

MEONSTOKE AND CORHAMPTON  
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORTS

And

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For

THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2021

## MEONSTOKE AND CORHAMPTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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## MEONSTOKE AND CORHAMPTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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## MEONSTOKE AND CORHAMPTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

## ANNUAL REPORT 2021

Background

Meonstoke and Corhampton Parochial Church Council has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent in promoting, in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It has the responsibility for the care and maintenance of two ancient buildings, St Andrew's Church, Meonstoke, and Corhampton Saxon Church.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected for three years by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC.

Incumbent:	The Rev'd Antony Forrest
Readers:	Mrs Cathy Mathews Mrs Pauline Quarendon (Reader Emeritus)
Churchwarden:	Mrs Angela Peagram (Also Treasurer from May 2021)
Elected Members:	Mrs Rebecca Evans Mrs Elizabeth Ridge (Treasurer: died May 2021) Dr Paul Buxton Mr Ian Ellis Mr Gregor Logan Mr Jeremy Carpenter Mr Alan Reeves (Did not seek full election at APCM 2021)
Hon Secretary:	Vacant

## Church Attendance

Electoral Roll	74 (of which 65 are resident)
Average Sunday Attendance	21

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### CHURCHWARDEN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2021

**Services** – We have been juggling with Covid restrictions, again, in 2021. An Epiphany Service was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> January in St Andrew's, but the church was only open for "escorted" individual private prayer after that. On 24<sup>th</sup> March, Lay Reader, Cathy Mathews held an Informal All Age-Service on Church Green and Corhampton opened for individual private prayer. On 7<sup>th</sup> April St Andrew's opened for private prayer on three or four days a week. Services took place from June in both churches but full relaxation of Covid rules didn't happen until September. Some singers were permitted in June. Meanwhile everything was reassembled in both churches, but areas were set aside in case anyone wished to maintain social distance. Wearing of masks was requested, but largely not adhered to until it became a legal requirement in December, when the omicron Covid variant struck. Streamed services were reduced in May and later phased out owing to lack of viewers. Fr Tony devised a method of carefully and hygienically serving communion, with wafers dipped in wine when this could be achieved. Harvest and the Toy Service produced each produced a car full of food and toys respectively. We are extremely grateful to everyone for their generosity. Attendance at Midnight Mass and on Christmas Day was much improved on last year's figures, but was still not "as normal".

Sadly, it was a year when there were six funerals. We lost too many loved and respected members of our community. I particularly wish to mention here the unexpected death, in May, of Elizabeth Ridge, our PCC Treasurer. She is sorely missed. Her kindness, generosity, management of our accounts and willingness to help, even from her hospital bed shortly before she died, were so very much valued and appreciated. I have lost a good friend. We also said goodbye to Anne Wilkinson who had played many roles in our community including as Community Care welcomer and Sacristan. She was also the driving force behind the making of the cushions round the font in St Andrew's.

More celebratory were three weddings, when there was no restriction on the number of guests.

**Foodbank** – The Foodbank moved from the Carpenters, firstly to the Rows at Juniper Cottage, and then into St Andrew's again. A rota of helpers takes the contributions to Wickham Community Centre on Monday mornings now. We are very grateful to Za Rowe and Paul Buxton for coping single-handedly, before the new arrangements were devised. Sian Holiday continues to remind villagers of what is needed.

**Pop-in Book-out** – Unfortunately, Lorna Allured decided she was no longer able, after 14 years, to run the twice monthly coffee mornings in St Andrew's. She and Helen Mitchell are very much thanked for their unstinting and happy welcome to all comers. In September Linda Forrest gathered a team of helpers and re-started the Pop-In. Sadly, owing to the omicron Covid variant, it was cancelled for December. But there had been a wonderful opportunity, in the meantime, for a 93-year-old visitor to celebrate her birthday with the attendees.

**School** – Since the start of the autumn term Fr Tony has been able to visit the school regularly, on Wednesday mornings. But, unfortunately, the only church-based event the children could attend was the leavers' service at the end of the July. There were so many ill staff, off work before Christmas, that the children were unable to provide their beautiful Christmas Nativity scene, for under the altar at St Andrew's, or contribute to the toy collection.

