

*The Parish of Morden in the Church of England
Emmanuel – St George – St Lawrence – St Martin*

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Documents for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

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Parish of Morden
The Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday 9 May 2021 12 noon via Zoom

Parishioners' Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome and prayer - **The Rector Rev. David Heath-Whyte**
2. Attendance and apologies - recorded in the Attendance Book
3. Election of Vestry Clerk - Jean Dowdeswell has been nominated and is prepared to stand
4. Minutes of the meeting held on Sunday 11 October 2020
5. Election of Parish Wardens - Charles Jeffery and Mick Towse have been nominated and are prepared to stand.

Annual Meeting Agenda

1. Minutes of the meeting held on Sunday 11 October 2020
2. Presentation of the Electoral Roll - **Jean Dowdeswell**
3. **Election of:**
 - (a) Deputy Wardens
 - (b) Deanery Synod
 - (c) Parochial Church Council
 - (d) District Church Councils

All nominated from Annual District Church Meetings

 - (f) The appointment of an Independent Examiner of Parish Accounts
4. **Reports**
 - (a) Report on the proceedings of the PCC and DCCs and activities of the Parish
 - (b) Parish Accounts and Financial Report for the year ending 31 December 2020
Parish Treasurer - **Graham Belcher**
 - (c) Report of Goods, Fabric and Ornaments of the churches of the Parish
 - (d) Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod
5. Other Reports
6. Team Vicars' Reports
7. Rector's Report
8. General Business
9. **Date of the next APCM Sunday 10 May 2022 tbc**
10. Prayer

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church meeting held via Zoom on Sunday 11 October 2020

Present: Rev. David Heath-Whyte, Rev. David Ruddick, Rev. Mark Davey, Rev. Al Wenham, Ade Adebayo, Jason Armstrong, Lorna Armstrong, Brenda Banks, Graham Belcher, Sheila Belcher, Pauline Botting, Heather Brown, Ken Brown, Nicola Brown, Dave Dowdeswell, Jean Dowdeswell, Catherine Edwards, Christine Gent, Fiona Gerdes-Hansen, Carole Gillett, Maurice Gilley, Charles Glover, Caroline Hazell, Clare Heath-Whyte, Peter Hopkins, Audrey Jeffery, Charles Jeffery, Sharon Jeffery, Derek Jordan, Susan Liang, Pat Lewis, Roger Lewis, Sybil Montague, John Mosely, Andrew Palfreyman, Margaret Palfreyman, Jane Pearson, Sarah Rogers, Chris Scoffield, Liz Scoffield, Peggy Taylor, Trevor Taylor, Gwyneth Thomas, Mick Towse, Sally-Anne Towse, Sally Van Der Meer, Tony Van Der Meer, Diana Wait, Sheila Walsh, Peter Wellman, Stephanie Wellman, Diane Wakely, Simon Wakely, Sue White, Alunda Young.

There were no apologies.

David Heath-Whyte welcomed everyone explaining that although there were some technical things on the agenda there would also be things to give thanks for and to pray for. It was agreed that the meeting could be recorded to aid with the accurate recording of the minutes; David opened the meeting with prayer.

Meeting of Parishioners

Election of Clerk

Jean Dowdeswell was nominated and elected unopposed.

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 April 2019, previously agreed by the PCC were unanimously approved. They will be signed at a later date.

Election of Parish Wardens

David thanked Mick (who has served three years) and Charles (who has served two years), who had been nominated and had agreed to stand again this year, for their help and support during the year. As there were no other candidates they were duly elected unopposed.

Election of Deputy District Wardens

The Deputy Wardens, having been nominated by the District Churches: Ade Adebayo (Emmanuel), Jason Armstrong (St. Lawrence), Brian Birch (St. Martins) and Peggy Taylor (St. Georges) were duly elected. David thanked them all for standing.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed and followed by the APCM.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 14 April 2019, which have been seen and approved by the PCC, were received and unanimously agreed. They will be signed at a later date.

2. Presentation of the Electoral Roll for 2020 (2019 totals in brackets)

Emmanuel	68	(67)
St. George's	43	(40)
St. Lawrence	130	(128)
St. Martin's	73	(78)

Total for the Parish **314** - an increase of **1**

3. Elections

David shared the names of the nominees, on screen, who had been nominated for the posts available by the district councils He thanked those who had stood down for what they had done in helping our churches to function and welcomed those who were new. All were duly elected unopposed.

Deanery Synod Members year 1 of a three year term

Emmanuel: Mick Towse & Simon Wakely

St. Georges: Peggy Taylor & Trevor Taylor

St. Lawrence: Charles Jeffery, Sharon Jeffery, Derek Jordan & Clare Heath-Whyte

St. Martins: Maurice Gilley, Chris Scoffield & Elizabeth Scoffield

PCC and DCC members a full list is attached to these minutes

David explained that Sidespeople were no longer nominated and elected at the APCM. Districts would need to nominate and elect them at their next DCC meetings. Names would need to be ratified by the PCC.

4. Reports

PCC, DCC, Goods, fabric and Ornaments, Deanery Synod, Diocesan Synod, Safeguarding and Parish Property Reports.

David thanked everyone who had prepared the reports earlier in the year and asked if there were any questions relating to them. As there were no questions; the reports were therefore received and accepted by the meeting.

Parish Accounts and Annual Report for the year ending 31 December 2019

Graham gave a short report accompanied by a couple of slides. He showed the trend over the last seven years of the income and expenses of the Parish. 2019 seems to be close to a break-even year, with income a little less than expenditure. Gains were made up from investments. He also showed a slide showing the unrestricted incomes of each church, churches that have been spending show a decrease while others show an increase. More details are available in the written report that had been made available along with the other reports. David thanked Graham for all his hard work as Parish Treasurer - it is a big job.

The Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2019 were accepted by the meeting.

The appointment of an Independent Examiner of Parish Accounts

The PCC had agreed to Maurice Andrews, as there were no objections they were appointed.

5. Other Reports - there were no other reports

6. Team Vicars' Reports.

Emmanuel David Ruddick felt that 2019 seemed a long time ago in the days before 'social distancing'. He reported on some activities that took place in 2019, including: a presentation by the Christian Institute, 'God's Big Picture' Bible studies and a quiet day led by John Wigmore (Anne's father). The church said goodbye to Anne at the end of her time as a Ministry Trainee - she has recently begun working with a Christian group Interschool Agency. Links had been made with a local nursery Bumps-a-Daisy, they were hoping to come to the church again this year, but this has not yet been possible. The MAP had been reviewed and new areas of focus agreed. David shared this on the screen and spoke briefly about the English Conversation Group that had started for Tamil mums but had to stop due to

a lack of staff. 2020 is the 70th anniversary of Emmanuel being built and a number of evangelistic events had been planned but due to the Coronavirus they had not taken place. David hoped that some things could still be done using the current freedoms that we have. Growth Groups via Zoom are happening on Wednesdays.

David shared a short video, made at the beginning of lockdown, featuring many of the church family, and used as a call to worship.

St. George's Al shared four marks of 2019

Building works - a large number had taken place, some were unplanned - including the rebuilding of the wall and work due to the theft of lead others were improvements like the illuminated notice board, the disabled ramp and the front fences. Although there had been challenges they had got through them spending about £15,000.

Bible Teaching - they have moved away from the Lectionary in order to have more systematic Bible teaching. The Mustard Seed material is now being used for the children's work. New NIV Bibles have been purchased. Parenting lunches have been held. A number of topics have been looked at from a Biblical perspective.

Outreach - regular activities continued the Ark Toddler group, assemblies at Abbotsbury School, the community film afternoon and the Bible Experiences led by Rosemary Haslam. A new Family Fun Day, attracting eighty families, was held in September in partnership with Holy Trinity Wallington. Highlights included Trevor's train set and a Gospel puppet show.

Generosity of giving - money had been raised to buy new NIV Bibles and there had been a number of generous financial one off gifts enabling the church to buy a range style cooker, a sofa and audio equipment. The church had also received £30,000 from the now closed Farm Road Church. This would be used to fund a part time Gospel worker to work on the estate. However due to the Coronavirus situation this has been postponed. Although regular giving has increased the church is still not self-supporting but there is a lot to give God thanks for.

Al stressed that the church is still involved in sowing for God's Kingdom, there are challenges, some things may have stopped but their focus will be on ministering to their immediate neighbours. The hope is that next year they would be able to pick up things with the help of a new worker. He thanked people for their prayers.

St. Lawrence David showed a number of photos taken over the year while he spoke. Martin had left in September to take up a post in Berkshire. A Holiday Club and a Fun Day and BBQ had been held. During the Eastern Electric Music Festival, held in the park, members of the church had given out water and tracts to those passing the church. A generous gift was given for renovations to the clock. The windows are being restored and will be double glazed, they are due to be finished in December. Payment is being funded from a bequest and a grant. David encouraged everyone to consider a bequest to their church in their wills.

During lockdown services were live streamed, but they are now meeting in church with two services on Sundays, including one on Sunday afternoon for children and their families. A number of activities have continued on Zoom, men's and women's breakfasts with evangelistic speakers, a book club, the conversation club, Bible studies, including Growth Groups, and prayer times.

St. Martin's Mark also shared some photos. There were lots of things to give thanks for but he highlighted four things.

