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**The Parish of Saint Alban the Martyr
Kingston upon Hull**

Year Book 2021



**The Annual Report
of our Parish Life and Activities**

**A Meeting of Parishioners
to elect Churchwardens**

followed by

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

11.15am on Sunday 24th April 2022
in St Alban's Church

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AGENDAS FOR THE MEETINGS

Annual Meeting of Parishioners (Vestry Meeting)

24th April 2022

- 1 Opening Prayers
- 2 Appointment of Clerk to the meetings
- 3 Minutes of Annual Meeting of Parishioners, 23rd May 2021
- 4 Election of Churchwardens

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

24th April 2022

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Approval of any other business, previously notified to Chairman
- 3 Minutes of Annual Parochial Church Meeting, 23rd May 2021
- 4 Matters arising from the minutes
- 5 The Vicar's Report
- 6 Electoral Roll Report
- 7 Financial report and summary of Accounts and Balances
- 8 Presentation of Audited Account year ended 31st December 2021
- 9 Churchwardens Report on Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the church
- 10 Deanery Synod Report
- 11 Election of PCC members
- 12 Elections of 1 Representative to Deanery Synod
- 13 Election of Sidespersons
- 14 Receiving of reports published in the 2021 Year Book
- 15 Any other business
- 16 Closing prayers

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners Sunday 23rd May 2021

The meeting was chaired by Fr Graham Thornalley.
The proceedings opened with prayer at 11.35 am.
19 persons were present. Apologies were received from 7 people.
An attendance list is attached to the Minute Book.

2021.1 Appointment of Clerk to the meeting

Elizabeth Franklin was appointed to this and the following Parochial Church Meeting.
Proposed by Fr Graham and accepted *nem con*.

2021.2 Minutes of A.M.P. held 25th October 2020

Proposed by Fr Graham and agreed *nem con*.

2021.3 Election of Churchwardens for 2021

There being no objections or other nominations, James Weller and Ian Franklin will continue to serve as Churchwardens.

The meeting closed at 11.37 am

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting Sunday 23rd May 2021

The meeting opened at 11.38 am.
Nineteen persons were present. Apologies were received from seven people.
An attendance list is attached to the Minute Book.

2021.4 Minutes of the A.P.C.M. held on 25th October 2020

Accepted (prop. Andrew Mould, sec. Geraldine Rainey) *nem con*.
There were no matters arising.

2021.5 Vicar's report

Copy of the report included in the Year Book.

Fr Graham commented that it had been a strange year, but we must thank God that

- People have kept faith
- People have continued to serve in other ways (e.g. the Pantry)
- technology has enabled our services to reach those unable to attend.

This will continue. Morning and evening prayer on weekdays has proved popular.

The report was accepted *nem. con*.

2021.6 Electoral Roll Report

The roll stands at 59 members, 29 resident and 30 non-resident and was received *nem con*.
Three more have been added in the last week and will appear on the 2021 roll.

2021.7 *Financial Report and summary*

A copy of the report is included in the Year Book. In a PowerPoint presentation the Treasurer explained the accounts and our current financial position.

The continued giving by standing orders and by the envelope scheme is much appreciated, as is the work by Andrew Mould in claiming Gift Aid tax. We continue to use our resources wisely. In the future we need to maintain (and hopefully increase) giving, and improve saving as we monitor our return from the restrictions imposed as a result of Covid-19.

2021.8 *Presentation of Audited Accounts year ended 31st December 2020*

The statement of accounts was presented; copies are included in the Minute Book.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Joan Woodhead, seconded by Jackie Driffill and carried *nem con*.

Fr Graham thanked Jim for his hard work throughout the year and his presentation and summary of the accounts.

2021.9 *Churchwardens' Report*

The copy of the report included in the Year Book was presented and received *nem con*.

Ian and Jim were thanked for their work as wardens over the past, very different, year.

2021.10 *Deanery Synod Report*

The copy of the report included in the Year Book was presented and received *nem con*.

Meetings may continue on Zoom for some time, so a second representative would need to be able to access this. They are working on the archbishop's initiative 'Living Christ's Story'.

2021.11 *Election of PCC Members*

The following, having been nominated, was elected *nem con* to serve for the next 3 years: Elizabeth Franklin (prop. Peter Abraham, sec. Jim Hickey)

There was no nomination for the position vacant as a result of the resignation of Tony Bishop. The PCC will look to co-opt someone during the year.

2021.12 *Election of Representatives to Deanery Synod*

Graham Nettleton continues to serve, having been elected for three years in 2019, but no nominations have yet been received for the vacancy.

2021.13 *Election of Sidespersons*

Fr Graham proposed that Sidespersons be organised by the churchwardens; agreed *nem con*.

2020.14 *Receiving of reports published in the 2020 Year Book*

All reports received from various organisations and persons accepted *nem con*. Copies included in the Year Book attached to the minutes. Fr Graham asked that the organisations be kept in prayers as they start to return to in-person meetings. Some leaders are apprehensive for their jobs should they contract Covid19.

The meeting closed at 12.14pm with the grace.

