

# Brinsley with Underwood PCC

## Annual Report for the year 2020



*The ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite for three months, and the LORD blessed him and his entire household.*

*(2 Samuel 6:11, NIV)*

In the Old Testament God dwelt in and around the Ark of the Covenant. Wherever the Ark was, the people were blessed. We are the people of God, and He lives in us.

We pray that the people of Bagthorpe, Brinsley and Underwood would be blessed by us living and worshipping in these villages.

This booklet contains a report of the activities of the church in the parish of Brinsley with Underwood during the calendar year 2020. It has been a year of significant upheaval and change forced by the Covid 19 pandemic. Our prayer is that through these changes we will have experienced God and found Him with us in the difficulties, and that as we have learned and changed, He will have been getting us ready for the next stage of our ministry to this community.

## Overview

### Vicar's Report

Rev David Stevenson

Rev David Stevenson's report will be given verbally during the meeting.

### Ministry development

Rev David Stevenson

Paul and Rachel Lake and Jackie Smith were licensed as Lay Ministers (LLM) in October. Paul and Rachel will continue to focus on Brinsley with Underwood, and Jackie will continue to focus on Eastwood. All three are licensed to both of Rev David Stevenson's parishes. Gayna Hall continues in her training for LLM and is due to complete in the Autumn. We give thanks to God that he has raised up four LLMs from our parishes.

### Growing Disciples and Communications

Rachel and Paul Lake

*Successes, items for praise*

- The ways in which we have been able to connect with people
- All those who have helped creatively
- All those who share, print, and distribute information

How much can you learn in a year? We have all proved that we can learn far more than we thought that we can! We have changed our approach to worship and to fellowship drastically in the last year, and we have lived through a kind of fast from so much of our familiar patterns.

The year has been one of growth. We have seen new people come into our online services and the number of "Likes" on our Facebook page steadily grown through the year with an overall increase of over 30% in the year. Regular online Night Prayer started during the first lockdown and has continued following positive

feedback. Highlights included Harvest Festival, Little Angels Bible Stories, and All Souls Service and many Advent services, we are particularly grateful for Sarah's skills and creativity.

Most of the rest of this Growing Disciples report is about communications, as that is where the biggest change in focus has been in the last year as face-to-face services stopped. In fact, this is introducing us to new people and enabling those who know us but may have never been at a church service to join in quietly. We have developed the website [www.BrinsleyWithUnderwood.com](http://www.BrinsleyWithUnderwood.com) which now keeps us informed as a "Go To" place for information. This includes pages on discipleship and Local Houses of Prayer, pages for specific groups, activities and community events. We will continue to develop the website, if there is anything that you would like to see please let us know so that we can prioritise development of different parts. The website always contains a link to download the current week notice sheet and Service Liturgy.

This year we have broadened our Social Media presence as it advertises our presence within the villages and more widely, and it enables people to find out about us more easily while the buildings have been closed. Our parish Facebook page (Brinsley with Underwood parish) has become an important part of our community presence, we have been streaming all our Sunday services and Night Prayer since the first lock down. We have added an Instagram page where Jane Fletcher has been posting some lovely pictures, these also auto-share to Facebook and generate further interest. Our Twitter page, which Rachel operates is beginning to be noticed too. James Spriggs is beginning to explore the use of TicToc where we have posted a couple of Bible messages. We hope that this might lead to young people telling each other the gospel in time. We hope to find a way in future to store all of our videos on YouTube which is better as a library resource than Facebook.

We also have two further Facebook Pages: Church of St Michael and All Angels Underwood and Brinsley St James Church. These are location based, which enables people to "check in" and to find the Parish Facebook page when they are at the churches. We have also claimed the two Google sites that are associated with the two churches so that we can put our contact details and websites on them and pick up Google queries that people occasionally leave.

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This report shows that we have reached Wider, Younger Deeper with developments in communications, public worship, ongoing small groups, Little Angels

Christa advised that she was unable to continue with the administrator role early in 2020, We are hugely grateful for the time that she was with us. Rachel has picked up the bulk of the parish communications in the meantime.

