

**Agendum
Of Annual Meetings
& Annual Reports for 2020**

**Alvaston Parish
In
Derby City Deanery
Of the
Diocese of Derby
To be held in
Alvaston: St.Michael's
7pm Tuesday 18th May**

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18th May 2020 7pm

Opening Prayer

Annual Parishioners Meeting Agenda

1. Approval of minutes of the APM 2019
2. Election of Church Wardens – Two

Annual Parochial Church Meeting Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Approval of minutes of APCM of 28th March 2019
3. Statement of Electoral Roll
4. Reception of reports
5. Questions on reports
6. Elections & Appointments
 - a. Elections to the PCC,
 - i. 3 vacancies for 3 years
 - b. Elections to the Area deanery
 - i. No vacancies
7. Closing Prayer

Minutes of the Annual Meetings

2020 Tue 20th October 2020

	<p>Date - Tuesday 20thOctober 2020 at 7pm Delayed from March2020 due to Covid-19 regulations Location – Church of St Michaels & All Angels & on Zoom (on-line) Present – in person in church 14 (incl Incumbent), on-line 4 people Total attended = 18 people The meeting was chaired by Revd. John Whitney The minutes were taken by Elaine Sparkman</p>									
	<p>Opening Prayers The meetings opened in prayer led by Revd. John Whitney - John 13 v12-20 and a prayer for guidance. A welcome was extended to all attending both in person and on-line via Zoom</p>									
<p>Annual Parishioners Meeting</p>										
1	<p>Approval of Minutes APM 28 March 2019 Matters of accuracy: None Proposer - Chris Rayson. The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Revd. John Whitney.</p>									
2	<p>Election of Churchwardens - two There were two vacancies for Churchwardens and nominations were received from Tony Berry and Ean Mills in advance of the meeting.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>NOMINEE</u></th> <th><u>Proposer</u></th> <th><u>Seconder</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Tony Berry</td> <td>Judith Mellor</td> <td>Helen Lewis</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ean Mills</td> <td>Jane Whitney</td> <td>Susan Bardgett</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>There were no objections therefore both were elected to serve as Churchwarden for a term of one year. Revd. John Whitney thanked Ian Alexander and Tony Berry as Churchwardens and Chris Rayson for all their work over the last year, particularly for sorting out the church terrier which now includes pictures.</p>	<u>NOMINEE</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconder</u>	Tony Berry	Judith Mellor	Helen Lewis	Ean Mills	Jane Whitney	Susan Bardgett
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Tony Berry	Judith Mellor	Helen Lewis								
Ean Mills	Jane Whitney	Susan Bardgett								
	<p>The Annual Parishioners Meeting closed at 7.06pm</p>									

