



Elmdon
Church

“The Church in the Park”

Our Church in 2019

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to be held on Tuesday 20th October 2020, 7.30pm at “the Church in the Park”

Church information

Address	Elmdon Church (also known as “the Church in the Park”) Church Lane, Elmdon Park, Solihull B92 9EJ
Rector	Revd Toby Crowe Elmdon Rectory, 86 Tanhouse Farm Road, Solihull B92 9EY
Licensed Readers	Robert Dean, Richard Huss, Karen Matthews
Churchwardens	John Eyles, Morris Ross
Children’s & Families’ Worker	Kelly Purdy

The business of the Church is carried out through the Parochial Church Council (PCC). This met ten times during 2019: six regular meetings, one extraordinary meeting with the Mission Support Group, two extraordinary meetings to approve the accounts and the annual report, and one further extraordinary meeting immediately after the last APCM to appoint PCC officers. The role of the PCC is to co-operate with the Rector in promoting the mission of the church: pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical.

PCC members, 2019 - 20

Revd Toby Crowe	<i>Chair</i>
John Eyles	Churchwarden, ex officio member
Morris Ross	Churchwarden, ex officio member
Karen Matthews	Reader, ex officio member
Christine Arnsby	Deanery Synod, ex officio member
Cheryl Doyle	Deanery Synod, ex officio member
Jamie Rawson	Deanery Synod, ex officio member
Elizabeth Smye	Deanery Synod, ex officio member

Elected Members to serve until APCM in:

2020	2021	2022
Patricia Coleman-Taylor	Alan Carter	Alan Doyle
David Kimber	David Cole	Anne Milne
<i>(called to glory, 5th January 2020)</i>	Lesley Huss	Vacant
Richard Salt	Carol Janes	

Co-opted members (voting): Charlie Gibbs and Sheila Ross

Associate members (non-voting): Connor Huss and Kelly Purdy

Officers appointed by the PCC

Safeguarding	Patricia Coleman-Taylor
PCC Treasurer	Alan Doyle
PCC Secretary	Carol Janes
Minutes Secretary	Christine Arnsby
Parish Identify Verifier	Lesley Huss
Electoral Roll Officer	Patricia Coleman-Taylor

Introduction by the Rector

“Behold, I will create a new heavens and a new earth” (Isaiah 65:17).

Last year I opened these remarks by confidently asserting that, “like Easter, the cuckoo and the FA Cup, church annual meetings always come in the spring”. How wrong I was! And what a way to learn again the lesson that the world can throw our puny human plans into disarray! But God is still in control, and *His* plans do not change. He cannot be thwarted, and his purposes are always good.

This is, properly, a report on 2019; but that seems like a very long time ago now, partly because we are six months further on from when our annual meeting would usually happen, but also because the world as we now experience it seems a very different place to our cosy, pre-coronavirus existence. (Do you notice how we have already started to long for things as they used to be? But actually it was just as much a cold, broken and fallen world then: in that sense, at least, absolutely nothing has changed).

This is part of the reason why the report is shorter than it would normally be: some information just doesn't seem worth repeating any more. But it is also shorter because, although the annual report formally covers the events of the previous year, we also usually take the opportunity to look forward – to outline the ways in which the PCC expects, under God, to be working for growth in the new year, now begun. This edition doesn't seek to do that, except very briefly and in passing.

This is because we just don't know how long the current crisis will last. I think the earliest we will be able to go back to 'normal' will be next Easter; and realistically we are not planning on restarting many of our activities before next September (and it's possible that even this might prove too soon). When we do restart, an amount of rebuilding will be necessary. (Acorns, for example, will almost need to start from scratch because very few of the children who previously came will still be of the relevant age). Detailed human planning, for a future we cannot foretell, will most likely be a waste of time.

And so we wait; and then we'll step out – but into a situation whose contours we can still only guess at. In other words, if we have a plan for growth in 2020 and 2021, even more than usual, it can be described in three words: pray, pray, and pray again.

But God is good. He is still in control, and His plans do not change. He is coming, and coming soon, as our readings from Revelation in 2020 have reminded us (Revelation 21:1 quotes the words from Isaiah which stand at the top of this page). God's purposes will not be thwarted.

Then “the former things will not be remembered” (Isaiah 65:17). Even coronavirus, like every other illness, will have passed. God is still glorious, and we still give him His glory. Our privilege will be to do that for eternity, with Him, Nothing else really matters. Praise the Lord!

Toby Crowe, Rector

Safeguarding

The Church of England requires its parish churches to adopt a number of processes and policies around safeguarding. This includes the appointment of a Safeguarding Coordinator and an individual with specific responsibility for safeguarding within the Parochial Church Council (PCC). Currently Elmdon has one individual with responsibility for both of these roles.

The safeguarding requirements are determined by the National Safeguarding Team who lead on these issues for the Church of England. The Diocese of Birmingham then provide guidance to each parish on how these are to be implemented.

The instructions from the National Safeguarding Team are made with the support and approval of the House of Bishops and are designed to make sure that parish churches understand and comply with increasingly complicated legal requirements whilst ensuring that the church properly fulfils its spiritual and moral obligations. The House of Bishop's guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults can be found under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016.

At Elmdon, the Parochial Church Council oversees the management of safeguarding children and vulnerable adults in the parish and determines how best to implement the requirements with consideration to the advice provided from the Diocese of Birmingham. The PCC provides policies on Safeguarding and Domestic Violence which can be found on the Elmdon Church website and are displayed on the church noticeboard. In addition, safeguarding forms a standing item on every PCC agenda.