The weekly service bulletin developed from being a place where David's weekly messages published during the first lockdown to make them available to those who may not have engaged with them online. David's messages stopped as we returned to worship in church and the newsletter developed following Thy Kingdom Come Campaign into the weekly news and prayer bulletin. This includes both local news and snippets from the Diocesan communications update. We are grateful to those who print this and pass it to those who do not have internet or printers.

Mailchimp has been adopted for holding mailing lists (as recommended by the Church of England) to comply with GDPR. The basic service is free, and it can auto post onto social media. It provides a place for GDPR compliant sign-up forms, but also enables surveys etc. to be conducted.

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We have developed the website [www.BrinsleyWithUnderwood.com](http://www.BrinsleyWithUnderwood.com) which now keeps us informed as a "Go To" place for information. In addition to the services and discipleship material on the webpage efforts have been made to engage with the community in other ways.

Magazine, the lockdown in March 2020 commenced just as the April 2020 magazine was due for print. The April edition was published online as a pdf. None of the current magazine team want to recommit to regularly producing the Magazine in its previous format although all are willing to be involved to some extent. One possibility is to develop community pages on the website.

Other online developments have included:

- Increased social media presence
  - Facebook:
    - Location-based pages have been claimed or developed which point to the parish page. So that people might connect when they "check-in".
    - A Brinsley with Underwood History and Heritage page is growing organically.
    - A BwithU congregation group was developed to allow people to interact themselves
  - Instagram -The Instagram posts are working particularly well these auto-post to Facebook and Jane's inspiring pictures increase the page profile and likes.
  - Twitter
  - Tik-Tok: The Youth Team also produced a fantastic nativity video; we give thanks for James's creativity and Passion.
  - Google Maps entries for St James and St Michael's which also link back to our website and social media. This enables people to search for us, find us, send us questions
  - [www.AChurchNearYou.com](http://www.AChurchNearYou.com) has been updated and is more user friendly but still requires additional effort as we need to update a site for each church.
  - Zoom has allowed people to continue to chat and learn together

At the start of lockdown Perspex leaflet boxes were added to the church gates. Prayer booklets and HopeTogether Magazines and other materials have been given away through them.

Microsoft365 has been implemented which enables us to have Business-Grade shared file storage and Microsoft applications. This is beginning to improve shared working and communications.

The Parish Magazine had to stop being published – we could not staff the printing or distribution. We are still considering the future of the Magazine.

One of the challenges that we were posed by the Lottery Heritage Fund as a grant qualifier was to "engage more people in heritage" One of the ideas that we have had is to try to get people to tell their stories, and another to begin to get people to talk about heritage of the village. To support this we have added a page to the website that will begin to develop and a Facebook page called Brinsley with Underwood History and Heritage.

## Public Worship

Rev David Stevenson

*Worship is our expression of love and devotion to our Lord and Saviour. An essential part of the life of a Christian is to join with others to praise and worship.*

### *Successes, items for praise*

- We have held a service of worship every week throughout this year.
- Live streaming services began with the start of the first lockdown and new people have been joining us online. We have seen a 30% growth in followers on our Facebook page through the year
- Night prayer has been streamed since lockdown started.
- We give thanks for the creativity

### *How did Covid affect us*

We started live streaming to Facebook at the start of the initial Covid lockdown in March 2020. This allowed those unable to attend Church in person to connect with church, although we recognise that some of our congregation have missed services because of technical limitations (no computer or internet) or a feeling of disconnection with us because of the separation. Over the summer we held a couple of live streamed open-air services jointly with Eastwood parish which made a welcome change. We have maintained the rhythm of the church calendar with special services online for All Souls, Remembrance, and carols. On Christmas morning we live streamed the in-person Morning Worship service.

Live streaming services has been our biggest change: it has enabled many people who would not usually come to a church service to join us. This has brought a significant increase in likes to the Facebook page (up by over 30% in the year) and new people joining our services. Our capability to live stream has developed through the year from mobile phones only, through creating a composite picture on a computer so that the service leader and the liturgy could be seen, to acquiring a device to compose the picture which we hope will enable more people to help with streaming.

At the beginning of the first lock down we also started to broadcast Night Prayer on 4 nights a week as an opportunity to bring intercessory prayer into our weekly routine, and so that we could make some regular times during the day where people could take some spiritual refreshment amongst the restrictions of lock down life. We have now started to share this with contributors from Eastwood parish and are broadcasting on 5 nights a week.