**Churchyard** – Once again, Jeremy Carpenter and his team have made a marvellous job of caring for the churchyard and they must be thanked wholeheartedly. As must the kind people who took part in the annual Churchyard Clear-Up. Work on the conservation of the Lawrence grave, meanwhile, was able to start in November, following an extremely generous anonymous donation, and extra finance from the family and the church, added to a Church Buildings Council grant. The total budget for this is now £14,417, and rising, owing to the discovery of a central cross which was badly damaged with a cement "repair" at some stage. No other Mary Seton Watts grave-marker of this complexity is known and what we have is "very important". There is hope the Watts Gallery in Compton might provide further funding. There have been at least three visits here by Lawrence family members.

**Church Green** – Following a successful bid for S106 funding, we received over £6,000 for work on a new orchard area to the south of the footpath, north of the Green. Nicholas Ridge will be reporting on the marvellous work that has been done to clear, experimentally plant and sow, plus the movement of fences. Access from Bucks Head Hill directly onto the island has been closed. The S106 consultant, who provided a management plan, gave congratulations on the way the island has been cared for. An Agreement with the Parish Council has provided mowing for the main area, as last year. Our grateful thanks must be recorded to Nicholas, who has been working throughout the strain of his bereavement, and his team of helpers.

**St Andrew's and Corhampton Fabric** – Ian Ellis will, no doubt, include much of this in his report: The QI for St Andrew's, carried out in November, has 75 tasks to be done within twelve months and 2 to be completed within 18-24 months. Repair of ferramenta and painting the chancel feature. In Corhampton Ian has implemented repairs to the churchyard gate and a potential solution to the noisy rooks which interrupt services. Both churches have had their five-yearly wiring checks and follow up remedial work. Ian is a bit of a hero, as far as I am concerned, with all the tasks he does, great and small.

**Corhampton 2020-2021 (C1000)** – Our celebrations for the 1000th birthday of Corhampton Church have been re-badged again, in case any of the activities were to be carried out beyond 2021, and this is the case. Our festivities started in late June with a glorious display of wildflowers in Corhampton and roses in St Andrew's. An impromptu photography competition added to the fun. Fr Tony led a very special quiet day. This was then followed, having completed a mammoth risk assessment, by the most successful fete ever, raising over £9,600, and starring Luna Acrobatics and Aerial Arts. I can't thank enough the wonderful organising team of Claire Ablitt, Dawn Fielder, Laura Northwood and Lindsey Ockenden, particularly on their raising of sponsorship sufficient to ensure any overheads, in case of cancellation, had been covered. Later there were talks, folk band and cream tea, a supper with super Madding Crowd entertainment, Vox Arcis Chamber Choir with a really sumptuous finger buffet, and a magnificent exhibition of art and locally found ancient artefacts. Huge thanks go to all those who helped with catering, publicity and organisation of these events. They deserve medals. So that we could provide mulled wine, mince pies and kiddies treats at the Carols on Church Green, we organised Becky Evans Christmas Tree fundraiser for the Roberts Centre in Portsmouth, under the C1000 umbrella. This raised over £820. Lighting, for the winter months, for the path from the car park to Corhampton Church has been in use, and the noticeboard and the icon written by Lynn Judge, have both been blessed. Former Cty Cllr Roger Huxstep, who provided the majority of the funding for the noticeboard, cut the noticeboard ribbon and opened the fete. The school children's applique was kindly finished by Alison Price of MVAS, because Covid stopped the children working on it. It is currently on display in the school. Mugs and books are still available for purchase. Funders are: Awards for All, MVAS, SDNP and Winchester and Hampshire Councils.

**Paddock** – A metal detectorist, who searched the tenanted paddock, found, amongst other things, coins from 1806, 1603 and the Roman era, plus a lovely painted brooch. The trees beside the public footpath from the paddock through to Allens Lane have had major deadwood and ivy removed and had a health inspection.

**Mission** – Information has been gathered to help dementia sufferers and it is hoped to restart Messy Church and do more family outreach.