A New Year Fun Day - many people had attended various services and events over the Christmas period. Contacts were invited to the fun day that was held in January. They were encouraged that many families from the different services went along to the event which included games and a BBQ.

The Easter Journey - this is an annual event for children from local schools. God was good, the date had to be changed, it was brought forward and held just before lockdown. Two hundred and thirty local children attended this multimedia, dramatic, interactive, event, hearing the story of Easter, many seeds were sown. This was a blessing and an encouragement to the church.

Online services, Sunday services, prayer meetings and Bible Studies have been a blessing to St. Martin's and beyond in this country and further afield.

Christianity Explored - Mark explained that a young lad had been to Christmas services at St. Martin's and then did a Life Explored course. He was engaged with the course but declined to move onto the Christianity Explored course due to school work and summer exams. During lockdown he watched the online services. He is now doing the Christianity Explored course and engaging with the Christian faith. The Lord is working in his life and this is a great encouragement to the church family. Contact has also been made with his family. Mark asked that we pray for them, that they may come to faith.

David thanked the team vicars for their reports.

The Church Wardens would normally be commissioned by the Bishop at a service in the Diocese but due to the Coronavirus this would not take place. David led a brief act of commissioning for Charles and Mick.

Rector's Report

David thanked all involved in the ministry of the Parish, clergy, paid staff and volunteers. We are all part of Christ's body working and serving together out of love for Jesus and in response to his self-giving sacrifice for us.

David read from Matthew 9v35f - 'the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few...' We work best as a Team Parish when our mission is focused in the local church, and we work as a team to support that mission. Being part of a team means we can support and resource each other. The Coronavirus has left people more harassed and more helpless than ever. There is a great need for workers in the harvest field, a great need to pray, a great need for individuals to show self-sacrifice and boldness to be workers and to step into this role. We are a unique team of four churches each with its own vicar and with the gospel of Jesus as central in our mission. As we continue to make inroads into the harvest field during the Coronavirus Crisis Jesus must be central and at the heart of our mission. David said that it was a privilege to have a helpful and united PCC, who agree about where we are going. We need to work at unity, repent of our sins, forgive and bear with each other and show the fruit of the Spirit. We need to pray that Jesus would send us out to those in our parish that they may come to a saving knowledge of him.

General Business

David informed the meeting that the new Mission Trainee, Jacob Stevens, would be arriving from America by the end of the month.

The meeting ended with a time of open prayer.

The date of the next APCM - Sunday 9 May 2021

Jean Dowdeswell 15 October 2020

Nominations for the APCM 11 October 2020

Emmanuel Church

Parish Warden: Mick Towse

District Warden: Ade Adebayo

Diocesan Synod: Jean Dowdeswell (to serve until 2021)

Deanery Synod: Mick Towse Simon Wakely (year 1 of 3 year term)

PCC Members: Ade Adebayo Graham Belcher Pauline Botting John Mosely

DCC Members: Tunde Adebayo Brenda Banks Stuart Belcher David Dowdeswell
John Evans Sally Namanga Andrew Rolf

St. George's Church

District Warden: Margaret Taylor

Deanery Synod: Margaret Taylor Trevor Taylor (year 1 of 3 year term)

PCC Members: Adeline Wenham

DCC Members: John Crowson David French Vivienne French Kevin Gilley
Rosemary Haslam Sybil Pratt Elaine Synan

St. Lawrence Church

Parish Warden: Charles Jeffery

District Warden: Jason Armstrong

Deanery Synod: Charles Jeffery Sharon Jeffery Derek Jordan Clare Heath-Whyte (year 1
of 3 year term)

PCC Members: Jason Armstrong Ken Brown Catherine Edwards Sue White Alunda Young

DCC Members: Paul Atie Fiona Gerdes-Hansen Audrey Jeffery Sue Liang Sybil Montague
Vanessa Pendergrest Sally Van Der Meer Sheila Walsh

St. Martin's Church

District Warden: Brian Birch

Deanery Synod: Maurice Gilley Chris Scoffield Elizabeth Scoffield (year 1 of 3 year
term)

PCC Members: Brian Birch Tom Cantell Peter Hopkins Jane Pearson

DCC Members: May Cantell Trisha Goddard Sylvia Hayward Kay Loader

Richard Polley Sarah Rodgers Wendy Tchilingirian Peter Wellman

Parish Finances - 2019

(with my comment on 2020)

It would be fair to describe 2019 as a relatively uneventful year from a financial perspective for the parish as a whole. But that understates the considerable achievement in maintaining balances and at the same time continuing to increase our contribution to the diocesan Parish Support Fund.

The overall balance of £2,764,554 at the end of 2019 closely matches the balance at the start of the year; the shortfall in normal income compared with expenditure being largely offset by £27,611 increase in endowment fund values. Normal income at £450,753 was increased compared with 2018 and expenditure was down a little at £480,665. The shortfall of £29,912 was a considerable improvement compared with the £102,706 shortfall in 2018.

At the end of 2019 the St Lawrence Ivy Morris Fund still held £153,437. St Lawrence and St Martin's held £32,237 and £36,393 in unrestricted funds, appreciably less than Emmanuel and St George's which ended the year with £86,677 and £75,561 in unrestricted funds. For St Lawrence and St George's these figures represent an increase compared with 2018 and for Emmanuel and St Martin's they represent a decrease.

In 2019 Emmanuel paid a £10,000 deposit for windows which were replaced earlier this year. St Lawrence was also anticipating a substantial spend on their East Window in 2020. None of us anticipated the coronavirus pandemic and the impact that would have on our finances in 2020. I would not normally comment on the current financial year, but with our APCM being postponed until October because of the coronavirus lock down, it seems right to make some comment. For the parish as a whole the most significant impact has been the loss of hall income, with individual churches affected to a greater or lesser extent by the lack of loose giving. Individual giving by standing order has been maintained, virtually unaffected, and we continue to receive rent income from the parish properties. We have been able to go ahead with the major items of planned expenditure and there has been some reduction in routine expenditure. Our 2020 accounts will look very different to those of 2019, but I am very grateful to God and to all of our regular givers that the impact of the pandemic on our parish finances is not more serious.

Graham Belcher

October 2020

Nominations for the APCM 9 May 2021

Emmanuel Church

Parish Warden: Mick Towse

District Warden: Ade Adebayo

Diocesan Synod: Jean Dowdeswell (to serve until July 2021)

Deanery Synod: Mick Towse Simon Wakely (year 2 of 3 year term)

PCC Members: Ade Adebayo Graham Belcher Pauline Botting John Mosely

DCC Members: Tunde Adebayo Brenda Banks Stuart Belcher David Dowdeswell
John Evans Sally Namanga Andrew Rolf

St. George's Church

District Warden: Trevor Taylor

Deanery Synod: Margaret Taylor Trevor Taylor (year 2 of 3 year term)

PCC Members: Adeline Wenham

DCC Members: John Crowson David French Vivienne French Rosemary Haslam
Dawn Phillips Sybil Pratt Elaine Synan

St. Lawrence Church

Parish Warden: Charles Jeffery

District Warden: Jason Armstrong

Deanery Synod: Charles Jeffery Sharon Jeffery Derek Jordan Clare Heath-Whyte (year 2 of 3 year term)

PCC Members: Jason Armstrong Ken Brown Catherine Edwards Sue White Alunda Young

DCC Members: Paul Atie Fiona Gerdes-Hansen Audrey Jeffery Sue Liang Sybil Montague
Vanessa Pendergrest Sally Van Der Meer

St. Martin's Church

District Warden: Chris Scoffield

Deanery Synod: Maurice Gilley Chris Scoffield Elizabeth Scoffield (year 2 of 3 year term)

PCC Members: Brian Birch Jane Pearson

DCC Members: May Cantell Tom Cantell Sylvia Hayward Peter Hopkins
Richard Polley Sarah Rodgers Wendy Tchilingirian Peter Wellman

Parochial Church Council Report 2020-2021

The PCC and Standing Committee have been unable to meet in person due to the Coronavirus and the associated restrictions. All meetings including the delayed APCM (held in October 2020) were held via Zoom. PCC meetings were held in June, September, November 2020, January and March 2021.

There are twenty-six lay members of the PCC, including twelve Deanery Synod members serving the first year of a three year term and one Diocesan Synod member serving the final year of a three year term.

In June David informed PCC that sadly Andrew Laws, a long-standing member of PCC had died. During the year Steve Harries resigned as Parish Administrator, Parish Safeguarding Officer and member of the PCC.

Jacob Stevens arrived from America in October, and after a period of quarantine began working as a Ministry Trainee with St. Lawrence in November. Jacob is living in the Hall Bungalow.

During the year the PCC agreed the following:

- To approve the lists of Sidespeople for each church (no longer required to be approved at the APCM)
- To appoint Chris Scoffield as the Parish Data Protection Compliance Officer for a further one year.
- An application to the Diocesan Mission Fund; for grants so that all four churches could purchase cameras to enable live streaming of services.
- To increase the Parish Support Fund Pledge for 2021 to £166,464.
- To approve St. George's plan for a Gospel Worker
- That no paid employees would be made redundant due to the virus, applications for furlough payments would be made.
- To defer rent for a three month period for any tenant unable to pay because of difficulties due to the coronavirus restrictions. (Agreed during the lockdown early in 2020).
- To changes of signatories on a number of Parish Accounts.
- To upgrading the software package used by the Parish and District Treasurers.
- To the purchase of a new software package for managing the payroll.
- To a job specification for a Parish Administrator.
- To pay the London Living Wage to administrators and the UK Living Wage to cleaners.
- To approve a budget for 2021.
- That St. George's would advertise for a Gospel Worker and that The Old School House be used as their accommodation.