Some of our more formal services were pre-recorded, especially during the Advent and Christmas period. This enabled us to have a virtual choir performing carols, families involved in the Crib Service and J John as a guest speaker. Whilst the amount of work involved in these was significant for a few, it provided a welcome change at significant times of the year.

We have also made the churches open for private prayer for a good proportion of lockdown. This met a need for a few people and needed to be stopped when the infection rate locally became too high.

### *Post Covid outlook*

We expect to continue to live stream services alongside live services for the foreseeable future.

### *Items for prayer, needs*

- That we would continue to support those who have been unable to join us for worship while churches are closed
- For us all as we adjust to greater freedoms and changes after long lockdowns
- For those who have begun to think about faith and joined us once or twice, that we would get to know them and encourage their faith journey

## **Small groups**

*Meeting together with others in small groups to share, pray and explore the Bible together is an essential part of growing as a disciple of Jesus.*

## Wednesday House group

Peter & Jane Fletcher

### *Successes, items for praise*

Since the initial Covid lockdown, the group has met via zoom and have been challenged and encouraged to grow in faith using the following methods/resources:

- The Prayer Course video and study
- Looking at the 'I am' sayings of Jesus using the Lectio Divina method
- Studying the Psalms
- Using the Lectio Divina method to learn more about bible passages

### *How did Covid affect the group*

- Unfortunately, not everyone was able to access zoom.
- The lack of 'face to face' contact.

### *Post Covid outlook*

- Hopefully the group will meet 'face to face' and more people will be encouraged to join.

### *Items for prayer, needs*

- More people to join this and other Home Groups.

## Thursday Night Post-Alpha Home Group

Peter & Jane Fletcher

### *Successes, items for praise*

- Contact has been maintained intermittently throughout the Covid pandemic via emails, texts and occasional phone calls.

### *Post Covid outlook*

- It is hoped that the group will resume meeting on a fortnightly basis.

### *Items for prayer, needs*

- That the group will continue to encourage each other and grow in faith.
- Since the initial Covid lockdown, the post-Alpha Home Group has been unable to meet, however the group has been kept in contact through email and text messaging.

## Living with Loss

Jane Fletcher

The Living with Loss Bereavement Support Fellowship Group was only able to meet once during 2020 owing to the lockdown caused by the Pandemic. The leaders, Jane and Nicky, contacted group members to make sure that everyone was okay and had the necessary support they needed and at the same time making sure they knew they could ring us at any time for help and support if and when needed.

### *Successes, items for praise*

- The group enjoy this time of fellowship and support.
- The craft-based activities provided have proved to be an enjoyable and encouraging resource and a healing 'focus' for the group.
- The Living with Loss meeting is another lifeline for many members.
- Caring for each other and we were able to offer total support to one of the more elderly members of the group (who had no family members living nearby) by shopping and whatever other help she needed during the whole of the lockdown period.

### *How did Covid affect your group*

- The Living with Loss Bereavement Support Fellowship Group was only able to meet once during 2020 owing to the lockdown caused by the Pandemic.

### *Post Covid outlook*

There have been many comments saying how much our meetings have been missed and we all hope to be able to resume meeting together in St James once again as soon as it is safe to do so.

### *Items for prayer, needs*

- We hope that the leaders can continue to run and support this group.
- It is important to be able to recognise the needs of each other and to encourage other bereaved people, with sensitivity and understanding, to see if they would like to join the group.

## **Pie Club**

**Bob Tyers**

### *Successes, items for praise*

- We have continued to meet through the year on Zoom and now also have an active WhatsApp group for sharing news and humour.
- There are in total about 12 of us, including 2 who join us from outside the Parish. We maintain our affiliation to Christian Vision for Men. Several of us had been joining their meetings and in Bishop Tony's quarterly Man Alive Breakfasts.

### *How did Covid affect the group*

The PieMen traditionally met weekly on Thursday evenings in the Underwood Institute for a pint, a pie, and a natter with a 3rd Thursday variation of a gathering at The Durham Ox Brinsley where we shared homemade supper, often with locals, sometimes with a quiz or guest speaker. This is the main source of our funds. Six of us were also meeting one Saturday a month in Morrison's café for breakfast and a study called Codelife - A New Kind of Man. All of this face to face activity had to stop.