**Deanery** – Droxford's John Symes is the Benefice's representative on the Deanery Synod and Fr Tony is the clergy representative. Links with Wiawso have been re-established. There has been emphasis on three things: parishes working together, mission and a review of structures and governance.

**Finance** – The sad demise of Elizabeth Ridge, mentioned earlier, led to the Churchwarden taking on the task of Treasurer with the support of Francis Wells, from Newtown, who has also been approved to be our independent examiner. Francis has been able to develop an easily understandable system of recording our transactions. Trying to change the main contact and authorised signatories on our accounts has been a time-consuming process and, with our NatWest bank accounts, as I type this, we have moved into a Complaints Procedure following on from nearly five months of attempting to do this and set up online banking. Dealing with British Gas has been a similar ordeal and we have changed suppliers to EDF. But not before Elizabeth had gained a £700 refund from them and they had let us off a subsequent £200 bill, a bill which we have never seen. We have a Vicar in Hayling Island to thank for sorting out the problems, but not before we had both received threatening emails and letters from debt collectors and solicitors. Her church was another of those which was involved in a data base mix up. We have adopted a new reserves policy, as you will see from the accounts. On the very, very happy side, we have had an extraordinary gift from an anonymous donor to go towards several identified projects (not running costs) and we are supremely delighted that this has enabled us to take a number of steps towards getting an ecologically sound heating system, start pew heater trials, carry out the above tree work, and work on the Lawrence grave. More "projects" will follow including the ferramenta repairs. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful and generous neighbour.

**PCC Meetings** - The PCC has met four times this year, excluding the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which was held in July. Alan Reeves was not elected a full member at the APCM and has subsequently moved away. Only the September meeting and the APCM were held face-to-face. Other meetings were held on Zoom. Ali Pepper has continued to keep a good eye on safe-guarding.

**Thanks** – I have already mentioned several people who deserve special thanks, during this report, but I would like to add to them Iain Gammell, our Gift Aid Secretary; our Lay Reader, Cathy Mathews, for all that she has done, and of course our dear Rector, Fr Tony, who works tirelessly to help others and serve our community. We are so lucky to have him. I should also, of course mention, the magnificent cleaning team, the flower arrangers, the coffee servers, the sidesmen, those who lay up and clean the linen, the lockers and unlockers of the church, and Hazel Newbold who programmes the heating. Many of our helpers are taking on again tasks they had not done for some time.

It has been quite a year, with all the unusual events and the restraints of Covid, and I am sorry this report contains so many "unfortunatels". But it does have much about which we can say a huge "thank you".