Reports for 2021

Vicar's report

My dear friends,

What a year it was - another year of restrictions. Even now, although we might have something approaching a normal life, and church life is a little more normal, we're still living (as I write this) with limitations that we've chosen for ourselves in an attempt not just to keep ourselves safe but also to try to limit the spread of the COVID 19 virus in our community. I'd like to thank our wardens and PCC for their commitment and their willingness to grapple with the issues that the last year has brought us. I'd like as well to thank them for the support they've offered to me personally during this strange time. It does appear that as a society we've reached a point where most things are returning to some sort of normal, even if not quite like it was pre-pandemic.

Over the last two years there have been many sources of joy. I'm very proud of the fact that at St Alban's we've been able to keep our food pantry running throughout and in that way have consistently shown God's care for some of the members of our community who experience financial hardship. It's worth noting too that we've also saved several tonnes of food from being wasted. Another thing we've been good at is caring for each other and keeping in touch. I'm delighted to say that through much of the pandemic the uniformed groups attached to St Alban's have been able to continue meeting. I want to pay a special tribute to the leaders of those groups for the dedication and commitment that they have shown to local young people, they have been heroes! We can all be tempted to say how difficult the pandemic has been for us - and it has. BUT, I think it's been far harder for young people, going to school (or not) in the face of change and uncertainty. Economically, young adults in less secure employment have suffered greater financial hardship, and students paying full fees have not been able to attend university.

The question I've been grappling with for much of the second half of 2021, which we'll need to begin to answer during 2022 is how do we increase our engagement with the local community? This will be an important and challenging question for us during 2022 if we want to see our church grow and flourish. There is a lot of hope though! We had a fantastic Christmas Fayre at the beginning of Advent and it was clear that many people in the wider community are desperate to get on with their lives and more than willing to support and engage with their local church. Already this year we have several baptisms booked. During the pandemic, these have been taking place at 12.30 on Sundays. It's been so successful that I intend to carry on in the same manner.

Early in 2022, we were able to restart our Thursday lunch club. I'm sure all of us were a bit nervous to begin with but we have found that we've all been safe and our lives have been enriched by sharing refreshment, conversation and getting a few practical jobs around church done.

My hope for 2022 is that we'll be able to relax again and that the anxiety that has accompanied us for such a long time will begin to decrease as we get on with our lives. In our worship, I hope that we'll be able to feel comfortable about letting go of some of the limits we have placed upon ourselves. I love to see all of our congregation and regulars on a Sunday morning, it really is the highlight of my week! In fact, without that, I'm not sure I could manage the rest of the week. What I'd love to see though is more new people coming to join us and encountering the transforming presence of Christ in their lives too.

God bless.

Your priest and friend in the Lord Jesus, Fr Graham

The Associate Priest's Report

Looking back on yet another year of uncertainty, adaptation, change and coping with the continuing pandemic has once again seen the family of St. Alban's grow together in faith and community spirit. We have continued to care for each other and have shared many emotions since I last wrote for the yearbook. We have supported each other via the phone, social media and in person. I have got quite used to being in front of the camera/i-pad (as long as I don't have to set it up!).

But what a year we have had. Yes, we have sadly said goodbye to some parishioners and friends who we miss dreadfully, and there are still some people who feel they are unable to return to St. Alban's. But the exciting thing is that our social events are coming back, the luncheon club is in full swing and I know that people appreciate the online Mass as several comments appear on the Facebook page. Also, it is good to know that we are reaching people who don't normally come to St. Alban's.

Ministry is a funny thing, challenging, changing, having to adapt are all things you learn along the way. But ministry is rewarding too. Speaking of being adaptable and often having to think on your feet, I had a strange visit to a care home where they said I could not bring anything in, not even the hosts for Holy Communion. Well, I thought, I am not being defeated, what would Jesus do?? Well, he would find a way round. So armed with those little sealed biscuits that you get with posh coffee and that I usually find in the bottom of my handbag I approached Holy Communion with a rather strange feeling but in the trust that God would understand and give me the means to minister to those I had called to see. It was strange to consecrate what I call "emergency biscuits" and this certainly was an impromptu way to celebrate the Eucharist. But it brought home to me the resilience that the family of God has, the determination to carry on no matter what tries to stop us.

It has been lovely to see St. Alban's grow during this pandemic, with new altar servers plying their skills, new readers and intercessors and people being confirmed and receiving Holy Communion for the first time. (No biscuits here!). That just shows me that despite change, despite rules we may not agree with, we have found ways to grow in faith and discipleship and mission.

The power of the Holy Spirit, the light of Christ and the love of God run strongly through the family of St. Alban's and we have the strength and courage to face whatever is thrown at

us, together. We have had to change in order to grow, to adapt in order to keep worshipping, to be patient in all our doings, but the most important thing is that we carry on as sisters and brothers in Christ.

I look forward to our social events, worship and mission opportunities over the coming year and yes there will be challenges but we will carry on. Perhaps there is a film in there somewhere - 'Carry on St Alban's'? Auditions starting next year?