### *Post Covid outlook*

We hope to re-start some face to face social activity when guidelines allow and local businesses are open again.

### *Items for prayer, needs*

Clearly all of this came to a halt with the various lockdowns, but we continue to meet on Thursdays via ZOOM. We have also initiated a WhatsApp group for sharing news and humour.

## **Chatterbox Café**

**Mary Simpson-Eyre**

### *Successes, items for praise*

At the beginning of 2020 the Café was well attended. Jackie Smith from Transforming Notts Together visited the café and commented that it was one of the best Places of Welcome that they had seen.

### *How did Covid affect the group*

The café had to close at the beginning of the first lockdown. Transforming Notts Together continue to provide Zoom training sessions for Places of Welcome.

### *Post Covid outlook*

We are still deciding when the café will re-open

We are still evaluating what will happen with the Café post Covid. We intend to maintain the Place of Welcome, and have some other ideas that might be additional as we try to provide support groups to people affected by Covid.

### *Items for prayer, needs*

We will need more helpers when we re-open

That we would identify the right way forward and groups to support

## Community Café

Bob & Helen Tyers

### *Successes, items for praise*

The café started as a Lent project in 2015 by members of a house group. It always was intended to be a practical way of showing God's love to the community and in the beginning, there was time to listen to people and share some spiritual input with prayer trees and crosses etc. However, the evident need of the community to socialise along with several changes in staffing meant that at the end there was little chance for staff and customers to chat. Although we opened only for 2 hours each week staff were on duty for at least 3 hours, some much longer.

At the height there were about 120 customers who came from all over not just Brinsley, we averaged about 80 visitors each week and were showing a cash surplus of around £100 per week.

### *How did Covid affect the group*

The pandemic caused us to close after 10 weeks of 2020

### *Post Covid outlook*

The café is not currently planning to re-open after restrictions are lifted. Bob and Helen have greater family commitments so will be unable to facilitate and more helpers would be required.

### *Items for prayer, needs*

There is a definite need for a café in Brinsley to provide a social meeting place. Pray that we can identify leaders, helpers and a format that is both social and encouraging people in their faith journey.

## Little Angels

Rachel Lake, Sarah Simpson-Eyre

Following Lee's decision to stand down from Little Angels at the end of the previous year so that she could complete her studies and prepare for ordination, Rachel came to assist Gayna in running the group. Helen Smith continued to help with set up and tidying up. Mary and Sarah stood in to assist leading if necessary and Penny stood in if Helen was away.

An average of 11 children and 11 carers attended.

The group continued to have very positive feedback from those who attended. Those who attended said it was the friendliest group around.

A new introduction in 2020 was an additional craft activity with a bible story theme in addition to the free craft space, plus a regular Little Angels action prayer.

A total of £112-20 was collected from those who attended in the 11 weeks before lockdown. A generous gift was also received from the 3:16 Community café of £100. This enabled the purchase of a new ball pool and a resource book, other large play items such as a play kitchen or wigwam were being considered. Expenditure £59.43 on resources plus an average of £4 on refreshments weekly.

During the summer lockdown Sarah Harker took Little Angels onto Facebook live after seeing the positive effects of doing another Facebook nursery group, and felt it was a great opportunity to connect with parents and children around the village and further afield.

We pray that the people who have engaged with Little Angel on Facebook will feel the need to come to the sessions in person when the church reopens, and we can develop meaningful relationships with these families.

## Youth Outreach

James Spriggs

### *Successes, items for praise:*

In between National Restrictions, it was possible to walk around the Parish on a Friday evening. It was wonderful to talk to young people again. We were joined by another adult volunteer too, which is always good.

During the season of Advent, I decided to try and embrace technology and create a sort of 'Two Minute Tik-Tok Inspired Nativity.' (The aim was to film myself re-creating the Christmas Story in a format that young people would appreciate – I pray that some people saw it and it made them smile.)

*How did Covid affect the group:*

Unfortunately, COVID had a huge impact on meeting the young people.