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2020													
The meeting was chaired by Revd. John Whitney and opened at 7.08pm													
1	<p>Apologies</p> <p>The following 2 people had sent their apologies: Michael Eames Ian Webb</p>												
2	<p>Approval of Minutes of the APCM 28 March 2019</p> <p>Proposer – Sara Eames Seconder – Tony Berry</p> <p>Matters of accuracy None</p> <p>Objections to signing None</p> <p>The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Revd. John Whitney.</p>												
3	<p>Statement of Electoral Roll</p> <p>As at 1stOctober 2020 there are 59 people on the roll. This number is stable year on year, 2 people have left the roll and 2 have joined. Revd. John Whitney expressed his thanks to Jane Whitney for temporarily taking on the duties of Electoral Roll Officer.</p>												
4	<p>Reception of Annual reports</p> <p>The Annual report for year ending 31 December 2019 which had been circulated in advance were received.</p> <p>Proposer for accepting Annual reports – Elaine Nason</p> <p>Matters of accuracy None</p> <p>The Annual reports were accepted by the meeting.</p> <p>Revd. John Whitney thanked all those for their work to contribute to the reports.</p>												
5	<p>Questions on reports</p> <p>There were no questions on the Annual reports.</p>												
6	<p>Elections & Appointments</p>												
a	<p>Elections to the PCC</p> <p>These are 3 vacancies for 3 years</p> <p>There were 3 nominations received in advance of the meeting:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">NOMINEE</th> <th style="text-align: left; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Proposer</th> <th style="text-align: left; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Seconder</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>John Byrne</td> <td>Sara Eames</td> <td>Lyn Cresswell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sara Eames</td> <td>Helen Lewis</td> <td>Jane Whitney</td> </tr> <tr> <td>David Lucas</td> <td>Jane Whitney</td> <td>Sara Eames</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>There were no objections to these nominations so all 3 were elected to serve for 3 years.</p>	NOMINEE	Proposer	Seconder	John Byrne	Sara Eames	Lyn Cresswell	Sara Eames	Helen Lewis	Jane Whitney	David Lucas	Jane Whitney	Sara Eames
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b	<p>Elections to the Area Deanery 2 vacancies for 3 years There were 2 nominations received in advance of the meeting:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="336 398 1150 539"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>NOMINEE</u></th> <th><u>Proposer</u></th> <th><u>Seconder</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Andrew Eames</td> <td>Jane Whitney</td> <td>Elaine Nason</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jane Whitney</td> <td>Chris Rayson</td> <td>Janette Wilkins</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>There were no objections to these nominations so both were elected to serve for 3 years.</p>	<u>NOMINEE</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconder</u>	Andrew Eames	Jane Whitney	Elaine Nason	Jane Whitney	Chris Rayson	Janette Wilkins
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Andrew Eames	Jane Whitney	Elaine Nason								
Jane Whitney	Chris Rayson	Janette Wilkins								
7	<p>Any Other Notified Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be a brief PCC meeting after this meeting 									
8	<p>Other Business</p> <p>The Revd. John Whitney extended his thanks to all for their work over the past year: Helen Lewis and all others for Deanery Synod, John Byrne as Treasurer, Sara Eames as Safeguarding Link, All PCC members Readers, Leaders and Children’s Leaders, Chris Rayson for maintaining the church building and churchyard and keeping the church open, Ian Webb for Bell Ringing.</p>									
9	<p>Closing Prayer</p> <p>The Revd. John Whitney closed in prayer. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting closed at 7.20pm</p>									

Reports to the APCM

year ending 31 Dec. 2020

Incumbents Report

2020 has been a challenging year. We started a promising year, and then the world changed. The Clock stopped, metaphorically and physically, and the world changed. Physical meetings became impossible, and we had to find new ways to worship. Leading up to the 23rd March we had already started to share our services on line, but this accelerated, as we learnt how to become a true 1st century Acts church, not meeting in central buildings but worshipping and sharing bread and wine together in our homes.

The Church of England never does anything fast, the speed of change in 2020 has been nothing short of biblical proportions. It took 4 centuries for the church to move from meeting in homes to purpose built buildings, but we got back to meeting in homes in a week, in a month PCC meetings were allowed to take place virtually, APM & APCM's can now take place online, in person or both at the same time

At times it seemed very placid, but the refurbishment of the church came into its own. The nave was transformed into a space for cleaning, storing, packing and distributing food. I must thank the people doing these things, especially every church member involved with foodbank, which has fed more people than we can count, for the continued work in churchyard and St. Michael's, Our wardens & treasurer for their continued support and handling of grant applications, insurance claims, quinquennial inspection and work, everyone helping to keep things going.

Especially I want to thank Nigel, for choosing and recording music for our 10:45 worship services over this period. I look forward to the end of lockdown and some big parties but above all being able to gather and worship The Lord our God Loudly in the near future.

The time ahead is going to be strange, and no doubt God has some surprises for us. As we move forward into 2021 let us keep seeking his guidance, and pray that we have the strength to continue to join in.

Yours in faith
John Whitney

Churchwardens Report

2020 has been a very difficult year for us as with all Churches. Trying to get one of the retired Vicars to cover a Sunday Service has been impossible as they are either shielding or are 'block booked', covering Churches where there is no Vicar at the moment.

We have been very lucky as Rev John was able to cover our services by Face Book and Zoom. When St Michaels and all Angels was completely under lockdown and we were not allowed to be in the Church at all, Rev John has broadcast from the Church Office so that we were assured that both of our Services on a Sunday were guaranteed. Towards the end of the year, we were offered a Curate and Rev. Sandra Till joined us at St Michaels, she was ordained in September and joined us soon after. We hope that she will take some of the pressure of Rev John who has kept abridge of all the paperwork, somehow, caused by Covid-19 and of course preparing the two Sunday services and then broadcasting it. For all of us shielding, it has been an important part of our lives.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the volunteers who work in the background to keep St Michaels a safe place with the huge cleaning responsibilities that they have to follow meticulously. I also have to thank Chris Rayson for keeping on top of the Churchyard and making sure that Risk Assessments and Insurances are shown before work commences on any of the Church properties. He is a huge asset to us, and as he would say, 'just getting on with the job.