I have thoroughly enjoyed this last year as your Associate Priest and hope to serve you for many years to come. Once again, thank you Fr Graham and all who serve, worship, keep in touch with parishioners, organise events, sing, make refreshments, run the food bank and drop in and minister at St Alban's. I apologise if I have missed anyone out. I think that in a few years the church has to renew my licence to officiate so I better behave myself and limit the use of emergency biscuits and just pray that no one sees me in my Mother Christmas outfit!

Love and prayers, Yours in Christ.

Mtr. Linda Gillard, Associate Priest

Electoral Roll Report

Last year there were 59 names on the Electoral Roll, of whom 29 reside within the parish and 30 outside. During the year the PCC welcomed Mr John Craven, Mr Mark Lindsay and Mrs Barbara Jenkyn to our parish family. Sadly, we lost two long standing members, Miss Anne Dugdall and Mrs Jackie Drifill, both of whom died during the year.

At the end of 2021 the roll stands at 60 with 29 residing in the parish and 31 outside.

Joan Woodhead, Electoral Roll Secretary

Financial report and summary of Accounts and Balances

Trustee Report – Annual Accounts 31/12/2021

Introduction

This report has been prepared by the Treasurer on behalf of the Trustees - the PCC of St Alban the Martyr Church, Hull.

Listed are the key financial statistics and comments on significant movements or occurrences that have affected the accounts during 2021. This report should be read in conjunction with the Annual Accounts 31 December 2021 and the associated documents.

Document Summary

The accounts are prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis and consist of an Independent Examiner's Report on Page 11, Financial Statements on Page 12, Statements of Assets and Liabilities on Page 13 and some additional Further Analysis on Page 14.

In addition to the Accounts the trustees also present this Trustee Report, an updated 2022 Reserves Policy and 2022 Budget. These all form part of the Final Accounts presented to the AGM.

Financial Summary

Opening balance 1 January 2021 : £104,452

Total income for the year : £50,142

Total expenditure for the year : £48,166

Closing balance 31 December 2021 : £106,215

Trustee Report

2021 was, in some ways, more challenging than when the pandemic was first declared in 2020. Despite the advent of new vaccines, hopes of an earlier end to COVID 19 kept being knocked back and we continued for most of the year with repeated restrictions on our daily lives. This has been reflected in our church community and the story of the accounts mirrors the ups and downs of the effects of coronavirus on 'normal' life.

Receipts On Page 12 of the Annual Accounts – the Financial Statements – are listed our income, our costs and our final balances. It is notable that our income is reduced again year-on-year.

Offerings are down by £1334 and plate collections are down by £3384. Unfortunately, a number of our congregation can no longer attend through illness or death and the number of people attending on Sundays was at a very low level for much of 2021.

Other givings/donations are, however, significantly higher by £3000 in general funds and £5000 in restricted funds, thanks in part to the Walsingham pilgrimage going ahead.

Additionally we recorded with sadness a £1000 legacy from Brenda Cameron and a £500 legacy from Anne Dugdall.

Having previously seen high figures claimed back from Inland Revenue for Gift Aid, this year – and future years – will only reflect claims on the past 12 months receipts. That lower figure (£6971) is more than £11,000 less than our 2020 claim amount.

A welcome change from 2020 was the ability to hold fundraising events and we saw £3728 extra. The Social Committee brought in £730 from the Christmas Fayre – and users of the Food Pantry contributed more than £2000 across the year.

Happily, we have seen service fees during 2021 when there were none in 2020 (up £667).

Perhaps the most telling figure to show how the pandemic has eased is the increased rentals from the hall use (up £946) – a good chunk of which is from the youth groups starting up.

Overall, our income in 2021 was down by £2662 but still achieved a remarkable £50,142.

Payments Although we made an additional payment of £4,000 on our promised £21,000 Freewill Offer (total £25,000) at the start of 2021, our spending was lower than last year. Ministry costs (expenses and contribution to the vicarage costs) were lower (by £986) and that in itself indicates the effects the pandemic has had on clergy activities.

The key area of savings has been energy costs. Thanks to a change of energy provider these have gone down for both the church and the hall (£4530) with a combination of credit for overcharges by the previous supplier and lower actual charges.

Building repairs and maintenance were generally on a par with last year, although we did spend more on cleaning equipment. The overall increase in maintenance (£263) has been as low as possible. Some additional repairs to the church heating have occurred (£1156) but the overall impact on our spending fell by £2204.

We were not able to engage in as many enhanced mission and outreach activities, so those designated costs are only slightly higher (£417) than last year and less than our planned spend of £5000 per annum on mission and ministry.

In total, our costs in 2021 were higher than the previous year with a spend of £48,166.

Ending balance in 2021 was £106,215 – which is £1763 more than we started.

Restricted Funds Detailed on Page 13 of the Annual Accounts are the restricted funds and the income/spend against those funds. The majority of restricted funds are transitional – they are generally for specific in-year projects or collections (such as USPG/Children’s Society) and income received is aimed to be paid over as soon as possible to the beneficiary.