There have been no Meetings for Better Understanding due to coronavirus restrictions.

Jean Dowdeswell attended a PCC Secretaries' Conference via Zoom at the end of February 2021.

The team clergy updated the PCC on Living in Love and Faith, a Church of England initiative on human sexuality. A number of resources are available online as well as material produced by The Church of England Evangelical Council. PCC discussions will be held later in the year.

The Building Committee continue to oversee a variety of issues relating to the maintenance and letting of the Parish Properties, including necessary repairs. Some re-decoration work has also been completed in the Parish Hall.

Discussion took place relating to an issue that has arisen regarding the building of an extension to number 24 Cedars Road, which has encroached onto Parish land at no 23. The legal implications and a resolution of this are being investigated by the Parish Wardens and Ade Adebayo.

Faculty Requests

PCC received and approved a number requests, including some list B applications.

Emmanuel -

- To approve a faculty request for pruning and cutting back of trees and hedges on the church and church hall grounds.
- To approve a spending request for repair work on the church tower and a flat roof.

St. George's -

- To approve a faculty proposal for the installation of new steps and ramp to the side of St. George's to provide more accessible fire exit and garden access.

St. Lawrence -

- To approve a faculty request for the reseating of coping stones at the East and West End Gables.
- To approve a faculty request for repairs to the tower clock and installation of automatic winding equipment.

St. Martin's -

- To approve a spending request to upgrade the audio system.
- To approve a faculty request to replace the church notice board.

Jean Dowdeswell
PCC Secretary
April 2021

A Report of the Proceedings of the District Church Council for Emmanuel Church, Morden April 2020 to March 2021

Well what a year it's been!

2020 introduced the world to Covid-19, a virus which made a lot of us ill but also killed a lot of people worldwide. The world went into a lockdown, and we could not see friends or family. Shops, bars, restaurants, and churches were all closed; you could only travel certain distances. The majority of us worked from home, and we had weekly TV reports from the Prime Minister.

But we still had ECC meetings via Zoom. We did not change our council until the ACM in September, so last year's council was the longest serving, in Emmanuel's history.

At the start of this period technology was in full use by the majority of us. Our church services were pre-recorded and then watched via our website or listened to on the telephone. Bible Study, Flames and Ignite and even our Coffee Break after the morning service were done on Zoom and it all worked well, thanks to David. The council agreed to purchase a new balcony computer, and the diocese helped us with a generous grant towards a new video camera, all of which helped to deliver the services.

The wardens' team continued being busy with church and hall grounds. Lots of the trees were cutback and pruned. Due to being in 'lockdown', a gardener was employed to help with clearing the grounds, and then hired on a monthly basis to maintain them.

The summer saw those who were comfortable with the Covid situation return to church, while the services continued being shown online. We all wore face masks and obeyed the social distancing rules; we were not allowed to sing or chat after the services.

Work started in our hall, which had a new ceiling and lights fitted and a new coat of paint applied.

Various plans were made for Christmas 2020, but Covid struck again and the country moved into tier 4; a lot of our plans could not go ahead, but we continued to meet on Sundays in church.

Moving into 2021, in January David and the wardens' team decided to suspend our services due to Covid figures being very high around us. During this period, our services were live streamed with thanks to Stuart and Mick who supported David.

It has been a very unusual year, and also a sad one. We lost church family members Louise Caldara, George Dollimore, and Joan Jewell, who all died from long illnesses, and Jill Mosely, who died very suddenly.

It's been a difficult year for us all, but we have supported each other physically by collecting shopping and prescriptions for those shielding and also emotionally by speaking on the telephone and on doorsteps.

Brenda Kennett (Secretary for Emmanuel DCC) April 2021

St George's Church DCC Report 2020

The year 2020 was of course quite unprecedented due to the COVID pandemic. In March we received the news that the Church of England had advised churches to suspend all services and meetings until further notice. The church then remained closed from 22 March - 28 June and again from the 8 November - 29 November during the second four week lockdown.

Mission Action Plan

Our Mission Action Plan continues to be 'Knowing, Growing and Going in Jesus'

DCC Meetings

- The DCC began the year with 11 lay members including two Deanery Synod representatives and one PCC member and average attendance has been 70%. Five formal meetings of the DCC took place in January, March, July, October and November, the latter three being held on Zoom. An informal meeting was also held on Zoom on 7 May to discuss a risk management plan for corporate worship during the pandemic, in preparation for the re-opening of the church after the first lockdown.
- Very good progress has been made over the past year with regard to the fabric and general upkeep of the church buildings, details of which can be found in the Fabric Report.
- An important decision was made in March, before lockdown, that we should employ a part time Gospel outreach worker with the money gifted from the former Farm Road Church. The DCC however later decided to postpone recruitment of a worker until at least 2021 due to the ongoing pandemic.

Regular Activities

The ARK Playgroup closed on 10 March due to falling numbers of children and remained closed for the rest of the year. No Community Film Afternoons were held and all regular hall bookings, including FISH were suspended.

One Off Activities

Two events scheduled for Easter had to be unfortunately cancelled; an evangelistic concert by David and Vivienne French and a youth Hip Hop event. However two outreach activities were held during lockdown. Firstly church members helped Rosemary Haslam of LCM produce Grow at Home packs to give to families receiving parcels from the Food Bank, providing Bible-themed activities for the children of families. Secondly, in the run up to Christmas we focused on 'Love Your Neighbour' trying to do at least three things for three immediate neighbours for three months: pray for them daily, care for them in some practical way and share Christ with them.

Church Services

We were of course not able to meet together for corporate worship for much of the year but from the outset services were transmitted to those at home on Zoom. We continued to have one service at 10.30am and when the church opened after the first lockdown we resumed Holy Communion but only by sharing the bread. Fortunately by having pre-recorded a Remembrance Day service in advance of the second lockdown in November we were able to hold the service. At Christmas it was decided that it would not be possible to hold our normal carol service in church and so a pre-recorded 'Sing Along at Home' service was produced. This went out as an on-line video event and was a great success; the on-line video

advert was seen by over 7,000 people and 250 people viewed the service. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services took place in the church.

Home Groups

As it was no longer possible to meet in peoples' homes, a Growth Group met regularly on Zoom. Topics studied included 2 Peter, Proverbs and latterly a booklet entitled 'A Spiritual Healthcheck ' by Carl Laferton.

Central Prayer Meetings

These continued to be held on Zoom on the last Sunday of each month and provided an opportunity to pray together as a church.

Finance and Resources

We thank God for his provision to us; we have again been greatly blessed over the past year. Despite the loss of revenue from hall bookings and cash donations we still finished the year with a healthy balance thanks to the generosity of congregation members. We also received a grant of £500 from the diocese for the webcam and a generous unrestricted gift of £1,500 from Holy Trinity Wallington.

St George's People

- Our Electoral Roll for 2020 stood at 43, although it is good that some newcomers have joined in the course of the year.
- I would like to thank Al Wenham for all his hard work and enthusiasm in what was a very challenging year, ably supported by Adeline. A special thanks also to Peggy Taylor who is stepping down as Warden after many years of faithful service. I would like to thank David and Vivienne French for providing the music for us week by week and for technical support along with Adeline and Sophie Wenham. Thanks also to Sybil Pratt and Peter Gould for their work in maintaining the church buildings and grounds.
- Thanks are also due to all those that have been involved in the ministry at St George's over the past year whether this has been as readers, sidespeople, intercessors, church cleaning or flower arrangements. However I repeat what I said last year that we still need more volunteers!

Trevor Taylor

DCC Secretary

April 2021

St. Lawrence Church

DCC Business April 2020 - March 2021

In the last 12 months we have met 5 times and had some major projects to discuss. We (well, Charles Jeffery, Jason Armstrong and the Church Architect) continued and completed the East Window Project which began in March 2020. Despite the impact of Covid the project progressed and was successfully completed before Christmas 2020, in time for the Christmas services.

We added a new Camera and internet link to the church building and this has enabled us to offer such a wide and valued online services, groups and support to our Church family and the community.

We are still progressing the purchase of an Automated Electronic Defibrillator, which Diocesan permission has been granted for.

We are planning work on the mechanism of the Church clock, and this is now having a faculty (planning permission) applied for. This will be funded by a generous anonymous gift.

Mission Action Plan

While our aims continue, the specific goals have been limited due to Coronavirus:

Know: A. Strategy for New People

We have organised a scheme to offer some kind of home hospitality (lunch, tea...) as a way of welcoming new people into the church family. Due to Covid restrictions this has not been possible over the last year.

Know: B. Strategy for Seniors

The 'Connections' group and our regular Manor House services are on hold due to Covid restrictions.

