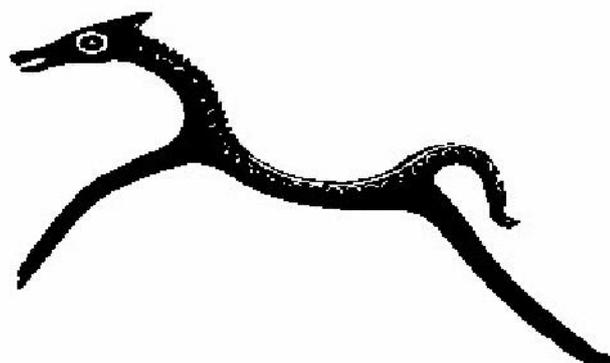


The Parish of St Mary the Virgin Silchester

(Part of the United Benefice of Tadley with Pamber Heath and
Silchester, in the Diocese of Winchester)

ANNUAL REPORT for 2019



Develop in Faith
Serve with Love

Presented at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting
26th April 2020

Objectives and activities

Silchester PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector and Resident Priest in the promotion within the ecclesiastical parish of the whole mission of the church: pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. The PCC also has maintenance responsibilities for St. Mary the Virgin Church and the Mission Church.

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Secretary's Report for 2019

Electoral Roll: The Roll for 2019 contained 96 names, 50 of these people residing within the Silchester Parish.

Proceedings of the Parochial Church Council:

There were six full meetings of the PCC during 2019, in addition to meetings of the Standing Committee and other Committees and Groups that are subordinate to the PCC itself. In approximately chronological order, the main topics considered by the PCC were:

1. The appointment of replacement Foundation Governors for Silchester Church of England Primary School.
2. Preparations for, and commencement of, the project to refurbish the church bells. By the end of the year the bells had been removed for work to be completed elsewhere by the contractor, with work in hand in the emptied bell tower to replace some of the woodwork and to repaint the steel supporting frame.
3. Completion of the periodic Archdeacon's Visitation, which resulted in the compliment that St Mary the Virgin had been "the best organised church" that had been visited.
4. Preparations for the annual Fête. In 2019 there were fewer people willing to act as key players for the organisation and conduct of the Fête and, hard though others worked, this lack of personnel was to some extent reflected by a reduction of income. A meeting late in the year was attended by 'new blood', giving hope that the organisation and manning of the Fête will be more widely shared in 2020.
5. A change in style (from "all Age" to "First Sunday", with a different theme each time) for the main service held on the first Sunday of each month, to try to draw more interest and attendance – and it has proved a success.
6. The ongoing progress with the refurbishment of the Parish Rooms. By the end of 2019 the project was almost complete, and use of the Rooms was beginning to become more diverse and frequent.
7. Adornment of some of the pew ends in church by addition of carvings that had been removed from the Parish Rooms (this work necessitated prior permission from the Diocese, i.e. a faculty).
8. The celebration and marking of the 60th anniversary of the Parish Magazine, together with the completion of 35 years of commitment to this cause from Nancy and Marsden Jones.
9. The conduct of the "TryPraying" initiative within Silchester Village.
10. Safeguarding, including the additional requirement to ensure that every PCC member is subject to DBS checks.
11. Participation by the church in the "Big Church Survey" which was being piloted in our benefice in advance of the full roll-out of the Survey in 2020.

12. Confirmation of the decision made in 2018 to have the few remaining grave spaces in the churchyard available solely as first-come, first-served, thus disallowing the possibility of any further grave space reservations by faculty. This was accompanied by concern for the provision of future burial space for Silchester villagers with, by the end of the year, participation by the churchwarden in a Silchester Village Working Group to look at all aspects of this issue and to try to identify a way forward.
13. The church graveyard contains a single war grave (that of Lt. Col. Nathaniel Newnham-Davis who died in 1917), and this fact is now marked by A Commonwealth War Graves Commission sign at the entrance to the church grounds.
14. Steps for compliance with the General Data Protection Regulations, whilst also being able to use contact details held by the PCC to enable group communications.
15. Resignation of the PCC's Deanery Synod representative, which left the parish with none of the three of the representatives to which we are entitled, with no-one stepping forward to fill the gap.
16. The production, by Revd Young, of a draft Parish Mission Action Plan which was preceded by the meeting of a working group with a membership that was representative of the regular congregation of St Mary the Virgin.
17. Review of the First Aid Policy and, taking account of the General Data Protection Regulations, the format of the Accident Book.
18. As a follow-up to the very successful summer Holiday Club, efforts were made jointly with the Silchester Methodists to establish a 'Primary Praise Initiative'. Sadly, by the end of the year, it had become clear that there was very little interest.
19. The provision of a new printer/copier, jointly owned by the parishes of the benefice. It was agreed that Silchester would continue to use its existing printer for as long as it is reasonable to keep it running.
20. Throughout the year, as prompted by the admirably active Missions and Charities Committee, functions and fundraising directed toward sending useful donations to charities engaged where we perceive the greatest need (including, during 2019: Planting for Progress (in Zimbabwe); Practical Action (for use in Zimbabwe); The Baynards Zambia Trust; the Camrose Centre; aid for hurricane relief in the Bahamas; the Basingstoke Foodbank).
21. Proposals for musical events were made by the Musical Events Committee, approved by the PCC, and successfully implemented.
22. Information, consultations and proposals emerging from the Deanery Synod (see the Deanery Synod report featuring later in this document).