There are currently two static restricted funds – Choir and Music Fund (£108) and Church Hall Project Fund (£493) which carry a balance forward as well as one of two newly created funds : one to show a restricted legacy and the second to record the Wydale Retreat funds. We have sought lifting of the legacy restrictions from the executors and other beneficiaries and await their decision. For the time being the balance of that legacy fund is retained unused.

PCC does not generally ask for, nor seek, donations that are restricted by the donor. Such restrictions mean those funds can only be used for that specific purpose and if that does not come to fruition it means we find ourselves sitting on a pot of money which cannot be used for other projects or purposes. We always seek to follow the wishes and intentions of anyone generous enough to offer money to the church but we ask that donors confidently place their gift under PCC management for appropriate use for the work, worship and mission of St Alban’s.

Assets/Liabilities Also detailed on Page 13 of the Annual Accounts is the distribution of cash funds and a list of assets, including sanctuary stock. We anticipate an Inland Revenue claim of around £4750 and there is £200 due from Dagger Lane Singers for the last quarter of 2021.

After assets are the liabilities we would normally be obliged to meet each month: payment of utilities and payment to the organist. These are shown for information purposes.

Analysis of funds On Page 14 of the Annual Accounts there are more details of the receipts and payments. These give greater insight into the summary totals used in the Financial Statements.

Budget 2022

The budget for 2022 was agreed in November 2021 based on predicted outcomes. These predicted figures have since been updated with actual outcomes, although the overall outcome remains a year-end predicted deficit (£775).

Income is not expected to increase significantly in 2022: all our money is given either voluntarily in offerings, received for building use or raised through fundraising activities. Spending is also conservatively viewed with minimal increase in costs aligned to cost-of-living increases rather than massive projects. Since our adoption of the 2022 Budget we have become aware of the likely increase in energy costs but there is not yet enough information to make any amendments. We will keep this under review.

Our budget is intended to guide decisions: decisions on levels of offerings, on activities to raise funds as well as decisions on what to spend and how to spend money entrusted to the PCC to safeguard the buildings and ensure they are safe and welcoming.

With a current high level of reserves the PCC decided to increase the Freewill Offer in 2022 despite acknowledging we are getting lower offerings.

Reserves Policy 2022

We are a medium size church in a suburban area of Hull with an annual income of around £50,000 - £55,000.

Our church building is in good repair and recent quinquennial inspections have not shown any major concerns or structural issues, meaning a £5,000 reserve for the church building is appropriate.

The parish hall, however, is the opposite, with roofing problems, structural issues, inadequate toilet and service provision and a general state of dilapidation.

No immediate solutions are presenting, however a process is developing with two options under consideration: 1) repair and restoration or 2) disposal for development.

Both options will require substantial investment from the PCC either in the hall building or in a reconfiguration of the church building to accommodate more community use.

Accordingly, a reserve of £75,000 has been determined.

Also, the PCC believe it sensible to retain a sum equivalent to two months costs in the event of a further set of restrictions such as the pandemic presented. This would be £8,000.

It is the policy of this church to keep two months running costs in reserve to cover unforeseen emergencies (£8,000). In view of the state of the hall building and mindful of the need to maintain the church building the PCC will also set aside a reserve of £75,000 for the hall (including church reconfiguration if necessary) and £5,000 for the church building maintenance/repair with a view to an additional £5,000 added each year for the next two years to meet any work due from the next quinquennial inspection.

Total reserves 2022: £88,000

Jim Hickey, PCC Treasurer, 25 January 2022



Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of St Alban the Martyr, Kingston upon Hull, Parochial Church Council Financial Year 2021

This is my report on the accounts for the **Year ended 31st December 2021** which are set out on pages 12 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts

They 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 section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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 the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

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 s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
- to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records 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.

Mrs Vicki Garner (Business Manager)

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Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

Receipts and Payments Accounts

	Page 4 notes	Unrestricted Funds	Unrestricted Designated Fund	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Voluntary Receipts						
Planned giving	4a	20,886	-	-	20,886	22,020
Collections at services		923	-	-	923	4,307
All other giving/donations		6,083	-	4,778	10,860	3,262
Tax back from Gift Aid		6,951	-	-	6,951	18,080
		34,842	-	4,778	39,620	47,669
Legacies		1,000	-	500	1,500	1,000
Activities for generating funds	4b	5,026	-	-	5,026	1,298
NS&I Account interest		0	-	-	0	454
Church Activities	4c	667	-	-	667	<i>nil</i>
Parish Hall rental income		3,329	-	-	3,329	2,383
Receipt Totals		44,864	0	5,278	50,142	52,804
Payments						
Church activities						
Freewill Offering		21,000	4,000	-	25,000	21,000
Clergy and staff expenses		3,472	-	-	3,472	4,624
Church running expenses	4d	11,787	-	-	11,787	14,773
Hall running expenses	4e	980	-	-	980	3,248
Mission giving and donations		-	-	1,467	1,467	490
		37,239	4,000	1,467	42,705	44,135
Cost of generating funds	4f	20	-	-	20	233
Parish Mission/Outreach/Ministry	4g	-	2,224	3,025	5,249	1,807
Miscellaneous	4h	171	-	20	191	376
Payment Totals		(37,430)	(6,224)	(4,725)	(48,166)	46,551
Transfers between funds		0	(74)	74	0	6,253
Accounting only (to clear restricted fund balances)						
Excess/Deficit Receipts over Payments		7,435	(6,298)	627	1,763	6,253
Cash at bank / in hand 01 January		9,615	94,236	601	104,452	98,199
Cash at bank / in hand 31 December		17,050	87,938	1,228	106,215	104,452