All staff and volunteers in roles which involve working with children or vulnerable adults are recruited according to the House of Bishops Safer Recruitment Practice Guidance. For those in eligible roles this includes us undertaking checks with the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

Training for our clergy, staff and volunteers in safeguarding matters is mandated by national Church of England requirements. The level of training required depends on the role being performed. The management of safeguarding training for clergy and staff is the responsibility of the Diocese, but the responsibility for ensuring our volunteers are trained remains with the PCC.

The national and diocesan training available for our staff and volunteers in 2019 was modular and included core and specialist modules (though in most cases only the core modules were relevant). In 2020 all this work has moved online.

Contact: Patricia Coleman-Taylor, Safeguarding Co-ordinator

Electoral Roll

The revised electoral roll was published on 1st October 2020, containing **88** names. We mourn the loss of Margaret Freeman, Dave Kimber, Dave Landreth and Irene Snape, all of whom have died since the roll was compiled in 2019. Two other names, of people who are no longer part of Elmdon Church (eg. because they have moved away), have also been removed.

Contact: Patricia Coleman-Taylor

THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Our church in 2019

In 2019 our work had three emphases, following the plan for growth outlined in the last annual report – ‘shaping’ (growing in the likeness of Christ together), ‘sharing’ (telling the good news of God’s kingdom together) and ‘supporting’ (sustaining our work and our witness together). ‘Supporting’ covers finance and property, and is outlined elsewhere in this report. ‘Shaping’ and ‘sharing’, in a nutshell, cover discipleship and evangelism.

Discipleship (‘Shaping’)

Preaching *Co-ordinated by Toby Crowe*

We began 2019 with a series entitled ‘Ancient promise, future fulfilled’, looking at the promises of God to the Patriarchs, their outworking in the Exodus, and their coming fulfilment as described in the book of Romans. We also developed a biblical understanding of creation, and our place in it, in a series entitled ‘All things bright and beautiful’ (see ‘Eco-Church’, below). We studied the book of Esther during the spring and Paul’s letter to the Galatians in the autumn. During the summer holiday we looked at ‘Saul’s missionary journey’ (Acts 9 - 13): Paul’s ministry immediately after his conversion, and before he changed his name.

Kids in Christ *Co-ordinated by Lesley Huss (school age) & Jean Eyles (toddlers & pre-schoolers)*

In 2019 we continued to run four groups for children and young people during most Holy Communion services. The sessions focused, as always, on Bible teaching and prayer, supported by various activities which were age-appropriate and which took all our differences into account. We look forward to seeing what the Lord will do in our groups, with our children, when we are able to start meeting again.

Bible study groups *Rob Dean (mixed groups), Jean Eyles (women) & Elizabeth Smye (families)*

These groups continued to meet in 2019. The Wednesday evening group, for example, looked at the biblical texts in Handel’s Messiah, while the women’s group looked at topics like the Lord’s Prayer, the book of Jude, and the Beatitudes. At the time of writing we are trying to start online provision, and look forward to relaunching our midweek groups in person in 2021.

1:1 ministry *Co-ordinated by Toby Crowe*

This is a key element in our discipleship work, to set alongside preaching and small groups. During 2019, various church members took part in mentoring training; but progress in developing this pastoral ministry has been overtaken by the lock-down in 2020, during which we have endeavoured to keep in touch with those who have been unable to attend our physical services.

Prayer group *Co-ordinated by Rob Dean*

Our Prayer Group continued to meet fortnightly in 2019, though a couple of long-standing members were no longer able to attend. We wait to see what 2021 will bring.

Prayer evening and afternoon *Co-ordinated by Toby Crowe*

Our monthly prayer meeting continued in 2019, and was joined in the summer by a small prayer meeting every Friday afternoon which has a particular emphasis on praying for the Church in Elmdon. Since lock-down began, in March 2020, these have both been replaced by a weekly prayer evening, every Tuesday on the Zoom app.

Prayer ministry *Co-ordinated by John & Jean Eyles*

We continued to offer confidential prayer after our Sunday services in 2019, though we did sometimes struggle to provide enough prayer ministers. We tried to keep 'our' area of the building free of others during this 'after-service' time, and will reinforce the need for this in 2021.

Prayer chain *Co-ordinated by Jean Eyles*

This is a group which prays through urgent and emergency prayer requests, maybe once or twice per month. Please contact us at prayer@elmdonchurch.org

Eco-Church *Co-ordinated by Lesley Huss*

Stewardship of God's creation is a biblical responsibility on all people, in which the Church should be taking a lead (Genesis 1:28). In 2019 we were pleased to be awarded the A-Rocha bronze Eco-Church status. As noted above, we also followed a sermon series looking at an appropriate Christian understanding of the creation, and our role within it: God's act of **creation** (Genesis 1), his **commission** to humanity (Genesis 1), the **catastrophe** unleashed by human sin (Genesis 3), the **confidence** he gives us of redemption to follow (Isaiah 35), the second coming of **Christ**, who makes all things new (Colossians 1) and the **conclusion** that we are promised, of a new heaven and earth (Revelation 21 & 22). We continue to pray that we might look after our site, buildings and people in a more caring manner; use fewer resources; pray more frequently for those suffering the effects of global warming; and worship the God who made all things in all of our services and in every part of our lives.