Colin Hunt
(Honorary Secretary)

Vicar's Report

This year was personally a very difficult year because of Jackie's illness and subsequent death.

So I start by expressing my thanks to the Rector Richard, Gill, Cathy, Pat, the Churchwarden, the Assistant Church Wardens, to all clergy who stood in for me, and to the whole congregation who have been incredibly supportive and understanding. I also thank those who took services or responsibility for other activities whilst I was on compassionate leave and at many others times only firing on one cylinder. Everyone one rallied around so well that when I slowly started to return to ministry I found at times wondered whether my ministry had been really missed!

Looking back over the year it feels like as a church we came out stronger, although I am aware there were some concerns.

However, dealing first with what I feel are positives.

Attendance at the once a month 8.00am BCP Communion held in the chancel has continued to grow, and on at least one occasion we ran out of seats.

The 10.00am First Sunday services gave an opportunity to try out a variety of approaches to worship unconstrained by age or liturgy with some contemplative, others theme based, and others "just different". They were all reasonably well attended with some attending both 8.00am and 10.00am services on that day, whilst some drew in people from the wider community who were less regular church goers. The Elvis Gospel services with Robin Scott were particularly successful whilst remaining worshipful.

For the rest, services remained in the usual pattern with loyal regular attendance, though not always weekly as family, holiday and other commitments drew people occasionally away.

At Christmas we once again invited the Silchester Community Choir to lead our Carol Service and this was very successful in terms of attendance especially from the wider community. I acknowledge that a few people were unhappy that we did not hold a traditional lessons and carols service but I believe our service, which included readings and a homily, touched most people who attended, with the carol "Mary did you know" ringing in our ears throughout Christmas. (A more formal Epiphany Lessons and Carols service was held in January 2020).

In our wider ministry the links with the wider village have consolidated and in some cases grown, through the Magazine, continuing involvement in village activities and organisations like the Phoenix Club, the Friendship Coffee Morning, Armistice Day, the Beating of the Bounds, the Palm Sunday Walk, Silchester Association Events, Christmas events at the Calleva, and especially the growing Community Choir. We continue to work with the school both as governors and regular attendance at the school for Bible drama groups, significant termly events like end of term gatherings, and weekly collective worship. An

ecumenical Easter Workshop and Summer Holiday Club were held at the Silchester Methodist Church.

The pMAP has reached an advanced stage focussing on developing links with the community, teaching and links with the wider benefice.

Mid week church specific activities tend to struggle. There are now only two "house groups" meeting, with occasional midweek services not well attended. In spite of many in the congregation being retired most are still very busy and with some there is a reluctance to come out in the evening whilst day time is taken often up with childcare or other commitments. There are midweek activities happening in other parts of the Benefice and we need to promote these more effectively.

A few people have left the church, sadly died, or attend less frequently. I would particularly to express my appreciation to Ginny and George Duckett who have contributed such a lot to our church over the years.

Ginny's moving on means that we still need someone to take over responsibility for the prayer table and as a church we need to build these prayer requests regularly into our Sunday worship, and/or explore establishing a new day time regular prayer meeting in church.

Over the coming year we also need to build on our continuing good relationship with the wider village; to consolidate those forms of First Sunday worship which have been particularly helpful as well as continuing to experiment; to see how we might build up the third Sunday Morning Prayer; and to consolidate and promote our existing traditional BCP services (i.e. 8.00am Sunday Communion and Summer Evensong) to those in the wider community and Benefice who may be attracted.