Funds

Unrestricted Funds - are the monies received by the PCC without any restriction placed on them by the donor - nor raised by the PCC for a specified purpose(s). They can then be spent on the PCC for any approved reason.

Unrestricted Designated Funds - are likewise unrestricted funds held by the PCC but monies which have been 'set aside' (designated) by PCC with an intention to fund a specific purpose rather than simply be used for general day-to-day spending. They are not restricted to that purpose and can be re-assigned for other purposes as determined from time to time

Restricted Funds - are monies raised by PCC or given to PCC for specified purpose(s) and which can only be used for that purpose(s)

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Page 3 notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	<i>Total 2020 £</i>
Cash Fund					
HSBC bank current account		41,320	-	41,320	39,746
TSB deposit account		326	-	326	326
NS&I Savings account		62,238	1,228	63,466	63,466
Cash in hand		1,104	-	1,104	914
		104,988	1,228	106,215	<i>104,452</i>
Other Monetary Assets					
Income tax recoverable	1	4,750	350	5,100	3,550
Sanctuary consumables	2	1,385	-	1,385	1,975
Daggar Lane Operaic Society	3	200	-	200	-
		6,335	350	6,685	<i>5,525</i>
Liabilities					
Creditors due in one month	4	2,185	-	2,185	<i>4,150</i>

Notes

- Income Tax recoverable is an estimated amount due from offerings which we can claim tax rebates for - past year claims are up to date.
- Sanctuary consumable stock is quite a bit lower this year - reflecting the lack of services undertaken so replacement stock has not been needed at such high levels.
- Daggar Lane Operatic Society have been invoiced for church use for their rehearsals from October to mid December for £200.
- Creditors due includes those bills we would be obligated to meet within one month to include heating/lighting/utilities/musician payment and bank charges to 31/12/21 as we changed provider - but there is a substantial rise in costs which are as yet unknown.
- Restricted funds movements are as shown below ::

Restricted funds

	5	B/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	C/Fwd
Childrens Society		nil	371	-371	-	0
Church Future Fund		nil	nil	nil	-	0
Legacy		nil	500	-20	-	480
Miscellaneous Gift Fund		nil	750	-654	-	96
Choir and Music Fund		108	nil	nil	-	108
Walsingham 2021/22		nil	3025	-3025	-	0
Church Hall Project		443	nil	nil	-	443
Wyedale Retreat		nil	380	-454	-	-74
Water Aid		nil	52	nil	-	52
Womens Refuge		50	nil	nil	-	50
USPG		nil	200	-200	-	0
	5	601	5278	-4725	0	1154

Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted Funds	Unrestricted Designated Fund	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
4a) Planned giving					
Weekly envelopes	7,231	-	-	7,231	8,381
Monthly standing orders	13,655	-	-	13,655	13,640
	20,886	-	-	20,886	22,021
4b) Activities for generating funds					
Weekly bonus ball	1,158	-	-	1,158	779
Social Committee events	3,138	-	-	3,138	510
Christmas fayre and draw	730	-	-	730	0
	5,026	-	-	5,026	1,289
4c) Church Activities					
Fees for weddings/funerals	667	-	-	667	0
	667	-	-	667	0
Payments					
4d) Church running expenses					
Services (candles/host/wine/books)	581	-	-	581	955
Stationery and Photocopying	1,176	-	-	1,176	1,849
Subscriptions/Book-keeping	245	-	-	245	164
Vicarage costs (alarm/water rates)	1,445	-	-	1,445	1,386
Church Insurance (includes Hall)	4,144	-	-	4,144	4,129
Church Heat /Light / Water	2,993	-	-	2,993	5,126
Church Repairs/Renewals/Cleaning	1,203	-	-	1,203	1,163
	11,787	-	-	11,787	14,772
4e) Hall running expenses					
Hall Heat / Light	555	-	-	555	2,952
Hall Repairs/Renewals/Cleaning	425	-	-	425	202
	980	-	-	980	3,154
4f) Cost of generating funds					
Fundraising costs (raffle tickets etc)	20	-	-	20	20
Traidcraft stock costs	0	-	-	0	0
	20	-	0	20	20
4g) Parish Mission/Outreach/Ministry					
Food Pantry (Goodwin Trust)	-	1508	-	1,508	0
Children's Society	-	4	-	4	0
Walsingham pilgrimage	-	-	3025	3,025	0
Laptop (service streaming)	-	638	-	638	0
Wydale Retreat	-	74	-	74	0
	0	2224	3025	5,249	0
4h) Miscellaneous costs					
Chalice inscription (A Dugdall)	-	-	20	20	-
Advent resources	41	-	-	41	0
Hospitality (disposable cups)	73	-	-	73	0
(Last year Covid (£155) and sanctuary (£221))	114	0	20	134	376

Churchwardens Report

We are not aware of damage being caused to the church or its contents during the past year other than the mysterious partial loss of St Benedict's right hand and his crook. There has been general maintenance of buildings and planted areas.