Angela Peagram  
Churchwarden

14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

## MEONSTOKE AND CORHAMPTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

## ANNUAL FABRIC REPORT 2021

## St Andrews:

- 1 Ongoing projects
- a. Church Heating. A trial of two new infra red heaters has started in the Chancel to see if their heat is transmitted over 6 metres and would be appropriate for the main Nave. Several further attempts have been made to get estimates from other vendors to replace the wet heating without success at present.
  - b. An application has been made to the DAC to replace the pew heaters with more effective units. This has been passed on a temporary basis pending the heating initiative from the governing council that will allow replacements to be permanently installed, expected in early 2022. An estimate for the work is to be received shortly. There will be a need to request a Faculty prior to a full installation as additional wiring is needed to support the extra heaters and the increased output of the replacements. My thinking is that we should replace the heaters in the front three pews on either side of the Nave using the present wiring as a test to decide if the full installation would be of benefit, and then progress with the Faculty. A PCC decision on whether to approve this interim solution is needed assuming the work is less than £5k.
  - c. We have conducted the 5-yearly Electrical inspection which revealed some (expected) anomalies, mostly relating to earth leakage protection on some of our older circuits. However, some work needed to be done to upgrade more recent wiring that has not been terminated according to the relevant standards. The remedial work took place at the end of May.
  - d. The boiler has been serviced.
  - e. The fire extinguishers have had their annual service.
  - f. The faulty light and sensor package have been replaced in the toilet.
  - g. Two new lights have been installed in the Chancel and the Faculty for this activity has been closed.
  - h. No further animal activity has been noticed over the autumn period although evidence of bat droppings has again been noted by the cleaners.
  - i. Our Architect has performed a Quinquennial inspection and has submitted his report. There are a significant number of issues related to stonework and pointing externally and a number of remedial concerns over the ferramenta (steel window supports) that are corroding and cracking the stonework supporting the window. The PCC needs to authorize the commissioning of an estimate from a local Stained Glass expert for their replacement. Other elements in the QI include the redecoration using limewash inside, largely in the Chancel, and the repair of the flint wall surrounding the Churchyard, some over and above that to which the PCC has already agreed.
  - j. The gutters and down pipes have been cleared. We will repeat this work in March to be sure we have clear runs through the Summer.
  - k. The West window catch (in the Bell Tower) has been closed with a new rope.
  - l. We have finalized the work approved by the Winchester council in regard to the trees on the path to Allens Lane and the ash close to the East border adjacent to Caroline and Brian Harris's house. There remains the trunk survey of the ash near the paddock entrance to be sure that the live wood is sufficient to safely support the tree. And potentially a further inspection once the ivy has died back.
  - m. The following additions to the Terrier were made in 2021:
    - Portable Projector (Epson EH-TW 740 3LCD) and Jessops Projector Stand
    - 12 cm wooden cross in memory of Anthony J Farnell 2019 on side altar
    - Small area of wall painting around the window arch on the north wall of the west end of the nave  
Watercolour of St Andrew's by A Peagram
    - Wooden box for communion elements with leather strap and metal handle
    - 2 cream riddel curtains for main altar
    - 2 Eterna Trans plinth heaters under the raised area in from the tower vestry entrance
    - Wooden litany desk with attached kneeler, in front of the side altar
    - 30 pews in the nave
    - Blue carpet in the sanctuary area of the chancel
    - 7 BCP Clowes leather-bound books embossed with St Andrew's Church, Meonstoke, Choir
    - 1 NEB Bible inscribed S. Colman 14th March 1961 (day of publication)
    - Holy Bible with Apocrypha RV Oxford Appointed Bible to be read in Churches - The gift of BnP Bouverie Campbell Wyndham to Corhampton Church Xmas 1908
    - The lawn mower has been part exchanged for a newer model.
    - A microphone extension lead has been purchased to aid with the fete public address system.

The duplicate Marriage Registers have been moved to the Fareham Registry Office. As we have two copies of the Registers from 2018 to July 2021 for St Andrew's and for the period from 1981 to 2018 for Corhampton, we will be retaining a copy of those.

**Corhampton:**

- 1 Ongoing projects
  - a. The Church remains dry and sound. Quinquennial tasks have been put on hold for the moment.
  - b. The 5-year Electrical survey has been performed with some minor issues reported. These were addressed later in May.
  - c. The fire extinguishers have had their annual service.
  - d. The filament bulbs in the East Nave chandelier have been replaced by LED ones.
  - e. The gutters and down pipes have been cleared and will be done again in March.
  - f. The hole where the jackdaws enter to nest has been filled. It remains to be seen if they return and try to peck away at the hard foam filling or look for another nesting site. There is an option of filling the hole with a solid and strong resin if the birds are determined to claim their territory.
  - g. A significant amount of garden clearing has been done by Gregor Logan in the car park area.
  - h. The quote for a new outdoor socket has been accepted with the work taking place at the same time as the electrical remediation.
  - i. The gate post on the way to the car park has now been replaced with a new oak post and the old gate hung on new hinges.
  - j. The following additions to the Corhampton Terrier were made in 2021
    - 10 fencing barrier pins and bucket for path lighting use
    - Set of outdoor lights for path in the winter
    - A cast iron stand for the new icon.
    - Advent Candle Holder - black painted steel 3-branched brass candelabra
    - Numatic vacuum cleaner
    - Copy of Rublev icon written by Lynn Judge - 24 carat gold leaf Wooden Paschal candle stand Small slim wooden table (in Chancel)
    - An Icon has been added to the Inventory entitled 'Corhampton 1000 Icon of the Resurrection' written by Lynn Judge.

