

THE PARISH OF HANGLETON
ANNUAL VESTRY & PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
Sunday 18th October 2020

AGENDA

Apologies for Absence

ANNUAL VESTRY

Election of Churchwardens

All who reside in the ecclesiastical Parish of Hangleton and/or are on the Electoral Roll may take part in this election.

APCM

Minutes of last APCM (These have been displayed as required)

Matters Arising from those Minutes (not otherwise on the Agenda)

Report of the Proceedings of the PCC & Report on the Electoral Roll

Report on the Financial Affairs of the Parish & Audited Accounts

Appointment of Auditor/Inspector for 2020/2021 (usually delegated to the P.C.C.)

Report on the Proceedings of the Deanery Synod

Safeguarding Report

Elections to the P.C.C.

Elections to Deanery Synod

Election of Sidespersons

Only those whose names are on the church Electoral Roll may take part in this election. To be elected *en bloc* as is the custom.

Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of St Helen's Church

Hall Report

Family Support Work Report

Social Committee Report

Friends of St Helen's Sub-Committee Report

St Richard's Church and Community Centre Management Committee & Fabric

Any Other Business

To be notified in advance by telephone to Jennie Christian on 01273 321099 or by email to st.helens.pcc@sky.com . No other business will be taken from the floor on the day.

PARISH OF HANGLETON

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL VESTRY AND PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING SUNDAY 7th APRIL 2019

Apologies for absence were received from Christine Sangster, Christine James, Sue Mars and Carol Poole.

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS

Mrs Christine James had been proposed by Rita Fry and seconded by Yvonne Gosby.

Ms Jennie Christian had been proposed by Pat Gething and seconded by Paul Wellstead.

There being no further nominations, Christine James and Jennie Christian were duly elected as Churchwardens for the coming year.

Agreed Nem Con.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Minutes of the 2018 Annual Parochial Church Meeting had been displayed in both Churches and acceptance of same as a correct record of that meeting was proposed by Kath Box and seconded by Julia Worgan.

Agreed Nem Con.

There were no matters arising from these minutes.

Report on the Proceedings of the Parochial Church Council and Electoral Roll

The report on the Proceedings of the PCC and Electoral Roll for the year 2018/2019 was recorded in the standard format adopted in 1997 and had been circulated to the meeting. A new electoral roll had been prepared and stood at 80 names. During the year, 8 names had been added and 3 names were removed.

Report on the Financial Affairs of the Parish and Audited Accounts.

Copies had been circulated prior to the meeting and displayed as required.

Yvonne Gosby queried what had happened to the money raised by the Music & Arts Festival. Fr Keith explained that the Parish had received a start-up grant from the Diocese of approximately £3000, but the grant was not restricted to the Festival and can still be designated as a mission resource or used for other purposes, if necessary.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Jon Gosby; seconded Yvonne Gosby.

Agreed Nem Con.

Appointment of Auditor/Inspector for 2019/2020

It was moved from the chair that this appointment should be delegated to the Parochial Church Council.

Agreed Nem Con.

Report on the Proceedings of the Deanery Synod

The Deanery Synod report was prepared by Jennie Christian and Julia Worgan and had been previously circulated

Safeguarding

Safeguarding was delegated to the new PCC as there are policy forms to be signed as well as the re-election of Heather Collins as safeguarding officer.

Agreed Nem Con.

Election of Parochial Representatives of the Laity to the Parochial Church Council.

Under the electoral system, one third of the PCC (three members) retired.

The following three people were elected to the PCC for a term of three years:

Jeffrey Draper – proposed by Jennie Christian; seconded by Yvonne Gosby

Kath Box – proposed by Yvonne Gosby; seconded by Rita Fry

Robert Lawson – proposed by Julia Worgan; seconded by Laura Garcia-Navarrete

Agreed Nem Con.

Election of Sidespersons

The following sidespersons were elected en bloc:

Sarah Beardshaw, Jennie Christian, Heather Collins, Lorely Draper, Christine James, Ann Perry, Christine Sangster, Sandie Santer, Janet Stott and Jeffrey Draper.

Agreed Nem Con

Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church.

Christine James and Jennie Christian had prepared a written report, which has been circulated prior to the meeting. Rita Fry appealed for more volunteers to help to clean the church.