Due to the national increase in the number and severity of Covid-19 cases it was decided to close the church in early January 2021. The church reopened on March 21st (Passion Sunday). Serving of refreshments after Sunday Mass resumed in the autumn. The church accepted the offer of about 40 chairs; some have been installed in the Lady Chapel, where Thursday morning mass has resumed. Government and Diocese regulations and guidance continued to be followed and implemented throughout the year.

Pots of primroses were available for collection at services on Easter Day.

Our thanks to Fr Graham for continuing to 'broadcast' online services.

After careful comparison of costs, electricity and gas supply was switched to Octopus Energy in May. This should result in significant savings.

Required periodic inspections were carried out by M. Bielby Ltd :

- Church and Hall heating system boilers(September). A replacement part was required in one of the church boilers and has been fitted.
- Hall kitchen water heater (December).

The Hall kitchen electric oven caused tripping in the distribution board and GT Electrical fitted a replacement element (November).

It has been possible to resume concerts in the church. A performance of *Tales from the Great Wood* was given by Badapple Theatre in September. A concert was presented by Invitatione Orchestra and Choir in November. Dagger Lane Singers gave a concert of Christmas Music in December.

Our thanks to those who have contributed to the running of the church and the maintenance of the building and grounds in the past year.

Churchwardens: Ian Franklin and Jim Weller

Deanery Synod Report

There have been two Synod meetings at the end of 2020 only one of which we managed to attend which was primarily about fund raising for the church and was on the whole not applicable to St Alban's needs. The minutes of these meetings have been filed with our secretary and are part of the PCC's records. As many of you will know, we (Pat and I) are in the process of moving to Bournemouth and accordingly I have now resigned as the Deanery Synod Representative. Two more Representatives will need to be appointed at the Annual Meeting. The job is not onerous and the Synod is a friendly place so there is no reason to feel daunted by the prospect and the tea, coffee and biscuits tend to be very good! I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the time I have been the Representative which has been an enjoyable time.

Graham Nettleton, Parish Representative to Deanery Synod

Secretary's Report to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

A sign that things were slightly more normal this year was that the PCC has been able meet in person five times, with only the occasional consultation being conducted by email. The COVID restrictions and the appropriate measures we should take were discussed at every meeting.

Ways of engaging families and young people have been discussed, but not yet enacted due to the pandemic and frequent changes in regulations.

We have discussed and submitted our response to the archbishop's consultation on 'Living Christ's Story'.

Our policies regarding Safeguarding etc. were reviewed and approved, as were the accounts, budget and our freewill offering to the diocese.

The perennial problem of the state of the church hall was delegated to a sub-committee, who are looking into all the possible options.

In September we were delighted to officially agree to the appointment of Mtr Linda Gillard as Associate Priest to St Alban's parish.

Thank you to Father Graham, Mother Linda and all who have assisted the smooth running of St Alban's during the past year.

Elizabeth Franklin, PCC Secretary

Social Committee Report

Due to the ongoing restrictions in regard to the coronavirus pandemic the events of the social committee were restricted during 2021.

The following events went ahead:

- 2nd September, Badapple Theatre Company, performed Tales from the Great Wood. This was a very enjoyable performance; thanks to Ian Franklin for organising this.
- 20th November Invitatione Orchestra and Choir gave a concert in the church; again thanks to Ian for his organisation.
- 4th December, Christmas Fayre. We were entertained by Sue and friends who played Christmas carols. Santa and his helper were also there. This event was very well attended and had a lovely atmosphere. Thank you to everyone who assisted with the event and to those who donated raffle prizes, including local business, The Good Fellowship, The Deli Counter, Vogue hair and beauty, Turkish Style Barber and The Pet Groomers - both on Inglemire Lane.
- 13th December, Dagger Lane Singers gave an informal concert in the church to complete the social events for the year.

A full programme of events has been arranged for 2022, including:

01.03.22 Messy Pancakes
01.03.22 Pancakes and Beetle Drive
30.04.22 Spring Fayre
15.05.22 Badapple Theatre Company – Elephant Rock (in church)
05.06.22 Queens Jubilee, Afternoon Tea Party (1950's Style Fancy Dress!)
19.06.22 St Alban's Parish Lunch (details to be confirmed)
July (tbc) BBQ with the uniformed organisations
17.09.22 Buckrose Concert Band, Proms concert (in church)
07.10.22 Harvest Supper
02.12.22 Buckrose Concert Band, Christmas concert (in church)
03.12.22 Christmas Fayre

We are also hoping to get a regular messy church established, if anyone would like to help with this, please see Sally.