We look forward to things getting back to normal and having our Services back in Church again.

Thank you everyone who has helped to keep SMAA a Covid-19 safe place.

Tony Berry (Churchwarden)

Safeguarding report

The PCC and other key personnel have participated in safeguarding training. And the safeguarding of young people and vulnerable adults continues to be a priority, and is being dealt with as required by the policies of the Church of England.

Safeguarding Link Officer - Sara Eames

Treasurers Report

See appendix 1

Treasurer - John Byrne

Electoral Roll Report

As of the 25th April the electoral roll contains

Option A	Members of the C of E resident in parish	39
Option B	Members of the C of E, worshipping here regularly but not resident in parish,	17
Option C	Members of another Trinitarian denomination, Worshipping here regularly, also members of the C of E	3
Total		59

There have been no changes in electoral roll this year

Electoral roll officer – Judith Mellor

PCC Secretary Report

The PCC has continued to 'meet' regularly throughout 2020 although this had to be moved to virtual /remote meetings using ZOOM ,as allowed within the change to Church of England regulations due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Annual meetings for 2019 were delayed from March until the end of October. Meetings were held on the following dates:

Full PCC - Wed 22 January 2020 in person

Short PCC – Sunday 8 March 2020 in person

Full PCC – Wed 27 May 2020 virtual

Full PCC - Tue 8 September 2020

Annual meetings for 2019 APM & APCM – Tue 20 October 2020 in Church in person and virtually

Short PCC – Tue 20 October 2020 in Church in person and virtually

Full PCC – Tue 17 November 2020 virtual

The PCC continues in its role of administration of the parish.

Secretary – Elaine SparkmanElaine Sparkman

PCC Members and Trustees

Alvaston Parish Church Council in 2020

Name	Position	First Elected	Elected until
John Whitney	Incumbent		Appointment
Sandra Till	Assistant Curate		Appointment

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Tony Berry	Church Warden	2016	Annual
Ean Mills	Church Warden	2020	Annual
Jane Whitney	Deanery Synod	2017	2023
Andy Eames	Deanery Synod	2020	2023
Sara Eames	Safeguarding Link	2020	2023
John Byrne	PCC Treasurer	2020	2023
David Lucas	PCC Member	2017	2023
Elaine Sparkman	PCC Secretary	2018	2022
Gill Rayson	PCC Member	2019	2022
Tina Barber	PCC Member	2019	2022
Elaine Nason	PCC Member	2019	2021
Pat Kinnerly	PCC Member	2019	2021
Anne MacKeller	PCC Member	2019	2021

Facilities report

All regular inspections, testing and checks were carried out to schedule by suitably qualified personnel. Remedial work identified and carried out. A Quinquennial inspection of St. Michael & All Angels took place in 2020, it identified some areas of minor work, which are underway, and work to a drain that has been carried out.

Church Hall

The hall has undergone a rigorous programme of planned work. Repainting of the hall and varnishing of the floor, and significant upgrading of the kitchen. The hall has been badly affected by the lockdowns, and at the end of the year there were no activities taking place, with the exception of ACT SE Derby Foodbank Hub, which is now utilising the hall annex full time. Alvaston Achievers will not be returning to the hall. There is considerable scope for more regular hires as lockdown eases.

Jane Whitney (Booking Secretary)

APPENDIX 1 – Finance Report

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of the PCC of Alvaston

I report on my examination of the accounts to the trustees of the PCC of St Michael and All Angels, Alvaston for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

Signed: M R James

Name: Mr M R James

**Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):
BSc**

Address: 14 Walnut Avenue, Alvaston, Derby

Date: 22 January 2021

Year end financial report

ALVASTON PCC

To be read with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020

GENERAL FUND

Our total income at £37,289 was a reduction on previous year of 7% and total expenditure at £39,933 an increase of 8% resulting in a deficit over the year of -£2,644 compared with previous year's excess of £3,046. We had budgeted for a deficit of -£3,718. At the end of the year the general fund stood at £11,126.

Voluntary Income, from regular donations and collections, at £21,639 decreased by £5,808 (-21%) on previous year and was down on budget by £4,776 (-18%).

Other Income at £15,650 increased by £2,998 (24%) on previous year which was mainly due to the increased level of funerals, the planned increase in the contribution from the Church Hall and grants totalling £750 being received to support the work of the food bank.

