

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, GREAT OUSEBURN

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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INTRODUCTION

Reverend Sarah Feaster

2021 has been another challenging year in terms of the ongoing pandemic and the uncertainty which that has brought and it has continued to affect many people in terms of job stability and health.

I am deeply grateful to all those in our villages and church communities who, despite the challenging situation, continue to give of their time, money and talents to enhance our worship, to care for people in our community and to look after our buildings and churchyards.

We have continued to offer a mix of services in church and online using Zoom. This has enabled those who are more vulnerable to continue to worship. A huge thank you to the clergy, licensed lay ministers, lay leaders, wardens and all who helped to keep the services going in church and online.

We are very grateful that Reverend Olivia Lambert has been helping us out on an ad hoc basis. Reverend Daniel Herth was sadly unable to worship with us this year due to ongoing health issues but we hope that he may join us for worship this year.

We were all very saddened when Mrs June Rowden passed away in December but we give thanks for her steadfast faith and her loving service to our communities and also her dedication as warden at Whixley Church and latterly Marton cum Grafton Church. We continue to hold Mr George Rowden in our prayers.

Funerals and care of the bereaved has again been an important ministry this year.

I'm grateful to Reverend Joan who has continued to write monthly newsletters to those we know of who may have been unable to get to church.

The benefice youth group, Core, has continued to meet in-person when permitted and online when necessary. Visits to schools for Collective Worship continued to be limited but I hope that this coming year we will be able to increase our ministry within the schools again.

We had a joyful benefice confirmation service in September, held in Great Ouseburn, at which Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley presided and 17 candidates were confirmed.

We were able to hold the full set of Christmas services and it was wonderful to see the crib and carol services so well attended again.

Some extensive repairs were made to the church roof and guttering over the year and we are grateful to all who helped raise the funds to keep our church in good order.

We hold the world-wide church before God in prayer as we continue to be aware that so many people suffer persecution for their faith and we continue to pray for people in countries where there have been very few vaccinations against covid.

It is wonderful to see the many ways in which God's love is shared within our communities. I pray that we will be guided by God throughout this coming year that we may be good stewards of all that God has given us, praying that we may be continually inspired by the Holy Spirit so that we are faithfully **sharing God's love in our communities**.

God bless you all,

Rev'd Sarah

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The Trustees are pleased to present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Background

The Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin is situated on Main Street, Great Ouseburn and is within the Church of England. It is in the Diocese of Leeds, the Archdeaconry of Richmond and Craven and the Deanery of Ripon.

The Parish is one of four Parishes in the United Benefice of Great Ouseburn, Little Ouseburn, Marton-cum-Grafton, and Whixley with Green Hammerton. The Vicar of the United Benefice lives at The Vicarage, Main Street, Great Ouseburn, which is situated next to the Church.

Each of the four Parishes in the Benefice has its own Parochial Church Council (PCC). Work in the Parish and throughout the Benefice is co-ordinated by regular meetings between the Vicar, the Wardens of each Parish and Members of the Ministry team. Great Ouseburn PCC has a Standing Committee of the Council Officers. Work, where appropriate, is delegated to ad hoc subcommittees.

The PCC is a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

Ministry Team

The Vicar is the only Stipendiary Priest resident within the Benefice. The Vicar has been helped during the year by the Revd Joan Roper and the Revd Wilf Gowing, both assistant priests, by the Revd Olivia Lambert, a visiting priest, and by two Licensed Lay Ministers, Miss Nancy Clark and Mr George Rowden.

PCC Members who have served from 1st January 2021 until the date this report was approved

<i>Incumbent:</i>	The Revd Sarah Feaster	Chairman
<i>Ex-officio members:</i>	Miss N Clark	Licensed Lay Minister and Electoral Roll Officer
	Mrs S Hunter Smart	Churchwarden
	Mrs R Jamieson	Churchwarden
<i>Elected members:</i>	Mr C Brown	Lay Chairman
	Dr A Jamieson	Secretary
	Mrs P Mitchell	Parish Representative on the Ripon Deanery Synod
	Mrs J Prosser	
	Mrs I Robinson	
	Mr A Thewlis	
	Mrs A Thewlis	Health & Safety Officer
	Mrs S Webster	
	Mrs L Wilson	Joint Treasurer
	Mr M Wilson	Joint Treasurer

Mrs Ann Allen, who is not a member of the PCC, took up the role of Safeguarding Officer for the parish in August 2021. Prior to that Mr George Rowden, Safeguarding Officer for the parish of Whixley with Green Hammerton, had also fulfilled the role for Great and Little Ouseburn.

