary. Five members are *ex-officio* (rector, warden and three deanery

synod representatives). The Parish Safeguarding Officer is a co-opted member. There were eight elected members, three of whom reached the end of their three-year term of office. As we have provision for nine elected members, there were four vacancies this year.

There were only four meetings during the year because of the pandemic.

The 16 members of the PCC in March 2021 are:

Clergy: Rev'd Chris Smedley

Churchwardens: Stephe Bowley and Jan Wilkinson

Deanery Synod representatives: Phil Lees, Colin Lowe, and Jeanne Wilson.

Elected members: Treasurer Paul Stuttle, Secretary Jonathan Lupton, Adam Collishaw, Ben Gooding, Maureen Hayne, Stephen Lacey,

Anne Long, Matt Tovey, Sarah Warburton.

Co-opted member: Clare Collishaw
(Parish Safeguarding Officer)

Jonathan Lupton, PCC Secretary

Leadership Team

The team have been formally appointed by, and are subject to, the PCC. Their role is to make proposals for the PCC to consider. They are like the Standing Committee, who focus mainly on the administrative side of church life but have no executive power beyond that delegated by the PCC. The leadership team's main role is to provide a visionary focus.

The current members of the team are Simon Bentley, Peter Hampshire, Adam Collishaw, Jeanne Wilson, Rachel Huskisson, Rev'd Maria Przeslawski, Jo Whitehead, Rev'd Gary Dundas, Jodie Kirk and Chris Smedley.

During the last twelve months, we have felt the need to pray together and try to discern what God is saying to us as a benefice. We have prayed in St Mary's, St Michael's and on Zoom.

Rev'd Chris Smedley.

Electoral Roll

The electoral roll was updated. Last year there were 110 names on the roll. Six names have been added, and two names removed, so the number is now 114.

Jonathan Lupton, Electoral Roll Officer

Deanery Synod

Although 2020 was a very unusual year from March onwards, the deanery has still managed to fulfil the majority of its roles and both Karen and Angela have been available throughout lockdown in addition to the deanery leadership team and many staff from the parish support office to support and assist parishes as needed.

Before lockdown, we held a deanery synod meeting at Long Eaton St John on Tuesday 11th February with the speaker being Reverend Beth Honey, diocesan pioneer and fresh expressions enabler.

In June, as parish representation legislation had not yet been agreed to allow synods to meet other than in person, we held a meeting of synod members via Zoom and opened it up to wardens and readers. Our speakers were clergy and laity who shared their experiences of continuing to offer worship and contact with congregations during lockdown and included examples of live streaming and broadcasting pre-recorded service, a telephone dial-a-sermon and CD recordings for those without internet. It also gave the opportunity for members to be updated on the latest guidelines and what support was available.

Unfortunately, our planned deanery days, social evening and deanery Advent carol service had to be cancelled due to COVID restrictions.

However, annual parochial church meetings were able to be held either in person or via Zoom by the end of October 2020 and the new members of Deanery Synod elected.

The first meeting of the new deanery synod took place via Zoom on 1st December 2020 with Bishop Libby as speaker, outlining the deanery vision. At this synod, we also re-elected Mr Brian Parker as lay chair and Mr John Puxty as lay secretary.

Chapter meetings for clergy were also made available to readers and were held regularly throughout the year and had speakers including the new dean of the cathedral as well as offering opportunities for discussion on how ministry was being offered around the deanery during the pandemic and sharing of ideas and advice.

Reverend Peter Davey (Cotmanhay) and Reverend Andrew Taylor-Cook (Denby group) both moved to Scotland early in the year and Father Tom Barnfather (Holy Trinity Ilkeston) retired. Father David Lawrence-March took up his post at Long Eaton St Laurence and Holy Trinity Ilkeston on 1st December after being licenced via Zoom.

The area dean and lay chair have met representatives of parishes without incumbents regularly throughout the year, via Zoom, to support and update them with worship resources and advice.

The deanery has continued to produce a newsletter approximately every 8 weeks with news and individual articles and information for parishes- all contributions welcome.

2021 has started with a deanery synod meeting focussing on the diocesan vision and changes needed to make the Kingdom of God relevant to all generations.