Hall Report

The hall report had been prepared by Phil James and circulated prior to the meeting.

Yvonne Gosby flagged up that the hall windows need to be repaired. Fr Keith agreed that this was one of the urgent jobs to be looked at this year.

Family Support Work

Pat Gething had prepared a written report which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Social Committee

The Social Committee Report had been prepared by Yvonne Gosby and circulated prior to the meeting.

Friends of St Helen's Sub-Committee Annual Report

A report had been prepared by Pat Sinclair and circulated prior to the meeting.

St Richard's Church and Community Centre Management Committee and Fabric Report

A written report had been prepared by Fr Keith and circulated prior to the meeting.

Vicar's Report

Fr Keith gave his report at the conclusion of the meeting and a copy of the report was made available upon request. Pat Gething thanked Fr Keith on behalf of the Parish for his help and support.

Any Other Business

There being no other business, the meeting closed with the Grace.

Parochial Church Council Review of the Year 2019

The PCC met four times this year with an average level of attendance of 70%. The major areas of discussion for these meetings were: the sale of the curate's house at 139 Godwin Rd, the hall income, parish income, personal giving, the Parish Giving Scheme, funding applications, building works, safeguarding and Simple Quality Protects (SQP), a card reader and contactless giving at St Helen's, solar panels, the Bishop's Visitation, and Family Support Work. Committees met between meetings and their reports were received by the PCC and discussed where necessary. The Parish Giving Scheme campaign in July was a great blessing to our parish. Thank you for your wholehearted support of this aspect of our mission.

Work with children is a major part of the life of the church. It is always good to welcome our uniformed organisations for occasions such as Harvest Thanksgiving, Mothering and Remembrance Sunday. Our Ten O'Clock All-Age Service is the principal means at present through which we have welcomed new families. The crib service continues to attract many people and I would like to thank all who were involved in this. An amount of £173.33 raised from this service went to the work of Leo House Children's Care at Home. The Diocesan regulations concerning the safeguarding of children in our care continue to be a major feature of our work.

We also gave to the following charities this year: the combined takings of £354.72 from the Midnight Mass retiring collection and the 'In Memoria Christmas Tree Tags' were given towards the work of the Martlets hospice. £125 each went to the Teenage Cancer Trust, the Early Birth Association and the Motor Neurone Disease Association. Retiring collections during the year raised £90.00 for the Children's Society through our Christingle Service, and £102.80 from our Carol Concert for the work of the Hangleton Brass Band and the BrightHun Hungarian Choir. During Lent we raised £151.18 for Christian Aid. Our combined takings for the Spring and Winter fairs came to £1,825.90 with expenses of £38.00 and the Jumble Sales brought in £140.50. The Table Top Sale raised £279.90 with expenses of £14.81. The gross takings from social events was £1,303.50 with expenses of £713.91. Thank you to our social committee and all those who help with and participate in our fundraising events. The final Parish Music and Art Festival was held in 2017 and left us with a fund of £4,347.00 for mission related activities and resources.

The Friends of St Helen's continue to make a much valued contribution to the life and work of the parish. At the end of the year we have 70 friends. The Friends Sensational 600 Club has raised £5,230.00 with winnings and expenses of £2,057.98. All other Friends income came to £2,162.00 with expenses of £839.65. Many thanks to our Friends.

The PCC was asked to contribute £70,217.00 towards Diocesan Parish Ministry Costs to cover the *centralised costs of clergy stipend, housing, training, pension and resources from Diocesan Church House*, and of this we paid £42,000.00.

The income tax claimed back from gift aid is £3,865.10 but we are waiting for a further £2,290.13 (see balance sheet under debtors, *income tax claimed but not yet received*). Our restricted fabric funds at the end of the year stand at £12,000.

The sale of our curate's house in Godwin Rd realised £308,734.00 for the parish and the PCC is exploring the possibilities for investment. Meanwhile we are using part of the money for much needed repairs to the church and hall such as the wear on the roof over the parish offices. The Godwin Rd property was originally purchased to house a curate and under the terms of the Church Commissioners loan there are specific regulations governing the time limit permitted for the house to be used for private tenancy letting. Both the Diocese and the Church Commissioners felt that this time limit had now passed and instructed the Parochial Church Council to put the house on the market for sale.