Corhampton - Removals:

- Cathedral Psalter with Chants
- Sloping Organ Stool
- Marriage Registers and Certificates. All have been given to Fareham Registry Office.

MEONSTOKE AND CORHAMPTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

CHURCH GREEN WARDEN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2021

Let's start with the bin. Thanks to a concerted effort at the start of the year on the part of the Contract Monitoring officer at Winchester; our local Councillor, and others, the bin is now emptied regularly and without fuss.

Projects:

1. On the Island, natural wildlife growth continues to be promoted, with undesirable plants being suppressed whenever possible, in favour of nice ones. Examples of undesirable plants are nettles and Hemlock Water Dropwort: nice ones are comfrey; meadowsweet, and flag iris. The aim, ultimately, is to provide a wildlife trail through the vegetation, with some information panels, with entry to the Island by invitation only, say for small parties of schoolchildren.
2. Fencing and hedgerows: All of the fences are now replaced or repaired: some new hedgerows have been planted, and gaps in existing ones filled in.
3. Section 106 Grant Works to the scrubby area supported by the S106 Grant are complete. The scrubby area was cleared out, and planted with new bulbs, seeds and plugs. Comprised within the planting scheme were 2 olive bushes and, on the Island, fig trees. A new fence line was established for the utility area. There is sufficient left within the Grant budget for the cherry trees along the path leading up to the Church to be addressed later in the year, as recommended in the Management Plan.

Volunteers:

Thanks are due to the team of volunteers, who continue to be unfailingly cheerful in carrying out their allotted duties, irrespective of how unglamorous the work is, or what the weather is like. We welcome all newcomers – there will be plenty of jobs to go round. Some work on the river bank commissioned by the Parish Council, was carried out by volunteers on the Green. The income arising was re-invested in maintenance of the Green.

Prospects for 2022:

The number of events on the Green in 2021 was necessarily constrained by COVID Restrictions, although those that did take place – eg Christmas Carols; Meonstoke, Corhampton and Exton Fete, were adjudged a success by all concerned.

We look forward to greater community use of the Green in 2022, especially when some of the new plants in the s106 Grant area emerge, laying a pretty Springtime carpet of wild flowers, and new, native vegetation on the Island grows thick and tall.

For regular updates, check the notice Boards on the Green, and consult the Facebook page *St Andrews church green, Meonstoke*. For comments and suggestions, email the Warden [andrewgreen@oakleafcottage.co.uk](mailto:andrewgreen@oakleafcottage.co.uk)

Nicholas Ridge  
Warden of the Green  
9 February 2022

MEONSTOKE AND CORHAMPTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL  
FRIENDS OF ST ANDREW'S AND CORHAMPTON CHURCHES (FOSACC)  
ANNUAL CHAIRMAN'S LETTER TO THE PCC 2021

January 2022

Dear PCC,

A reduction of the Covid restrictions in 2021 enabled FOSACC to engage in more activities than in the lockdown restrictions imposed in 2020.

FOSACC helped organize and where needed contribute financially to the C1000 events that were held in 2021, many having been postponed from 2020. In many cases ticket sales or donations exceeded expectations leaving the events self-funding and no longer requiring help from the Lottery funds. This means we have more retained funds at year end than anticipated that can now be used for other community events in 2022.

We hosted a Christmas lunch at the Bucks Head on the 13<sup>th</sup> December, inviting everyone over 60 and living alone in our combined villages. The feedback after the event was very positive, with all saying they had enjoyed good food and convivial company.

FOSACC continue to donate their annual £1,500 to the Parish to assist with the Parish's running cost of both churches. We also continue to pay for Churchyard maintenance at Corhampton. This annual contribution to the PCC budget represents more than two thirds of Friends' donations.

Yours Sincerely,  
Gregor Logan  
Chair, FOSACC

**Policies and practice**

The clergy and PCCs of the benefice continue to meet the requirement to have due regard to guidance issued by the House of Bishops on matters relating to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding continues to be a standing item on every agenda of the PCC meetings. All safeguarding policies were updated and approved in December 2020 at the Joint PCC meeting. They are all in line with the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance and meet statutory requirements whilst remaining relevant to our particular context. The next reviews will be in May 2022.