Karen Padley- Area Dean

Brian Parker- Lay Chair

Angela Clayton- Deanery Administrator

Safeguarding

As a Church, we are fully committed to safeguarding and keeping our volunteers and all we come in contact with safe.

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to apply for their DBS checks and complete their safeguarding training particularly during this crazy year.

Claire Collishaw, Parish Safeguarding Officer

PCC Secretary's Report

It has been a different year for the PCC. Because the Annual Meeting was not held until September, because of the pandemic, the old PCC carried on until then. There were still the usual seven meetings of that PCC, the last being in March 2020. After the pandemic, there were no further meetings, although several votes were taken electroni-

cally, covering closing and re-opening the church, and re-organising the church's financial reserves.

The Rector serves as Chairman and our treasurer, Paul Stuttle, serves as Vice Chairmen. The secretary was Jonathan Lupton. Five members are *ex-officio* (rector, warden and three deanery synod representatives). The Parish Safeguarding Officer is a co-opted member. After the September 2020 APCM there were nine elected members. Two members' terms of office end at the APCM in March 2021 (all are eligible to stand again).

The PCC members at the end of the 2020/21 year are:

- Clergy (Rev'd Chris Smedley)
- Churchwardens (Jan Wilkinson and Stephe Bowley)
- Deanery Synod representatives Phil Lees, Colin Lowe and Jeanne Wilson)
- Elected members (Treasurer Paul Stuttle, Secretary Jonathan Lupton, Adam Collishaw, Ben Gooding, Maureen Hayne, Stephen Lacey, Anne Long, Matt Tovey and Sarah Warburton)

Jonathan Lupton, PCC Secretary

Communications

Since July 2020, I (Sarah Warburton) took on the role of Communications Coordinator.

There is now a calendar on ChurchSuite which can be ac-

cessed by members of the congregation for an overview of services and events taking place. The calendar has also been embedding into the church website (many thanks to Richard Warburton and Jonathan Lupton for their help with this).

The public-facing Facebook Page has been redesigned in the hope to act as an attractive landing page for people new to the church. We try to make sure that all the posts are from a central source and are as interactive as possible.

I have assisted the Media Team to help create some exciting feature videos which have been included in our online services – these have ranged from informative videos about the Canaan Trust and Derby Mission to Community Choir videos specifically for our Christmas Eve Service.

Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions, there has been an added emphasis on the importance of Facebook and the role it plays in engaging members of the local people community to join our online services.

Sarah Warburton

Website

With the help of Richard Warburton the website has been completely redesigned. It now functions as the website for the whole benefice (not just St. Michael's) and is much cleaner and simpler to use.

Jonathan Lupton, Webmaster

Loving God

“Loving God” encompasses all that goes on in the church to glorify God.

Choir and organ

Choir

The Sound of Silence – the words of a popular song were brought to a drastic reality for the choir because of the pandemic. Not only a stop to our basic function but also to the valuable social aspect of our sharing time together.

As I write this at the beginning of February 2021, all members of the choir are well, just wishing to get together again and paraphrasing the words of another popular song, make the church “alive with the sound of (choral) music” once again.

Organ

There has not been total silence, as organ music was provided at the 9 am Sunday service during September/October 2020. Hymn tunes and choir anthems appropriate to the Sunday were played before the service and during the preparation of communion. I hope that it provided a small sense of normality in a disorientated new world.

During 2020 the organ suffered an intermittent electronic fault non the main circuit board, manifesting as very loud blasts of noise from all seven speaker systems without warning. The problem increased in frequency until November when the organ was effectively unusable for

services. A technician from Viscount Organs corrected the problem at short notice – a poor electrical connection.

F. Colin Sanderson, Organist & Choirmaster

Music groups

It is certainly an understatement to say 2020 has seen a lot of changes music-wise! The year started as normal but the suspension of services in late March meant online content was needed for which various leaders and musicians including many new faces (or should I say voices and instruments) produced pre-recorded contributions. These were assembled and mixed with considerable time and effort by Ben, Richard and Jonathan who need a very big vote of thanks from us all. This carried on while limited spoken services restarted. Once a restricted 10:30 am service restarted, groups were reduced in size to minimise risk and respect distancing. A significant change was the introduction of live streaming via YouTube and once more the “Tech Team” spent a lot of time to get this up and running and all who have seen the output on a Sunday can see how well the content is presented. We want to thank all the musicians and especially the Tech Team who have worked on this thus far. So, what next? To a degree, we are in the

hands of what the service pattern will look like. In any event, we could do with at least one more worship leader to join the rota. If this is something you feel is right for you, or perhaps with some training and help, please have a chat with Ben or Bob.