Total Income decreased on last year by £2,810 and was down on budget by £2,573.

Church and Ministry Expenditure at £13,429 increased by £728 from previous year but was £2,611 below budget. Most areas within this heading were below budget with the Covid situation impacting on planned maintenance work and also resulting in reduced utility bills.

Other Expenditure at £4,320 has decreased on previous year and is down on budget by -19% and again the Covid situation resulted in reduced expenditure on publicity, sundries and youth/children ministry. Mission giving of £2,745 was paid albeit rather belatedly this year.

Common Fund paid to the Diocese was £21,000, which was an increase of £2,000 on previous year but was in accordance with budget. The total paid was 84% of that requested by the Diocese.

Transfers from General Fund totalling £1,163 were made to the Development Fund to cover the cost of the replacement church radio mic system.

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Total Expenditure in general fund was £39,933 being £2,880 up on last year but down on budget by £3,647. Reductions on budgeted spend were mainly due to the effect of the Covid crisis which resulted in access to the church being severely restricted for much of the year.

DEVELOPMENT FUND

At the end of the year the Development fund stood at £987, which was a net reduction through the year of £3,474.

Income totalled £2,196 including the transfer of £1,163 from general fund. Expenditure was £5,670, which was spent on the north boundary fence £4,507 and replacing the church radio mic system £1,163

RESTRICTED COLLECTIONS

At year end an amount of £1,195 was held which is entirely attributable to donations of £1,699 received specifically for the work of the Food Bank, less expenditure.

CHURCH HALL

Income from the Hall was £13,592 a decrease of £5,774 on previous year. The Covid crisis meant that the Hall had to be closed for over half the year resulting in a total loss of hire income during this period. Additionally, Alvaston Achievers permanently ended their hire of the hall with effect from September which meant for this hirer alone the income reduced from previous year by £5,890 with ongoing effect for subsequent years.

An application for a discretionary grant from the city council was successful and resulted in the receipt of £5,000 which has kept the hall solvent for the year.

Expenditure for the year totalled £17,044 which was a reduction on previous year of £1,661 despite the fact that contribution to the common fund increased by £1,800. Spend on utilities decreased as the hall was closed for a long period and we managed to suspend water rates for the initial lockdown period. Payment of music licenses were also put on hold until further notice.

The much needed painting of the exterior of the hall finally took place towards the end of the year at a cost of £950

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As a result of the above Hall made a loss for the year of £3,452.

FUNDS BALANCE SHEET

Total funds held at year-end, including Church hall, stood at £20,718 represented by £4,965 held in current accounts, £15,280 in deposit accounts and £473 in cash. £3,754 of the total funds is held in restricted or designated funds.

John Byrne (Treasurer)

Statement of Accounts

ALVASTON PCC			
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE 12 MONTHS TO DECEMBER 31ST 2020			
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
ACTUAL	RECEIPTS	ACTUAL	BUDGET
2019		2020	2020
£		£	£
12,623.00	VOLUNTARY INCOME	12,122.45	12,180.00
5,210.47	Gift Aided (S/O and envelopes)	4,166.05	4,895.00
7,652.88	Reclaimed tax	3,012.25	7,400.00
1,640.90	Loose collections (inc SDS eligible)	2,286.54	1,540.00
320.50	Sundry donations	52.12	400.00
27,447.75	Messy Church, Youth and Child provision donations	21,639.41	26,415.00
	OTHER INCOME		
4,726.00	PCC fees	6,045.00	4,446.00
6,000.00	Church Hall contribution	7,800.00	7,800.00
15.11	Dividends and interest	9.04	15.00
1,164.81	Miscellaneous income (inc grants)	1,425.00	1,116.00
685.00	Income for services provided(verger,organist etc)	0.00	-
60.88	Photocopying	370.62	70.00
12,651.80		15,649.66	13,447.00
40,099.55	TOTAL RECEIPTS	37,289.07	39,862.00
	EXPENDITURE		
£	THE CHURCH AND MINISTRY	£	
1,955.20	Clergy expenses & housing	1,563.62	2,000.00
5,127.36	Heat, light & insurance	4,774.11	5,040.00
2,215.19	Minor repairs, maintenance	2,176.75	3,000.00
514.31	Upkeep of services (candles, music, gifts, etc)	951.76	500.00
2,888.60	Churchyard (labour & materials)	3,963.23	5,500.00
12,700.66		13,429.47	16,040.00
	OTHER EXPENDITURE		
473.62	Publicity, Magazine & Photocopying	505.12	800.00
175.00	Website	175.00	175.00
934.60	Other Sundry Expenditure	864.07	1,245.00
685.00	Payment for services provided (verger,organist etc)	0.00	-
163.74	Messy Church, Youth and Child provision	31.18	400.00
2,900.00	Mission Giving	2,745.00	2,700.00
5,331.96		4,320.37	5,320.00
	TRANSFERS		
0.00	To Development Fund	1,162.92	1,200.00
0.00		1,162.92	1,200.00
	THE DIOCESE		
19,000.00	Parish Share	21,000.00	21,000.00
20.00	Diocesan Bell Repair Fund	20.00	20.00
19,020.00		21,020.00	21,020.00
37,052.62	TOTAL PAYMENTS	39,932.76	43,580.00
3,046.93	EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS	-2,643.69	-3,718.00