The Diocesan Safeguarding Team have introduced a new Parish Safeguarding Dashboard. This is an online tool which allows PSOs to complete an audit of safeguarding policy and practice in the parish. Following the audit, an action plan is automatically generated to assist them in maintaining and improving their safeguarding practices. The benefice has signed up to this and the audits are currently being completed by the PSO. The subsequent action plans will be shared with the PCCs in due course.

The Diocesan Safeguarding team have also recently implemented Parish Safeguarding Officer network meetings. This enables the PSO to meet up and share issues with PSOs from other parishes. These meetings are extremely helpful and are providing good opportunities to share issues with those in both similar and contrasting settings, as well as being able to ask questions from the Diocesan Safeguarding team. For example, at the most recent meeting, it became clear that many parishes have concerns about vulnerable adults in their community, a problem which has been amplified by the isolation resulting from the Covid pandemic. This may be something which PCCs would consider to be a priority in our benefice during the coming year.

**Safer recruitment**

The online system for DBS clearance is now well established. Applications for recently elected PCC members are underway, in addition to renewals where applicable. Currently, there are no other volunteers who require DBS clearance, but this is always under review. Thank you to everyone for their willingness to go through this process, your cooperation has been much appreciated.

**Training**

In April 2021, the Church of England published a new Safeguarding Learning and Development Framework. The focus of this framework is on developing a positive culture of safeguarding within the church, rather than simply focusing on process. It does mean that additional training modules may need to be completed. Some PCC members have already completed the new Foundation training module and have commented on its positive Christian perspective and usefulness. Currently, there are no other volunteers who need to complete any safeguarding training, but again, this is always kept under review.

**Safeguarding concerns and incidents**

No safeguarding concerns have been raised during the year. However, we need to maintain our vigilance to ensure the protection and well-being of everyone in our communities.

Ali Pepper  
Parish Safeguarding Officer  
February 2022

## MEONSTOKE AND CORHAMPTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

## TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT 2021

We are extremely sad to record the sudden loss of Mrs Elizabeth Ridge in May of 2021. We wish to pay tribute to her, for all she did as Treasurer and member of the PCC. This was over and above the simple Treasurer's role. She will be remembered for arranging and hosting regular soirees as well as contributing most enthusiastically to other events and encouraging us all to be generous and happy donors to our wonderful church community.

I am delighted to say that, in our hour of need, not having found a replacement Treasurer, Mr Francis Wells came to our aid. He has been able, so kindly, to help us compile our accounts, in the difficult circumstances, and has also been able to provide services as our Independent Examiner. The Churchwarden, as is required in the absence of a Treasurer, has taken on that role.

General Fund:

On the income side there has been some success in increased giving through the Parish Giving Scheme, though this is partly offset by those who have kindly transferred to the Scheme from regular Standing Order payments. The "best fete ever" was obviously a great success. On the expenditure side, our quota was over £4,300 less than in 2020. The additional churchyard upkeep costs largely relate to work on the conservation of the magnificent grave of Dorothy Marshall Lawrence. A sum of £687 has had to be written off because of insufficient documentation, which we inherited following the death of Mrs Ridge.

As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 our General Fund stood at £87,363.

Dedicated and Restricted Funds:

Thanks to an extremely generous anonymous donor, we have received a gift of £93,750, which has been set against a number of projects identified by the donor, as follows: Projector and stand (£787), tree work (£1,296), pew heater replacement and repairs (£1,800), lightning conductor matting at Corhampton (£1,125), repair of ferramenta (£3,000), Lawrence grave conservation (£3,750) and £82,000 towards improved heating for St Andrew's.

Church Green:

The SDNP has awarded the PCC a Section 106 grant of £6,050 for the making of an orchard area to the north of Church Green.

Reserves Policy:

It is the policy of the PCC to hold in general reserves the equivalent of three months' income.

It is also our policy to hold in reserves an amount for likely building works at the next quinquennial inspection. The PCC believes that, at present, we have an excess of reserves for everyday running expenses but anticipates a substantial amount of the existing reserves will be used to pay for the new heating system at St Andrew's Church.