*Bob Crockford & Ben Gooding
Music Group Leaders*

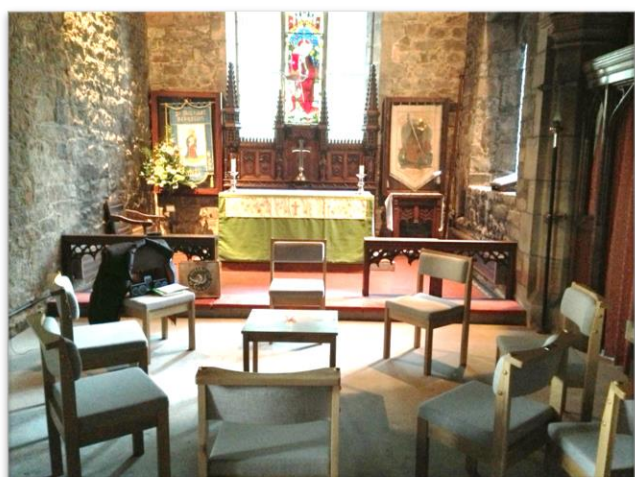
Julian Meetings

The Julian Meeting is all about sitting quietly in God's presence and allowing God to use that time as He wills. It is a time where we feel God's loving protection most.

Due to the pandemic, 2020 proved to be a year where that love and protection was in great need by many people.

When we were able to, we held our meetings in the spacious, (and now very warm!), main part of the Church, rather than the Chancel.

We couldn't form our traditional circle, and we had to wear face coverings.



Despite this, the feelings of God's love, presence and protection filled the Church. We will resume our own Julian meetings in 2021 as soon as it's safe to do so.

John Connell

Online services

Necessity, they say, is the mother of invention. The closure (whether partial or total) of the church due to the pandemic created the need to be able to provide some sort of worship with which church members could participate. The simplest way was to go on-line. During the first lockdown in the Spring of 2020, a worship service was compiled from various contributions by bands, speakers, service leaders, lesson reader and those leading prayers.

Each segment was recorded in the individual's home and sent over the internet to Ben Gooding, who burned much midnight (and later!) oil compiling the service and uploading it to YouTube. It is surprising how long it takes even a powerful computer to produce an hour-long video!

As the church re-opened in the summer for a limited form of congregational worship, we started to film the service and then upload the recording.

Later, thanks to some sterling work by Richard Warburton, we began to obtain all the technology needed to be able to stream the service to

Loving God

YouTube as it happened (“live-streaming” is the technical term). Initially, this was a bit “Heath Robinson”, with power cables draped across the graveyard, and borrowed cameras and laptops brought from home, but gradually the church acquired all the equipment needed.

All that remains now is to get a better internet connection: at the moment we depend upon a wireless link to the church office, which is not always reliable.

Midweek

One benefit of the church closures is that Chris Smedley has been making a short service of morning prayer available on Facebook each weekday morning. This has been greatly appreciated by many

church members, and far more people have been worshipping in this way than ever before.

What of the future?

Around 30-40 households watch the Sunday service live, and several more catch up later. We know that there are several people watching regularly who have not previously attended a normal church service, and we believe that this will continue to be the case even after people are allowed back into the building in something like pre-Covid numbers.

So the intention is to continue to live-stream services.

*Jonathan Lupton,
Online Media Team*

Loving others

Loving others – whether that is individuals or groups or the community as a whole – is a vital part of the church’s mission. The variety of contacts is amazing – from children to the “more mature”.

Children’s, Youth and Community Work

Young Church

In March 2020 all of our children’s provisions (young church and explorers) ceased meeting in line with the government’s lockdown restrictions.

We formed a young group with a mixture of families invited who normally attend the churches in both Breaston and Draycott as well as our Explorers group.

We meet on Zoom every Sunday in term time, originally at 9:30 am before the morning service but now at 4 pm.