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Electoral Roll

It remains the policy of the PCC to encourage regular members of the congregation to join the electoral roll of the Church. As at the Annual Meeting for 2021, there were forty people on the roll. One was from another parish within the Benefice and three from outside the Benefice.

Programme of Services

The programme of Sunday services was severely disrupted in 2021 by social distancing requirements during the Covid pandemic which meant that only 16 Sunday services could be held in church during the year once government restrictions were eased in May. In 2022 we are following our usual programme of services which is summarised below, with all services starting at 10.30 am.

First Sunday:	Holy Communion (Common Worship)	Great Ouseburn
Second Sunday:	Holy Communion (Common Worship)	Little Ouseburn
Third Sunday:	Parish Praise	Great or Little Ouseburn
Fourth Sunday:	Holy Communion (Common Worship)	Great or Little Ouseburn
Fifth Sunday:	United Benefice Service rotating between the five Churches in the Benefice.	

In addition, a Zoom service is held on a fortnightly basis for the benefit of all those in the benefice who remain uncomfortable about attending church. Additional services are held on Festival days and special occasions.

Adult Church Attendance

Average adult Sunday attendance	Aggregate attendance for 16 services was 430, average 27.
Easter Sunday	Benefice services via Zoom. 10.30 am service attended by 80 adults and 4 children. 4 pm service attended by 25 adults and 16 children.
Christmas Day	Service held at Little Ouseburn.

Parochial Church Council Meetings

Five meetings of the Council were held in addition to the annual meeting. The Vicar attended four of these meetings. All meetings were held on Zoom. Lay attendance was as follows:

4 February 2021	13	4 March 2021	13	24 June 2021	6
16 September 2021	9	25 November 2020	9		

Financial Report

The receipts and payments account for the year and supporting notes are set out on pages 5 to 9 of this report. Thanks mainly to a significant increase in planned giving, unrestricted income in 2021 increased from £19,623 in 2020 to £22,647. Even so, an inability to hold our usual range of fundraising activities led to unrestricted income in 2021 being £5,515 (20%) lower than in 2019, the last year unaffected by the pandemic. Unrestricted expenditure, on the other hand, is very difficult to reduce year on year since 66% of the 2021 expenditure was parish share, and the rest was essential expenditure on things such as insurance, printing of the parish magazine and maintenance of the church building and graveyards. In order to pay the parish share in full we incurred a deficit on the unrestricted fund of £599 which was a satisfactory result in the circumstances.

In 2021 our restricted fabric fund paid £28,354 for a major programme of repairs that had been identified as urgent in the last quinquennial review. An appeal in December 2020 to our village community raised £10,807 towards this expense, a fantastic sum for which the PCC is truly grateful. We were also able to hold a Christmas Brunch as social distancing rules were relaxed, which raised £1,596 towards the cost of repairing the graveyard wall that is leaning into Tommy Lane.

The financial outlook for 2022 is uncertain. Our major fundraiser, the bridge afternoon held annually in early January, was cancelled and it is impossible to know when or whether we shall be able to hold any of the usual fundraising events in 2022. Parishioners have responded with increased planned giving but we may well be faced with another deficit if we are to pay the 2022 share request in full.

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Review of the Year

1. The PCC members would like to express their gratitude for the enormous amount of work that Revd. Sarah and the rest of our ministry team do for the benefit of all four parishes that comprise our benefice. Carrying on the work started in early 2020, their efforts to provide parishioners with the opportunity to join together to worship in Sunday services on the Zoom platform have meant so much to so many of us, and while our churches have now reopened many who feel unready to attend live services remain grateful that the Zoom services are continuing fortnightly. Thanks are also due to Matthew and Graham for their technical nous that enables these services to run so smoothly.
2. Throughout 2021 Liz Haw again served as the benefice administrator, mostly from the safety of her home. She plays a vital role for the whole benefice and we are very grateful for Liz's support.
3. During the early part of 2021 villagers will have seen scaffolding around the church while urgent repairs were carried out. The PCC were very satisfied with the quality of the work that was done at a total cost of £26,354. . In December 2020 an appeal was launched to help fund this and we were delighted and very, very grateful that donations in 2020 and 2021 raised just over £10,800 including gift aid where applicable.
4. Owing to the pandemic the only fundraising events we were able to hold in 2021 were the Harvest Lunch and a Christmas Brunch which raised £1,596 towards the cost of repairs necessary to the graveyard wall that is leaning dangerously into Tommy Lane. We have yet to scope and cost this project, although we do know it will not be cheap. As well as the sum raised at the Christmas Brunch we have received a total of £1,148 in generous donations for which we are very grateful.
5. We were also unable to hold our usual lent lunches at which we raise money for Water Aid, but we were able to hold our Harvest Lunch at which we raised £189 for Water Aid and we continue to give financial support to the Core Youth Group that operates in our benefice and two other neighbouring benefices.
6. In September the benefice's confirmation service was held at St Mary's, with Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley presiding. 17 candidates were confirmed in a most enjoyable service.
7. The Council wishes to thank Ian Ballard for the work he has again performed as independent examiner of the accounts and affairs of the Parish.
8. We are grateful to Alasdair and Rosy Jamieson for their recordings that have continued to enhance our church services held on Zoom in 2021.
9. The Core Youth Group, aimed at young people of high school age, has been able to meet regularly during the year, again mostly virtual meetings on Zoom.
10. We are pleased to say that after a long period when he was afflicted by several serious illnesses Revd. Daniel is considerably better, and we look forward to the day he is well enough to join us again in worship.
11. Finally but not least the Council again thanks Mrs Hunter Smart and Mrs Jamieson, our Church wardens, for all they do for the Parish. Their expertise and workloads are enormous. The rest of us are lucky indeed to have so much done so well for us.