The finances of the parish hall are in the black at the end of 2019 with an income of £23,278.00 and running costs of £15,367.00. The new pre-school group, the Mini Adventurers, are making great progress in establishing their place in the local community.

On behalf of the PCC
Fr Keith Perkinson

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Helen's and St Richard's Hangleton for the Year Ended 31st December, 2019

Section A

This is my report to the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish (PCC) of St Helen's and St Richards's, Hangleton on the annual report for the year ended 31st December 2019

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The PCC members are responsible for the preparation of the annual reports. The PCC members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

1. examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
2. to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
3. to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 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.

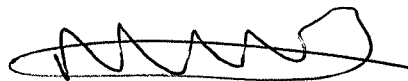
Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Examiner's signature



Examiner's name
CAPITALS

MANDY GANDER

Date

6-3-2020

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body *if any*

Examiner's address

24 Sandringham Drive, Hove, BN3 6XD

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST HELEN'S AND ST RICHARD'S, HANGLETON
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019
GENERAL (UNRESTRICTED) FUND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

	<u>2019</u>		<u>2018</u>
	£	£	£
Receipts			
Voluntary Receipts			
Tax Efficient Planned Giving	10,454		7,504
Other planned giving	1,192		1,230
Collections at services	4,761		4,136
Donations	2,410		2,841
Legacies	16,300		-
Gift Aid & GASD recovered	3,685		2,935
	<u>38,802</u>		<u>18,646</u>
Receipts from activities for generating funds			
Fundraising Events	4,549		5,279
Friends of St Helens	6,720		5,813
Parish Music Festival	-		-
	<u>11,269</u>		<u>11,092</u>
Receipts from Investments			
Deposit interest	876		99
Sale of curate's house	308,734		-
Rent from temporary letting of curate's house	-		12,000
	<u>309,610</u>		<u>12,099</u>
Church Activities			
Church hall lettings	23,278		24,086
Church hall activities	-		-
Contributions for the local community use of the church centre	-		-
PCC Fees	3,430		1,600
Friends Membership	672		696
	<u>27,381</u>		<u>26,382</u>
Other incoming receipts			
	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total receipts		<u>387,062</u>	<u>68,220</u>

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Payments		
Costs of generating funds		
Fundraising Events	773	1,084
Friends of St Helens	2,898	2,944
Parish Music Festival	-	-
Givings Envelopes	-	-
	<u>3,671</u>	<u>4,028</u>
Charitable Activities		
Donations to charities	1,233	1,360
	<u>1,233</u>	<u>1,360</u>
Church Activities		
Diocesan parish contribution	42,000	41,667
Salaries & locums	2,721	2,953
Clergy expenses & housing	5,437	8,224
Church running costs	4,686	7,312
Church Utility Bills	4,678	2,197
Church hall running expenses	15,367	25,066
Governance Costs	50	50
	<u>74,939</u>	<u>87,470</u>
Other Outgoing Resources		
Deanery Levy	30	30
Diocesan Registrar	-	-
	<u>30</u>	<u>30</u>
Total payments	<u>79,873</u>	<u>92,888</u>
Excess of payments over receipts	307,189	(24,668)
Cash and Bank current and deposit accounts at 1st January 2019	<u>15,016</u>	<u>39,684</u>
Cash and Bank current and deposit accounts at 31st December 2019	<u>322,205</u>	<u>15,016</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST HELEN'S AND ST RICHARD'S, HANGLETON
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019
OTHER FUNDS

Fabric Fund Receipts and Payments Account - Restricted Fund

	<u>2019</u>		<u>2018</u>
	£	£	£
Receipts			
Interest from CBF Deposit Fund	<u>49</u>		<u>54</u>
		49	54
Payments			
Church Major Repairs	<u>0</u>		2,286
		<u>0</u>	
Excess of payments over receipts		49	(2,232)
Cash and Bank current and deposit accounts at 1st January 2019		<u>12,250</u>	<u>14,483</u>
Cash and Bank current and deposit accounts at 31st December 2019		<u><u>12,299</u></u>	<u><u>12,250</u></u>