We currently have 16 families on our register which totals 29 children, and our regular attendance is roughly 8 families per week with a few who always attend and others who interact in their own time through monthly resource packs which are delivered monthly to the families.

The packs contain the items they need for the craft each week, an activity sheet for each week’s theme, sweets, and a treat. These are resourced with a figure of roughly £2.50 per child and we welcome

donations for these from the families.

Sunbeams

In February 2020 Sunbeams in Breaston and Draycott started the process to become a joint group with the aim of using the strengths of each group to improve the group. We rebranded with a new logo which prompted a joint advertisement banner to be displayed in both villages.

Due to the restrictions put in place in March 2020, the group had to close.

At the beginning of the lockdown, sessions were run from Jodie’s home live on Facebook. There was singing, stories and craft but with very few attendees that shortly dwindled to none, the sessions were stopped.

The only contact now with Sunbeams families is via our Facebook page.

We had planned to restart a new parent and baby sessions in January at St Mary’s Church, the focus on new parents due to the isolation we feared the parents may be feeling at such a vulnerable time in their lives. However, with the country having entered another national

lockdown we had to put these plans on hold until it is safe to restart.

At the beginning of 2020, there were roughly 20 regularly attending sunbeams in Breaston each week and 8 in Draycott. It is unclear how many parents and children we will have with us when we restart.

Jodie Kirk, Student Children's Worker

Cancelled groups

Explorers, Youth Café and Friesland Christian Union, residentials and summer festivals were all cancelled in March 2020 due to the pandemic. There is currently (February 2021) a review of children's and youth work which will hopefully provide some clarity on the way forward once the situation returns to a "new normal".

Youth Home Group/Young Adults Home Group

Our home groups for both our young people and our young adults have continued well throughout 2020. Much of our time has been spent on Zoom, though for a short time we did manage to meet in person in Simon and Becci's garden with the use of the 'Tea Tent'. Fellowship, community and growing in faith has been possible, but we have certainly missed the times we had in person and we look forward to when that can be possible again.

Mums' and Dads' Fortnightly Home Group

The mums and dads of our home group have continued to feel connected during the Covid-19 pandemic through WhatsApp, regular zoom meetings and the occasional socially distanced walk. The 'dads' are missing playing football and time in the chequers, while the 'mums' have transitioned fairly well to simply meeting virtually. We do, however, miss what we had before, as well as being able to worship together in church.

*Simon Bentley,
Youth, Community & Children's Worker*

Local mission

In my Annual Newsletter sent to friends with their Christmas cards this year I found myself writing this:

In 2020, the church has been emptied into the community we are called to serve. Life with all its loss, challenge, illness and hardships; as well as the joys, fun and laughter is lived out amongst the lost, as we exhibit peace we don't understand. It was His plan that we have reminded ourselves of this Advent: God with us...

This was brought about incredibly practically in March, as we invited the Parish Council, Breaston Community Forum, Good Neighbour

Scheme, Women's Institutes and Breaston Methodist Church to join with us as we coordinated the practical support so needed for the whole community to face the pandemic together. We facilitated the creation of a network of 'Street Leaders', to act as focal points for each street in the village, to coordinate the requests for help with those who were able to offer help, as we learned to live with the restrictions of Lockdown #1. As the restrictions were lifted in the early summer, the same network of volunteers mobilised to coordinate street-wide contributions to a series of village food bank collections for those in even more need. Thank you to those of you who were able to join in with this.

As we moved into Lockdown #3, we sensed the major needs were changing to those of isolation and wellbeing. So we sought out resources to enable those Street Leaders able to continue in the role, to signpost folk needing help in these areas. Now, as we wait for the programme of vaccinations to be rolled out, we are seeking Him to guide us in His next steps through 2021. He invites you to join in with what He is continuing to do in our community in 2021.

*Peter Hampshire
Local Mission Co-ordinator*

Alpha

Beginning in May 2020 Simon and Becci hosted the Alpha course online using Zoom, with seven people engaging in the course. It was certainly different from a 'normal' alpha session, as we were not able to meet face to face or share in a meal together. Despite the limitations, Zoom allowed us to gather together at the beginning of the session for a quick hello and intro to the theme and a time of good discussion after we'd individually watched the videos. All those who attended, 'completed' the course and we all grew in our understanding of God. It was exciting to watch each person grow in their faith and it was certainly a worthwhile undertaking. We hope to run another Alpha course in May 2021.