Evangelism ('Sharing')

Christian Basics courses *Co-ordinated by Toby Crowe*

In 2019 we continued to offer two regular Christian Basics courses: 'Start!' and 'Christianity Explored'. For the first time, we ran the Start! course in the church building during the day, aimed at Acorns parents and carers. Take-up on all courses remained small, however, and we continue to acknowledge the truth that people are far more likely to attend if invited by a person they already know. So we continue in our desire to see the church's own confidence grow in sharing the good news of Jesus with our families, friends, neighbours and work colleagues; and we look forward to supporting one another to do this, both now and when we can get back to 'normal'.

Open Church *Co-ordinated by Morris & Sheila Ross*

This is our evangelistic event on a Sunday afternoon when we offer (free) refreshments and share the good news of Jesus with those who come in. We struggled in 2019 to provide sufficient personnel to make the most of the opportunities we were given, and we need to pray carefully for wisdom in deciding how best to proceed in the future. Committed Christians would be most welcome to join us in this valuable ministry.

Parish visiting *Co-ordinated by John Eyles & Rob Dean*

This is our programme of door-to-door visiting around the parish. We went out once a month during the lighter months in 2019, and we look forward to starting again when circumstances permit.

Acorns *Co-ordinated by Kelly Purdy, Children's & Families' Worker*

Our attendance numbers continued to grow in 2019, to the point where we came close to turning people away on several occasions. We regularly had 30 - 35 children. This threw up questions for us about how we could continue to effectively evangelise attendees when we were effectively spending our time on crowd control. For this reason, we expect things to look a little different when we finally start again: our focus will be more intentionally on quality interactions, rather than on increasing numbers of attendees.

Roots & Shoots *Co-ordinated by Kelly Purdy*

Although this group had great potential, it never really ignited as a monthly event because we did not have the wherewithal to publicise it properly. We therefore decided in early 2019 to do it just three or four times a year (Easter, harvest, Christmas and perhaps one other); and to investigate different ways of spreading the word to families which would be a more effective use of our time and resources.

Weddings and funerals *Co-ordinated and led by Toby Crowe*

Numbers of weddings continued to drop in 2019, as (in a less pronounced way) did funerals. We are now in a very different world to the one in which a previous Rector could boast that he and other Elmdon Church ministers took 99% of the parish's funerals. This is all in line with national trends (and actually our funerals have held up better than many churches', perhaps because of the considerable relational work we have done with funeral directors). It will be interesting to see how things change as a result of the 2020 pandemic.

Schools work *Co-ordinated and led by Toby Crowe*

Toby, our Rector, continued to lead assemblies in all our schools during 2019. He and another church member were also active on school governing bodies, and we continue to encourage other Christians to consider this valuable act of service as well. Besides governor work, we are unlikely to have much of a presence in schools again until 2021.

Social media *Co-ordinated by Richard Huss and Emma Crowe*

This work continued in 2019, but has really come into its own during 2020. Since the lock-down started, besides online services we have provided weekly song compilations and videos for toddlers & pre-schoolers. Toby, our Rector, has led daily Bible reflections, working his way through Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges and the two books of Kings. At the time of writing, we are upgrading our broadband provision to allow a more reliable live-streaming of services on a Sunday.

LOOKING AHEAD...

The future will doubtless hold great opportunities and great challenges. The coming of HS2 means that we will see many new residents moving in, some of whom will be looking for a gospel church to join. There will be Christians elsewhere in Solihull and East Birmingham who would also like to join such a church, but who do not know we are here: this is one reason why we need to build our social media profile. The sale of the Gaydon Road and Coppice Road sites will potentially release a large amount of capital for investment in kingdom work.

On the other hand, as we emerge from the pandemic in 2021 (God willing), there will be an amount of rebuilding to be done. It could be that September 2021 will have something of the feel of a completely fresh start. If that happens, we want to make the most of it; and we pray that we will know a deeper discipleship, and be more effective evangelists, than we were before. In all things, Father God, may we see revival here! Bring us new people, we pray!

***“O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth” (Psalm 8:1)***

The work beyond Elmdon

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is committed to promoting the mission of the worldwide church, and has appointed a Mission Support Group (MSG) to help it in this work. MSG members are currently Rob Dean, Lesley & Richard Huss, Allan Jones and Elaine Malkin.

The group aims to:

- Encourage interest in mission elsewhere and share news of our mission partners.
- Work to build an understanding of the global church as interdependent and interconnected, with ourselves and those working overseas seen as partners together in the gospel.
- Encourage prayer for our mission partners and raise funds to support their work.
- Raise people's expectations so that support for mission elsewhere is seen not as an add-on 'extra' to our main work in Elmdon, but an integral part of what we do.

During 2019 the PCC and MSG participated in a mission consultation, facilitated by Crosslinks, helping us to think through the theological basis of mission support. We then followed this up in PCC meetings and resolved afresh to partner with other Christians, working in different contexts and places, praying for them (and them for us), giving financially, and supporting one another in any way we could. One practical realisation of this was our decision to recommit to giving 10% of our church's income away to partners elsewhere.

Our mission partners in 2019 were Gift and Kathryn Asiku, working for Wycliffe Bible Translators in Uganda (who visited us in April); Francis Sender, our Crosslinks BEST study partner from Tanzania, studying for an MA in Uganda; CPAS, a charity resourcing UK churches; Send a Cow and Tearfund (development charities working in many countries); Helping Hands (our local foodbank); and the Fishermen's Mission, who held their annual conference with us again in June.