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DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE FUND (RESTRICTED)		
ACTUAL 2019 £	RECEIPTS	ACTUAL 2020 £
2,273.22	Gift Aid Tax reclaimed	33.78
5,355.30	Personal Donations	998.96
852.38	Income from Fundraising Events	0.00
0.00	Transfer from General Fund	1,162.92
8,480.90	TOTAL RECEIPTS	2,195.66
PAYMENTS		
8,100.00	Floor and flooring contractor	0.00
4,385.00	Carpet and carpet fitter	0.00
741.40	Floor - other materials	0.00
151.28	Events publicity & other event costs	0.00
0.00	Fencing Materials and Labour	4,507.21
0.00	Church Replacement Radio Mic System	1,162.92
13,377.68	TOTAL PAYMENTS	5,670.13
-4,896.78	EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS	-3,474.47

CHURCH HALL FUND		
ACTUAL 2019 £	RECEIPTS	ACTUAL 2020 £
429.60	Brownies	114.00
367.20	Folk Dancing	214.20
443.20	Guides	140.40
-	Covid Related Grants	5,000.00
4,552.50	Slimming World	2,249.30
9,425.80	Alvaston Achievers	3,535.50
1,788.50	Weight Watchers	1,132.20
221.70	Saturday Market	-
279.80	M-Prez	-
1,845.70	Casual Bookings	1,200.30
11.75	Interest (on Reserve a/c)	6.29
19,365.75	TOTAL RECEIPTS	13,592.19
1,395.50	Cleaning	1,404.00
2,052.81	Insurance	2,184.48
379.59	Water	214.49
3,447.44	Electricity	2,531.42
6,000.00	Contribution to Common Fund	7,800.00
288.60	Internet	266.40
505.46	Improvements	-
1,935.73	Decorating & Maintenance	1,324.25
518.22	Other Expenses	204.28
-	Refunds	30.00
764.68	Licenses - Music etc	-
534.00	Pest Control	408.00
883.06	Refuse collection	676.66
18,705.09	TOTAL PAYMENTS	17,043.98
660.66	EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS	- 3,451.79

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RESTRICTED COLLECTIONS		
	RECEIPTS	ACTUAL
		2020
		£
	Childrens Society	-
	Bishop's Harvest Appeal	55.00
	Food Bank	1,698.75
		1,753.75
	PAYMENTS	
	Childrens Society	258.97
	Bishop's Harvest Appeal	55.00
	Food Bank	647.61
		961.58
	EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS	792.17

FUNDS BALANCE SHEET			
£		£	£
Total as at		Excess Receipts	Total as at
01-Jan-20		over Payments	31-Dec-20
13,770.12	General Fund	- 2,643.69	11,126.43
0.00	Services Provided	90.00	90.00
445.00	Assigned Service Fees	- 306.00	139.00
250.00	Wedding Deposits	-	250.00
1,092.49	Bell Repair Fund	-	1,092.49
4,461.55	Development Fund	- 3,474.47	987.08
-110.00	Refundable Service Fees	110.00	-
9,290.16	Church Hall Fund	- 3,451.79	5,838.37
402.79	Restricted Collections	792.17	1,194.96
29,602.11		- 8,883.78	20,718.33

CASH AND BANK DEPOSITS			
at 31 Dec 2020			
	PCC Account NatWest Bank		4,144.34
	PCC Cash		472.73
	PCC Reserve Account NatWest Bank		10,262.89
	Church Hall Account NatWest Bank		820.46
	Church Hall Reserve Account NatWest Bank		5,017.91
			20,718.33