Financially, our heavy reliance on the fete and the magazine is of concern, particularly as the fete, even with enormous support from the wider Village, depends heavily on the weather, and changes are likely at the end of the coming year in the management and possibly production of the Magazine. We must therefore give greater attention to our Christian stewardship to maintain both ministry and buildings in the future.

I close by once again thanking everybody in the church and wider community who have supported us and pray that God will continue to bless us.

God bless

Rob

Revd Rob Young Resident Vicar St Mary the Virgin Silchester

Benefice Annual Report 2019

The Benefice of Tadley with Pamber Heath and Silchester was formed in 2013 at the same time as Richard Harlow was appointed as Rector. A benefice is technically nothing more than the area served by one Rector, but our aspiration has always been to work together as 3 parishes, doing together those things best done together and doing apart those things where the local parish is a more logical unit. For most of the last 6 years, we have tended to operate as separate parishes, with CTAT (Churches Together around Tadley) being the banner under which we share activities. CTAT has continued to provide a strong base from which we have done mission in 2019: the Try Praying campaign, The Arts Festival, Treacle Fair stall, 24/3 prayer, Happiness Lab, Alpha courses, Marriage Course, Good Grief Cafe (now Living with Loss cafe), May Memorial Service, Foodbank and Holiday Clubs testify to the strength of this collaboration between the 11 churches in CTAT.

The arrival of Rev Gill Sakakini and Steve, her husband, in 2018 have allowed us to invest more in the benefice as a ministry team. Sunday evening services at St Luke's, Pamber Heath, have attracted people from all 3 parishes on a regular basis. Gill's work with Casa Artis has been based in Silchester. Rob, Richard, Gill and Cathy have all invested in Silchester School, our only church school in the benefice. We have begun to co-ordinate work with young people across the benefice, and we have held our first meeting for all who teach and preach. We bought a photocopier together - the first financial project that we have shared.

These are small beginnings on a journey that we need to continue. As I write this report, the future of the Church in England looks very different. The coronavirus is not only changing the way we worship and serve as a church, but it is threatening the very fabric of the parish system. A robust, supportive, prayerful benefice where each parish knows its strengths and uses them to serve God and our community will be essential to our future mission in this place.

I thank you all for the amazing hard work and prayer and sacrifice that lies behind all these reports. I am privileged to serve here alongside you all. I am especially grateful to the clergy, LLMs and Churchwardens who carried extra responsibilities, whilst I was on study leave from August to October.

Rev Canon Richard Harlow

The Rectory, The Green, Tadley, RG26 3PB

Churchwarden's Report

Fabric of the Parish Church:

A quinquennial report is due in 2020. However, as far as is known, the interior and exterior of the parish church, together with all goods and ornaments therein, are in good order.

A faculty has been granted for the four decorative pew ends from the Parish Rooms to replace the plain pew ends in the south aisle. The replacement work has started.

A Pilgrim stamp together with an ink pad has been placed in the church porch for use by passing pilgrims.

Parish Rooms

The rooms are now in regular use for monthly art classes and for the printing and collation of the Parish Magazine. It is hoped that the Burghfield Scouts will start using the rooms early in 2020.

Bells

Following the granting of a faculty the bells were removed for refurbishment in November and are due back by Summer 2020. Woodworm was found in the belfry which has been successfully treated, with replacement of damaged wood.

Churchyard

The post holding the South Gate to the churchyard wall rotted and has been replaced. The gate has been re-hung on the new post.

The external contractor continues to maintain the grass and hedges.

A working group consisting of the church warden and a Parish Councillor have been exploring the possibility of providing more burial spaces and a number of meetings have already taken place. Historic England have agreed to a meeting to discuss the matter further.

A war grave sign has been put up at the eastern entrance to the churchyard and a copy of the details of the single grave has been placed in the church porch.

Management:

Active safeguarding policies for the Parish were maintained through the Parish Secretary as Safeguarding Administrator, with Anita Withers as Child Protection Officer and Richard Fletcher as Vulnerable Adults Officer.

All major events are subject to very careful risk management assessments. The Treasurer reviews the Parish insurances with the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office appropriately. All

funds are protected by the Government's compensation scheme. Safety and security features are managed by the Fabric manager.

Other

The Missions & Charities and The Musical Events Committees have continued their good work, enabling St. Mary's to continue to donate money to charitable causes as shown in the accounts.

