

**Receipts and Payments Account  
for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020**



**St. Martin's Church, Fivehead**

**Benefice of Curry Rivel, Fivehead and Swell  
Ivelchester Deanery  
Archdeaconry of Wells  
Bath and Wells Diocese**

**Annual Report 2020 – 2021**

***Mission Statement for the Benefice:  
To express the love of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
through our worship and in what we do and say as the body of  
Christ, in Curry Rivel, Fivehead and Swell***

**Objectives and Activities**

St. Martin's Parochial Church Council has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector, The Reverend Scott Patterson, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It is also responsible for the maintenance of St. Martin's Church.

**Structure, governance and management**

The method of appointment of Churchwardens and PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules (Issue 2017)

All amounts in £	General Fund	Bell Fund	Fabric Fund	Year 2020	Previous Year 2019
<b>Receipts</b>					
Receipts from donors					
Planned giving	6696			6696	7466
Collections & other giving	1478			1478	2568
Income tax recovered	2198			2198	2314
Other voluntary receipts					
Donations including Grants and Legacies	169			169	517
Bank Interest on CBF Deposit a/c					
Interest paid to CBF a/c	3			3	4
Activities for raising funds					
Christmas fair and Other	2036			2036	3032
Other Income					
Special service fees / UW refund	32			32	453
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12612</b>			<b>12612</b>	<b>16354</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Church Activities					
Donations/Grants to charities	495			495	1191
Parish share	9899			9899	10999
Church running expense	2333			2333	2443
Fees for Special services	165			165	134
Management & administration					
Administration costs/Benefice & Clergy expenses	634			634	912
Major Expenditure					
Repairs to church building	552			552	870
Churchyard wall rebuild					
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14078</b>			<b>14078</b>	<b>16549</b>
Excess Payments over Receipts	(1466)			(1466)	(195)
Fund Balances at 1 January 2020(Current and Deposit)	3613	651		4264	4459
Fund Balances at 31 December 2020 (Current and Deposit)	2147	651		2798	4264

## Parochial Church Council 2020 - 2021

Rev Scott Patterson	**	Rector / Chairman
Mrs Meg Tyler		Churchwarden, resigned September 2020
Mrs Ellen Balmer	**	Churchwarden / Fundraising(ex-officio)
Mrs Trish Allen	**	Churchwarden elected September 2020
Mr Oliver Howard		Member/ Treasurer / Lay Chairman
Mrs Margaret Smith		Member
Mrs Sheila Land		Member / Secretary, resigned September 2020
Mrs Jo Ash		Member/ Deanery Synod Rep
Mrs Florence Rigg		Member, Deanery Synod Rep
Mrs Lucie Haddon		Member / Secretary elected September 2020

Churchwardens: elected for a maximum of 6 years, but 're-elected' annually.

\*\* = Standing Committee: elected annually from PCC members.

## Church Electoral Roll – 2021

Membership of the revised Electoral Roll (ER) as at 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021 is 35 (39 in 2020). One new members has joined, four have moved away from the Parish, and one has withdrawn. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll, to gain voting rights at the APCM, and to stand for election as Church Warden or PCC member.

### PCC Overview of the Year 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Representatives of the PCC have attended both Benefice Council meetings this year. The 2020 APCM was held in September, and the whole PCC met in October 2020. The pre 2021 APCM PCC meeting was held in mid April by email with the APCM and the AMP being held on 18<sup>th</sup> May. Despite continued lockdown restrictions due to Covid 19, several successful fund-raising events were held this year; two afternoon tea deliveries, cream tea in the autumn and also a Christmas tea, kindly organised by our Fund raising team, with another Easter tea delivery in March. The annual Plant Sale was adapted with an order system, and was also a very successful fundraiser; Our thanks go to Gordon Balmer for growing so many plants and for organising it. Services this year have seen considerable disruption; In their place, Zoom services were started and were well attended by members of the congregations from the whole Benefice. The Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services were organised with a ticket system so as to control numbers. The first service back in church following the latest lockdown was Mothering Sunday on 14<sup>th</sup> March.

The lighting of the village Christmas tree was a welcome sight in the Churchyard for the second year running; Our thanks go to Greenshutters for so generously donating the tree and for erecting it, and to Gordon Balmer for wiring the lights. We continue to be indebted to the band of behind-the-scenes volunteers who are willing to devote their time and energies to care for and maintain the fabric of the church and to ensure that the day to day running tasks are fulfilled to a high standard. The bell-ringers meet regularly, restrictions permitting, and we appreciate their joyful ringing in these difficult times. Mrs Jo Ash and Mrs Florence Rigg continue to attend Deanery Synod Meetings on our behalf ( restrictions permitting).

## Churchwarden's Report 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021

As always many thanks to Scott with whom we have shared a year none of us could have imagined. In 2020 we said goodbye to Meg Tyler as Churchwarden and Organist, Sheila Land as Secretary and Caroline Lumley-Frank our flower roster organizer. We thank them all for the many years service that all three have given to St Martin's. On a brighter note we gained Trish Allen as Churchwarden and Lucie Haddon as Secretary, and Margaret Smith returned to the PCC. The first Lockdown began just before our Mothering Sunday Service and coming out of the third Lockdown our first service back in church was Mothering Sunday. Between the Lockdowns we managed 16 services in church, with smaller congregations because people were shielding and not everyone felt comfortable with masks. In November Scott began Zoom Services for the United Benefice with help from Stafford on the technical side. These have been greatly appreciated and well supported by the entire Benefice. We must also thank Mervyn Wilson who took our Remembrance Day Service around the War Memorial, socially distanced and only outside as we were not allowed in the church at this time. The Fund Raising Committee managed two special tea deliveries which were very successful and Gordon Balmer ran the Plant Sale by taking orders and then delivering the plants, which proved incredibly successful. Many thanks to Gordon Balmer and not forgetting Jo Ash, Frankie Planchon and Wendy Swinburn. We would like to thank Oliver Howard, our Treasurer for keeping us well informed and on track with our finances, plus of course many thanks go to all of our PCC Members for their continued support in so many ways. Also thanks go to Douglas Hanney our Independent Examiner, Pip Brett our Electoral Roll Officer, the Sidesmen, Readers, Intercessors, Flower Arrangers, Bell Ringers and the many who help with cleaning in general.

### Treasurers Report - Financial Review 2020

The financial year 2020 shows an excess of payments over receipts of £1,466.87. We started the year with £3,653.56 in our Santander Current Account and at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 we had £2,184.09. We also have £613.68 on deposit with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund. Deposit Account Income received in 2020 amounted to £2.60 which was credited to the Deposit Account. Collection and Gift Aid Income was £2000 lower this year as a result of the Covid 19 Pandemic which closed the Church for much of the year. Fundraising also suffered but our magnificent fundraising team managed remarkably to raise over £2000 but which is £1000 lower than last year. As a result of reduced donations in Church, our Gift Aid claim for 2020 is likely to be c. £400 lower than in 2019. Expenditure was also down this year, partially as a result of changing our Electricity supplier, but also with the Church closed our electricity usage was reduced. We paid our Parish share to the Diocese in full in the sum of £9,899, which was £1,100 lower than in 2019. Total expenditure for the year was £14,078.95 and total income was £12,612.08. As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 the total net funds, including those on deposit amounted to £2,797.77 of which £651.80 is ring fenced in the Bell Fund. As the Church is again closed at the start of 2021, expenditure will be limited to essential repairs and to our other unavoidable commitments, especially Parish Share and Insurance payments.. Our Parish Share contribution for 2021 is £8,909 which is £990 lower than last year. For the present we are continuing to pay £500 pcm towards it.