Simon Bentley

Serving, Supporting, Sharing

Serving, Supporting, Sharing is how we act as salt and light to those around us and further afield.

Breaston & Draycott Village News

The Village News continues to sell well in both villages. We usually print about 350 copies each month (fewer than last year, because fewer shops can sell them during the pandemic), for distribution to homes and for sale in shops.

April Macintyre continues to write a monthly “Still Space” article, with a thoughtful, meditative reflection. As ever, we would welcome people who can write articles, tell us about news stories, help with artwork, photos and even help with production and distribution.

Jean and Jonathan Lupton

Giving to others

We gave £10,000 to the following individuals and charities in 2020:

Fr Georges (Madagascar)	£2,000
Canaan Trust	£2,000
Open Doors	£2,000
Fusion (Mark Huskisson)	£1,000
World Vision	£500
Total	£7,500

The total is lower than the previous year, because of the uncertainty around our financial position during the pandemic.

Father Georges in Madagascar sends regular updates on how the funds are being used. The livestock (cattle, pigs and hens) all seem to be doing really well in providing much-needed provisions for local people.

Canaan Trust has also been supported by food collections organised by the Covid-19 Support Team; these are now being organised under the auspices of the PCC.

Open Doors provides supported for persecuted Christians across the world, and they sent us a “thank you” video which was broadcast in the streamed service on 28th February 2021.

Fusion is a charity supporting students at university; the church in turn support Mark Huskisson in his work for Fusion.

Pastoral Care Team

The purpose of the team is to ensure that any member of the church family who requires a visit receives one. The team currently consists of Jan Wilkinson, Lynda Irwin, Kathy Crockford, Jeanne Wilson, John Skinner, Jill Fletcher and is chaired by me.

As the body of Christ, we are called to care for one another and most of the care and support that happens

is through personal relationships and Home Groups.

In the last twelve months during the Covid pandemic, the Visiting Team have primarily kept in touch with people by telephone.

Rev'd Chris Smedley.

Breaston Churches Together

Representatives from St Michael's and Breaston Methodist Church normally meet twice a year to arrange joint ventures, although this year has been very different – with nothing to arrange or organise.

Jean Lupton

Homegroups

Whilst this last year has been a difficult one, our home groups have continued to support each other. This has not been easy, as everyone has had to get used to the technology available, and to make the most of the opportunities that the lockdown restrictions at the different levels provide, such as walking cycling. After a year that we will never forget, I look forward to the opportunities that the future will bring. I am already thinking about groups of six for home groups. I cannot praise and thank enough our leaders who also have been facing tough times, and I pray for God's blessing and peace on them and those they serve.