Godwin Road Fund Receipts and Payments Account - Designated Fund

	<u>2019</u>		<u>2018</u>
	£	£	£
Receipts			
Interest from CBF Deposit Fund	<u>2</u>		<u>7</u>
		2	7
Payments			
Transfer to General Fund		<u>1,721</u>	
Excess of receipts over payments		(1,718)	7
Cash and Bank current and deposit accounts at 1st January 2019		<u>1,718</u>	<u>1,711</u>
Cash and Bank current and deposit accounts at 31st December 2019		<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>1,718</u></u>

Hall Fund Receipts and Payments Account - Designated Fund

	<u>2019</u>		<u>2018</u>
	£	£	£
Receipts			
Interest from CBF Deposit Fund	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
		0	0
Payments			
Hall Major Repairs		<u>0</u>	<u>84</u>
Excess of payments over receipts		0	(84)
Cash and Bank current and deposit accounts at 1st January 2019		<u>0</u>	<u>84</u>
Cash and Bank current and deposit accounts at 31st December 2019		<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>

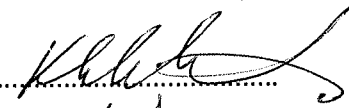
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST HELEN'S AND ST RICHARD'S, HANGLETON
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

	<u>Unrestricted</u>		<u>Designated</u>		<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Totals</u>	
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Hall</u>	<u>Godwin Road</u>		<u>Fabric Fund</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	£				£	£	£
Monetary assets							
Cash Account	100					100	100
Bank current account	21,460					21,460	9,095
Hall account	12,794					12,794	3,936
CBF Deposit Fund	287,852				12,299	300,151	15,855
	322,205		0		12,299	334,505	28,985
Debtors							
Gift Aid and GASDS for 2019	2,290					2,290	2,886
	324,495	0	0		12,299	336,795	31,871
Other assets							
Freehold 139 Godwin Road Valued at 89.48% Of £350,500 at which sold 2019						0	313,627
Total assets	324,495	0	0		12,299	336,795	345,499
Liabilities							
Equity Share Loan							6,000
Equity Loan interest payable						0	0
Quota							0
Total liabilities	0				0	0	6,000

Notes

- The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Church. Accounting Regulations 2006, using the Receipts and Payments basis
- The following assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities: Movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC which require a faculty for disposal.
- The freehold property at 139 Godwin Road was purchased by the PCC on 8th December 1995 to be used as curate housing. The PCC owned 89.48 % of the property at 139 Godwin Road, the Church Commissioners owned the other 10.52 %. On the instructions of the Church Commissioners the tenants were given notice from the end of October 2018 and the property was offered for sale. A buyer was found at £350,500 and the sale was completed in August 2019. The receipt of £308,734 on the General Fund is after deduction of The Church Commissioners percentage, Conveyancing costs, Estate Agents Fees and costs incurred while the property was vacant, principally insurance and empty property Council Tax.
- The Fabric fund represents accumulated donations, appeals and bequests for the maintenance of the church building.
- No payments were made to PCC members other than for reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the PCC.
5 members were reimbursed a total of £1,068 for fundraising; office; maintenance & church flower costs.

Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by
The Rev'd Keith Perkinton, PCC Chairman

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Date.....18/2/20.....

Report on the Deanery Synod

There were three meetings of Synod in 2019. The first meeting in February was held at St Andrew's Old Church, Hove. Concerns had been raised by the Trustees of Hove Trinity Trust (the revolving fund set up in the Deanery from the proceeds of the sale of Holy Trinity Church) regarding the running costs. They had also decided that to encourage a greater take-up by Parishes, loans would be made interest free with an initial fee of between 3 – 5% of the loan. Revd Jane Bartlett, a Trustee, looked at various eco and green initiatives.

Synod agreed that the Deanery Levy would remain at £10 per capita for the coming year.

Revd Dan Henderson, the Acting Rural Dean, talked about the Year of Vocation 2019.