Sally Hill, Social Committee Convenor

St Albans Drop-in

This recommenced last June. For those unsure what it is: the Hall is open between 9am and noon every Tuesday (adjacent to Food pantry) for anyone to drop in for a chat, a cuppa, biscuits and the now legendary chocolate treats. There are crosswords and books and Pauline has offered a few craft sessions which we hope to boost in the coming months. Everyone is most welcome and can be assured of a friendly greeting whether you are there for a quick half hour natter, a change of scenery or all morning.

When Tony Mould asked Ruth and I to act as hosts we worried about stepping out of our comfort zone but we can honestly say the experience has been both humbling and gratifying. We get huge personal enjoyment and satisfaction from getting to know so many different and lovely people.

We have a good number of regulars attending every week and more recently we are delighted to have welcomed newcomers who have literally “dropped in”. On average we provide around 35 cups of tea, coffee or drinking chocolate every week and we are constantly impressed at the capacity some of our guests have for consuming liquid! John Hodgkin is very much part of the team assisting with meeting and greeting, especially new visitors, and it is pleasing that some of our regulars are now doing likewise.

Why not try us out? The drinks are not too bad, we help generate friendship and laughter and are even able to occasionally offer some advice along the way. We are also always open to fresh ideas.

Andrew Mould and Ruth, Drop-in Organisers

St Alban's Pantry

We managed to open every Tuesday throughout 2021 and we now have 210 members, around 50 of whom attend each week.

Our twin aims remain to help those in need and to try to avoid food waste.

The food is ‘bought’ by the tray from FairShare with money provided by the PCC as part of St Alban's Mission Fund. During the various lockdowns the Hall was not able to be used by anyone except us and so we were able to leave our table settings in place week after week. However, since use of the Hall was resumed we must now clear everything away when Pantry closes and then rush to get it all out again before opening each following Tuesday. We are grateful for Alan's help.

To satisfy COVID rules and to protect everybody we have continued to insist on mask wearing and socially distanced queuing.

Part way through the year the food available to us became more scarce, particularly because the Defra scheme, from which we had benefited, came to an end. We have, however, been able to offer 7 items for a pound and still give lots of extra free items, especially fresh fruit and vegetables. We managed to increase the offering to 10 items for the two weeks before Christmas.

During the year we have continued to receive gifts of carrier bags of food from local residents and from several different Church and School Harvest Festivals, as well as large donations from local schools at Christmas.

Tony Mould, Geraldine Rainey and Vanessa Rose, Pantry Organisers

Church Hall Report

At the end of my last report I said that we hoped to reopen sometime in 2021. We managed this, though we never fully shut down as the Pantry was a vital community resource. We slowly opened up in June with the Girl Guides mainly using the carpark in line with their organisation's guidance. Regular users came back fully in September and all has gone well since. There were only a few occasional bookings as everyone was being cautious, those that went ahead were enjoyed by the participants.

Many thanks to the hall cleaners, your efforts in keeping the hall clean during the end of the year as we reopened are greatly appreciated; however, if anyone feels that they could help with this task in the future they would be welcomed (the more volunteers the less frequently the task has to be done).

We are looking forward to a busier year with increased use by the wider community.

Tony Bishop, Church Hall Bookings Secretary

St Alban's Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

This year saw our Brownie & Guide units returning to face to face meetings in June 2021 when Covid-19 restrictions began to lift. This enabled us to return to Guiding, but with the safety measure of being outside and we adapted our meetings to the car park. Luckily, the weather was very kind to us and we did not have to cancel many meetings. It was lovely to see many of our members returning, even though a still a little different and with reduced numbers of both girls and adult volunteers. Sadly, Jackie (Monday night Brown Owl) decided to retire from the movement, but was welcomed back before the end of term for a 'thank you and farewell' for all she has done over the 41 years for 91st (Hull) St Alban's Brownies.

In September 2021 we fully reopened and were able to meet indoor as well as outside and managed to also get our Rainbow unit running again. We welcome Amie who is volunteering with our Rainbows and Maisy who is volunteering with Thursday Brownies. In October 2021 Cottingham Road Brownies sadly saw their unit closed but their members linked in with our Monday Brownies along with one of their leaders.

Although we have not been able to join in with Church parades we did hold a Christingle service in the Church for all members and their families and raised £106.20 for the Children's Society.

We continue to look for and would welcome new adult leaders to support our units. We are also ready and waiting to welcome new younger members to our units as our numbers are lower than we have known in a very long time.

I would like to thank the leadership team within our units for their continued commitment to the girls here at St Alban's and their hard work in getting us going again after the strange year of 2020/2021. They ensured that they are fully up to date with safeguarding training, first aid, new policies and procedures, and implementing our risk assessments to ensure we are Covid-19 safe.

Yours in Guiding,

*Melanie Bishop, Guide Leader and Assistant Brownie Leader
District Commissioner for Ferens*

St Albans (North Hull) Scout Group Report

Like so many other organisations, the last two years have not been easy for the Scout Group but we were allowed to re-open for indoor meetings last September. There have been one or two blips since then, especially with the emergence of the 'Omicron' variant but as we write, and with fingers crossed, things are now much easier for us.