This policy will be reviewed in twelve months' time.

2022:

In 2022 our insurance costs, electricity bills, and parish share have, of course, risen, but our biggest financial challenge will be substantial maintenance work that is needed on and around St Andrew's Church. We will be budgeting, at least, for further repairs to the churchyard wall, porch, purlin ends and ferramenta, plus further tree work, re-pointing and chancel painting, the pew heater trial (amounting to at least £10,000), the Lawrence grave conservation, and continuing S.106 work on Church Green. We are hoping to continue the roll out of the Parish Giving Scheme, which had stalled somewhat when Mrs Ridge became ill. Regular donations coming via this source are the way ahead and, very simply, enable us to carry out our mission and maintenance with a sound foundation.

Huge thanks must go to: our generous donor, Francis Wells, our Gift Aid Secretary, and the SDNP for their grant. We must also thank all those who contribute on a regular basis. Without their support, we would not be able to exist, let alone flourish.

## MEONSTOKE AND CORHAMPTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

## STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES

The members of the Parochial Church Council are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the PCC and of the surplus or deficit of the PCC for the period. In preparing those financial statements, the PCC are required to:

- i) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- ii) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- iii) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the PCC will continue in operation.

The members of the PCC are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the PCC. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the PCC and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



Antony Forrest

CHAIRMAN

Date:

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT**  
**to the members of the PCC of Meonstoke and Corhampton Churches**

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 which are set out on pages 14 to 18, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act").

**Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner:**

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

**Basis of independent examiner's report:**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. 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 usual 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

**Independent examiner's statement:**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect of 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 regulations, as also contained in the Church Accounting Regulations have not been met; or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mr Francis Wells FCA

10<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Meonwood  
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**MEONSTOKE and CORHAMPTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**for the Year ended 31st December 2021**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2021</b>	<b>Dedicated Funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2020 £</b>
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>				
Voluntary income	38,477		38,477	38,694
Income from events & activities	8,660		8,660	2,553
Investment income	771		771	744
Dedicated Donation	-	93,750	93,750	-
	<hr/> 47,908	<hr/> 93,750	<hr/> 141,658	<hr/> 41,991
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>				
Maintenance of the Church	20,868		20,868	12,292
Relating to the Work of the Church	1,324		1,324	2,825
Diocesan quota	18,698		18,698	23,047
Donations to Charity	225		225	40
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<hr/> 41,115	<hr/> -	<hr/> 41,115	<hr/> 38,204
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	6,793	93,750	100,543	3,787
<b>GAIN / (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS</b>	3,030	-	3,030	1,374
<b>NET MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS</b>	9,823	93,750	103,573	5,161
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD</b>	<hr/> 77,540	<hr/> 26,741	<hr/> 104,281	<hr/> 99,120
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<hr/> <hr/> £87,363	<hr/> <hr/> £120,491	<hr/> <hr/> £207,854	<hr/> <hr/> £104,281

*The notes on pages 16 to 18 form part of these financial statements*

**MEONSTOKE and CORHAMPTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**  
**BALANCE SHEET as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

		2021 £	2021 £	2020 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>				
4	Investments at market value		24,418	21,388
	<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		24,418	21,388
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
	Debtors			4,193
5	Cash at Banks	205,320		86,475
	<b>Total Current Assets</b>	205,320		90,668
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				
	Amounts falling due within one year:	(21,884)		(7,775)
	<b>Net Current Assets</b>		183,436	82,893
	<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		£207,854	£104,281
Represented by:				
	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>		87,363	77,540
	<b>Dedicated Funds</b>		120,491	26,741
6	<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		£207,854	£104,281

and signed on its behalf by:



Chairman:  
Antony Forrest



Churchwarden:  
Angela Peagram

*The notes on pages 14 to 18 form part of these financial statements*

## MEONSTOKE AND CORHAMPTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the year ended 31st December 2021**

**1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investment assets, which are shown at market value.

**Funds**

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available on application for the general purposes of the PCC. These include funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC.