In July, as part of Bishop Richard's visitation, Synod met at Bishop Hannington Memorial Church, where Bishop Richard talked about the Diocesan Strategy, 'To Know, Love and Follow Jesus' which looked at church growth, both numerical and spiritual, re-imagining ministry and contributing to the common good. He outlined the next phase of the Diocesan Strategy, 'Four Mores', which attempt to create a sense of vision over the next five years. These are:

To be -

- More Open – making everyone feel at home in church.
- More Like Jesus – try to be a good Christian to encourage others.
- More Generous – support one another more as parishes, sharing our skills and resources.
- More Engaged – expressing our vocation in service to others, making time to engage with people in the community.

The final meeting of the year took place in October at St Peter's West Blatchington. There were two presentations which were very well received. William Holden, the Deanery Lay Chair, talked about the very popular 'Living Faith' and 'Authorised Lay Ministry' courses, explaining the different types of courses available and looking at each one in greater depth.

This was followed by a presentation by Alistair Crow of the Brighton & Hove Street Pastors. Alistair and his wife, Lily, had worked as Street Pastors in London before coming to Brighton. The Street Pastors go out on Friday nights, meeting at St Paul's, West Street at 9pm for prayers before going on to the streets until 5am, helping people of all ages who are experiencing difficulties. The people they help are generally immensely grateful for what they do and it has been found that crime is reduced when Street Pastors are operating. Alistair appealed for more people to take on this work so they can also go out on Saturday nights and he asked for our prayers in bringing this about.

Jennie Christian
Julia Worgan
Deanery Synod Representatives

Safeguarding Report

We are committed to ensuring the proper safeguarding of all vulnerable persons who come into our church, both children and vulnerable adults.

The Safeguarding folders containing all the policies and documents of the PCC/SQP team are present in both churches. These also contain a specially created Safeguarding support leaflet. Posters and other information regarding Safeguarding are also displayed in both churches and the church hall. These contain full details of people to contact in case of a Safeguarding problem and other relevant information.

The Parish of Hangleton has now completed the Part One stage of the new Safeguarding requirement, with the Safeguarding Officer, the Vicar and both Church Wardens having completed and passed the Stage One on-line course.

We now await the following stage from the Diocese.

Christine James

St Helen's Church

Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornament 2020

The interior of the church remains regularly cleaned by a dedicated and committed team of volunteers and generally looks clean and well looked after. We thank this team as ever for their hard work.

Volunteers also carry out a yearly "spring clean" in the church and again we thank all those who help with this.

The heating in the church continues to be a problem and this could be detrimental to the fabric of the church if the church is cold and damp. We now need to look into this problem in detail and try to find solutions to improve the heating and this is being undertaken as a matter of urgency.

The lighting has also become a problem with many of the lights now not functioning properly. A visitor to the church over Christmas has offered to supply new light fittings to the church, free of charge, which would use LED bulbs. This would be an energy saving as well as providing new and updated light fittings. An electrician is required to install the new fittings and he will also investigate the problems with the porch light and the floodlights. New light fittings may also be provided for the hall in the same way and this is at present waiting for further details.

The new exterior board, where details of all events and all special services held at the church and in the hall can be advertised, is proving very valuable.

The exterior church doors continue to require some attention and during the summer they will all be treated with further coats of the hard wood oil. This needs to be done each year in the summer.

Some work has been carried out on the perimeter wall of the church graveyard but this does require constant attention and maintenance to keep it in good order. It is planned to hold a graveyard tidy-up and maintenance afternoon and we will encourage volunteers to come along to help with this from the whole community.

The church graveyard continues to be part of the Brighton and Hove Local Wildlife sites of Nature Conservation Importance and has a rich biodiversity.

The Property at Godwin Road

The property at 139 Godwin Road is now sold and the best ways to utilise the money from this sale is under review. Some has been used to fund essential repairs to the hall.

Christine James and Jennie Christian (Church Wardens)

REPORT ON ST HELEN'S CHURCH HALL 2020

HALL BOOKINGS

The Mini Adventurers Kindergarten started hiring the hall (in place of the Little lambs) in April 2019 initially on a Monday to Wednesday 8.00 - 15.30 only basis. This was subsequently increased in September 2019 to include Thursday mornings and in January 2020 to include Thursday afternoons and Friday mornings (all term time only).

The hall is also hired out on Friday afternoons to a keep fit class (Young At Heart).

This effectively means that during term time, the hall is in virtual constant use throughout the day.