Grow: C. Developing Personal Evangelism

We have commenced a number of activities despite the impact of Covid. We have undertaken the following activities:

- Men's and Women's breakfasts with guest speakers, open for our friends to attend online
- Book table outside church gate - giving books and engaging members of the public
- Advent calendar - online advent calendar reflecting the Christmas story with participation from a wide range of Church members
- Online Morning/Evening Prayer groups - 3 times a week, to support and assist our church family
- Book-club - 5 sessions/Christian books to date
- Kids Easter Trail and Churchyard Trail

Go/Serve: D. Local Event Engagement

Covid restrictions have prevented any large-scale involvement, although individuals continue to be involved in the community.

Buildings: E. Use of Church Centre

Although out of use for most things, it has been a useful film studio for the Rector making video assemblies for Morden Primary School!

Staff

Jacob Stevens

Jacob joined us as a 'Ministry Assistant' in October 2020, and we are so delighted to welcome him to our Church and Parish team. Unfortunately, since Jacob arrived from the USA we have been facing Covid restrictions and so Jacob has not been

able to meet many people in-person. However, Jacob is attending online courses, has led services, preached, led a Men's Breakfast, a book-club meeting and been a great assistance in supporting singing and kids activities.

Andrew Palfreyman

Andrew has continued in his role as Lay Reader.

David Heath-Whyte

David and Clare have now been with us for 6 years.

Church Activities

Sundays

We are currently running a 10:30am service and a 4:00pm 'Kids & Co' service. We do not feel able to offer the usual Sunday Club under the current guidelines, and so 'Kids & Co' is designed as a stop-gap to provide Bible teaching and activities for our church children to enjoy, with the help of their grown-ups who come along too. We look at the same passage in the morning and afternoon, and this year we have looked at:

Hebrews 9-10 (Jesus: Priest and Sacrifice), 1 Corinthians 9-10 (For the sake of the Gospel), Some Psalms, Luke 8-9 (Who is this man?), Luke 1-2 (The Saviour is born), Ruth 1-4 (Ruth and the Good God), Hebrews 11-12 (Faith)

Since the impact of Covid commenced we have streamed online services and as the restrictions relaxed we commenced services in the Church and continued online services. Our online services have secured high viewing figures at the time of the service and after. This has offered a great opportunity to share the word of the gospel and we are very grateful for the skills and abilities of the Church team that have enabled this wonderful opportunity and we praise God for supporting and facilitating all these efforts.

Midweek Events

Many of our usual Midweek Events continued on-line, helping people to grow in their knowledge and love of Jesus - including Mums' Bible Study, a new Women's Bible Study, Men Behaving Godly, Women's breakfast and Growth Groups (Homegroups).

'Connections' (our Community Café for anyone on alternate Thursdays) had to be stopped temporarily but will restart as soon as we are allowed.

'Conversation Club', for women for whom English is a second language, aims to build friendships as well as language skills. This was cancelled for a period under Covid restrictions but is now being held online, with some in-person meetings to happen soon.

Kids Club, fortnightly on Fridays, was developing very well but again due to Covid restrictions has not been able to meet - Clare has been producing fortnightly videos for the children.

We held a Pre-Easter Course called "Gospel Shaped Living" looking at how our Church can live as a community shaped by and grounded by the gospel. These sessions were both thought provoking and welcomed by those attending the online sessions. The bible study sections are now being addressed in the growth groups after Easter, alongside a Sermon Series.

Special Events

We held a Tear Fund Big Quiz Night on Zoom in November, which was very popular and raised some money for Tear Fund's vital work.

Just before Christmas we held a very popular Ladies Christmas craft online event, making a cork/needle-felting Father Christmas, with an Evangelistic talk. Church ladies were only allowed to come if they brought friends, and that led to large numbers attending and hearing about Jesus as well as making beautiful Father Christmas figures.

Church Family

We give thanks to God for bringing new members into our church family this year through our online services.

We thank God for the lives of our brothers and sisters: Margaret Richards, Jean Laws, Andrew Laws, Joanna Whitten, Lesley Warner, Reg Kemp and Eileen Scott who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the last 12 months.

***'... the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord for ever.'* 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17**

We are very grateful to God for all his bountiful provision during the past year. 'Unless the Lord builds the house the labourers labour in vain'. (Psalm 127:1)

Sheila Walsh & David Heath-Whyte, April 2021

St. Martin's DCC Report 2021

Under a change of rules from the Church of England and with the 2020 ADCM being delayed until September of last year, the elected District Church Council from 2020 continued in office until the end of September and met (virtually) an additional 3 times.

At the 2020 ADCM a total of 15 lay members were elected (8 DCC, 4 PCC and 3 Deanery Synod). There was 1 unfilled vacancy for PCC. Deanery Synod members were elected for a 3-year term.

Since the ADCM, the DCC has met 3 times formally: November 2020, January 2021 and February 2021. An additional special meeting to approve reports for the 2021 ADCM took place at the beginning of April.

All meetings since the pandemic started have taken place via Zoom and although this has allowed the majority of elected members to meet this has also provided a number of challenges as people got to grips with technology and technology decided to misbehave. A number of OUR members also contracted COVID-19 which affected attendance as they recovered. We did manage however to achieve an average attendance of 83%.

In addition to regular reports and discussions on our financial position and maintenance and repair of the building we have prayerfully discussed how we can serve our community and reach those who are unable to attend the socially distanced services (when the church could be open) or were unable to watch the on-line services and attend the online meet ups and home groups.

Chris Scoffield March 2021

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The Members of the PCC present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2020.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1135317

The Parish of Morden comprises four separate Churches - Emmanuel, St. George, St. Lawrence and St. Martin. The Parish is managed by a Parochial Church Council (PCC). Each individual Church is looked after by a District Church Council (DCC). The Parish falls within the Deanery of Merton, the Archdeaconry of Lambeth and Diocese of Southwark.

Contact can be made with the PCC via the Parish Office at The Rectory, London Road, Morden SM4 5QT.

Emmanuel	Rev. David Ruddick (Team Vicar)
St George	Rev. Al Wenham (Team Vicar)
St. Lawrence	Rev. David Heath-Whyte (Team Rector)
St. Martin	Rev. Mark Davey (Team Vicar)

Parish Wardens

Charles Jeffery
Mick Towse

Elected to Diocesan Synod

Jean Dowdeswell

Elected to Deanery Synod

Tom Cantell (resigned 11.10.2020)
Jean Dowdeswell
Clare Heath-Whyte (appointed 11.10.2020)
Maurice Gilley (re-appointed 11.10.2020)
Charles Jeffery (re-appointed 11.10.2020)
Sharon Jeffery (re-appointed 11.10.2020)
Derek Jordan (re-appointed 11.10.2020)
Andrew Laws (died 22.04.2020)
Andrea Ruddick (resigned 11.10.2020)
Chris Scoffield (re-appointed 11.10.2020)
Elizabeth Scoffield (appointed 11.10.2020)
Margaret Taylor (re-appointed 11.10.2020)
Trevor Taylor (re-appointed 11.10.2020)
Mick Towse (re-appointed 11.10.2020)
Simon Wakely (appointed 11.10.2020)

PCC Secretary

Jean Dowdeswell

Honorary Curates

Precious Omuku

Elected Members

Ade Adebayo
Jason Armstrong
Graham Belcher

Elected Members *(continued)*

Brian Birch
Rebecca Blatchford (resigned 01.07.2020)
Pauline Botting
Ken Brown (appointed 14.04.2019)
Paul Burgoyne (resigned 11.10.2020)
Tom Cantell
John Crowson (resigned 11.10.2020)
Jean Dowdeswell
Catherine Edwards
David French (resigned 11.10.2020)
Maurice Gilley
Steve Harries (resigned 01.09.2020)
Clara Heath-Whyte (appointed 11.10.2020)
Peter Hopkins
Charles Jeffery
Sharon Jeffery
Derek Jordan
Andrew Laws (died 22.04.2020)
Kay Loader (resigned 11.10.2020)
John Mosely
Jane Pearson (appointed 11.10.2020)
Sheeba Robindram (resigned 11.10.2020)
Andrea Ruddick (resigned 11.10.2020)
Chris Scoffield
Elizabeth Scoffield (appointed 11.10.2020)
Margaret Taylor
Trevor Taylor
Mick Towse
Simon Wakely (appointed 11.10.2020)
Adeline Wenham (appointed 11.10.2020)
Sue White
Alunda Young (appointed 11.10.2020)

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Parish derives its governance from the Diocese of Southwark and is part of the Church of England. As with all other parishes in England, the Parish is now required to obtain independent registration with the Charity Commission. The Parish was formally registered on 30th March 2010.

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules and the formal Diocesan arrangement for the governance of the Parish.

There is no formal induction process for new members of the PCC. They are provided support and assistance by their Team Vicar and other Church PCC members.

OBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Parish has the following objectives:

- to provide regular public worship which is open to all;
- to provide Pastoral visiting and counselling;
- to provide teaching of Christianity by means of sermons, courses and groups;
- to provide Christian youth work and school assemblies;
- to promote Christianity through events, meetings and literature distribution;
- to promote Church mission work, e.g. senior citizens, carers and toddler groups; and
- to supporting charities in the United Kingdom and overseas

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The coronavirus pandemic had a significant impact on regular worship during 2020. Online services replaced services in church during the first lockdown and again at the end of the year. Services were also available online during the period between the two lockdowns when the church buildings were open. Each church provided at least one Sunday service each week, though many of them were online only.

Jacob Stevens joined us as a parish trainee in November. He has been based at St Lawrence.