The annual report and accounts were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 10 February 2021 and signed on their behalf by the Reverend Sarah Feaster (PCC chairman) and Linda Wilson (Joint Treasurer).

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Receipts and Payments Accounts

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Receipts:					
Planned giving		10,955	-	10,955	8,705
Collections at services		1,250	-	1,250	733
All other giving/voluntary receipts	5a	2,536	1,916	4,452	8,611
Gift Aid recovered		3,160	414	3,574	4,409
		17,901	2,330	20,231	22,458
Activities for generating funds	5b	-	1,596	1,596	2,366
Investment income	5c	2,007	-	2,007	1,856
Church activities	5d	2,739	65	2,804	2,227
Proceeds of sale of investments	2	-	19,000	19,000	-
Total receipts		22,647	22,991	45,638	28,907
PAYMENTS					
Church Activities					
Diocesan parish contribution		15,453	-	15,453	15,453
Clergy and staffing costs		959	-	959	828
Church running expenses	5e	6,557	28,657	35,214	11,821
Mission giving and donations	5f	277	-	277	407
		23,246	28,657	51,903	28,509
Costs of generating funds		-	57	57	-
Total payments		23,246	28,714	51,960	28,509
Excess of (payments)/receipts		(599)	(5,723)	(6,322)	398
Bank accounts at 1 January		9,410	9,934	19,344	18,946
Transfer		(1,449)	1,449	-	-
Bank accounts at 31 December		7,362	5,660	13,022	19,344

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
Cash funds				
Bank current accounts	2,782	5,660	8,442	14,773
Deposit funds	4,580	-	4,580	4,571
Total operating bank accounts	7,362	5,660	13,022	19,344
Investment assets				
CBF C of E Investment Fund				
Income shares	23,542	-	23,542	20,582
Accumulation shares	-	11,850	11,850	28,896
	23,542	11,850	35,392	49,478
Assets retained for church use	30,904	17,510	48,414	68,822

The PCC holds retention monies of £690 in connection with the repairs to the church carried out in the year. This becomes payable on 13 August 2022. Other than this, at 31 December 2021 the PCC had no liabilities (2020: nil).

Notes

- The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, using the Receipts and Payments basis.
- Investments in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund.**

	Income shares	Accumulation shares	
Units purchased 9 August 2018	1,006.64	582.34	
Units sold 28 January 2021	-	(379.16)	
Units held 31 December 2021	1006.64	203.18	
	£	£	Total £
Cost of units purchased	17,500	22,750	40,250
Proceeds of units sold	-	(19,000)	(19,000)
Realised gain on units sold	-	4,187	4,187
Unrealised gain on units retained	6,042	3,913	9,955
At bid market value 31 December 2021	23,542	11,850	35,392

	Income shares	Accumulation shares
Bid market price 31 December 2021 (pence)	2,338.67	5,832.33
Bid market price 31 December 2020 (pence)	2,044.67	4,961.99

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3. The movements in the PCC's bank accounts during the year ended 31 December 2021 were:

	1 Jan	Receipts	Payments	Transfer	31 Dec
Restricted:					
Fabric fund	9,548	22,926	(28,412)	-	4,062
Flower and Kneeler fund	846	-	-	-	846
Clock Tower fund	(1,199)	-	(250)	1,449	-
Choir fund	739	65	(52)	-	752
	9,934	22,991	(28,714)	1,449	5,660
Unrestricted:					
General fund	9,410	22,647	(23,246)	(1,449)	7,362
Total bank accounts	19,344	45,638	(51,960)	-	13,022

The Fabric fund is controlled by three Trustees who are also members of the Great Ouseburn Parochial Church Council, and its use is restricted to the payments of grants for specific Parish projects approved by the Trustees. Grants cannot be made from this fund towards the costs of general Parish expenses or of Parish share.