The regular evening bookings (Brownies, Rainbows and various dance/exercise classes etc) continue much as before. During this year, there have been a couple of new regular bookings. Young At Heart (referred to above) also run a keep fit session on Thursday evenings and a Light Sabre class is run every Friday evening. This really means that the hall is now also almost fully booked during the evening period as well although when enquiries are received, efforts are made to squeeze in more hirers!

All regular hirers have their own access arrangements and are responsible for ensuring the premises are left as they are found. The normal hire rate for regular users is £16.50 per hour.

At the weekends, there continues to be a dance class every Saturday morning and most Sunday afternoons there is puppy training which has proved so popular that the number of classes has been increased recently to 2 (with a consequent increase in hall hire revenue). Children's party bookings are made wherever possible (mainly on Saturday afternoons or on Sunday afternoons on the rare occasions when the puppy classes are not run).

These bookings are covered by a "conditions of hire" agreement and hirers are met on site immediately prior to the event to let them in and outline details such as fire escapes and toilets etc. The hirers are also "let out" of the premises at the end. This is so that a check can be made that everything has been successful and all is in order and means no occasional hirer needs to have a key. The charge for occasional hirers is £22 per hour and we continue to ask for a refundable £50 deposit to cover any potential damage. There were no instances this year when the deposit was not returned.

The hall continues to be used for various church related social and fund raising activities and was used twice last year for elections. It will also be used again this year as a polling station for elections in May (Police and Crime Commissioner). Wedding receptions are also catered for whenever possible.

The booking system and calendar is maintained on-line. Grateful thanks to Pat Sinclair who looks after the arrangements in my absence and also thanks to those 'volunteers' who open and close up before/after children's parties (they know who they are!).

MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

Major repair work has been undertaken on the roof over the hall entrance foyer and also the roof over the office space. In addition the floor has needed some further attention due to the surface lifting and new air vents are being put in (March 2020) to hopefully avoid this happening again.

Other repairs to toilets, the heating, taps etc have been made as and when needed and a new chair moving trolley was purchased during the year to make the movement of chairs into and out of the hall easier.

A further day or two of painting/repairing is planned for volunteers to lend a hand in ensuring the hall is kept up to standard.

The current cleaning arrangements continue to work well.

Family Support Work

On Martin Auton-Lloyd's report he says that when working with our families, we look for small signs that show a family is starting to grow and overcome the challenges that their life brings to them.

The number of practitioners continues to grow thanks to gifts and funding. As more is known about Family Support Work we now have seventy groups of regular supporters.

Six hundred children and their families across Sussex came to the many Christmas parties and events arranged. A group of staff and volunteers put together one hundred and ten Christmas hampers – all you need for Christmas!

The different projects grow: After School Clubs, Homework Clubs, groups for all different combinations of family needs, working more with schools, starting Connective Parenting Courses, more National Gardening Schemes opening to support Family Support Work. Please see the list in church. Volunteers are needed to serve tea or make a homemade cake please.

The Food Bank is going well (see list), but request no pasta, beans or soups.

So all is moving in a good way of growth. See the News Sheet for Spring 2020. More events are being arranged.

Pancake Day raised £155 plus donations of £212.

Thank you everyone for your continuing support.

Pat Gething

SOCIAL/FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT TO A.P.C.M 2020

Another full calendar of events kept the Committee on their toes in 2019. Together with the major Fairs, social events and refreshments for our principal festivals we also provided "catering back-up" for fund-raising occasions to support Family Support Work, The Children's Society Christingle Service and Carol Singing for The Martlets, and also baked cakes for the Ten O'Clock Service each month.

The February St Valentine's Masquerade provided an opportunity for people to explore their artistic talents and many made and wore very *chic* masks creating a fun and enjoyable atmosphere. The ticket price had been kept to £15 and, with the cost of the fish and chip supper and the live band each having increased in comparison with the previous year, the final figure raised amounted to £247. It was however felt that £15 would be the maximum people would be prepared to pay for a church event.

We also kept the Strawberry Tea ticket price for 2019 unchanged at £5. This was managed by playing recorded music instead of having a live band. Homemade scones also kept costs down and we were able take advantage of discounted strawberries and groceries this year. We hope the popularity of this now traditional afternoon won't be diminished if we need to increase the ticket price for 2020.

