



Holy Trinity Church

with **St. Julian Belle Vue**
A Church of England Parish Church

Trustees' Annual Report

Period 01-01-2021 to 31-12-2021

Parochial Church Council (PCC) members who have served from 1st January 2021 to the date this report was approved were:

Ex-Officio Members

Phil Cansdale	Supporting Minister
Fi Iddon	Supporting Minister
William Small	Honorary Treasurer from 01.01.21 to 31.08.21
Kevin Pilsbury	Honorary Treasurer from 15.11.21 to 31.12.21
Sarah Wolton	Church Warden
Sandra Lloyd	Church Warden

Elected Members

Verity Lowe	Lay Vice Chair / PCC Secretary
Sheila Pilsbury	
Gwen Grafton	
Shirley Corfield	Pre-school Rep
Bonita Campbell	
Jill Wigglesworth	
Janet Sheffield	
Cath Cole	Deanery Synod Representative
Phil Cole	Deanery Synod Representative

The PCC met six times during the year, and the Standing Committee met an additional six times.

The maximum number of PCC members for the year 2021/22 is in accordance with the rules set by the Church of England in relation to the number on the Electoral Roll.

Bankers

Lloyds Bank plc, Shrewsbury Branch, 1 Pride Hill, Shrewsbury

Legal Advisors

We refer any legal items to the Diocesan Registrar at FBC Manby Bowdler LLP, Routh House, Hall Court, Hall Park Way, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, TF3 4NJ

Electoral Roll

There were 45 persons on the Electoral Roll reported at the APCM on 16th May 2021

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees of the Charity are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their

administration of the Charity. The trustees believe that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity with St Julian it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers; and
- Promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society.

The Organisation of the Parish

Holy Trinity with St. Julian is an Anglican church in the Deanery of Shrewsbury, the Archdeaconry of Salop, the Diocese of Lichfield and the Metropolitan of Canterbury. The authority of the Bishop of Lichfield is delegated to the Vicar who is of Incumbent status. The Vicar and the PCC have together organised the parish. In addition, the PCC decides on matters of Worship, Prayer, Fabric, Finance, Mission, Social Matters, Youth Matters, Playgroup and Pastoral Care.

In all cases the PCC remains responsible for the effective implementation of all delegated matters.

In order to comply with current legislation, the PCC has appointed a 'Standing Committee' consisting of the Revds Phil Cansdale and Fiona Iddon, the Church Wardens, the PCC lay vice-chair / Secretary and the Hon Treasurer.

Charity Status

Under the terms of current charity legislation, the PCC of Holy Trinity with St. Julian is an 'excepted charity'.

The following are related trusts and charities:

The Holy Trinity with St. Julian Relief in Need Charity is a charity registered in England, Registered Number 1060793. The trustees are the Vicar and the Church Wardens.

The J.E. Bowyer Trust is registered with the Charity Commissioners. The trustees are the Vicar and the Church Wardens.

Statement of Aims

The Parochial Church Council is the legally constituted, representative body of the Anglican Parish of Holy Trinity with St. Julian, Shrewsbury, and of the worshipping community represented for the most part by the Electoral Roll of the said parish. The aim of the PCC is to fulfil the legal duties required of it, with particular reference to the Mission Statement noted above.

Other Legal Information

- The address of the church building is: Holy Trinity Church, Belle Vue Road, Shrewsbury, SY3 7LL.
- The address for correspondence to the PCC is: Holy Trinity Church, Belle Vue Road, Shrewsbury, SY3 7LL.
- Much of the operational life of the church is supported by the Ministry Team at the neighbouring parish of Meole Brace. The Trinity Centre, Church Road, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY3 9HF.

Areas of Involvement in the Community

- **Sunday mornings services.** We started 2021 by meeting on ZOOM, but since Easter Day 2021 have meet weekly on a Sunday mornings. At this stage of our COVID journey we recognise how important these gatherings are, and opportunities to be putting "faith, hope and love" into action.

- **Holy Trinity Preschool** continues to serve the local community, and be a shining light to generations of families in the local area. They have their own management committee, with Verity Lowe as chair person, and there is a Pre-school report at every PCC meeting.
- **Schools work** is a priority for us as a local church, strengthening in particular the links with Coleham School through acts of worship, hospitality at Christmas and other potential partnerships.
- **Occasional Offices** remain a priority to build up again, and re-establishing local connections with Belle Vue families surrounding some of the important moments of life.
- **Hosting local community events** include May plant sale, harvest celebration, and Christmas craft morning. We also host "OASIS" on Thursday mornings which is open for all in the local community.
- **Midweek Gatherings.** Fortnightly gatherings on Tuesday evenings, and monthly gatherings on a Thursday mornings for Holy communion.
- **Mission Further Afield.** We financially support Shrewsbury Youth For Christ, Sierra Foundation for Life Skills (SFFLS), & Shrewsbury Street Pastors.

Not everything has started up fully this side of COVID. We look forward to opportunities to renew the work of the Toddler Group, and whilst we have been able to conduct one-off visits to local residential homes we hope that these will become a more regular feature of our life again in 2022.

Risk Management

The Church Wardens carry out regular Health and Safety Reviews and regularly inspect premises for potential hazards. We have safeguarding policies in place for child protection and for work with vulnerable adults, including rigorous DBS checking of staff and volunteers. Our insurances are reviewed annually to ensure adequate cover. An informal review of any new risks which may impact the work of the Church in the Parish is ongoing. In particular during COVID we regularly reviewed our Coronavirus guidelines, and how best to keep those worshipping, visiting and working in the church well.

Safeguarding

We have appointed an experienced Safeguarding Officer to the PCC and given its importance safeguarding remains on every PCC agenda. The PCC believe they have fulfilled their duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Financial Review/Reserves

Holy Trinity Belle Vue PCC faced another very challenging year in 2021, not least with the church being closed for the first three months of the year due to COVID.

The year saw an unrestricted excess of payments over receipts of £2,375 and this was reflected by balances held of £10,443 at 31/12/2021.

The main reason for the deficit was larger than expected repair costs to the Church heating system earlier in the year, and the general increase in prices that all areas of society are currently experiencing.

Annual Income decreased in 2021 compared to 2020 by 46%, primarily due to several years' worth of gift aid being reclaimed in 2020 that was not repeatable in 2021, and a sizeable reduction in planned donations received of 37%.

Expenditure decreased significantly in 2021 by 39%, but this was not to the same extent and pace as income.

Year end balances of £10,443 remain low, with the PCC facing a challenging period in 2022. In 2022 we will continue to address this challenge by:

- (i) Continued teaching and encouragement in Christian stewardship and regular giving
- (ii) The PCC reflecting on our current lettings policy with the possibility of increasing income
- (iii) Monitoring all necessary Gift Aid and claiming on a regular basis
- (iv) Partnership and support with neighbouring parish of Meole Brace, including arrangements for the Common Fund payment in 2021. We hope that this may allow us to settle some of the monies owed from previous years.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on free reserves (net current assets) which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £5,825. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The balance of the free reserves at the year end is negative by some £9,000 after allowing for the parish share arrears and gift aid due. We are acutely aware of this position.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signature:		
Full name(s)		
Position		
Date		