*Adam Collishaw,
Home Group Co-ordinator*

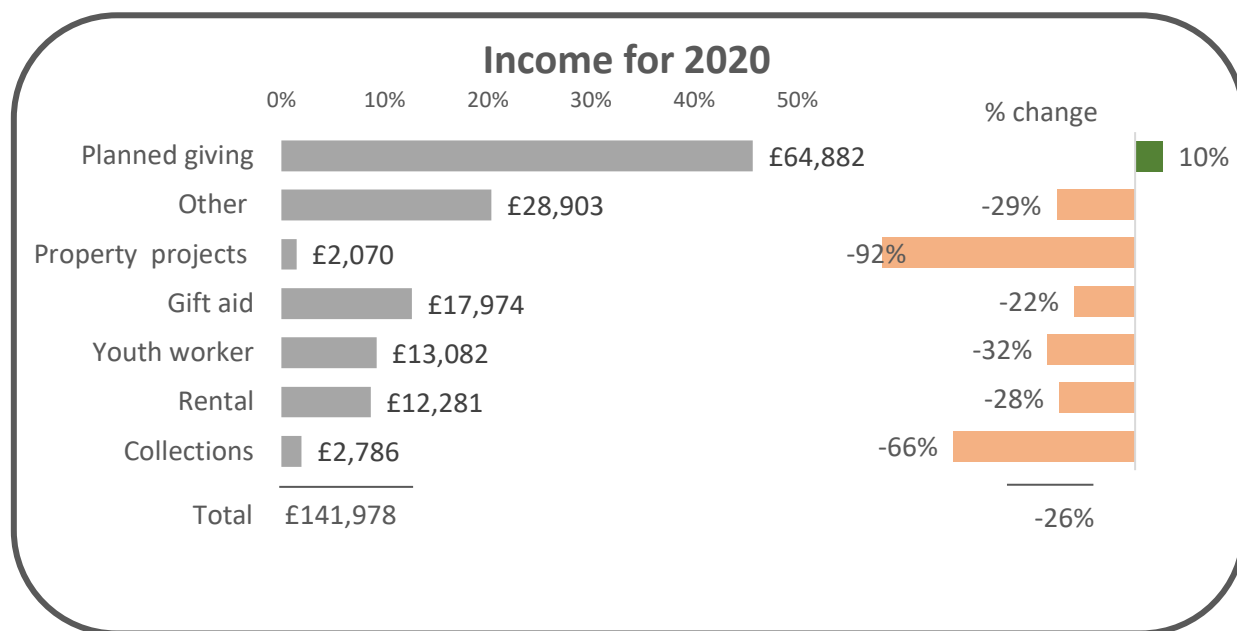
Coffee Break and Ladies Who Lunch

These groups started 2 years ago as a social gathering so that ladies could meet midweek for a friendly chat over a cup of coffee or lunch. The venue was The Well in Anderson's at 11 am on the 2nd Wednesday of the month for Coffee Break and at 12 noon on the 4th Wednesday for Ladies who Lunch. Until lockdown last year the groups were well supported and quite popular with ladies of all ages both from the village churches and the wider community. When we are able to gather socially once again, we hope to start this or a similar venture in the future. I'd like to thank Lynette, Dean and the staff at Anderson's for their hospitality.

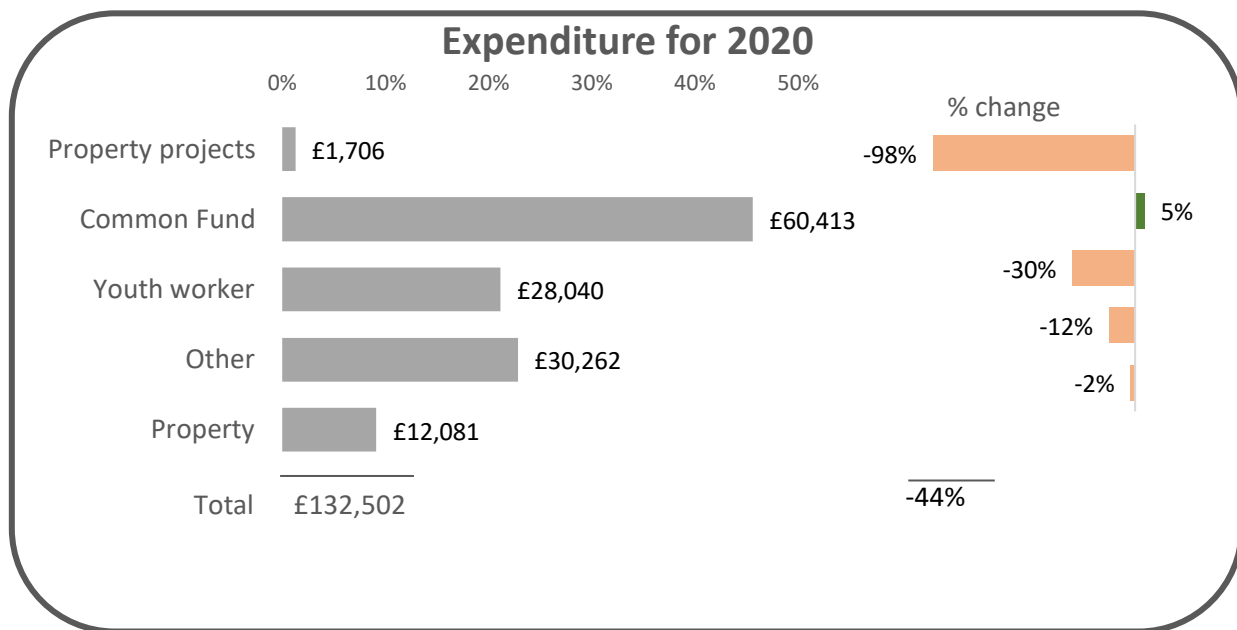
Rev'd Maria Przeslawski

Financial summary

Income



Expenditure



Financial accounts

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Michael, Breaston

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2020 which are set out on pages 7 to 11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