The pandemic also had an impact on our local schools. They provided face to face teaching for the children of key workers and those with special educational needs, but school visits were restricted. Parish clergy responded by contributing to regular video assemblies. Several congregation members are school governors.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Overall income reduced by just under 3% compared with 2019, largely due to the coronavirus pandemic. The impact of the pandemic on income was mainly limited to hall rents and loose giving. Most of the donated income received by the parish is through bank standing orders, which for most of the team churches saw a small increase compared with 2019.

Because of the pandemic routine expenditure was reduced. Work on the St Lawrence East Window went ahead, along with the refurbishment of Emmanuel church hall. Because of these exceptional expenses the total spent was almost 25% more than in 2019.

The total value of our endowment funds increased by £13,467 or 8%.

Overall fund balances, excluding properties (which are treated as fixed assets) and endowments, reduced from £392,171 to £227,333, a decrease of just over 42%. But a significant portion of the reduction related to restricted funds (in particular the use of £136,181 from the Ivy Morris Fund to fund the St Lawrence East Window work). The overall balances of the unrestricted funds reduced from £250,561 to £200,935, a decrease of just under 20%. Refurbishment of the Emmanuel church hall accounted for just over £20,000 of this reduction.

SAFEGUARDING

The Parish of Morden appoints a Parish Safeguarding Officer. Each of the individual churches appoint their own Safeguarding Officers who ensure that Disclosure and Barring checks are updated and that regular training is undertaken by those in their congregations. The Parish complies with the requirements of the Diocese and Charity Commission, including the recent requirements relating to the reporting of serious incidents. The members of the PCC pay due regard to the House of Bishops' advice and guidance on safeguarding.

PUBLIC BENEFIT REQUIREMENT

The Parochial Church Council have complied with the duty in the Charities Act 2011 to have regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission concerning the public benefit requirement

APPROVAL

The Annual Report was approved by the Parochial Church Council on 27th April 2021 signed on its behalf by:-

C. Jeffery

M. Towse

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
MORDEN PARISH

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2020.

Respective responsibilities of members of the PCC and examiner

The members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The members of the PCC consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you as Members of the PCC concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011;
- 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.

Global House
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27th April 2021

DANIEL FAUST, FCCA
 FLB ACCOUNTANTS LLP
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

MORDEN PARISH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>General Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted Funds</u> £	<u>Endowment Funds</u> £	<u>TOTAL 2020</u> £	<u>TOTAL 2019</u> £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Donations and legacies						
Incoming resources from donors	2	242,954	4,369	-	247,323	243,070
Other voluntary incoming resources	2	<u>40,172</u>	<u>49,963</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90,135</u>	<u>78,134</u>
		<u>283,126</u>	<u>54,332</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>337,458</u>	<u>321,204</u>
Charitable Activities						
Activities in furtherance of the councils objects	2	<u>20,081</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,140</u>	<u>40,822</u>
Investments						
Income from investments	2	<u>46,962</u>	<u>848</u>	<u>5,002</u>	<u>52,812</u>	<u>45,432</u>
Other Activities						
Activities for generating funds	2	<u>57</u>	<u>25,049</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,106</u>	<u>42,055</u>
Other Receipts						
Insurance claims		<u>1,780</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,780</u>	<u>1,240</u>
TOTAL INCOME		<u>352,006</u>	<u>80,288</u>	<u>5,002</u>	<u>437,296</u>	<u>450,753</u>
EXPENDITURE						
Raising Funds						
Costs of generating funds	3	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>81</u>
Charitable Activities						
Grants	3	2,460	45,792	-	48,252	39,301
Activities relating to the work of the Church	3	316,340	204,054	-	520,394	401,215
Support costs	3	26,755	-	-	26,755	35,388
Governance costs	3	<u>4,680</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,680</u>	<u>4,680</u>
		<u>350,235</u>	<u>249,846</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>600,081</u>	<u>480,584</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>350,235</u>	<u>249,846</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>600,081</u>	<u>480,665</u>
NET INCOME (EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR						
		1,771	(169,558)	5,002	(162,785)	(29,912)
Gains (Losses) on Investment Assets		-	-	11,414	11,414	27,611
Transfers between Funds		(27,682)	<u>30,631</u>	(2,949)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(25,911)	(138,927)	13,467	(151,371)	(2,301)
Fund balances brought forward		<u>2,433,426</u>	<u>165,325</u>	<u>165,803</u>	<u>2,764,554</u>	<u>2,766,855</u>
FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD		<u>2,407,515</u>	<u>26,398</u>	<u>179,270</u>	<u>2,613,183</u>	<u>2,764,554</u>
		=====	=====	=====	=====	=====

The notes on pages 7 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

MORDEN PARISH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
31ST DECEMBER 2020

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>General Funds</u> (see note 8) £	<u>Restricted Funds</u> (see note 9) £	<u>Endowment Funds</u> (see note 10) £	<u>TOTAL 2020</u> £	<u>TOTAL 2019</u> £
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible fixed assets	4	<u>2,206,580</u>	-	-	<u>2,206,580</u>	<u>2,206,580</u>
CURRENT ASSETS						
Current asset investments	5	-	-	179,270	179,270	165,803
Debtors	6	38,349	-	-	38,349	49,733
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>222,591</u>	<u>26,398</u>	-	<u>248,989</u>	<u>374,449</u>
		260,940	26,398	179,270	466,608	589,985
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>60,005</u>	-	-	<u>60,005</u>	<u>32,011</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>200,935</u>	<u>26,398</u>	<u>179,270</u>	<u>406,603</u>	<u>557,974</u>
NET ASSETS		2,407,515 =====	26,398 =====	179,270 =====	2,613,183 =====	2,764,554 =====
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		2,407,515 =====	26,398 =====	179,270 =====	2,613,183 =====	2,764,554 =====

The financial statements were approved by the Parochial Church Council
on 27th April 2021 and signed on its behalf by:-

C. Jeffery

M. Towse

The notes on pages 7 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

MORDEN PARISH**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES****Accounting basis**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note to these accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in September 2015 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations.

The PCC constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Members of the PCC consider that there are no material uncertainties about the PCC's ability to continue as a going concern.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of Church Groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church Members.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires the Members of the PCC to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use.

Designated funds represent funds designated by the PCC for a specific purpose. Such funds are still unrestricted and may be re-designated by the PCC.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor.

Endowment funds have similar restrictions with the additional proviso that only the income can be spent without permission from the original donor or the Charity Commission.

Income recognition

Collections and stewardship giving are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Legacies are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Income tax recoverable on covenants or gift aid donations is recognised when the related income is recognised.

Rental income from the letting of Church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

The Churches are greatly assisted by voluntary help and donations in kind. These are not reflected in the financial statements as they are not capable of accurate financial measurement.

MORDEN PARISH**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**
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(continued)1. **ACCOUNTING POLICIES** *(continued)***Expenditure recognition**

Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include VAT which cannot be recovered.

Grants are made by individual DCCs and are recognised when the grant is approved.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is excluded from the financial statements by section 10 of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable Church furniture held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted as inalienable property and are listed in the inventories of the Churches.

All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and movable Church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Freehold Land and Buildings have been included at market value upon incorporation of FRS102. It has not been possible to obtain historic costs for certain properties due to the historic nature of their acquisition.

The members of the PCC are currently considering a suitable method of depreciation of these assets.

2. **INCOME**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	
	£	£	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
			£	£
Income from donors				
Gift Aid - Bank	155,269	4,044	159,313	148,209
Gift Aid - Envelopes	12,597	-	12,597	16,245
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	45,343	-	45,343	42,947
Other planned giving	23,912	-	23,912	22,779
Loose plate collections	3,933	-	3,933	12,039
Regular gift days	<u>1,900</u>	<u>325</u>	<u>2,225</u>	<u>851</u>
	<u>242,954</u>	<u>4,369</u>	<u>247,323</u>	<u>243,070</u>

MORDEN PARISH**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020
(continued)2 **INCOME** *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds	
				<u>2020</u> £	<u>2019</u> £
Other voluntary income					
Legacies	19,755	-	-	19,755	7,000
Donations, appeals, etc.	13,139	8,221	-	21,360	60,660
One-off gifts	2,250	285	-	2,535	7,480
Recurring grants	3,028	-	-	3,028	2,894
One off grants	<u>2,000</u>	<u>41,457</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,457</u>	<u>100</u>
	<u>40,172</u>	<u>49,963</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90,135</u>	<u>78,134</u>
Activities in furtherance of the councils objects					
Fees to PCC	1,416	-	-	1,416	3,100
Income from church hall	9,085	-	-	9,085	20,677
Bookstall sales	621	59	-	680	953
Rent: Church/LDF building use	<u>8,959</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,959</u>	<u>16,092</u>
	<u>20,081</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,140</u>	<u>40,822</u>
Income from investments					
Dividends	2,949	-	2,053	5,002	4,804
Rent: PCC land/buildings	46,640	-	-	46,640	38,422
Bank interest	-	848	-	848	1,676
CCLA Interest	<u>322</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>322</u>	<u>530</u>
	<u>49,911</u>	<u>848</u>	<u>2,053</u>	<u>52,812</u>	<u>45,432</u>
Fundraising activities					
Rummage sales, etc.	57	-	-	57	7,934
Other funds generated	<u>-</u>	<u>25,049</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,049</u>	<u>34,121</u>
	<u>57</u>	<u>25,049</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,106</u>	<u>42,055</u>
Other Receipts					
Insurance claims	<u>1,780</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,780</u>	<u>1,240</u>