Contact: Richard and Lesley Huss

Hatchford Brook Churches Together (HBCT)

The churches represented, besides ourselves, are Lyndon Methodist Church; St Mary's, Hobs Moat; the Redeemed Christian Church of God; St Giles, Sheldon; St Thomas More and Sheldon Community Church.

The aim of HBCT is to be a visibly united witness of faith in Christ Jesus, and to dispel myths and confusion among outsiders and members caused by our separateness and differences in style. We seek to fulfil Christ's command in John 13:35: 'By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another'.

We support each other in prayer and other ways in order to win people for Christ. Activities in 2019 included a united service in January to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, a united 'Soup and Roll' lunch with in Lent, a 'Walk of Witness' on Good Friday (led by Lyndon and SCC), an Easter Sunday Sunrise service (led by Elmdon) and Christmas carol singing in Tesco, Sheldon, where we handed out leaflets and engaged in brief conversations.

At the annual meeting we heard from Chris Taylor of "the Filling Station". This is an time of worship and prayer, with a charismatic evangelical emphasis, that meets in Hampton Manor Hotel and is open to all.

Contact: Christine Arnsby

OUR FINANCES

The PCC is responsible for the church's finances, though it delegates management of these to the PCC Treasurer, Alan Doyle.

There are also separate accounts for the two freestanding halls, now defunct. In 2019, one of these was managed by the PCC Treasurer and the other by Tony Shaw on the PCC's behalf. Expenditure from these accounts is approved by the PCC before work is commissioned, though in 2019 the PCC did allow small amounts of routine expenditure (eg. utility bills) to be paid by certain officers and appointees without further reference to it. No further money will be paid out of these accounts except to cover critical maintenance costs, insurance and matters relating to their disposal. A fabric account for the parish is overseen by Alan Doyle.

Income

Most of our income comes through stewardship, which includes direct debits, envelope-giving, cheques, standing orders, covenants, Gift Aid, plate collections and donations. Other sources of income have typically been wedding and funeral fees plus (in the past) legacies, the fun day and Christmas bazaars and social events.

Our costs will continue to rise in the future, but we remain committed to paying the full cost of the Rector's stipend and to giving 10% of our income away to our various mission partners. Our next goal is to be able to contribute to the ministry costs of other churches, in poorer areas.

We must therefore plan and budget for a continued increase in giving in the years ahead. This will ensure, not only our own financial viability, but also that we can bless other churches in more straitened situations and places. We pray for even more generosity from existing church members, and for many new people to join us as well, that they might become sacrificial givers in their turn.

Fees paid for church work

In 2019, the church paid an organist's fee for weddings and funerals at which the organ was played. A verger received a fee for duties carried out at these services, and a sexton was paid a fee for digging plots for the interment of cremated remains.

Financial Reserves Policy

The Charity endeavours to maintain finances at an appropriate level to facilitate day-to-day activities and also to finance upkeep of our buildings

***“What does the LORD require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God” (Micah 6:8)***

OTHER INFORMATION

Our buildings

We currently have responsibility for three properties. Our main building is in the middle of Elmdon Park and is known as “the Church in the Park”. The Sunday service is held here, as well as all baptisms, weddings, and funerals. We also own two freestanding church halls, both constructed in the 1960s and with very significant issues related to their age and usage. Until 2019 we ran small midweek services in both; but since these ended, neither building has been used for church activities. They were due for closure and disposal in 2021; following the failure of their electrical inspections in early 2020, they have now both closed a year early. We still expect both sites to be sold in 2021, and are currently taking legal and other advice in relation to this. (It remains possible that we will retain part of the Coppice Road site, perhaps for the construction of a small storage facility).

The freestanding halls are vested in the Birmingham Diocesan Board of Trustees who hold property on behalf of (and acting in the interests of) Parochial Church Councils in the diocese. The Elmdon Parochial Church Council owns the properties and are the Managing Trustees.

PCC membership

Under the Church Representation Rules, and since the publication of our new Electoral Roll in 2019, we have been entitled to nine elected PCC members. Since the last APCM one elected member (Dave Kimber) has been called to glory. Two others have resigned. In 2020, two members come to the end of their term but are eligible for re-election if they wish to stand. We were already short of three elected representatives. There are currently therefore five vacancies.

It is always open to the APCM to change our standing orders, and perhaps decide that, with effect from APCM 2021, we should have just six elected members, two of these six being elected every year thereafter. What do church members think about this suggestion?