The purpose of any restricted funds is noted in the accounts. The accounts include transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe an affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

**Incoming resources**Voluntary income and capital sources:

Collections are recognised when made.

Income tax recoverable on gift aid donation is recognised when received.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its entitlement and the likely amount due.

Other ordinary income:

Rental income from the letting of church premises is accounted for when earned.

Income from investment:

Dividends and interest are accounted for when due.

Investment gains and losses:

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31<sup>st</sup> December.

**Application of Resources**Grants:

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid.

Costs directly related to the work of the Church:

The diocesan quota or parish share is accounted for when payable and any quota due but which remains unpaid at 31st December is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Investments:

Investments are valued at market value at 31<sup>st</sup> December.

Current liabilities:

Cost of repairs and other works carried out by the PCC but not yet paid for, and provisions for costs of works about to be undertaken are shown as creditors, along with any income received in advance.

Cash at bank includes cash held on deposit either with the Central Board of Finance or at the bank.

**MEONSTOKE AND CORHAMPTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**For the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

2 INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted Funds 2021	Dedicated Funds 2021	Total Funds 2021	<i>Total Funds 2020</i>
<b>Voluntary income</b>				
Planned giving:				
Gift Aid	22,596		22,596	21,082
Income tax recoverable	5,034		5,034	5,633
Donations	9,757		9,757	9,248
Collections	1,090		1,090	1,231
Anonymous Donation		93,750	93,750	-
Grants received				1,500
	38,477	93,750	132,227	38,694
<b>Income from events and activities</b>				
Funerals and Weddings	2,933		2,933	1,258
Fete & Other Events	5,727		5,727	1,295
	8,660	-	8,660	2,553
<b>Income from investments</b>				
Dividends and interest	771		771	744
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	£47,908	£93,750	£141,658	£41,991
<b>3 RESOURCES USED</b>				
<b>Maintenance of the Church</b>				
Church Repairs	14,610		14,610	3,038
Church Green Costs	532		532	4,506
Churchyard Upkeep	2,420		2,420	
Electricity, Heating and Water	643		643	2,272
Insurance	2,663		2,663	2,476
	20,868	-	20,868	12,292
<b>Relating to the Work of the Church:</b>				
Organ, Organist and music	631		631	
Sanctuary supplies	-		-	
Joint parish expenses	544		544	565
Sundry Expenses	149		149	850
Independent examiner's fees				1,410
Share of Vicar's Expenses			-	
	1,324	-	1,324	2,825
Diocesan quota	18,698		18,698	23,047
Donations to Charity	225		225	40
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES USED</b>	£41,115	-	£41,115	£38,204

**MEONSTOKE and CORHAMPTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**for the Year ended 31st December 2021**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2021</b>	<b>Dedicated Funds 2021</b>	<b>Total Funds 2021</b>	<b>Total Funds 2020</b>
	£	£	£	£
<b>4 INVESTMENTS: Value as at 31st December 2021</b>				
CBF - Investment Fund	24,418	-	24,418	21,388
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	24,418	-	24,418	21,388
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>5 CASH BALANCES:</b>				
NatWest Current Account	15,852	93,750	109,602	16,610
Nat West Reserve Account	5,488	26,741	32,229	22,226
CAF Bank Current Account	31,989		31,989	16,146
CAF Bank Gold Account	11,021		11,021	11,003
National Savings Investment Account	20,437		20,437	20,291
Cash in Hand	42	-	42	199
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	84,829	120,491	205,320	86,475
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<b>6 ANALYSIS BY FUND</b>			<b>Total Funds 2021</b>	<b>Total Funds 2020</b>
	£	£	£	£
Investments at market value	24,418	-	24,418	21,388
Cash at bank	84,829	120,491	205,320	90,668
Current liabilities	(21,884)	-	(21,884)	(7,775)
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	£87,363	£120,491	£207,854	£104,281
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<b>7 Dedicated Funds include:</b>				
St Andrew's Renovation Fund		2,690		2,690
Try Legacy - Corhampton		20,564		20,564
Try Legacy - Meonstoke		3,487		3,487
Anonymous Donation		93,750		
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		£120,491		£26,741
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