3. **EXPENDITURE**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds	
			<u>2020</u> £	<u>2019</u> £
Costs of generating funds				
Cost of fetes & other events	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>81</u>

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3. **RESOURCES EXPENDED** *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	
	£	£	2020	2019
			£	£
Grants				
CMS (including SAMS)	-	6,300	6,300	6,780
TEAR fund	-	3,144	3,144	2,133
Overseas mission societies	600	8,525	9,125	4,200
Release International	-	900	900	2,091
Crosslinks	-	5,567	5,567	5,908
AIM	600	6,547	7,147	5,738
Christian Agencies		3,600	3,600	3,600
Home mission	510	3,000	3,510	1,870
LCM (Merton Schools)	750	5,048	5,798	3,137
SSCWT	-	1,600	1,600	922
St Raphael's Hospice	-	-	-	1,502
Sundry grants under £1,000	-	<u>1,561</u>	<u>1,561</u>	<u>1,420</u>
	<u>2,460</u>	<u>45,792</u>	<u>48,282</u>	<u>39,301</u>
Activities relating to the work of the Church				
Common Fund	-	-	-	427
Ministry Parish share etc.	164,974	-	164,974	159,620
Stipend contribution	20,008	-	20,008	19,707
Working expenses of incumbents	2,248	-	2,248	6,439
Church running costs – utilities	9,299	-	9,299	13,552
Church running costs – cleaning	679	-	679	1,479
Church maintenance	22,254	-	22,254	34,726
Church insurance	8,507	-	8,507	7,862
Organ/piano tuning	196	-	196	140
Upkeep of services	16,431	-	16,431	8,543
Upkeep of churchyard	7,914	-	7,914	2,218
Magazine and bookstall expense	1,048	78	1,126	1,025
Parish training and mission	3,367	10	3,377	11,992
Education	265	223	488	352
Parsonage house expenses	4,468	-	4,468	4,326
Assistant staff costs	912	-	912	8,954
Miscellaneous expenses	187	-	187	642
Other PCC property upkeep	10,000	-	10,000	13,369
Hall running costs - utilities	8,856	-	8,856	8,172
Hall running costs - cleaning	3,103	-	3,103	3,007
Hall running costs - repairs	4,232	-	4,232	6,307
Hall running costs - insurance	2,512	-	2,512	3,248
Salaries (except administrator)	676	-	676	1,332
Major repairs/installations - church hall	21,474	-	21,474	8,335
Major repairs/installations - church	<u>2,730</u>	<u>203,743</u>	<u>206,473</u>	<u>75,441</u>
	<u>316,340</u>	<u>204,054</u>	<u>520,394</u>	<u>401,215</u>

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(continued)3. **RESOURCES EXPENDED** *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	
	£	£	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
			£	£
Support costs				
Administration	6,366	-	6,366	9,636
Administrators' salaries	<u>20,389</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,389</u>	<u>25,752</u>
	<u>26,755</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,755</u>	<u>35,388</u>
Governance costs				
Accountancy fees	<u>4,680</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,680</u>	<u>4,680</u>

4. **FIXED ASSETS****Freehold Land and Buildings****Valuation**

As at 1.1.2020 and 31.12.2020

£
2,206,580
=====**Net Book Value**

As at 31.12.2020 and 31.12.2020

2,206,580
=====

The Freehold Land and Buildings comprise

	Original Cost	Revalued Cost
	£	£
Emmanuel Church Hall & Annex	15,709	115,000
140 Stonecot Hill (being 69.56% of the property)	32,000	313,020
49 Camborne Road (being 62.26% of the property)	94,950	373,560
23 Cedars Road	42,877	450,000
Parish Hall Complex (now split into 4 distinct properties)	41,010	-
Parish Hall	-	105,000
Parish Hall Bungalow	-	300,000
Hall Cottage	-	200,000
Old School House	-	<u>350,000</u>
	<u>226,546</u>	<u>2,206,580</u>
	=====	=====

The original historic costs have been obtained from Parish records of which some date back over 70 years. The properties at 140 Stonecot Hill and 49 Camborne Road were purchased with the assistance of the Diocese who own the balance of the share in the property, ownership percentage being based on contribution towards cost by each party.

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5. **CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	£	£
Central Board of Finance	179,270 =====	165,803 =====

Funds are invested through the Church of England Central Board of Finance. Units held are shown at closing value at the year end.

6. **DEBTORS**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	£	£
Sundry debtors and prepayments	38,349 =====	49,733 =====

7. **CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	£	£
Sundry creditors and accruals	60,005 =====	32,011 =====

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(continued)8. **GENERAL (UNRESTRICTED) FUNDS**

	Balance 1.1.2020	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance 31.12.2020
	£	£	£	£	£
The Designated Funds comprise:-					
Fixed Asset Fund	2,206,580	-	-	-	2,206,580
Emmanuel					
- General Fund	60,282	90,384	(25,667)	(72,340)	52,659
- Discretionary Fund	108	-	-	92	200
- Church Hall Fund	25,072	5,224	(26,536)	(2,062)	1,698
- Special Fund	1,039	-	-	-	1,039
- Mums and Toddlers Fund	176	300	(72)	-	404
St. George					
- General Fund	75,561	42,364	(20,771)	(21,009)	76,145
St. Lawrence					
- General Fund	16,657	91,596	(8,164)	(83,818)	16,271
- 25K Donation	15,580	-	-	10,000	25,580
St. Martin					
- General Fund	532	70,459	(5,363)	(65,483)	145
- Maintenance Fund	31,896	7,050	(15,834)	(11,070)	12,042
- Youth Work	2,668	-	(166)	-	2,502
- Bernard Towse Memorial Fund	989	-	-	-	989
- Sick & Needy Fund	308	-	-	-	308
Parish Fund					
- General Fund	-	3,416	(227,388)	223,972	-
- Emmanuel cleaner	-	42	(1,582)	1,540	-
- Gift Day Fund	1,420	-	-	(1,420)	-
- Church Hall Fund	-	1,581	(9,319)	7,738	-
- St Martin's cleaner	-	-	(41)	41	-
- Property Fund	<u>(5,442)</u>	<u>39,590</u>	<u>(9,332)</u>	<u>(13,863)</u>	<u>10,953</u>
	<u>2,433,426</u>	<u>352,006</u>	<u>(350,235)</u>	<u>(27,682)</u>	<u>2,407,515</u>
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(continued)**9. RESTRICTED FUNDS**

	Balance 1.1.2020	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance 31.12.2020
	£	£	£	£	£
The Restricted Funds comprise:-					
Emmanuel					
- Missionary Fund	830	317	(11,772)	10,625	-
- Bible Notes Fund	362	59	(77)	-	344
- Junior Church Fund	355	-	(223)	145	277
St. George					
- Missionary Fund	-	-	(2,592)	2,592	-
- Church Hall Fund	-	4,000	-	-	4,000
St. Lawrence					
- Missionary Fund	-	1,346	(9,962)	8,616	-
- Weekend away	-	-	(10)	10	-
- Ivy Morris Fund	153,437	67,555	(203,743)	-	17,249
- Giftday Donations Fund	674	-	-	-	674
- DHW - SBT Ugand	2,962	-	(2,962)	-	-
St. Martin					
- Missionary Fund	5,664	7,011	(15,579)	6,643	3,739
Parish Fund					
- Missionary Fund	<u>1,041</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,926)</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>115</u>
	<u>165,325</u>	<u>80,288</u>	<u>(249,846)</u>	<u>30,631</u>	<u>26,398</u>
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====

MORDEN PARISH**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**
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(continued)10. **ENDOWMENT FUNDS**

	Balance 1.1.2020	Incoming Resources	Investment Gains	Transfers	Balance 31.12.2020
	£	£	£	£	£
The Endowment Funds comprise:-					
St. Lawrence					
- Pylbrook Charity	146,640	4,415	10,188	(2,362)	158,881
- Urquhart Bequest	4,029	123	258	(123)	4,287
- Peers Bequest	14,288	438	914	(438)	15,202
St. Martin					
- Froude Bequest	<u>846</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>(26)</u>	<u>900</u>
	<u>165,803</u>	<u>5,002</u>	<u>11,414</u>	<u>(2,949)</u>	<u>179,270</u>
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====

Parish Property Report for the 2021 APCM

During 2020 all residential properties have had tenants for all or part of the year.

23 Cedars Road

The property is still managed by Goodfellows Estate Agents; a tenant has been in place for the whole year. The annual inspection towards the end of the year revealed that the guttering and downpipes needed replacing and it was agreed that this would be a good opportunity to replace soffits and fascias. Estimates have been sought and the work is expected to be completed in 2021. The tenancy agreement was extended for a further 12 months in December.

192 Central Road

A tenant had been in place in the property for the whole year. During the year a roof leak caused a partial ceiling collapse. The roof was repaired and the ceiling replaced.

Parish Hall Complex

There has been little progress on the correct registration of the land; the PCC's solicitors have progressed it with Merton Council but a satisfactory outcome is still awaited.

Hall Cottage

A tenant has been in place in the property for the whole year.