Every year the PCC appoints a Standing Committee, which meets as necessary and reports to the next meeting of the PCC. Its members in 2019 were Toby Crowe (Rector), John Eyles (Churchwarden and PCC Vice-Chair), Morris Ross (Churchwarden), Carol Janes (Secretary) and Alan Doyle (Treasurer). The members of the PCC are aware of the Charity Commission guidance on public benefits in 'the Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit' and have had regard to it in their administration of the PCC. The PCC believes that by promoting the work of the Church of England in the parish of Elmdon it provides a benefit to the public by:

- providing a facility for public worship and pastoral care both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church can offer; and
- promoting Christian values and services by members of the Church and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole

“To live is Christ and to die is gain” (Philippians 1:21)

Annual Report of the Elmdon Parochial Church Council for 2019

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO ELMDON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (THE PCC)

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2019 which are set out on pages 11 to 22.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Jeremy Kitson ACA
Prime Chartered Accountants
Corner Oak
1 Homer Road
Solihull
B91 3QG

Date:

ELMDON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - GENERAL FUND
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Notes	2019		2018	
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
<i>Voluntary Receipts</i>					
Planned Giving	5	48,041		52,975	
Collections and Donations		<u>4,883</u>		<u>5,974</u>	
			52,924		58,949
<i>Receipts from Activities for generating funds</i>					
B'ham International Airport Grant		-		-	
Teas		656		1,445	
Sundry Income		<u>2,719</u>		<u>526</u>	
			3,375		1,971
<i>Receipts from Church Activities</i>					
VAT refund on building work		6,159		-	
Wedding and Funeral Fees		<u>1,427</u>		<u>5,991</u>	
			7,586		5,991
<i>Receipts from Investments</i>					
Investment Income	6		<u>989</u>		<u>1,017</u>
Total receipts			64,874		67,928
Payments					
<i>Church Activities</i>					
Apportionment	7	48,780		43,069	
Building repairs		1,660		-	
Charities	8	2,508		4,258	
Church running expenses		100		780	
Church and Churchyard	9	12,449		16,921	
Printing, postage and stationery		1,612		2,563	
Sundry Expenses	10	<u>801</u>		<u>452</u>	
			67,910		68,043
<i>Governance costs</i>					
Accountancy			<u>1,656</u>		<u>1,608</u>
Total payments			69,566		69,651
Transfers to / (out of) general fund			3,000		(3,491)
(Deficit)/Surplus of Receipts/Overpayments			<u>(1,692)</u>		<u>(5,214)</u>
Bank Balances 1 January			<u>6,066</u>		<u>11,280</u>
Bank Balances 31 December			<u>4,374</u>		<u>6,066</u>

ELMDON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - RESTRICTED FUND
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Notes	2019		2018	
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
<i>Voluntary Receipts</i>					
Collections and Donations		<u>19,039</u>		<u>2,126</u>	
			19,039		2,126
<i>Receipts from Activities for generating funds</i>					
Sundry Income		<u>-</u>		<u>1,875</u>	
			-		1,875
<i>Receipts from Church Activities</i>					
Wedding and Funeral Fees		<u>1,203</u>		<u>3,626</u>	
			<u>1,203</u>		<u>3,626</u>
Total receipts			20,242		7,627
Payments					
<i>Church Activities</i>					
Church running expenses		1,592		4,260	
Church and Churchyard	9	<u>-</u>		<u>34,166</u>	
Total payments			1,592		38,426
Transfer from general funds			-		8,611
(Deficit)/Surplus of Receipts/Overpayments		<u>18,650</u>		<u>(22,188)</u>	
Bank Balances 1 January		<u>-</u>		<u>22,188</u>	
Bank Balances 31 December		<u>18,650</u>		<u>-</u>	

**ELMDON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - DESIGNATED ACCOUNT
- FABRIC FUND**

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	£	2019	£	2018	£
Receipts					
<i>Voluntary Receipts</i>					
Transfer from Funds			-		-
<i>Receipts from Church Activities</i>					
Weddings & Funeral Fees			643		420
<i>Receipts from Investments</i>					
Interest on CBF Appeals Fund			<u>10</u>		<u>7</u>
Total receipts			653		427
Payments					
<i>Church Activities</i>					
Transfer between funds			-		-
Music Fund		299		295	
Building Repairs		3,996		-	
Wedding fees costs		183		-	
Total payments	-----		<u>4,478</u>	-----	<u>295</u>
(Deficit)/Surplus of receipts/overpayments			<u>(3,825)</u>		<u>132</u>
Bank Balances 1 January			<u>5,403</u>		<u>5,271</u>
Bank Balances 31 December			<u>1,578</u>		<u>5,403</u>

**ELMDON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - DESIGNATED ACCOUNT
- VALLEY CHURCH CENTRE**

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	2019		2018	
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
<i>Voluntary Receipts</i>				
Donations		-		-
 <i>Receipts from Church Activities</i>				
Income from organisations	6,766		8,536	
Outside Bookings	2,006		1,897	
Miscellaneous	90		20	
	-----		-----	
		8,862		10,453
 <i>Receipts from Investments</i>				
Bank Interest		8		5
		-----		-----
Total receipts		8,870		10,458
 Payments				
<i>Church Activities</i>				
Hall cleaning	2,050		1,665	
Maintenance and repair	638		147	
Light and Heat	2,639		2,918	
Water	101		101	
Insurance	1,005		838	
Sundries	39		38	
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Total payments		<u>6,472</u>		<u>5,707</u>
 Transfer between funds		 3,000		 5,120
 Deficit of receipts over payments		 <u>(602)</u>		 <u>(369)</u>
 Bank Balances 1 January		 <u>18,281</u>		 <u>18,650</u>
Bank Balances 31 December		<u>17,679</u>		<u>18,281</u>