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

Name: YVONNE JACKSON BSc (Hons) FIA

Signed: 

Date: 24/3/21

Address: Clayton & Brewill Chartered Accountants, Cawley House, 149-155 Canal Street, Nottingham, NG1 7HR.

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	93,790	—	—	93,790	122,223
Activities for generating funds	3,351	—	—	3,351	3,861
Investment income	17,777	—	—	17,777	25,513
Incoming resources from charitable activities	13,979	—	—	13,979	21,858
Other incoming resources	13,082	—	—	13,082	19,187
Total income	141,979	—	—	141,979	192,642
Resources used					
Cost of generating funds					
Cost of generating voluntary income	—	—	—	—	—
Charitable activities	131,881	—	—	131,881	235,936
Governance costs	618	—	—	618	600
Total expenditure	132,499	—	—	132,499	236,536
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	9,480	—	—	9,480	(43,894)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	—	—	10,000
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	—	—	(10,000)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	9,480	—	—	9,480	(43,894)
Total funds brought forward	160,689	—	—	160,689	204,583
Total funds carried forward	170,168	—	—	170,168	160,689
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
Designated	20,000	—	—	20,000	20,000
General fund	149,390	—	—	149,390	125,277
Designated					
Church improvement & maintenance fund	8,285	—	—	8,285	8,110
Youth, Children and Community Fund	(7,507)	—	—	(7,507)	7,302
Restricted					
Agency collection	—	(1,290)	—	(1,290)	(1,290)
Restricted	—	1,290	—	1,290	1,290

Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
Fixed assets			
	Computer Equipment	—	—
	Office Furniture	—	—
	Total Fixed assets	—	—
Current assets			
	Barclays current account	7,674	7,745
	Barclays deposit account	101	15,148
	Lloyds Bank Current Account	675	—
	CBF deposit account No 1	43,008	27,202
	CBF Deposit No 2 Church Improvement Fund	—	451
	CBF Deposit No 3 Legacy Fund	—	2,847
	CBF - Investment Fund CBF/612191003D	118,274	107,297
	Accounts Receivable	—	—
	Total Current assets	169,732	160,689

Legacies	1,025	—	—	—	1,025	—
Recurring grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
Non-recurring one-off grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other funds generated	2,141	180	—	—	2,321	3,478
Total	88,088	5,702	—	—	93,790	122,223

Incoming resources from generated funds - Activities for generating funds

Bookstall sales - fund raising	—	—	—	—	—	—
Church hall lettings - fund raising	—	—	—	—	—	—
Magazine income - advertising	1,210	—	—	—	1,210	1,562
Parish magazine sales	2,141	—	—	—	2,141	2,299
Rummage sales etc	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	3,351	—	—	—	3,351	3,861

Incoming resources from generated funds - Investment income

Increase in Investments	10,977	—	—	—	10,977	19,660
Bank and building society interest	189	—	—	—	189	310
Rent from lands or buildings	6,610	—	—	—	6,610	5,542
Total	17,777	—	—	—	17,777	25,513

Incoming resources from charitable activities

Fees for weddings and funerals	1,698	—	—	—	1,698	4,898
Bookstall sales to promote objectives	—	—	—	—	—	—
Church hall lettings - objectives	12,281	—	—	—	12,281	16,960
Total	13,979	—	—	—	13,979	21,858

Other incoming resources

Youth Worker	—	13,082	—	—	13,082	19,187
Insurance claims	—	—	—	—	—	—
Surplus - sales of fixed assets	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	13,082	—	—	13,082	19,187
INCOME TOTAL	123,195	18,784	—	—	141,979	192,642

EXPENDITURE

Cost of generating funds - Cost of generating voluntary income

Costs of applying for grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Restricted (eg Father Georges)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Costs of fetes other Fund Raising	—	—	—	—	—	—
Investment management costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—