The Old School House

Early in 2020 the tenant moved out; in November a new tenant was found for the property on a short-term basis. It was noted that there was significant cracking in the party wall between the property and the Parish Hall.

Hall Bungalow

The new Parish Assistant moved into the bungalow in November.

Parish Hall

It was agreed that the side hall would be decorated and estimates were sought for the work, which was expected to be carried out early in 2021.

The PCC Property Committee

Ade Adebayo (deputy warden, Emmanuel) joined the committee.

My thanks to the committee for their work during a difficult year. My special thanks go to John Mosely for all the work he continues to do, particularly in relation to the Parish Hall Complex.

Mick Towse

Parish Warden April 2021

Emmanuel Church Fabric Report 2020-21

General

As with most things in 2020, the regular programme of service inspections and maintenance to our buildings and grounds was disrupted by the first national lockdown that came into effect on the 23 March. The initial requirement to close the buildings and grounds meant that works and activities that would have been scheduled between March and June had to be postponed. This included cancellation of the Annual Church Inspection and Articles of Enquiry which had been scheduled to be carried out by the Archdeacon in May.

However, with the easing of lockdown restrictions from June and further Church of England advice on allowing tradespeople to undertake works to buildings and grounds, we were able to complete a significant amount of refurbishment and maintenance work to our buildings and church grounds.

Church

Further to the Emmanuel District Church Council agreement in November 2019 to install blinds to the windows on the south elevation of the church, this work was completed in January 2020.

After the hiatus caused by the lockdown, arrangements were put in place from July to make our buildings Covid secure to allow access to our buildings, firstly to a limited number of people and eventually for the commencement of in-person services from the 8 August.

The annual statutory inspection and issue of gas certificates for the heaters, boiler, cooker and hot water boilers in the church and church hall was done in July. The annual lightning conductor test was also carried out in July. No faults were found with either.

The 5-yearly fixed wire electrical test for the church, hall and annexe was carried out by our electrical maintenance contractor in November. There were a number of observations made which require repair works to be carried out before the electrical installations can be certified as 'Satisfactory'. These works are underway.

The annual review of our Health and Safety and Fire Risk Assessment was carried out July and approved by the church council in November.

Repair works were carried out in December to the church tower to address rainwater leaking into the building and also to remove a Buddleia plant that was growing at high-level, off the brick wall of the Tower. On inspection with a roofing contractor, we also found that urgent repairs were required to the asphalt on the flat roof over the prayer room/toilet. These works were completed at a cost of £3,180.

The main item identified in the Quinquennial inspection carried out by our Inspecting Architect in 2019 is the cracking of the masonry cills and mullions of the large east window. Our consulting engineer carried out a survey of the extent of repairs required and is preparing tender documents that we will need to apply for a Faculty to undertake the repairs.

Church Hall

The interior of our church hall was extensively refurbished in September. This enabled a re-opening of the church hall for use by two of our long-term hirers. The scope of works included painting and decorations to the entrance lobby, main hall

and Huart Room. It also included repairs to all visible cracks in the main hall, completely replacing the vaulted ceiling along with replacement of the previous lighting with LED ceiling panels. The works were completed at a total cost of £20,784.

The main fabric issue with the Church Hall remains the subsidence of the side hall that has resulted in severe cracking of the walls and ceilings of the side hall. In January, the Army Reserve pruned down by about 50%, the row of ash trees adjacent to the hall on their site which our consultant engineer advised had been creating the problems for us, although this conclusion is disputed by the Army Reserve. Along with works also organised by us to cut down trees on our own grounds adjacent to the church hall, the net effect is that the ground movement has stabilised, and our consultant has been asked to prepare a scheme for carrying out the structural repairs to the hall.

Church and Hall Grounds

Our grounds became extremely overgrown in spring/early summer as we were not allowed to undertake any gardening work due to the lockdown. With the help of a local resident - Winston Patten, who is a member of Morden Park Baptist Church, and also a couple of our church members, we were able to clear the gardens on the church site. We appointed a gardening firm to carry out the clearance of the field and lawns of the church hall. All these were completed in July. The gardening firm has also been retained on a 4 hours per month basis, to maintain our gardens and shrubs so that pressure can be taken off our gardening team who have continued their sterling efforts on the flower beds and shrubs on our grounds.

In addition to the garden clearance work, we also appointed a tree surgeon to cut back the trees on both the church and church hall grounds. This was extensive and has provided us with a good basis for keeping the trees and shrubbery under control. This was completed in September at a cost of £4,530.

Despite the lockdown, the gardening team continue to do a fantastic job of keeping our grounds in good condition, mowing, planting, cutting back and litter-picking as required.

Thank You

Looking back, it is humbling that so much has been accomplished. I am personally grateful for the unceasing and cheerful effort put in by Pauline and Dave, and together with them, the Wardens' Team would like to say a big thank you to all that help with cleaning, dusting, washing up, stocking up supplies, polishing, washing and ironing linen, arranging flowers and doing all the things that help us maintain our grounds and our buildings fabric.

Ade Adebayo

Ade Adebayo, Pauline Botting, Dave Dowdeswell (Emmanuel Wardens' Team)
March 2021

St George's Church - Fabric, Goods and Ornaments Report 2020

Administration

22 January - SE Fire Services inspected all fire extinguishers etc. and except for two fire extinguisher replacements, all appliances in order and Clearance Certificate received.

4 February - Statistics for Mission form duly completed and e-mailed off.

13 July - all gas appliances inspected by Smith & Byford and where recommended, replacement gaskets put in place and Clearance Certificate received.

Note Because of COVID-19 pandemic lockdown, no Church Inspection took place.
Next PAT inspection due in 2022 and next electrical inspection due in 2024.

Interior Works

28 February - hand basin taps replaced old ones in both toilets.

February 2020 - extractor fan in kitchen replaced by one with cut-off humidistat.

10 March - the light that illuminates the Cross at the front of the church and strip lights in hall replaced by LED lighting.

30 July - remedial work carried out to lower part of hall fire exit door which had rotted.

3 September - electrician replaced the broken plug socket at front of church, and strip light in back room adjoining hall replaced by a bulkhead light with emergency back-up.

December 2020 - additional paper-towel dispensers put up in both toilets.

Exterior Works

26 February - Surepin kindly agreed to resurface and replace the faulty York stones at front of church door - work incomplete however as some replacements are not York stones and will need to be replaced at a later date.

13 May - I was informed by Sybil that the Japanese Knotweed has disappeared (for now?) - something to celebrate about!

5 August - an outside tap under the kitchen window has been installed.

21 August - all outside of hall windows repaired, where necessary, and repainted.

1/2 September - repairs to church roof carried out by repointing and replacing certain broken tiles.

17 September - work on the left front boundary wall finally completed satisfactorily by repointing and cracked bricks being replaced - work undertaken by Surepin. At the same time a raised paving stone on pathway to church lounge entrance relaid and made good.

Vicarage

Locks repaired and a heating valve replaced.

General

Due to lockdowns and church closures from March 2020 onwards, many church duties were postponed; however I thank those who have kept the church premises clean and hygienic during the last year - those who have provided stewardship, music and flowers when necessary, and my thanks to Sybil/ Peter for maintaining in good order the church gardens.

Margaret Taylor District Warden March 2020

St. Lawrence Church

Fabric, Goods and Ornaments Report

Overall the church is in a fair condition and during the course of the year a number of projects and maintenance activities have been completed.

Churchyard

The churchyard has been well maintained throughout the year, with regular grass cutting and maintenance.

Overall the churchyard is looking tidy and looked after.

A number of gravestones need attention in the coming year to ensure they are safe. The oak fence on the east boundary (London Road side) between the Lych gate and the college is very worn and may need renewing in the next few years.

Church Tower

The church tower remains in reasonable condition and there is no sign of any water ingress.

We are currently awaiting the faculty to be agreed for the repair of the clock mechanism. It was agreed to have this work completed by The Cumbria Clock Company. A donation has been given for this work.

Church Centre

The church centre is still in good order and there are no maintenance issues. Unfortunately, through 2020 it has not been used to its full potential due to the lockdown.

Church

There are some areas of repair/redecoration required to the interior of the Church and these will need addressing in the future.

In 2020 investigations and preparation have progressed as follows:

East Gable Wall

The cracks on the East Gable wall have all been repaired.

East Window

The extensive refurbishment works to the East Window was completed in December 2020. The glass and lead look amazing and the window grilles are all in place.

Church Tower West Wall

The stonework and plaster were looked at and there is a lot more work required than first thought, this will be addressed at a future date.

Vestry

The vestry requires gutting and refurbishing and money will need to be found for this project at a future date.

Fire Protection

The fire alarm system is still working well. All extinguishers in working order.

General Maintenance

In all the building is in a good state. During 2020 the following items were completed:

1. The gable wall above the East window, had 2 new coping stones put in, both sides were rebiddered.
2. The lead work to the nave was replaced.

3. New external lighting was installed after the East Window had been repaired.
4. The church has been regularly cleaned and checked throughout lockdown.

Goods and ornaments

The church goods and ornaments are all in good order.

Thank you

Many thanks to all of those who assist in different ways throughout the year to help the church and site look welcoming and cared for.