Our March Jumble Sale takings were disappointing as over 50 people visited but obviously didn't spend (£120). When taking into account the loss of income from our regular Saturday morning Hall groups it was questioned as to whether we should continue to hold these sales. However, the October Table-Top Sale was far more successful financially, raising £280, even though half the number of visitors came through the door. We will be trying afternoon sales for 2020 and keeping a March Jumble Sale as requested by many visitors.

Summer and Christmas Fairs do welcome the most visitors and have become important local events. This year's Summer Fair was restricted to the Hall due to the high winds. We tried a "seaside" theme with games and attractions to fit but, because of the weather, the company supplying the inflatable had to cancel our colourful Bouncy Octopus attraction. Numbers attending were down but the Fair had a very good atmosphere (£1043+). The Christmas Fair was very successful (£1752+). We appealed to our congregations to sign-up to pledge donations of items for the Raffle and Tombola. This was because local businesses and indeed the major supermarkets are now less likely to give. This initiative worked very well. We also welcomed more Private Stall Holders (£10 per table) who introduced a fresh variety of merchandise for people to browse. Sadly members of our congregation who have taken a major role at Christmas Fairs through many years were unable to be with us. They were greatly missed. General winter illness also took its toll and we were very grateful to those who stood-in at the last minute, filling-in where needed. Thank you all.

We now look forward to 2020 -come and join us! Yvonne Gosby and The Social Committee

REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF ST HELEN'S 2020

The Friends of St Helen's remain a vital part of the life of the church and continues to contribute to church funds. It also provides a very important link to the wider community. The current membership of the Friends is now 69 of which 10 are regular St Helen's supporters, 6 are honorary members, 6 couples with joint membership and the rest are from the wider community. The Press is distributed to all members every three months with regular and guest articles and information on all events happening in the church and hall.

The Friends have also raised funds this past year with several events including the Candle Light Music Evening and various walks and talks led by Trevor Povey. The walks and talks have proved very popular and have all been well received. Additionally a new St Helen's Recipe book was compiled and published this year which was a great success and of the 100 copies printed less than 10 remain again providing funds for the church. The 600 club continues to be popular and numbers were boosted during the summer by a large house to house leaflet drop which resulted in numerous new members. The prize money remains fairly static at £170 - £175 each month and approximately £350 going to church funds. The Friends' role is very important in not only raising funds but for also including members of the wider community into the life of the church.

St Richard's Church and Community Centre Management Committee and Fabric Report

The committee continues to meet as required under the terms of the Lease and Constitution agreed between the 3 parties of the Knoll Community Association, the Parochial Church Council of Hangleton and the Diocese of Chichester. It is made up of the Incumbent of the Parish of Hangleton, the 2 Community Centre managers, and 4 representatives from the church and local community. We meet 4 times a year to consider issues of shared responsibility and common concern with regards to the community and the running, functioning and maintenance of the building. The centre is used by local and city wide groups. For more information about St Richard's see strichards-knoll.org.uk.

In 2019 the main areas of business were: issues and problems for hall users regarding young people; funding and grant applications; centre hires and bookings; staffing; and repairs to the building highlighted by the Parish Quinquennial, especially the leaking roof over the centre of the church. A major area of work is the review of the Governance and working practices of the Knoll Community Association and Centre. A group is presently working on this made up of members of the management committee with help from Claire Johnson of the Hangleton and Knoll Project and Kaye Duerdoth from the Trust for Developing Communities. This area of work was in large part set in motion by the announcement of the retirement of the manager of St Richard's Church and Community Centre Pat Weller who will be leaving at the end of March 2020. Part of the work of the group is to appoint a new manager and assistant manager. I will take questions about any of these items at the APCM.

I would like to thank all members of the management committee for their dedication and commitment. We are blessed with our two centre managers, Mrs Pat Weller MBE and Mrs Ann Tizzard, and our new caretaker Mr Del Hoadley. Their commitment is to the highest of standards and their dedication to the community which they serve is inspiring to see.

I continue to give thanks for the good working relationships that exist between the church and community groups in our parish, especially those focussed in the work of St Richard's.

Fr Keith Perkinton

Chair of St Richard's Management Committee