Beaver Colony

Since we returned to scouting as we know it in the autumn we have enjoyed the fresh start with 11 new boys. We now also have a waiting list. We got them all invested and have worked on 2 badges, one being the space badge. They even made their own planets at home and the whole solar system was hanging up in the scout hut. They have all also gained their Teamwork challenge badge. At our usual Christmas party they had lots of fun. We are looking forward to what the future holds now we are 'back to normal'.

Cub Pack

Since May 2021 the cubs have enjoyed having outdoor meetings up to the summer break. I believe we were only rained off twice, so not too bad. They each made bacon sandwiches over an open fire, learnt how to say 'hello my name is ...' in French, and worked out various other countries' flags. It was a very 'ad hoc' few weeks, but fun was had by all, even the leaders as the cubs seemed so much quieter outside! For the end of term, we did some sporting type games.

After the summer break the cubs have been working towards various badges, including navigators, first aid, pioneering and local knowledge. They have learnt mapping skills, which includes map symbols, grid coordinates and much more. For their first aid badge, they learnt about minor cuts, other minor injuries, what to say if they have to call 999 and how to treat burns. In the case of pioneering, the cubs learnt various knots such as the reef, figure of eight and clove hitch. They also learnt lashings such as the square and shear lashing.

During half-term the cubs went on a camp at Melton scout campsite for a night. This was our first cub-only camp and from the feedback received from one of our cub forums it was a success. On the first night of camp the cubs cooked marshmallows on an open fire, went on a night hike and later enjoyed supper in front of the wood burning stove. The next day they went on a hike and had to put their navigating skills into practice. Then the cubs had to prepare lunch ready for the scouts who were staying over on the Saturday.

Finally, during the first half of the spring term the cubs have been enjoying old fashioned school games. This includes table skittles, ruler rugby, dominoes, darts, getting the ball into the bucket and table tennis. These were enjoyed by all, proof that you do not need a computer game to have fun.

Scouts/Explorers

The Scouts/Explorers did manage to resume some outdoor meetings from late spring onwards last year which were more for games and a gradual return to some normality in getting the lads back out again on a Friday evening. Sadly, we did not manage to see much of the camping season in 2021 but did get to dust down the tents and hold an abridged version of summer camp at Melton campsite during July which also incorporated our annual Group camp and family barbecue/campfire during the first weekend.

Indoor meetings did finally resume in September and between then and Christmas we held a quiz night and a race night along with one evening cooking with potatoes and another trying out 'a la carte' recipes. We also managed to get outdoors for our trip to the floodlit football court on National Avenue and a night stopover at Melton campsite for our annual firework party/barbecue. The scouts also had a go at 'pasta art' and at making their own Christmas baubles/decorations to take home. The year finished with our joint Christmas party with the cubs.

Since Christmas we have returned to the basics of scouting, going through the three main topics that lead on to the great outdoors, those being mapping, knotting and first aid. Plans are in hand for the start of the camping season which usually begins with an indoor weekend away at Melton campsite in April then two weekends under canvas (May/June) before ending with summer camp during the first week of the school summer holidays when we plan to return to one of our favoured sites at Harome, just outside Helmsley.

Leaders & Executive Committee

Leader training has continued (albeit some on-line) and now every leader is fully up to date with all mandatory requirements including renewing their first aid qualifications which had been delayed due to the pandemic. In addition, Ben Mould finally completed his Wood Badge making him yet another fully qualified leader - so very well done to him.

Our Executive Committee had been unable to get together since the beginning of the first lockdown but did meet for the Group's AGM last October. In addition they have met once more and organised the Groups Christmas social evening. Hopefully, normal meetings will continue and our committee will be focusing on fund raising not only for general running costs but also ways that we can afford to replace the Scout Hut roof which is in dire need.

Looking Forward

2020/21 were definitely bad years for St Alban's Scout Group in that nearly all of the exciting and interesting outdoor activities had to be cancelled. However, things are looking much more positive for 2022 and we are all making plans for what we hope will be a normal year of scouting, full of all the things that youngsters enjoy.

Paul Mould, Group Leader

Parochial Church Council Members 2021

Vicar:

Fr Graham Thornalley

Associate Priest:

Mtr Linda Gillard

Churchwardens:

Dr Ian Franklin

Mr Jim Weller

Deanery Synod Representatives:

Mr Graham Nettleton

Vacancy

Ordinary Elected Members:

Mrs Wendy Bishop (Safeguarding Representative) (2020)

Mrs Elizabeth Franklin (Secretary) (2021)

Mr Jim Hickey (Treasurer) (2020)

Mrs Sally Hill (2019)

Mr Andrew Mould (Gift Aid Secretary) (2019)

Mr Anthony Mould (2020)

Mrs Vanessa Rose (2020)

[Numbers in brackets indicate year of election to PCC, normal term of 3 years.]