Sandra Speight (Churchwarden)

Basingstoke Deanery Synod Report for 2019

Clergy and laity members from 16 parishes in and around Basingstoke meet four times during the year, each meeting directed towards one of the four main areas of the Mission Action Plans:

Mission: Across the Deanery we reach out in many ways. This year we have heard about the Town Chaplaincy operating in Basingstoke, the Night Shelter which runs during the winter months and The Safe, originally the Pregnancy Crisis Centre. On-going areas of mission within the Deanery include the Men's Shed, Lunch Clubs, Happiness Lab, Messy Church, Family Breakfast Clubs, Toddler Groups, and the Foodbank. Please continue to pray for all those who provide these services, volunteers are always needed.

Churches were asked to share their celebrations and challenges from their last Mission Plan. St Mary's celebrated their work with Silchester School and their participation in the Holiday Club and Easter Workshop, and the shared challenge of maintaining a strong financial base from which to support our work.

Youth Discipleship: Our February meeting specifically focused on supporting children and young adults within the community. Molly Kemp shared the work of TLG (Transforming Lives for Good) which is now taking place all over the country. As a consequence of this talk many volunteers from St Paul's, St Luke's and St Mary's have been trained as mentors and have now begun supporting children and families at Tadley School. It is hoped the scheme will be expanded to cover other schools in the area.

The synod was also informed about the ongoing work of Young Carers and the support offered by Step by Step to young people experiencing difficult times. The Youth Café also continues to operate in Basingstoke.

Spirituality: Spirituality remains a priority within the Synod which agreed to adopt the 'Try Praying' initiative. Banners were clearly visible within the Tadley area and on buses in Basingstoke to encourage everyone to consider whether this is something they could try. Over 30 churches participated in this programme.

Major Development Areas:

The September meeting focused on the 4 stages of a new housing development, particularly as this impacts on Basingstoke at the moment. Members shared their experiences and offered advice as to ways in which the churches can support new communities.

Richard Harlow continues to be Area Dean, a role which includes supporting the clergy, chairing the synod and managing churches that are in vacancy.

Treasurer's Report

for the year ending December 2019

As ever I begin by offering my sincere gratitude to Sheila and Richard Fletcher for their tireless administration of the Gift Aid claims and the stewardship of the Parish Giving Scheme, to Sue Willmott for the diligent recording of cash receipts which of course helps us to maintain accurate records of the levels of designated funds held, and to the Finance and Stewardship committee for its continued encouragement and support.

The 2019 year end accounts show a satisfactory position but that pales into insignificance when one considers the challenges that 2020 has in store for Silchester PCC and the wider Church community.

Attendance at services remained consistent during 2019 as did the level of overall planned giving. The Magazine too maintained its impressive level of income in terms of cover and advertising fees. The luck finally ran out in 2019 with respect to sunny weather on the day of the Summer Fete. Although some activity was possible and it wasn't a total 'wash-out', the drop in income (of which the PCC has perhaps become too reliant) of 25% tells its own story and is by far the largest differentiator between the numbers of 2018 and 2019.

During 2019 the PCC began the long planned process of removing the five bells for restoration by one of the few remaining bell foundries in the country. At the time of writing the work is largely complete but the installation will have to wait until Diocesan and Government guidelines allow external contractors on site to complete major 'non-essential' work.

To say that 2020 will be a challenge in terms of work and outreach that the church can undertake as well as to its finances is an understatement. At the time of writing, the Church of England has seen a 30% drop in donations (the mix between collections in church, fundraising events not taking place and folk giving only according to their reduced means is not known – nor, on a macro scale is it important for now). Each church in the land has had to adapt, and adapt quickly. Services by video conference have become the new normal as have creative ways of passing round a collection plate. The PCC is eternally grateful to those who have responded to events by maintaining or increasing their levels of regular giving and also to those who have chosen to join the Parish Giving Scheme* during these challenging times. Our gratitude also to those who have made individual donations or via the giving page on the PCC website**.

Overall, Silchester PCC remains (for now) in a fortunate position. We have cash reserves in order to support the church fabric and ministry, and, more importantly have depth of resources to draw upon in our church family. 2020 poses unique challenges. With the support of the church family and God's guidance I am sure that the balance of 2020 will

reward the generosity (of wealth, community and spirit) shown by all who support and contribute so freely and readily.

