

Saint Andrew's Church, Walberswick

Parochial Church Council

2020 Report and Accounts

Financial Review

Attached are:

- a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2020 together with comparisons to 2017, 2018 and 2019; and
- a summary Statement of Financial Activities for 2020 together with comparisons to 2017, 2018 and 2019.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using a Receipts and Payments basis.

Income

In 2020 total receipts were £49,876 and total payments were £44,081, a net surplus of £5,794. This compares to 2019 total receipts of £50,949 and total payments of £29,349, a net surplus of £21,601.

The apparent similarity of income in 2019 and 2020 in fact masks significant differences between the two years. The most obvious difference is that in 2020 we received £18,000 in grants towards essential maintenance work, which is explained in more detail in the paragraph below marked *Maintenance Work*. Without these grants income in 2020 was almost 40% lower than in 2019.

The closure of the church as a result of the pandemic had a number of financial implications. First, it meant a reduction in receipts from plate collections: loose plate collections were down from £2,827 in 2019 to £824 in 2020; but also giving in the plate using a Gift Aid envelope, which is included in the Planned Giving line, was down from £5,156 in 2019 to £1,444 in 2020, explaining most of the reduction in Planned Giving from £16,299 in 2019 to £10,730 in 2020. The remainder of the variance is explained by a single generous donation in 2019 of £3,000, which did not recur in 2020. Fortunately a significant percentage of giving is through regular bank transfers, which continued unaffected. We also received some generous one-off donations that have been included in Other Voluntary Receipts.

Secondly, the closure of the church reduced the numbers of weddings and funerals that could take place in church. Fees for services were consequently lower: £2,593 in 2020 compared to £5,007 in 2019.

Thirdly, the pandemic meant that the 2020 Village Fete could not happen and we therefore did not receive a donation from Fete proceeds, which for the last several years has been a significant addition to our annual income.

We were fortunate to receive a £10,000 legacy in 2020.

We recovered tax paid on donations given under Gift Aid in 2020 of £2,593. This was in respect of the second half of 2019 for the main Gift Aid scheme and the tax year to April 2020 for the Small Donations scheme.

At £500, our 2020 receipt from the annual sponsored bicycle ride run by the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust was a record for recent years. This is half of the total amount raised, the remainder going to the charity. We are most grateful to everyone involved, both the cyclists and the organisers.

Expenditure

Our largest expense item each year is our contribution to the Diocesan Parish Share, which is a contribution towards the cost of the mission and ministry of the church in the diocese, primarily the cost of clergy. In 2020 we paid £17,371, an increase on £16,259, which we paid in 2019.

We also made a contribution towards Sole Bay Team Mission expenses of £1,842, which was lower than £2,091 paid in 2019. The primary reason that the amount was lower was a reduction in clergy travel expenses because of the pandemic.

The cost of church maintenance was £3,268 in 2020 compared to £1,107 in 2019. The variance in this figure was largely caused by payments totalling £1,741 for the organ. These were tuning and maintenance bills covering a period of over three years; through a confusion at the organ builders, we had not been invoiced since 2016.

We gave £200 to our twin Diocese of Kagera in Tanzania to help fight the impact of Coronavirus, and £13 to the Royal British Legion.

Other costs followed their expected pattern and were broadly in line with the prior year.

Maintenance Work

Remedial work to the church building, mostly in the porch, recommended by the recent Quinquennial Review, started in autumn 2020 and has continued into 2021. The total estimated cost of this work is almost £77,000.

We received grants totalling £18,000 towards the cost of this work in 2020: £10,000 from Walberswick Common Lands Charity; £3,000 from Allchurches Trust; and £5,000 from The

Wolfson Foundation. We are expecting to receive a further £5,000 from Suffolk Historic Churches Trust.

We hope that we will be able to recover VAT of £12,000+ from The Listed Places of Worship Grants Scheme, which makes grants towards the VAT incurred in making repairs and carrying out alterations to listed buildings mainly used for public worship.

The remaining amount of approximately £40,000 will be funded from our own resources.

We paid invoices totalling £14,997 in 2020 in respect of this work, shown in the Structural Repairs line of the Payments summary. We have paid further invoices since the 2020 year end and expect to complete the work and payment shortly.

Cash

The £5,794 excess of receipts over payments in 2020 is reflected in an increase in our cash holdings. Cash in hand as at 31st December 2020 was £113,506 compared to £107,712 on 31st December 2019.

Thanks

The PCC records its thanks to Mark Waller for acting as our Independent Examiner. His support is greatly appreciated.

Saint Andrew's Church, Walberswick
Parochial Church Council

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

31 st December	<u>£</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>£</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>£</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>£</u> <u>2017</u>
<u>Assets</u>				
Current Account (Barclays)	2,107	4,691	4,169	11,054
Deposit Account (Barclays)	63,008	55,715	35,880	14,244
Deposit Account (CCLA)	48,391	47,306	46,062	44,958
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Cash in hand	113,506	107,712	86,111	70,257
Income Shares	16,500	15,435	13,000	13,197
Fixed Interest Securities	5,286	5,108	4,998	5,235
Endowments	8,772	8,205	6,911	7,033
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total	144,064	136,460	111,021	95,722
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
<u>Liabilities</u>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>

There are minor discrepancies in the totals as a result of roundings

Saint Andrew's Church, Walberswick
Parochial Church Council

Statement of Financial Activities

1st January to 31st December

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>£</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>£</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>£</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>£</u> <u>2017</u>
Planned Giving	10,730	16,299	12,770	11,962
Loose Plate Collections	824	2,827	2,724	4,649
Other voluntary receipts	3,451	2,289	3,835	1,583
Legacies	10,000	11,000	1,500	
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	2,593	4,016	8,816	5,614
Other funds generated		158	224	1,384
Village fete		7,100	6,500	7,500
Bookstall sales	99	225	247	409
Tower opening	-	443	793	598
Sponsored bicycle ride	500	202	321	313
Investment income	1,175	1,383	1,177	1,004
Fees for services	2,503	5,007	3,328	4,174
Grants	18,000			4,309
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	49,876	50,949	42,235	43,500
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>

There are minor discrepancies in the totals as a result of roundings

Saint Andrew's Church, Walberswick
Parochial Church Council

Statement of Financial Activities
1st January to 31st December

<u>Payments</u>	<u>£</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>£</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>£</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>£</u> <u>2017</u>
Costs of generating funds	857		272	889
Parish Share	17,371	16,259	16,259	15,602
Sole Bay Team Mission	1,842	2,091	1,936	2,023
Insurance	1,555	1,514	870	1,986
Church maintenance	3,268	1,107	1,431	886
Upkeep of services	534	799	1,140	851
Upkeep of churchyard	1,185	1,305	1,093	4,135
Utilities and other expenses	2,259	2,491	2,573	2,624
Structural repairs	14,997	3,670		2,900
Ruins Project				10,722
Giving	213	113	806	
	<u>44,081</u>	<u>29,349</u>	<u>26,381</u>	<u>42,061</u>
<u>Excess (shortfall) of receipts over payments</u>	<u>5,794</u>	<u>21,601</u>	<u>15,855</u>	<u>1,439</u>
Cash in hand at 1 st January	107,712	86,111	70,256	68,817
Cash in hand at 31 st December	113,506	107,712	86,111	70,256
<u>Difference in cash</u>	<u>5,794</u>	<u>21,601</u>	<u>15,855</u>	<u>1,439</u>

There are minor discrepancies in the totals as a result of roundings