**ELMDON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - DESIGNATED ACCOUNT
-ST STEPHENS HALL USERS**

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	2019		2018	
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
<i>Receipts from Church Activities</i>				
Rents	8,155		8,629	
Functions	285		180	
Grants and Donations	74		155	
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	8,514		8,964	
 <i>Receipts from Investments</i>				
Interest Received		<u>16</u>		<u>9</u>
 Total receipts		 8,530		 8,973
 Payments				
<i>Church Activities</i>				
Insurance	2,905		2,918	
Water Rates	219		288	
Telephone	195		204	
Electricity	1,984		2,153	
Cleaning	1,352		1,352	
Fire Security	327		318	
Maintenance	506		353	
Sundry	<u>39</u>		<u>81</u>	
 Total payments		 <u>7,527</u>		 <u>7,667</u>
 (Deficit)/Surplus of receipts/overpayments		 <u>1,003</u>		 <u>1,306</u>
 Bank Balances 1 January		 <u>14,605</u>		 <u>13,299</u>
 Bank Balances 31 December		 <u>15,608</u>		 <u>14,605</u>

ELMDON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	General £	Designated £	Restricted	2019 Total £	2018 Total £
Receipts					
Planned Giving	48,041	-	-	48,041	52,975
Collections & Donations	4,883	-	19,039	23,922	8,100
Teas	656	-	-	656	1,445
Sundry Income	2,719	-	-	2,719	2,401
Wedding & Funeral Fees	1,427	643	1,203	3,273	10,037
Investment Income	989	33	-	1,022	1,038
VAT refund on Building Work	6,159	-	-	6,159	-
Income from Organisations	-	6,766	-	6,766	8,536
Outside Bookings	-	2,006	-	2,006	1,897
Miscellaneous	-	90	-	90	20
Rents	-	8,155	-	8,155	8,629
Functions	-	285	-	285	180
Grants & Donations	-	74	-	74	155
Total Receipts	<u>64,874</u>	<u>18,052</u>	<u>20,242</u>	<u>103,168</u>	<u>95,413</u>
Payments					
Apportionment	48,780	-	-	48,780	43,069
Decorations Scheme	-	-	-	-	-
Church Projection System	-	-	-	-	-
Charities	2,508	-	-	2,508	4,259
Church Running Expenses	100	-	1,592	1,692	5,040
Church & Churchyard	12,449	-	-	12,449	51,087
Printing, Postage & Stationary	1,612	-	-	1,612	2,563
Sundry Expenses	801	560	-	1,361	865
Accountancy	1,656	-	-	1,656	1,608
Building Maintenance & Repairs	1,660	5,139	-	6,799	500
Cleaning	-	3,402	-	3,402	3,017
Light & Heat	-	4,623	-	4,623	5,071
Water	-	320	-	320	389
Insurance	-	3,910	-	3,910	3,756
Telephone	-	195	-	195	204
Fire Security	-	327	-	327	318
Total Payments	<u>69,566</u>	<u>18,476</u>	<u>1,592</u>	<u>89,634</u>	<u>121,746</u>

**ELMDON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AT 31 DECEMBER 2019**

	Total	General	Restricted	Designated
	£	Fund	Fund	Funds
	£	£	£	£
Monetary Assets				
CBF deposit fund	21,300	277	18,650	2,373
Bank current accounts	27,507	3,170	-	24,337
Bank deposit accounts	<u>9,084</u>	<u>929</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,155</u>
	57,890	4,376	18,650	34,865
Investments (at valuation at year end)				
CBF Share Portfolio	33,445	33,445	-	-
CBF Fixed Interest	<u>205</u>	<u>205</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>91,540</u>	<u>38,026</u>	<u>18,650</u>	<u>34,865</u>

Other Assets

**Properties vested in the Birmingham Diocesan Board of Trustees on behalf of the PCC:
St Stephens Church Centre and Valley Church Centre**

ANALYSIS OF DESIGNATED FUNDS

	Total	Fabric	Valley	St Stephens
	£	Fund	Church	Hall Users
	£	£	Centre	£
CBF deposit fund	2,373	1,398	975	-
Bank current account	24,337	181	16,590	7,566
Bank deposit account	<u>8,155</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>8,041</u>
	<u>34,865</u>	<u>1,579</u>	<u>17,679</u>	<u>15,607</u>

These Financial Statements were approved by the Parochial Church Council on

..... and signed on behalf of the Council by:-

-----Chair

-----Churchwarden

-----Churchwarden

ELMDON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations issued in 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis, the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) and the Charities Act 2011.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any special restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the PCC.

The accounts include monetary transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible. They do not include the accounts of other Church groups that owe an affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Subject to the above, receipts and payments include income as received and expenditure when irrevocably paid. Income Tax recoverable in respect of the year to 31 December is included in the receipts and payments accounts.

Non-monetary donations to the PCC are not included in the receipts and payments accounts, because they are incapable of being recorded at definite amounts. Where material, such items are referred to in the Annual Report.

All assets and liabilities are in respect of unrestricted funds.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

The following assets are recognised as being under the ownership of the PCC but are not included in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

- Movable church furnishings held by the church wardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal.
- Land and buildings held on behalf of the PCC.
- Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment where the PCC is free to dispose of such assets without faculty.
- Any other amounts owing to the PCC including church hall lettings and insurance claims.
- Legacies where formal notification of entitlement and amount has been received at 31 December by the PCC.
- Income Tax recoverable from HM Revenue & Customs in respect of Gift Aid donations received after 31 December in the year.

Opening and Closing bank balances are shown in the receipts and payments accounts.

**ELMDON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

2. DESIGNATED FUNDS

The Fabric Fund is designated (i.e. to be used solely) for the purpose of maintaining and improving the Parish Church.