The main Outreach Vision is to try and 'Meet the young people where they're at.' Obviously, with National Restrictions in place for the last twelve months, this has been very difficult. We were able to walk around at times and hand out prayer/self-help leaflets though.

*Post Covid outlook:*

When National Restrictions are lifted and the park will again be inhabited on Friday evenings by young people, If it is God's will and we have enough adult volunteers, the Outreach Project can restart. (The Parish Council have verbally offered us the Community Centre, should we need it again too.)

*Items for prayer, needs:*

The main thing I would pray for is that the young people of the Parish remain healthy, physically, emotionally and spiritually. I would also like to pray for more willing volunteers to help engage with the young people on a Friday evening. We are all feeling a little uncertain about whatever the 'new-normal' will be. It would be great to offer some reassurance to our young people that things will be ok.

*Simple financial summary for the year Jan – Dec 2019:*

For the last eight years Selston Parish Council have allowed us to use the Community Centre free of charge. As the 'Staff' are all volunteers, once again, the Outreach Project did not incur any costs.

## Praying for ourselves and others

*Praying is the essential oxygen of life for Christians.*

### Local Houses of Prayer

Bob Tyers

At the back end of 2018 we ran The Blessings Course with 2 home groups and started for Lent 2019 with a very large group from our parish and St Mary's Eastwood. The pandemic stopped some people meeting while several continued via ZOOM. We became aware that the Blessings Course was intertwined with the Ministry of Local Houses of Prayer (LHoP) and we started to work out how to blend LHoP training with what we had learnt. The outcome was that very soon we had 8 plus Local House of Prayer functioning in our 2 parishes and 4 more in adjacent parishes. Since then, we have run another round of online training and now the network known Hidden Valleys stretches from Bakewell to Calverton with 16 groups working to release God's kingdom into their chosen area.

More training will be offered after Easter 2021 for those who would like to join in the adventure.

Prayer network

[prayer@BrinsleyWithUnderwood.com](mailto:prayer@BrinsleyWithUnderwood.com)

Co-ordinated regular communication is sent to a group of people who pray for specific needs that are highlighted to [prayer@BrinsleyWithUnderwood.com](mailto:prayer@BrinsleyWithUnderwood.com). Through the year we have prayed for many people with specific needs and seen some great answers to prayer. If you would like to share a need, or join the prayer team, please email [prayer@BrinsleyWithUnderwood.com](mailto:prayer@BrinsleyWithUnderwood.com).

## Our Management Processes

Then Moses said to the Israelites, "See, the LORD has chosen [these people] and he has filled them with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills: to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, to cut and set	<i>The church (the people) are the visible body of Christ in society today. People see Jesus when they see the way that we live.</i>
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<p>stones, to work in wood and to engage in all kinds of artistic crafts. And he has given [them], the ability to teach others. He has filled them with skill to do all kinds of work... (Exodus 35:30-35, NIV)</p> <p>So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:11, NIV)</p>	<p><i>We each have been given different gifts that complement one another as we journey together.</i></p> <p><i>Our buildings and management processes support and enable the life of the church in Brinsley with Underwood.</i></p>
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## Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Andy Palmer

We have held three PCC meetings since the last APCM, all by zoom; Plus one extra PCC, which was specific held to discuss the re-ordering of St Michaels.

## Electoral Roll

Andy Palmer

The Electoral Roll is unchanged with 67 members enrolled to the list.

## Our Buildings

*Our buildings provide places where people can meet for worship, prayer, social, mental and emotional refreshment. Meeting together as a community is one of the ways that we make ourselves visible in the community.*

## St James' and St Michael's Peter Fletcher, Christine Smith, Mary Simpson-Eyre, Gayna Hall

### *Successes, items for praise*

- The large number of toys collected for the annual toy appeal.
- Positive response to the Christmas food parcels.
- The Nativity scene at the lych gates.
- Vaughan Price for continuing to cut the new churchyard grass at St James.
- Borough council (Broxtowe/Ashfield) workers maintaining the main churchyards.
- The Bailey Room sign, thanks to Andy Thomas.

### *How did Covid affect the church*

- Cancelled regular community bookings.
- The number of cancelled live services.
- No Weddings or Baptisms, although a number of funerals were held.