Jason Armstrong St Lawrence Church Warden January 2021

St Martin's Church - Fabric Report 2020

Electrical Installation

NICEIC certification (inspected every 5 years) is due in Spring 2021 for the Church building and Flats. A full inspection of the installation took place in November 2020 and this has revealed routine issues as well as a need to improve the heating circuits in the Main Hall. Going forwards we are looking at updating the radiant heaters and assessing the installation capacity. Portable Appliance Testing (PAT) is current and due for retest in February 2023.

Gas Installation

GAS Safe certification for most gas appliances is current for the Church building and Flats. Inspection of the kitchen range and gas water heater is due in Spring 2021 after being deferred following ventilation queries. The gas heaters in the Southwark Hall have been out of commission for a while, but estimates for updating have been received as part of the refurbishment.

Fire Protection

St Martin's moved to outright purchase of fire extinguishers and an annual service contract from Elite Fire in 2011. Equipment service was carried out in March 2020. During 2015, a fire risk assessment was performed with actions pending.

Asbestos Survey

An asbestos management survey was carried out in May 2015 to enable St Martin's to assess risk in the building.

Quinquennial Inspection (QI)

The inspection by the church architect took place in February 2018 and the report has since been provided. The report is part of discussions that are ongoing within the Fabric & Finance Committee and DCC as maintenance priorities are agreed. A new architect (Alan Pates) was appointed as QI Architect/Surveyor in November 2019.

Work Days

Due to the Covid pandemic we have been unable to arrange any work days to deal with seasonal tasks and rubbish clearance.

General Maintenance

Despite addressing serious items of building maintenance in recent years, we also have a backlog of routine maintenance. Investigation has shown that repairs and improvements are required to some stone window surrounds, window putty, window frame paint, and ceiling tiles. We need help internally within the church to project manage maintenance from investigation through to resolution.

Improvements

A number of items have been replaced/upgraded during 2020 as follows:

- 3 hot water units for toilets and the utility kitchen
- Audio System upgrade including 3 new radio microphones
- 2 replacement rainwater downpipes on the western perimeter of the building
- removal of excess foliage and renewal of the fence at the rear of the building
- installation of broadband facilities for the church

- purchase of a new laptop to support streaming of services
- installation and setup of an internet camera and cabling for streaming of services
- extension of Church copyright facilities to include streaming of services
- provision of sanitiser, signage, and cleaning materials for a Covid safe environment

Church Cleaning and Flowers

We have a small team of people who clean the church weekly in conjunction with Steve Dyason the church cleaner. Likewise, we have another team of people who supply and arrange the flowers. Thank you to all who assist in this way.

Thank You

Thank you to all those who participate in the church building maintenance in many various ways. A special thank you to Sylvia Hayward and Brian Thornton for their practical support in supplying consumables and supervising tradesmen respectively. Thank you also to members of the Fabric & Finance Committee for progressing maintenance items during the year.

Brian Birch 27 March 2021

Merton Deanery Synod Report 2020-21

2020 saw the election of new members each to serve a three year term.

Emmanuel - Mick Towse Simon Wakely

St. George's - Peggy Taylor Trevor Taylor

St. Lawrence - Clare Heath-Whyte Charles Jeffery Sharon Jeffery Derek Jordan

St. Martin's - Maurice Gilley Chris Scoffield Lis Scoffield

Jean Dowdeswell as a member of Diocesan Synod

All meetings were held via Zoom with Peggy and Trevor joining by phone.

At the first meeting held on **9 July 2020**, The Area Dean Rev. Rachel Taylor welcomed the new Deanery Administrator Julie Ashbee and the new Assistant Area Deans - Rev David Ruddick and Father David Pennells.

The meeting split into small breakout rooms to discuss the following:

1. What has your church been doing during lockdown, what has been helpful and what have you observed other churches doing?
2. What have you done as an individual, what have you found difficult, what have you been grateful for?
3. Anything else from the last three months?

After a time of discussion and sharing there was a short feedback session. The meeting finished with Compline.

The Area Dean welcomed new members at the meeting on **13 October 2020**.

The Rev. Jay Colwill (Canon Missioner/Director of Mission and Evangelism for the Diocese of Southwark) gave a presentation - Being Church and Reaching Out, particularly during the current Covid pandemic. He asked the following questions...

- How can we remain resilient and faithful?
- How can we express our theology in ways that are real and hope filled?
- Where are the partnerships that give us life and energy?
- What do we do now/next?

He recognised that most MAPs were not realistic due to the pandemic and suggested we consider the following areas to help with our focus.

- **Let Go:** What have we stopped doing or letting go and can be stopped permanently?
- **End.** What have we done in the past which was fine but can now drop?
- **Restart.** What have we stopped or reduced but must now restart?
- **Amplify.** What have we started to do in the crisis and should now hang on to and develop?

The meeting split into breakout rooms to discuss three questions that Jay posed.

- Is there anything you can share that your church is doing or could do to engage with your local community right now?
- What opportunities do you personally have to connect with non-church people in your local community?
- Can you think of any new or creative things you could do to make contact with these people?

Feedback showed that churches were doing similar things. The use of technology at the start of the pandemic was continuing alongside in person meetings. Social

media (including neighbourhood and street groups) has also provided a useful tool for maintaining a presence in the community.

The meeting concluded with a service of compline.

Rachel Taylor, the Area Dean welcomed everyone to the meeting held on **21 January 2021** and led the meeting in prayer.

The Accounts and a report from the Deanery Synod Treasurer were accepted. Rachel commented that mission money, £483, from the All Churches Trust was used to provide booklets for the Christmas Initiative. A video produced by Charlie Lamont was used by 14 churches in the deanery.

Acceptance of the Model Rules for Deaneries.

This document had been circulated prior to the meeting. Rachel outlined the reasons for the updated document and informed everyone that although it had been accepted by the Diocesan Synod in 2020, Deanery Synods would still need to adopt it.

The Diocesan Synod report (November 2020) was circulated prior to the meeting. A comment was made that there will be no change in the number of members to be elected for the next synod, 6 clergy and 6 lay.

Discussion followed in Zoom breakout groups with the following questions

1. What happened over Christmas in your church?
2. What resources are you now using/can you recommend/would like?
3. Has your church made plans for Lent?
4. Any suggestions for how to nurture your spirituality during lockdown, individually and as a church?

There was no formal feedback as groups were asked to email responses to the Deanery Administrator, these would be collated and sent out.

As there was no further business Rachel led the meeting with Compline.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 19 May.

Jean Dowdeswell April 2021

Rector's Report, APCM 9th May 2021

We have had a remarkable year.

For the record, we are seventeen months into the Coronavirus Pandemic. Our churches have been closed, and opened, and closed and opened again. Sadly, a number of church members have died - some from Covid, some perhaps not helped by Covid. We are able to meet in person, but we have to follow social-distancing rules and wear masks and we can't sing in our buildings. Some folk are quite reluctant to come back to in-person meeting. Things are looking much better: infections are low, hospitalisations even lower, and gradually the UK is opening up; but there are warnings on the horizon: horrendous stories of other countries where the virus is raging, and other variants on the march that might defeat the vaccine...

We have [hope in eternal life through Jesus Christ] as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest for ever, in the order of Melchizedek. Hebrews 6:19-20

Throughout the pandemic the solid ground on which we stand has been firm and secure: our Lord Jesus Christ, and his saving work and great promise of an eternal inheritance.

The Aims that God has given us through his word for the Team are as relevant as ever:

- **to help people to know Jesus:** the storm is raging, and he alone is the anchor / the ground is shifting and only Jesus is a sure foundation / life is fragile and it is solely our Lord who opens the door through death. The last few months have seen many Christianity Explored courses running in the Parish: the harvest is ripe!

- **to help people to grow in Jesus:** we have had to think what it means to be the church in this situation, and how to react in a way that honours God and is a witness to him. *"We also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope." Romans 5:3-4*

- **to equip people to go and serve Jesus:** we have not stood still during the Pandemic, but have found new ways to help people, new ways to meet, new ways to reach out - and for all of this we have needed to train and to support each other.

Moving forward **we must all be at action-stations:** all around us people are hope-less. Why do think they are so desperate to go on holiday? Government advertising suggests that hope is found in getting vaccinated. That's a great idea, but the hope we have in our Lord Jesus Christ is far better. A foreign holiday might be a glimpse of heaven, but only our Lord Jesus can actually allow us to "enter the inner sanctuary behind the curtain...". This is language borrowed from the Temple: talking of entering the presence of the Living God, something that our Lord Jesus does on our behalf through his death on the cross and resurrection. People are hopeless, but we have this great hope to hold out to them. Let us continue to work together to resource our District Churches to this end.

To the glory of God.

David Heath-Whyte, Team Rector, May 2021.

PCC dates for 2021-2022

Standing Committee	PCC	Venue	Bible Reading
27 May	24 June	St Lawrence	David Heath-Whyte
9 September	23 September	St Lawrence	David Heath-Whyte
4 November	18 November	St. George's	Al Wenham
6 January	20 January	St. Martin's	Mark Davey
10 March	24 March	Emmanuel	David Ruddick
9 June	23 June	St. Lawrence	David Heath-Whyte

District MAP updates

September St. Lawrence

November St. George's

January St. Martin's

March Emmanuel

Easter Day 4th April

ADCMs Sunday 24th April ?

APCM Sunday 8th May ?

Jean Dowdeswell updated April 2021