The Flower and Kneeler fund is used principally to purchase wool and other materials used in the embroidery of kneelers.

The Clock Tower fund's income arose from coffee mornings and was used to pay for the maintenance of St. Mary's 14th century tower and the clock within it. Owing to the Covid-19 pandemic fundraising has not been possible for some time, and it was decided to close the fund and pay the future costs of maintaining the clock from the unrestricted general fund.

The income of the Choir fund comprises fees for participation in weddings and funerals and proceeds from an annual coffee morning and is used principally for the purchase of sheet music and the payment of the fees of visiting organists.

4. The expenses paid to clergy may include a small, immaterial proportion that relates to the function of PCC member. No other payments were made to PCC members.

5. Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments Accounts

Receipts	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
5a) All other giving/voluntary receipts:				
Donations to Urgent Repairs Appeal	-	1,332	1,332	7,341
Donations to Graveyard Wall Appeal	-	584	584	-
Donation from Village Beer Festival	500	-	500	-
Donation from Parish News	721	-	721	-
Other donations	1,315	-	1,315	1,220
	2,536	1,916	4,452	8,611
5b) Activities for generating funds:				
Christmas Brunch	-	1,596	1,596	-
Bridge afternoon	-	-	-	2,111
Change for change (Water Aid)	-	-	-	100
Lent lunches (WFF Australian bushfires)	-	-	-	155
	-	1,596	1,596	2,366

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5. Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments Accounts (continued)

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
5c) Investment income;				
Dividends received	598	-	598	578
Interest received and similar	59	-	59	28
Broadband rentals	1,350	-	1,350	1,250
	2,007	-	2,007	1,856
5d) Church activities:				
Fees for weddings and funerals	1,767	65	1,832	1,027
Parish magazine sales income	972	-	972	1,200
	2,739	65	2,804	2,227
Payments				
5e) Church running expenses:				
Insurance	2,326	-	2,326	2,299
Buildings maintenance	54	28,355	28,409	3,856
Printing the parish magazine	1,500	-	1,500	1,500
Churchyard mowing & maintenance	815	-	815	959
Heating oil	483	-	483	261
Cost of Church services	312	-	312	554
Electricity	326	-	326	356
Printing & stationery	202	-	202	67
Organ repair & maintenance	166	-	166	-
Subscriptions	94	-	94	92
Clock repairs	-	250	250	1,685
Sundry expenses	279	52	331	192
	6,557	28,657	35,214	11,821
5f) Mission giving and donations:				
WaterAid	189	-	189	100
Core Youth Group	88	-	88	132
WFF (Australian bushfire relief)	-	-	-	155
York Schools and Youth Trust	-	-	-	20
	277	-	277	407

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6. Reserves Policy

As ever, the PCC paid the share request in full in 2021 but, together with the transfer of the deficit on the now-closed clock tower fund to the general fund, this resulted in a deficit on the unrestricted fund for the second year in a row. Unrestricted bank balances are now £7,362, half the level of 2019 before the pandemic struck. In 2021 Covid-19 has ruled out any fundraising events in aid of the general fund. Although Sunday services have resumed attendances are down, with some parishioners preferring to worship at home thanks to the fortnightly Zoom services that continue to be held.

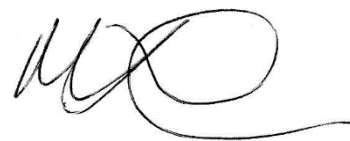
During the year the PCC spent £28,355 on repairs to the Church that were identified as urgently required in the last quinquennial review. We are currently in the process of fundraising to help towards the cost of repairing the churchyard wall which is leaning dangerously into the adjacent Tommy Lane footpath. We have yet to have this work scoped and costed although we know the cost will be considerable. There are also areas of expenditure identified as being less urgent but nevertheless necessary before the next quinquennial. The balance on the restricted fabric fund is £17,321, just 45% of the balance a year ago, and may not be sufficient to fund the work described above. As with the general fund, there is work required to replenish the coffers of the fabric fund once it becomes safe to resume the normal cycle of fundraising activities.