### *Post Covid outlook*

- Re-opening for public worship
- Continuing to provide for the vulnerable through food bank collections
- Schools to return to using the buildings for education about Christianity and for services
- Installing internet and Wi-Fi to our buildings to make live streaming easier and support the development of community activities.
- Hopefully regular community bookings will return.
- Both buildings have maintenance needs that have been highlighted in the 5 yearly architect's inspections.
- Severn Trent are currently carrying out inspections adjacent to St James with a view to carrying out repairs on the surface water drain in the public footpath at the front of the church which repeatedly floods the lych gate area.

### *Items for prayer, needs*

- The end of covid-19 and return to a new normality.
- The return of community groups.
- For people to find roles supporting the worship of the church, including: providing refreshments after services, basic cleaning of the church buildings (dusting, vacuuming), providing flowers for Sunday worship, basic churchyard tidying and cutting the hedges.
- That the church buildings might become an integral part of community healing when we are finally unlocked through the provision of groups, drop in's and space for spiritual refreshment.

## St Michael's Reordering

Rachel & Paul Lake

### *Successes, items for praise*

- We had a couple of grant applications in process before Covid stopped them
- We did receive a grant of £3,000 towards the kitchen
- We have approximately 40% of the money that we need for the project, when we have 50% we can apply for some large grants

### *How did Covid affect your group*

- All of our incomplete applications were terminated or rejected
- The conditions of Covid, providing social distanced facilities and seeing more clearly the community need led us to critically review and amend our proposals.

### *Post Covid outlook*

- We are finalising proposals with the architect which now include making more free space so that we have greater flexibility for social distancing and more space for community groups to use.
- We will re-start applying for grants when the architect has confirmed budget costings within the next few weeks.
- We are hopeful that we can do the works during 2022

### *Items for prayer, needs*

- For the money to be given so that the work can be completed
- For our plans to use the building more as it is changed making St Michael's a hub of Christian and social activity in our community

## 38 Main Road

Peter Fletcher

- No items of note to report for the year 2020.

### *For prayer*

- We pray that the tenants would be blessed in their residence in the house.

## Financial Review

Helen Baker

### *Unrestricted funds*

Receipts of unrestricted funds totalled £53,018, a fall of £8,000 from 2019 due to the effects of the pandemic. Our collections were down by around £5,000 and room hire by £5,000. Magazine income was down by £800 and receipts from the cafes by £2,000. We were unable to hold any fundraising events, but received £291 from the Historic Churches Trust following Ride and Stride.

We did however receive increases in Planned Giving of around £600 and in Sundry Donations of around £3,300 largely due to generous one-off donations through give.net, donations of officer's fees and expenses, and those given in memory of loved ones.

Receipts that were maintained were Gift Aid reclaims of £4,436 and fees of £12,336. The house on Main Road continued to be let and provided a gross income of £6,300. We also collected over £1,100 for charities: Seed Bible Mission, Great Notts Toy Appeal, Ride and Stride, Royal British Legion and Framework.

Payments from unrestricted funds amounted to £57,172. We met our Parish Share of £30,768, an increase of £1,464 on the previous year. Maintenance of both churches increased by around £1,000. Despite not being able to use the buildings normally, the normal programme of servicing and inspections continued and there were various extras including works in both churchyards, window repairs etc. Main Road also required repairs and updates to windows and bathroom refurbishment amounting to an extra £600 over the previous year. Mission and miscellaneous costs increased greatly as we bought equipment and licences to enable the provision of services online, development of the website etc.

Officer's fees and clergy expenses were halved. Energy costs this year were down by £900. Printing and stationery costs were also down by £3,300 as no magazines etc were produced after the first quarter.

Charitable payments of £300 each were made to Seed Bible Mission, Framework, Christian Aid and Toilet Twinning, the PCC's chosen charities for the year.

The net result for the year was a difference in receipts over payments of -£4,154 in unrestricted funds. The balance carried forward at the end of the year totalled £21,143 of unrestricted funds (compared to £27,258 at the end of 2019).

#### *Reserves Policy*

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months' unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £16,000. This is held to meet emergencies and smooth out fluctuations in cash flow. This cash balance was maintained throughout 2020.