The Valley Church Centre Funds are designated for the purpose of maintaining, running (and now decommissioning) the church hall, previously known as the Valley Church Centre, situated at Gaydon Road, Solihull.

St Stephens Hall Users Fund is designated for the purpose of maintaining, running (and now decommissioning) the church hall, previously known as the St Stephens Church Centre, situated at Coppice Road, Solihull.

3. REMUNERATION

No person connected with the Parochial Church Council has been paid or is due to be paid any remuneration or other benefits from the Funds of the PCC.

4. TRANSACTIONS WITH CONNECTED PERSONS

There have been no material transactions undertaken in the name of or on behalf of the Council in which any person connected with the Council has a material interest.

5. PLANNED GIVING

	2019	2018
	£	£
Gift aid receipts	30,392	28,693
Income tax recovered	8,466	15,155
Other giving	<u>9,183</u>	<u>9,127</u>
	<u>48,041</u>	<u>52,975</u>

**ELMDON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

6. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2019	2018
	£	£
CBF Deposit account interest	8	8
CBF Dividends	926	903
Interest on Reserve fund	<u>55</u>	<u>106</u>
	<u><u>989</u></u>	<u><u>1,017</u></u>

7. APPORTIONMENT

	2019	2018
	£	£
Paid Direct	<u><u>48,780</u></u>	<u><u>43,069</u></u>

8. CHARITIES

	2019	2018
	£	£
Christian Relief, Development and Agencies	475	424
Churches overseas	2,033	2,830
Home Missions	<u>-</u>	<u>1,004</u>
	<u><u>2,508</u></u>	<u><u>4,258</u></u>

**ELMDON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

9. CHURCH AND CHURCHYARD EXPENSES

	2019	2018
	£	£
Maintenance and repairs	766	39,772
Water rates	460	399
Telephone	209	205
Light and heat	4,046	3,677
Insurance	2,853	2,797
Sundries	3,934	1,903
Wine, candles etc	96	142
Curate's House Rent	-	1,875
Christian Literature	10	242
Readers' Board	<u>75</u>	<u>75</u>
	<u>12,449</u>	<u>51,087</u>

10. SUNDRY EXPENSES

	2019	2018
	£	£
Fete floats	-	-
Other Sundry Expenses	<u>801</u>	<u>452</u>
	<u>801</u>	<u>452</u>

The Fabric Report

From your Churchwardens in 2019 - 20: John Eyles & Morris Ross

During 2019 we made temporary repairs to the Trocal flat roof. Please pray that these continue to hold and that we can stay dry until the funds are available for re-roofing.

The inset walls in the Wilberforce Hall were plaster-boarded and noticeboards mounted on them. Some electrical snagging was required in the new kitchen in order for it to pass its Electrical Installation Condition Report.

The under-floor space was mostly cleared, though some work was left to be done in 2020.

Statutory requirements for the 1780 building and 1970s extension were met, most notably the Quinquennial Inspection (QI) which was carried out in June 2019 and the Electrical Installation Condition Report. Our portable appliance and fire equipment certification was also kept up to date.

Outstanding tasks were the commissioning of an asbestos survey (though no asbestos has been found so far) and the inspection of the fuel tank and bund. These remain to be done at the time of writing.

Replacement lighting in the upstairs area and Wilberforce Hall was well received and continues to work well; we should now be looking at upgrading the lighting in the toilets (preferably using motion detector lights), entrance corridor and Poplar Room. The downstairs lighting needs an upgrade but this will require funds in the order of £15,000 to do the job properly.

The stonework needed only minor repairs in 2019 and, following both the QI Report and a stonemason's review, we agreed that no further urgent works were needed.

We made plans for the relocation of the organ console to a raised platform at the back of the nave downstairs (in order to make the upstairs space more suitable for the uses to which it is put); but this work has so far been put on hold awaiting funds and the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions.

“Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him”

(Hebrews 9:27 - 28)

Deanery Synod 2019

A report from your representatives

Christine Arnsby, Cheryl Doyle, Jamie Rawson & Elizabeth Smye

June 2019

Yardley & Bordesley and Solihull Deaneries met together at St Peter's, Balsall Common, to discuss the suggestion that the two deaneries should be joined as part of a proposed new structure in the Diocese, overseen by a full-time Area Dean. The meeting started with a short act of worship led by Solihull Area Dean, Toby Crowe, who introduced Ven. Simon Heathfield, Archdeacon of Aston, and Andrew Halstead, Diocesan Secretary, supported by Gary Killeen, 'People and Places' programme manager. It was agreed that the proposals should be taken back to PCCs for their consideration.

October 2019

Yardley & Bordesley and Solihull Deaneries met again, this time at St. Mary's, Acocks Green. The Yardley & Bordesley Area Dean, Andrew Bullock, welcomed everyone. Simon Heathfield and Gary Killeen gave an update on progress in the 'People and Places' initiative. Deirdre Moll, for Solihull, and Andrew Bullock then gave an overview of their respective deaneries to help inform our understanding of each other's challenges and possibilities. The meeting noted that PCCs were unanimously in favour of the deaneries combining. We were informed that the Bishop would now begin a formal process of consultation.

