

**Receipts and Payments Account  
for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**



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

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

**Annual Report 2021 – 2022**

***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 2021	Previous Year 2020
<b>Receipts</b>					
Receipts from donors					
Planned giving	8498			8498	6696
Collections & other giving	1013			1013	1478
Income tax recovered	1661			1661	2198
Other voluntary receipts					
Donations including Grants and Legacies	590			590	169
Bank Interest on CBF Deposit a/c					
Interest paid to CBF a/c	0.32			0.32	3
Activities for raising funds					
Christmas fair and Other	2747			2747	2036
Other Income					
Special service fees / UW refund	626			626	32
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15135</b>			<b>15135</b>	<b>12612</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Church Activities					
Donations/Grants to charities	600			600	495
Parish share	8909			8909	9899
Church running expense	1506			1506	2333
Fees for Special services					165
Management & administration					
Administration costs/Benefice & Clergy expenses	626			626	634
Major Expenditure					
Fabric Repairs	376			376	552
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12017</b>			<b>12017</b>	<b>14078</b>
Excess Receipts over Payments	3117			3117	(1466)
Fund Balances at 1 January 2021 (Current and Deposit)	2147	651		2798	4264
Fund Balances at 31 December 2021 (Current and Deposit)	5264	651		5915	2798

## Parochial Church Council 2021 - 2022

Rev Scott Patterson	**	Rector / Chairman
Mrs Ellen Balmer	**	Churchwarden / Fundraising(ex-officio)
Mrs Trish Allen	**	Churchwarden (ex-officio)
Mr Oliver Howard		Member/ Treasurer / Lay Chairman
Mrs Margaret Smith		Member
Mrs Florence Rigg		Member, Deanery Synod Rep
Mrs Lucie Haddon		Member / Secretary

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

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

## Church Electoral Roll – 2022

Membership of the revised Electoral Roll (ER) as at 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022 is 39 (35 in 2021). Six new members have joined and two have moved away from the Parish. 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 2021 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Both churchwardens, Ellen Balmer and Trish Allen, have attended Benefice Council meetings this year. The 2021 APCM was held in May, and the whole PCC met in June 2021, September 2021 and November 2021. The pre-2022 APCM PCC meeting was held in February 2022, with the APCM and the AMP being held on 10<sup>th</sup> May. The PCC continue to follow Diocesan Safeguarding guidance and all members will undergo refresher training in 2022. Despite intermittent lockdown restrictions due to Covid 19, some successful fund-raising events were held this year kindly organised by our fund raising team: an afternoon cream tea delivery in October, the return of the Christmas Fair in the Church, mince pies and mulled wine after the Carol Service and a Soup and Pud lunch in April. The annual Plant Sale was once again organised with an order system, and was also a very successful fund raiser; our thanks go to Gordon Balmer for growing so many plants and for organising it. Services this year have continued with less disruption than 2021 although Covid concerns have meant Sunday attendance has been consistently lower than normal. Revd Patterson took his sabbatical from 2<sup>nd</sup> August to 31<sup>st</sup> October and during this time services were kindly taken by Revd. Stafford Low in partnership with Sheila Land and Pip Brett. The lighting of the village Christmas tree was a welcome sight in the Churchyard for the third year running. Our thanks go once again to Roger Eavis at Greenshutters Nursery for so generously donating the tree, 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. The bell-ringers met less regularly this year, however we appreciate their joyful ringing on occasions. Mrs Florence Rigg continues to attend Deanery Synod Meetings on our behalf (restrictions permitting) and we thank her for her continued involvement.

## Churchwarden's Report 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Many thanks to Scott for seeing us through another year with our normal service pattern in church, masks occasionally being needed and with recorded music now a regular feature. We can now though take wine at our communion services as a matter of personal choice. The Remembrance Day Service was shared once again with the Baptist Church and their new Minister Matt Cottingham who with Stafford Low took the service between them. The service finished in the Baptist Church with refreshments being served afterwards. In March of this year our Architect Annie Evans undertook our Quinquennial Inspection of the church building and was pleasantly pleased that we have managed to keep on top of essential repairs during the last five years. The PCC also ensure that they are complying with Safeguarding regulations. The Fund Raising Committee managed more tea deliveries the last being in October. The Plant Sale in May again had to be online in the capable hands of Gordon Balmer. The Christmas Fair was back in the church. Many thanks go to our fund raising team including Frankie, Jo, Wendy, Trish and Ellen plus of course Gordon for the plants. Not forgetting all the people in the village who are so supportive and generous. Thanks also go to Oliver Howard - Treasurer, Lucie Haddon - Secretary and our PCC members - Florence Rigg and Margaret Smith. Pip Brett - Electoral Roll Officer, Lin Elphick and all the flowers arrangers, Bell Ringers, Brass Cleaners, Church Cleaners, Readers, Sidesmen and Intercessors. Doug Hanney who was our independent examiner in 2021. This year thanks go especially to Ellen Balmer who is stepping down as Churchwarden and PCC member after many years service. Also thanks to Trish Allen who will be our only Churchwarden for the coming year but knows she will be given lots of support and help from all.

## Treasurers Report - Financial Review 2021

The financial year 2021 shows an excess of receipts over payments of £3,117. We started the year with £2,798 in our Santander Current Account and at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 we had £5,301. We also have £614 on deposit with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund. Deposit Account Income received in 2021 amounted to £0.32 which was credited to the Deposit Account. Collection and Gift Aid Income was £1,300 higher this year as a result of more live services than in 2020 as a result of the pandemic. Fundraising, by our magnificent fundraising team managed remarkably to raise over £2747 which is almost on a par with a normal year. As a result of reduced donations in Church, our Gift Aid claim for 2021 was down c. £500 from the 2020 figure. Expenditure was also down this year, partially as a result of changing our Electricity supplier, but also as a result of a £1,000 reduction in Parish Share, which was paid in full in the sum of £8,909. Total expenditure for the year was £12,017 and total income was £15,135. As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 the total net funds, including those on deposit amounted to £5,915 of which £651 is ring fenced in the Bell Fund. Early in 2022 we had a Quinquennial Inspection, which has not identified any serious faults needing repair, so the repairs to the Chancel floor will be a priority for spending in the first half of the year. Our Parish Share contribution for 2022 is £8,644 which is £265 lower than last year, however we are encouraged to pay £8,816 if circumstances allow. For the present we are continuing to pay £500 pcm towards it.