#### *Restricted Funds*

Restricted donations totalled just over £2,000 for St Michael's re-ordering and £800 for St James'. There were no fundraising events, but both benefited from the distribution of funds from the Community Café: £1,500 to St Michael's and £600 to St James'.

The balance of £141,490 in the high interest account is retained towards the cost of St Michael's reordering, £1,780 is restricted in the clock fund and £3,262 towards St James' final refurbishment projects. Payments from restricted funds of £2,304 were agreed by the PCC to meet the costs of the new noticeboards at both churches. £1,152 was paid from each of the St Michael's and St James' reordering funds.

## **PCC of Brinsley with Underwood: Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2020**

The report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out in the [following page], is in respect of an examination carried out under Regulation 3 (3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 3 (3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and section 43 (2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of Regulation 25 of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and Regulation 7 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995.

### **Basis of Independent Examiners Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43 (7) (b) of the Act and to be found in the guidance from the CBF. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items of 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view of the accounts.

## Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter comes to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
  - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act, as also contained in the Church Accounting Regulations 1997

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.

Howard Jones, AAT Qualified

Receipts	2020	2019
Planned giving - gift aided	£15,299	£15,349
Planned giving - not gift aided	£655	
Collections - St James	£461	£6,093
Collections - St Michaels	£761	
Gift Aid reclaimed	£4,436	£4,467
Service fees	£12,336	£12,172
Chatterbox Café	£321	£1,711
Community Café	£672	£1,500
Little Angels	£213	£232
Donations - St Michael's reordering	£2,044	£2,929
Legacy - St Michael's reordering		£27,276
Donations - St James reordering	£809	
Donations - sundry	£5,371	£1,909
Donations - charities	£1,112	£978
Magazine income	£840	£1,645
Printing	£40	£1,231
Events	£291	£1,465
Events - St Michael's reordering	£0	£1,651
Room hire - St James	£2,704	£5,227
Room hire - St Michael's	£240	£849
Rent - Main Road	£6,300	£6,300
Grants	£0	
Miscellaneous	£747	
Interest	£220	£417
<b>Total</b>	<b>£55,870</b>	<b>£93,401</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Parish share	£30,768	£29,304
Officers' fees	£1,447	£2,824
Clergy expenses	£393	£781
Organist stipend	£500	£1,000
Energy/water	£6,147	£7,959
Water	£292	
Insurance	£4,647	£4,766
Music licences	£390	£376
Maintenance	£3,395	£2,599
Main Road	£1,446	£808
Printing/stationery	£3,793	£6,500
Charities	£2,061	£993
Events	£0	£579
Mission	£1,357	£394
Miscellaneous	£2,840	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£59,476</b>	<b>£58,883</b>
Difference receipts over payments	-£3,606	£34,518
Balances brought forward	£171,781	£137,263
Balances at year end 2020   2019	£168,175	£171,781

Restricted Funds	
<b>St James Reordering Fund</b>	
Balance b/wd	£3,732
Receipts	£809
Payments	£1,278
<b>Balance as at 31 December 2020</b>	<b>£3,262</b>
<b>Clock Fund</b>	
Balance b/wd	£1,780
<b>Balance at 31 December 2020</b>	<b>£1,780</b>
<b>St Michael's Reordering Fund</b>	
Balance b/wd	£140,854
Receipts	£2,289
Payments	£1,152
<b>Balance at 31 December 2020</b>	<b>£141,990</b>

Statement of Assets as at 31 December 2020					
Monetary assets	St Michael's Reordering Fund (£)	Clock Fund (£)	St James' Reordering Fund (£)	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Totals (£)
<b>Barclays Accounts</b>					
Acc 90197505	141,990				141,990
Acc 70694851			3,262	19,600	22,862
Acc 30694843				1,543	1,543
					166,395
<b>NatWest Accounts</b>					
Clock Current Account		526			526
Clock Reserve Account			1,254		1,254
<b>Totals</b>	<b>141,990</b>	<b>1,780</b>	<b>3,262</b>	<b>21,143</b>	<b>168,175</b>

## Contact Information

As we implement Microsoft 365, some of our email addresses are changing, we hope that this makes it easier for you to remember them!

Rev David's email address is not changing at this time.

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