NOTES : OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES		
	Debtors	
	Outstanding Gift Aid claim with HMRC for q/e Dec 20	1,164.30
	Creditors	
	Invoices on hand at year end but not paid	-
	Other Negotiable Assets :	
		-
	Liabilities :	
	Derby Diocese assigned fees less refundable fees	139.00
	Non Monetary Assets :	
	Moveable Church furnishings (see Church property register)	
	Church car park and storage container, Church hall and curtilage	
	PCC shed and maintenance equipment/materials	
	Church hall fixtures, fittings and equipment	

APPENDIX 2 – Group & Area reports

All Christians Together SE Derby

In 2020 ACT did not have a AGM because of the pandemic. All officers remained in post. AGM is to be held 10th July 2021 at Alvaston Baptist Church and all officers posts will be up for re-election. The main work of ACT for 2020 has been the foodbank which is included in a separate report. Sundays at 6 will hopefully go ahead starting on July 25th the fellowships with the largest buildings will host and speakers will be invited from the Act fellowships. The theme for the services will be Time.

Jane Whitney

Bell Ringers Report

2020 has been an extraordinary year to say the least, at the start of the March lockdown, due to the Corona virus pandemic, all ringing had to cease.

Following national guidance and a thorough risk assessment we rang one bell for VJ Day in August and one bell for Remembrance Sunday.

At Christmas we were allowed to ring three bells, but since then we have only been able to ring one bell again until Easter Sunday 2021.

We hope to be able to have all six bells ringing again from May, subject to restrictions being eased. This does, however, leave us with a bit of a dilemma, as we don't have sufficient ringers to ring our six bells on a Sunday, so we hope to teach new ringers when our practice nights resume later in the year.

Ian Webb - Tower Captain

Churchyard

2020 has been a strange year on the Churchyard and sadly, due to the Covid-19 regulations and the weather the general maintenance has fallen behind what was hoped.

The rules that were put in place restricted what maintenance could be done in Churchyards, limiting it to safety issues and preparation for burials, the recovery from this limitation is still ongoing

But on a positive note, it gave the opportunity for some projects inside our church to be progressed.

Jan 2020 saw the annual Tree Survey carried out and as a result of the previous few years efforts there was no significant work to be carried out.

As 2020 came to an end work started on managing the regrowth on the trees that were pollard-ed earlier in the year and this will continue into the spring of 2021.

It will then be necessary to manage the regrowth on the trees and be vigilant for disease and decay through into the autumn.

This work is part of a rolling five year programme to maintain and manage our tree stocks.

2020 also saw the completion of the work to replace the north boundary fence and the start of planning for the replacement of the south boundary fence (subject to available budget), some temporary repairs have been carried out, but this only highlighted the overall poor condition of this fence line.

It was also necessary to replace part of the car park fence due to storm damage and this has improved the look of the car park on the north side.

Ongoing work is being done to deal with pot holes in the car park and we are actively looking for the best method for long term repairs.

The Churchyard remains open for full burials and the interment of cremated remains but the space available for new full burials is still limited with the availability of new graves for full burials expected to last for only about three more years.

As in previous years settlement of the existing graves remains a challenge and regular inspections are carried out to identify problems with not only settlement, but also memorials, edgings and other placements that are not permitted under Church Regulations or create a potential for injury to visitors and volunteers.

The problem of the disposal of litter and waste is still with us, with such materials (ranging from grass cuttings, dead flowers, to kerbs and chippings) being thrown into the hedge line and down the embankments, in some cases covering existing graves in the lower Churchyard. But there has been some improvement.

This of course creates additional work to maintain the church yard

Visitors are encouraged to use the wheelie bins located in the car park or to take their waste home for recycling if preferred.

Visitors to the Churchyard have remained high, both families of loved ones and casual visitors which is very encouraging, and the vast majority were following the Covid-19 guidelines to keep safe

Once again may I thank those visitors who “do their bit” to help with the maintenance of the Churchyard, a number that appears to have increased over the year.

It is hoped that 2021 will allow more time to deal with the maintenance issues (weather and Covid-19 permitting) especially mowing, maintenance of the car park, footpaths and our other fences

Chris Rayson

Coffee Mornings

A small team of people continued to host coffee mornings in church at the start of the year. We usually hold them on the first Saturday of the month from 10.30 – 12.00 except during January and August. However, we were only able to host them in Feb and March in 2020 as the government guidelines during the Covid 19 pandemic prohibited public gatherings after that.