Richard Eldridge

May 2020

Honorary Treasurer

- * The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) can be subscribed to by calling 0333 002 1271(membership number 416004221). All donations and associated Gift Aid claims accrue directly to the church.
- ** Individual donations can be made by visiting <https://stmarysilchester.myknowchurch.co.uk/giving>
Gift Aid can be claimed on these individual donations, but the church has to bear a credit card handling fee.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, SILCHESTER

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 December 2019

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated and Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Designated and Restricted Funds	Total Funds
			2019			2018
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u>						
Incoming resources from donors	35,204	-	35,204	33,129	1,075	34,204
Other voluntary incoming resources	9,052	-	9,052	12,152	-	12,152
Income from charitable and operating activities	10,106	-	10,106	9,430	-	9,430
Income from investments	-	-	-	50	-	50
Other ordinary incoming resources	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	54,362	-	54,362	54,761	1,075	55,836
<u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>						
Missionary and charitable giving:	-	-	-	-	-	-
Activities directly relating to the work of the Church	53,585	19,453	73,038	46,332	1,072	47,404
Church Management and administration	-	-	-	214	-	214
Fund Raising and Publicity	3,215	-	3,215	4,067	-	4,067
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	56,800	19,453	76,253	50,613	1,072	51,685
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES	(2,438)	(19,453)	(21,891)	4,148	3	4,151
Gross Transfers			0	4,561	(8,712)	(4,151)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	(2,438)	(19,453)	(21,891)	8,709	(8,709)	0
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY	26,810	51,448	78,259	18,101	60,157	78,258
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER	24,373	31,995	56,368	26,810	51,448	78,259
	6,271	(6,271)	0	0	0	1

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, SILCHESTER

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2019

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated and Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Designated and Restricted Funds	Total Funds
			2019			2018
	£	£	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible fixed assets			-			-
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors			-			-
Stocks	-		-	-		-
Cash at Bank and in Hand	18,101	38,266	56,368	18,101	51,448	69,549
LIABILITIES						
Amounts falling within one year		0	0		0	0
NET CURRENT ASSETS	18,101	38,266	56,368	18,101	51,448	69,549
NET ASSETS	18,101	38,266	56,368	18,101	51,448	69,549
Representing:-						
FUNDS						
Unrestricted	18,101	-	18,101	18,101	-	18,101
Designated & Restricted	-	38,266	38,266	-	51,448	51,448
	18,101	38,266	56,367	18,101	51,448	69,549
			-			-
Approved by the Parochial Church Council on: 8 XXXXX						
	Rev Canon R Harlow (PCC Chairman)					
	R Eldridge (Treasurer)					
The notes on pages 3 to 5 form part of these accounts.						

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, SILCHESTER						
Notes to the Financial Statements						
For the year ended 31 December 2019						
1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES						
In so far as it is appropriate for the needs of the PCC, these accounts have been prepared on the accruals accounting basis, using the regulations set out in Chapter 8 of the "Guidance on Accounts, reports and scrutiny", including the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and the Church Accounting (Amendment) Regulations 2001 prescribed by the Business Committee of the General Synod. Since the gross income in 2019 falls below £500,000 these financial statements do not require the scrutiny of a Registered Auditor and are therefore subject to review by the Independent Examiner.						
2 INCOMING RESOURCES						
	Unrestricted Funds	Designated and Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Designated and Restricted Funds	Total Funds
			2019			2018
	£	£	£	£	£	£
2(a) Incoming resources from donors						
Planned Giving:						
- Gift Aided donations	29,100		29,100	26,315	1,075	27,390
- Tax Recoverable	6,105		6,105	5,543		5,543
- Other ordinary incoming resources			-			-
Collections at all services			-	-		-
Sundry donations			-	1,271		1,271
	35,204	-	35,204	33,129	1,075	34,204
2(b) Other voluntary incoming resources						
Grants	500	-	500	500	-	500
Donations, Appeals etc.		-	-	-	-	-
Fetes and other fund-raising events	8,552		8,552	11,652		11,652
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-
	9,052	-	9,052	12,152	-	12,152
2(c) Incoming from charitable and operating activities						
Magazine Advertisements	5,711	-	5,711	5,599	-	5,599
Magazine subscriptions	1,669	-	1,669	1,732	-	1,732
Printing	72	-	72	85	-	85
Sale of publications		-	-		-	-
Fees (Net)	2,654	-	2,654	2,014	-	2,014
	10,106	-	10,106	9,430	-	9,430
2(d) Income from investments						
Bank Cash Management Interest	-	-	-	50	-	50
	-	-	-	50	-	50
2(e) Other ordinary incoming resources						
Petty Cash	-	-	-	-	-	-
Church fees	-	-	-	-	-	-
Asset surplus	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	54,362	-	54,362	54,761	1,075	55,836