Later progress

Following the Bishop's consultation, the two deaneries formally combined on 1st January 2020, under the name of Yardley and Solihull Deanery. Advertisements for the full-time Area Dean's role were published but nobody was appointed in the first round of interviews. The process was then put on hold because of lock-down; but it started again in summer 2020 and further interviews have now taken place. It is hoped that a new Dean can be announced at the APCM. Until he or she takes up the post (most likely in early 2021) Andrew Bullock and Toby Crowe will continue to act as co-Deans.

Also in 2020

The Synod of the new Deanery (comprising the members of the two previous synods) met at St Christopher's, Springfield, in March. We were welcomed by the vicar, Revd Tom Thomas. The synod voted unanimously to endorse a motion from St Peter's, Balsall Common, that ***the Diocesan Board of Finance be asked to consider its investments to ensure they meet ethical and eco-friendly objectives and by implication at least to offer churches depositing funds with them the option to invest in a 'green fund'***. Beryl Moppett (St Helen's, Solihull) also gave an update on 'Eco-Church'.

"... only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life" (Revelation 21:27)

MINUTES OF THE 2019 ANNUAL MEETINGS

held on 29th April 2019 at Elmdon Church, “the Church in the Park”

Apologies (11) were received from Emma Crowe, Charlie Gibbs, Lesley Huss, Karen Matthews, Mary Reynolds, Helen Salt, Val Shaw, Graham Smye, Nita Stallard, Margaret Thomas and Marilyn Walton.

Attendance (35):

Christine Arnsby	Cheryl Doyle	Pat Lyons
Moyra Bate	Frank Evans	Elaine Malkin
Sarah Baldwin	Jean Eyles	Karen Matthews
Lynda Bird	John Eyles	Anne Milne
Alan Carter	John Horton	Kelly Purdy
Gill Carter	Richard Huss	Sheila Ross
David Cole	Carol Janes	Morris Ross
Patricia Coleman-Taylor	Rod Janes	Richard Salt
Toby Crowe, <i>Rector & Chair</i>	Allan Jones	Anthony Shaw
Joy Dean	Pauline Jones	Elizabeth Smye
Rob Dean	Dave Kimber	Jean Wooding
Alan Doyle	Sue Kimber	

A ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

A1 Bible study

Revd Toby Crowe welcomed everybody and spoke from John 4:1 - 26 before leading the meeting in prayer for the Lord's work in Elmdon.

A2 Minutes of the previous meeting

Jean Eyles and Tony Shaw moved *that the previous minutes be adopted*. Agreed with six abstentions.

A3 Election of Church Wardens

John Eyles was nominated by Gill Carter and Moyra Bate.

Morris Ross was nominated by Kelly Purdy and Carol Janes.

There were no other nominations. John and Morris agreed to stand as wardens for the coming year and were therefore appointed.

A4 Thanks were expressed to the outgoing wardens, Cheryl Doyle and Anne Milne, after their long years of service.

A5 Wardens' period of tenure

Richard Huss and Pat Lyons moved *that the resolution passed by the Meeting of Parishioners, held on 24th April 2006, suspending Section 3 of the Churchwardens Measure 2001, be revoked*. Agreed unanimously.

B ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)

B1 Minutes of the previous meeting, 24th April 2018

Jean Wooding and Jean Eyles moved *that the previous minutes be adopted*. Agreed with five abstentions.

B2 Accounts and Financial Statements

There were no questions.

B3 Electoral Roll Revision

The new roll contained 93 names. Toby said that this more accurately reflected the membership of the church. He was encouraged to see new people and families starting to come on to the roll.

B4 Safeguarding

There were no questions.

B5 Mission of the Church

Rob Dean noted that attendance at regular prayer events was disappointing, particularly in regard to parish-visiting. Kelly Purdy reported that work with children and families was progressing. It was generally felt that the away-day organised by Charlie Gibbs was hugely beneficial to those who came, and thanks were expressed to Charlie for her work. Toby spoke about our work in schools.

B6 Fabric Report

There were no questions.

B7 Deanery Synod

Toby spoke about the proposed 'super-deaneries' and the appointment of a new, full-time Area Dean.

B8 Appointment of Readers as ex-officio PCC members

Richard Huss and Pat Lyons moved *that Karen Matthews be appointed as an ex-officio member of the PCC*. Karen having previously expressed her willingness to serve, this was now agreed unanimously.

B9 Election of lay representatives to PCC

Toby said that there were two vacancies.

Anne Milne was nominated by Elizabeth Smye and Moyra Bate.

Alan Doyle was nominated by Anne Milne and Richard Huss.

There were no other nominations and both were duly appointed.

B10. Appointment of independent examiners

Alan Doyle and Tony Shaw moved *that Prime Chartered Accountants be appointed for 2019 - 20*. Agreed unanimously.

Agenda for the Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Tuesday 20th October 2020, 7.30pm at Elmdon Church, *“the Church in the Park”*

Meeting of Parishioners

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the previous Meeting of Parishioners, Monday 29th April 2019
3. Election of Churchwardens

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

1. Bible study and opening prayer
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the previous Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Monday 29th April 2019
4. Accounts and financial statements
5. Report on the revised Electoral Roll
6. PCC report: The Mission of the Church
7. Fabric report
8. Deanery Synod report
9. Appointment of such Readers as wish to become members of the PCC
10. Election of up to five lay representatives to the PCC
11. Appointment of independent examiner
12. Closing prayer

First meeting of the new Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Election of:

1. Lay Vice Chair
2. Secretary
3. Treasurer
4. Electoral Roll Officer

Date of next PCC meeting: TBC