

**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
MIDSOMER NORTON**

**ANNUAL REPORT
and
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
of the
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

for the year ending 31st December 2021

Incumbent:

Rev Guy C Scott

Bank:

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Independent Examiner:

Mr D Harvey

The PCC has adopted the safeguarding policies and procedures of The Church of England

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Background

St John's Church, Midsomer Norton has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, Guy Scott, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Membership

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission. Members of the PCC are either *ex officio* or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

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

Incumbent:	Rev Guy Scott	Chairman
Assistant Curate	Rev Philip Hopper	Appointed July 2021
Churchwardens: up to APCM 2021	Mrs Carol Moore Mrs Beth Davies	Vice-chairman Vice-chairman
Churchwardens: after APCM 2021	Mrs Carol Moore Mrs Beth Davies	Vice-chairman Vice-chairman
Deanery Synod Representatives: up to APCM 2021	Beth Davies, Colin Tincknell,	
Deanery Synod Representatives: after APCM 2021	Beth Davies, Carol Moore, Colin Tincknell, Colin Tincknell resigned February 2022	
Elected members: up to APCM 2021	Linda Broadhurst, Robert Broughton, Pat Clynes Tony Daniels, Gary Lewis, Margaret Marshall, Les Martindale, David Moore, John Shears	
Elected members: after APCM 2020	Linda Broadhurst, Robert Broughton, Pat Clynes, Sally Curtis, Heather Hill, Margaret Marshall, Les Martindale, David Moore, John Shears	
Co-opted after after APCM 2021 until August 2021	Gary Lewis	
Treasurer	John Shears	
Secretary	Margaret Marshall	
Safeguarding Officer	Gary Lewis up to July 2021 Ann Munton from August 2021	

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Committees

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. There has to be a minimum of five members, the incumbent and church wardens being *ex officio*. It is usual to have the PCC treasurer and secretary on the Standing Committee. The committee has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.

Standing Committee members
up to APCM 2021

Rev Guy Scott, Carol Moore, Beth Davies
Margaret Marshall, John Shears,

Standing Committee members
after APCM 2021

Rev Guy Scott, Carol Moore, Beth Davies
John Shears, Margaret Marshall

Standing Committee members
after 1 July 2021

Rev Guy Scott, Rev Philip Hopper
Carol Moore, Beth Davies
John Shears, Margaret Marshall

Electoral Roll and Church Attendance

There are 97 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, of whom 20 are not resident in the parish.

The Churchwardens are asked to count their congregations annually and also assess the number of regular attenders. In 2021 the number of regular churchgoers was assessed at 57. These figures partially establish the Parish Share to the Diocesan Common Fund (used mainly for clergy stipends and parsonage houses). The other factor is self-assessed ability to pay and Midsomer Norton is in category E. A new rating system was introduced in 2012 with categories ranging from A to G.

The Corona Virus (Covid-19) Pandemic

The pandemic continued into 2021 with numerous lockdown restrictions still being in place during the year.

The 09-30 service took place each Sunday during Lockdown 3 from January until Easter. During this period the government advice was that over 70's should stay at home as much as possible. This considerably reduced the number in the congregation. The services were live streamed for people at home to watch.

After Easter, the choir were allowed to sing and by July the congregation were also allowed to participate in the hymn singing. Wearing a mask was still encouraged after compulsory wearing of them was lifted. Hand sanitisers were readily available

The 8am service was re-instated on the first Sunday in September.

Review of the Year

The full PCC met 8 times during the year. One of these being an extraordinary meeting. The average attendance was 89%. The first three meetings of the year were held by Zoom because of Covid restrictions in place.

The Standing Committee met on 6 occasions between PCC meetings, and minutes of these meetings were received by the full PCC and discussed where necessary. The first two meetings of the year were by Zoom

Business matters covered, Finance, Parish Share, Church Hall, open & closed churchyards, the Parish Safeguarding Policy, Health and Safety (including the risk assessment for re-opening the church for services), St John's School, Parish Office, sound system and the quinquennial inspection which took place in May.

Father Guy proposed changing the time of the Parish Eucharist from 09-30 to 10-00, this was approved by the PCC and implemented at the beginning of July.

As Covid-19 restrictions were gradually being lifted it was possible to hold some social events in the latter part of the year. 'Songs of Praise' in church followed by a cream tea in the church hall, Harvest Lunch and the Christmas Fair were well supported.

Contributions to the Somer Valley Food Bank were welcomed when restrictions allowed.

On Saturday 25th September members of Sidmouth Parish Church Choir came and sang Choral Evensong.

Financial Statements (see separate sheets)

Report on Fabric, Goods and Ornaments (Churchwardens)

As well as all the required annual maintenance and safety inspections we are obliged to do, the following have also been done.

Church

The South & West Doors were repainted by members of the congregation in September 2021

Church Hall

In March a contractor capped and sealed off the no longer used open pipe in the chair store as required by Wessex Water, who have since inspected the work and accepted that the work is now complete.

Deanery Synod Report

Because of Covid restrictions Deanery Synod only met once last year on the 21st October, when we were invited to visit and be shown round Flourish House, the new administrative centre for Bath and Wells Diocese. The meeting started with an act of worship, new officers were appointed and the seven new clergy to the deanery were introduced, which included Guy and Kate.

At this meeting we were told about the new groupings of parishes, which means that Englishcombe has moved from the Bath Diocese to become part of Timsbury Benefice; Radstock joining Westfield under the leadership of Ian Russell and Kilmersdon joining Coleford and Holcombe under the leadership of Clarissa Cridland.

As at all meetings we were given an update on the Foodbank by Paul Woodford and a report by Nick Blythe the Bath College YFC chaplain.

Deanery Carols were held at St John's in December and we look forward to the Deanery Service being held again at St John's on the 31st July 2022.

On behalf of the PCC

Carol Moore

Date