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, SILCHESTER							
Notes to the Financial Statements							
For the year ended 31 December 2019							
3	RESOURCES EXPENDED	Unrestricted Funds	Designated and Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Designated and Restricted Funds	Total Funds
				2019			2018
		£	£	£	£	£	£
3(a)	Grants						
3(a)	Missionary and charitable giving						
	Church Overseas:						
	Home mission & church societies	-		-	-		-
		-	-	-	-	-	-
3(b)	Activities directly relating to the work of the church						
	Ministry: Parish Share	33,119		33,119	32,968		32,968
	Expenses of office	612		612	165		165
	Upkeep of Services	653		653	503		503
	Sub & Membership	691		691	665		665
	General Expenses	487		487	299		299
	Heat, Light & Water	3,273		3,273	2,670		2,670
	Insurance	2,480		2,480	2,405		2,405
	WDBF -Diocesan Fees (Weddings & funerals)	1,484		1,484	1,332		1,332
	Depreciation	-		-	-		-
	Wedding/Funeral Fees Paid	-		-	-		-
	Ref Books & Literature	-		-	142		142
	Church Maintenance	7,000	19,453	26,453		1,072	1,072
	Expenditure on Magazine	1,458		1,458	1,265		1,265
	Upkeep of Churchyard	1,320		1,320	2,574		2,574
	Mission Church Running Costs			-	358		358
	Organists' Honorarium & other music costs	150		150	566		566
	Organ/Piano Tuning/Repairs	658		658	221		221
	Flower Expenses	200		200	200		200
		53,585	19,453	73,038	46,332	1,072	47,404
3(c)	Church Management and administration						
	Post, Telephone & Stationery, Miscellaneous			-	214	-	214
				-			-
3(d)	Fund Raising and Publicity						
	Cost of fetes, etc	3,215		3,215	4,067	-	4,067
	TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	56,800	19,453	76,253	50,613	1,072	51,685

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, SILCHESTER

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2019

4 STAFF COSTS						
	The PCC does not have any salaried employees. Volunteers undertake the cleaning and security of the church.					
5 FIXED ASSETS						
	Neither the Parish Church nor the Mission Church, both buildings being licensed for public worship, are required to be valued for purposes of these accounts. Both are fully insured for re-instatement costs in the event of fire or other major disaster, but not against terrorist attack.					
	Unrestricted Funds	Designated and Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Designated and Restricted Funds	Total Funds
			2019			2018
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost						
1 January 2018	4,284	-	4,284	4,284	-	4,284
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-
31 December 2018	4,284	-	4,284	4,284	-	4,284
Accumulated Depreciation						
1 January 2018	4,284	-	4,284	4,284	-	4,284
Depreciation		-	-		-	-
31 December 2018	4,284	-	4,284	4,284	-	4,284
Net Book Value at 31 December 2018	-	0	-	0	-	0
Net Book Value at 31 December 2017	-	0	-	0	-	0
6 CASH AT BANK						
	The balance earned £49.95 of interest in the year (2017: £14.71).					
	The PCC holds no stocks or shares.					

Parochial Church Council of St Mary the Virgin, Silchester
Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2019, which are set out on pages 1 to 5.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner:

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity'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. The charity is preparing accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report:

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and 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 matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and 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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THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, SILCHESTER

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING &

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

AGENDA FOR THE MEETINGS AT ST MARY THE VIRGIN, SILCHESTER, ON

~~SUNDAY APRIL 26th 2020 (following the 10 am Service)~~

NOTE: Meetings deferred until circumstances allow

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

1. Opening Prayers
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the previous meeting on 28th April 2019
4. Election of Churchwardens for 2020/21

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. Welcome – The Rector
2. Presentation of the Church Electoral Roll
3. Approval of minutes from last APCM of 28th April 2019
4. Presentation of Annual Report containing:
 - Secretary's Report of proceedings of the PCC and the activities of the Parish generally (including report of the Local Ministry Team)
 - Rector's Report
 - Churchwardens' Report (including Fabric, Goods and Ornaments)
 - Deanery Synod Report
 - Treasurer's Report and presentation of 2019 accounts
 - Independent Examiner's Report on the accounts
5. Election of Officers
 - Deanery Synod representatives (3 required, each for a 3 year term)
 - Members of the PCC for 2020/21 (3 required, each for a 3 year term)
 - Sidesmen for 2020/21
6. Appointment of Independent Examiner
7. Closing Prayers