We believe that money should be kept in reserve as part of prudent planning for future events, to enable the Church to fulfil its mission and to preserve the building for the benefit of future generations. Ideally we should wish to hold reserves to cover urgent work on the fabric of the building and also as a contingency to cover the possibility that fundraising is curtailed by circumstances beyond our control – usually inclement weather rather than global pandemic. The amounts to be held will be determined by the particular circumstances of each year. Recognising that our reserves are nearly spent, our policy for the time being is to do all we can to restore them, reviewing their adequacy annually.

The Financial Statements were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 10 February 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



.....
Revd Sarah Feaster – Chairman



.....
Linda Wilson – Joint Treasurer

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, GREAT OUSEBURN,
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

I report on the financial statements of the church for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention;

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



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10 February 2022

THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021 OF THE CHURCHWARDENS ON
THE FABRIC OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,
GREAT OUSEBURN, PURSUANT TO THE CARE OF CHURCHES AND
ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION

This report has been prepared for presentation to the meeting of the Parochial Council on Thursday 10th March 2021, and the Annual Meeting on the same day.

The planned January start for the building works had to be delayed because of cold and icy weather. It was March before the work was started.

All the guttering was removed from the church and taken to the builders' workshop. Most of it was too corroded and had to be replaced. The guttering was treated and repainted before being returned to the church.

Work on the West gable, where the disused flue was causing damp problems, was completed. A new lead damp proof course was fixed to the Nave and East gable, and the leadwork now discharges into the cast iron guttering. A fall pipe from the tower roof was moved and limestone ridge tiles were repointed and one replaced

The old chimney stack which was found to be in a precarious state was rebuilt and some repointing done.

The flagpole was found to have rotted so a new one was installed and painted.

Moss was removed from the whole roof.

Mortar work was done on the vestry roof, but there is more work to be done as it was found the roofing timbers were badly affected by woodworm and need to be replaced.

There is work to be done on a section of the East churchyard wall. It is becoming unsafe and a section of about 20 metres needs taking down and rebuilding using as much of the old cobbles and bricks as possible. We started funding with by holding a Christmas Brunch held in St. Mary's, and this raised over £2,000.

The church clock was serviced as were the boiler and the fire extinguishers.

Susie Hunter Smart and Rosy Jamieson (Churchwardens)

10 February 2022.

**Benefice of Great Ouseburn, Little Ouseburn, Marton-Cum-Grafton,
Whixley with Green Hammerton**

**Parish Safeguarding Report 2022
“How we care for one another”**

1. Parish Safeguarding Officers (PSO)

The Parish Safeguarding Officers for each parish are:

- Great and Little Ouseburn : Ann Allen
- Marton-Cum-Grafton : Gill Treharne
- Whixley with Green Hammerton : George Rowden

All the PSOs meet on a regular basis (quarterly or as required) to discuss safeguarding issues and agree any changes to the benefice's processes and procedures.

2. Parish Safeguarding Policy

Each parish within the benefice has an agreed safeguarding policy, which is displayed in the church and reviewed on an annual basis. All other relevant documents required by the Diocese are on display also.

3. Disclosure and Barring Service

A number of DBS checks have been carried out as required. All DBS checks are to be renewed every 5 years. PCC members with outstanding DBS checks are being followed up.

Gill Treharne is DBS administrator for the Benefice with Ann Allen as Deputy Administrator.

All PCC members are required to complete a confidential self-declaration form on an annual basis and require up to date DBS checks and up to date safeguarding training.

4. Safe Recruitment Process

All new recruitment within the benefice is carried out in accordance with the safe recruitment guidelines. Each role being filled requires a written job description. These are being produced as and when needed.

5. PSO Dashboards.

All PSO's are using the Safeguarding Dashboards provided by the Diocese which drives an action plan for each PCC ensuring that the safeguarding processes and procedures are in place and fit for purpose.

6. General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

GDPR is reviewed annually in line with each APCM.
No data breaches were reported during the year.

7. Covid-19.

Risk assessments have been carried out and regularly reviewed to ensure that all our churches have remained Covid-19 secure as possible. All guidelines in place at the time were adhered to and amended when instructed by the Diocese.

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DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

Deanery Synod Report for 2021

Owing to the COVID-19 pandemic there was only one meeting of the Synod in 2021.

Meeting held 18th Nov

The meeting opened with Holy Communion and was followed by a presentation by Geoff Park, Chief Financial Officer, who gave an informative update on the Diocesan Finances.

The position of Lay Chair, Treasurer and Secretary for the synod are vacant and volunteers required.