We have missed this important hospitality event both for the social interaction between our church family and with the community. We've also missed the opportunity to welcome families into the church building for their children's baptism preparations as we could not hold these special services--.

My thanks to everyone who has taken a turn in hosting them and to those who have baked and bought the delicious cakes, biscuits, and savouries.

The team would welcome any new people who would like to help with this enjoyable ministry, so please contact Margaret for further details.

Margaret Foster

Craft and Chat – A Breathing Space

Craft and Chart is an important ministry of informal support for those who gather, and we look forward to re-starting it in 2021

Curates Report

What a strange year this has been for all and certainly not the one I had envisaged. Having said that despite everything I have had a very positive and learning experience of my journey so far.

When hearing that Alvaston Parish Church was to be my new home church, I came to look around the church and even though it was not an arranged visit, when I arrived it was obvious by the welcome that the building was full of love. The inside being cleaned, and the grounds being tended but both Gill and Chris invited me into the church spending time to make me feel welcome.

Whilst the periods of Lockdown could have restricted my experiences such as no weddings or baptisms but that along with my period away from the church due to illness has given me time learn from and reflect on the experiences I have had.

Helping lead the service and preaching were not totally new to me but as I

discovered during my training, all churches have different ways of doing things and I hope that I now demonstrate a little more confidence that at the beginning and the slower pace has given me time to grow.

John has been very supportive, especially when looking at care of the departed and their families giving me the knowledge skills and confidence to feel able to lead a funeral service.

Although John is my Training Priest/Incumbent every member of the church play just as important part in in my training. This is only year one of a much longer journey that I hope we continue together.

At Petertide I will be Priested if the restrictions allow. That is not the end of my training but just the next part of our journey together along with Christ at our centre

Thanks for all your support.

Sandra Till

Food Bank

In 2020 there were some major changes to the way we run foodbank in response to the Covid -19 emergency.

On the 25th March 2020 I (Jane Whitney) was asked to be the co-ordinator of ACT foodbank and ACT was asked to join the Derby food 4 thought Alliance as an established food bank to help with the demand in the DE24 area of the city. Paul Brookhouse is the lead for Derby food 4 thought.

The other members of the ACT team were unable to be physically present for the making up of food parcels for reasons of shielding and front line working.

The Children's centre remained open for the distribution of parcels but to minimise contact they gave the parcels to the families which we had made up and delivered from the doorway of the main building.

The main change was the provision of emergency parcels which formally we would only do on an infrequent basis this became the main demand. The requests came via the Local area co-ordinators and now requests come through the central hub who can also direct people to other help they might need.

Supply of food continues to come from ACT members, either food or cash donations, the Central Supply unit based now at an industrial unit off Ascot Drive (formally at St. Alkmund's), members of the public and several local businesses. The ACT foodbank is based at St Michael's Church Hall on Elvaston Lane several of the fellowships have keys to the annex for access to the food and to help with the running of the foodbank. Grateful thanks is given for all those who help with the making up of the parcels and the running the foodbank.

Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers.

Jane Whitney

Music

This will inevitably be short due to the Church being closed for Services as a result of the Coronavirus Pandemic. Services have been broadcast via Facebook and recorded music has been used. We hope and pray that normal service will be resumed as soon as possible.

Nigel Pearson

Open House

The Open House Group has not met since last march, but we have been kept in touch with a weekly text message sent out by Nigel, called his “ramblings”. We look forward to seeing each other in person eventually and sharing our experiences of God in these difficult times.

Nigel Pearson

Prayer Group

As most of 2020 was spent in lockdown, the prayer group did continue on-line. This has been successful reaching out to 20 members on Facebook. We look forward to meeting in church and on Facebook in 2021.

Blessings Sue Bardgett

Vergers Report

During the year from January to December 2020 we had just one wedding held by Special Licence in our church, but due to the restricted numbers of people allowed to attend there could be no Verger support. This was in line with the government guidelines during the Covid 19 pandemic. Similarly, there were no baptisms allowed. Funeral services were allowed within the church building after July but without vergers, and very restricted numbers of attendees.

We have a team of three trained Vergers who are willing and able to attend these important Occasional Offices in church, so we are ready to serve again when restrictions allow. We are looking forward to that and hope that we will be able to welcome the public into the church building again this summer if restrictions allow us.

Margaret Foster

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