Charitable activities

Flowers for Church	—	—	—	—	—	493
Giving to missionary societies	4,380	—	—	—	4,380	4,370
Giving - relief and development agencies	500	—	—	—	500	3,000
Hardship Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
Home mission	3,000	—	—	—	3,000	3,399
Gala Day & Easter Journey	—	—	—	—	—	—
Secular charities	—	—	—	—	—	—
Youth Worker	—	—	—	—	—	1,848
Mission projects - expenditure	45	—	—	—	45	—
Common Fund to Derby Diocese	60,413	—	—	—	60,413	57,767
Assistant staff costs	36	—	—	—	36	—
Salary of parish administrator	2,818	—	—	—	2,818	3,071
Working expenses of incumbent	—	—	—	—	—	291
Funeral, wedding and other related costs	771	—	—	—	771	3,210
Visiting speakers / locums	—	—	—	—	—	—
Council tax	—	—	—	—	—	—

Parsonage house expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
Water rates - vicarage	514	—	—	—	514	502
Youth Worker and costs	—	28,040	—	—	28,040	38,388
Young Church & Sunbeams	—	3,243	—	—	3,243	1,501
Young Church - do not use in 2017	—	—	—	—	—	—
Church running - insurance	2,690	—	—	—	2,690	2,082
Church office - telephone	427	—	—	—	427	526
Organ / piano tuning	—	—	—	—	—	—
Church maintenance	1,110	—	—	—	1,110	3,654
Cleaning	2,651	—	—	—	2,651	2,440
Upkeep of services	1,105	—	—	—	1,105	2,434
Upkeep of churchyard	1,140	—	—	—	1,140	66
Administration	1,179	—	—	—	1,179	1,401
Computer Hardware & Software	798	—	—	—	798	558
Church running - electric	6,495	—	—	—	6,495	5,302
Church running - gas	—	—	—	—	—	—
Church running - water	100	—	—	—	100	64
Magazine expenses	2,955	—	—	—	2,955	2,160
Hall running - electricity	764	—	—	—	764	1,063
Hall running - gas	928	—	—	—	928	1,072
Hall running - insurance	1,102	—	—	—	1,102	1,113
Hall running - maintenance	1,722	—	—	—	1,722	1,877
Hall running - telephone	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hall running - water	100	—	—	—	100	64
Hall + major repairs - structure	—	429	—	—	429	—
Library & Office upkeep	723	—	—	—	723	610
Re-ordering Project - Church	—	1,706	—	—	1,706	91,609
Total	98,463	33,418	—	—	131,881	235,936

Governance costs

Governance costs examination/audit fee	618	—	—	—	618	600
Total	618	—	—	—	618	600
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	99,081	33,418	—	—	132,499	236,536
GRAND TOTAL	24,113	(14,634)	—	—	9,480	(43,894)

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities and applicable accounting standard FRS102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

2. Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings:

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the financial statements by section 96(2) (a) of the Charities Act 1993.

3. Tangible Fixed Assets for use in the charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,000. There were no such assets at 31st December 2020.

No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the Parochial Church Council and which require a faculty for disposal since the Parochial Church councillorship consider this to be an inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities and separately disclosed.

4. VAT

The charity is not registered for VAT and all irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

5. Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

6. Fund accounting

The Parochial Church Council has both unrestricted and restricted funds.

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the PCC.

Restricted funds relate to donations and grants which are specified for a particular purpose. Income is included in incoming resources of restricted funds when received. The relevant expenditure is then matched as restricted expenditure.

Designated Funds are general funds set aside by the PCC for use in the future. Designated funds remain unrestricted and the PCC will if appropriate move any surpluses not ear-marked for current purposes to other General Funds. As at 31st December 2016 there 2 such funds designated:

- Buildings and Maintenance fund – for the repair and improvement of the church and church hall
- Youth, Children and Community fund – to support the work Youth, Children and Community activities and employees in Breaston.

Approval

Approved by the Parochial Church Council for the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Michael, Breaston on 8th March 2021 and signed on its behalf by Rev'd Chris Smedley, Rector and PCC Chairman.

8 March 2021