

TREASURER'S REPORT – YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

The financial position of the Church remains sound. The Church's reserves in its General Fund stood at £29,851.00 at the year end. In addition we have reserves in our Fabric Fund, dedicated to the maintenance of our Church building, of £27,477.00. Maintaining our built estate is continually demanding and expensive.

Having said that, we cannot afford to be complacent. Our expenditure for the year exceeded our income by £20,220.00 with the refurbishment of the car park and maintenance work on the Barn Centre accounting for the bulk of this.

Within this framework we made considerable progress in our Youth work and expenditure on our Mission and Evangelism. Highlights included the successful establishment of our Owls Club under the fine leadership of Ali Brown, and the successful re-launch of our Youth Club under the dynamic leadership of Rev Paul Mundy and our Youth Leader, Lee Buck.

We have also taken steps to improve the administration of the Church by the appointment of Caroline Lewis-Irlam as our Church Administrator, and of Jackie Potter as Editor of our magazine and manager of our website. Both these are part-time appointments. This action has lifted some of the administrative burden off the Rev Paul Mundy, enabling him to focus more fully on his work in and for the Parish.

In 2019 we paid our full Parish Share. This represents the achievement of a target which appeared extremely ambitious just a few short years ago. Paying our Parish Share represents full coverage of our clergy expenses and a significant contribution to the Diocese, particularly for the education of new clergy.

As a Parish we gave £4811.00 to charitable causes, which were augmented by additional generous donations by members of our Parish in response to appeals for those charities.

We are continuing to grow with an increase of some 10% in our Electoral Roll membership. Perhaps the most pleasing growth is that achieved by Ali Brown with her Owls Club's welcome success in bringing good numbers of children into our Church for the first time in some years. Similarly the successful reintroduction of our Wednesday evening Youth Club has reopened this area of our work and Mission in the Parish for the first time in many years.

Our Festival services at Christmas, Easter and Harvest Festival were successful and very well attended. Our Remembrance Day service and observance were also successful. A particular feature of the year was the success of our expanded Christmas Tree Festival, with the addition of a Saturday Market and lunch offering proved very popular in the village at large.

Further financial information is available from the Treasurer on request.

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