

**St MARGARET'S CHURCH  
DRAYCOTT LE MOORS**

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT  
JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2021.**

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THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING  
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## 1. St. MARGARET'S PCC

### Aims and Purposes.

St Margaret's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Rector, the Revd. Jonathan Roberts, in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, and specifically fulfilling the PCC's Mission Statement – Glorifying God; Following Jesus; Growing Disciples; Transforming Communities'. This is undertaken in various ways and in cooperation with St Peter's Forsbrook, who share the same Ministry Leadership Team (as an independent legal parish, St Peter's is not covered by this report).

The PCC is specifically responsible for the maintenance of the parish church of St Margaret's.

### Administrative Details.

St Margaret's Parish Church is located in the ecclesiastical parish of Draycott-le-Moors, covering the communities of Draycott-le-Moors, Cresswell and Totmonslow.

**Location:** Church Lane, Draycott-le-Moors, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9AG

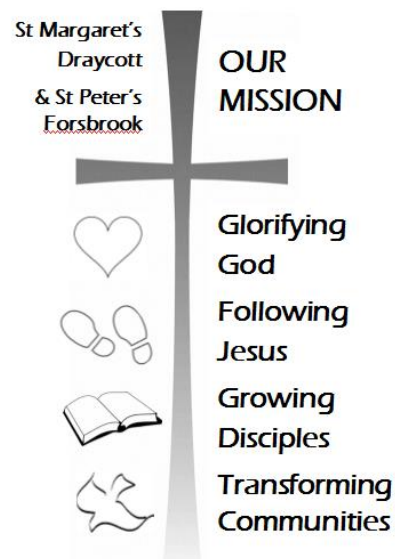
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### Composition of St Margaret's Parochial Church Council (PCC) 2021:

#### Ex-officio Members:

**Rector:** Revd. Jonathan Roberts Chair of the PCC

**Curate:** Revd. S. Crossley

**Licensed Readers:** Mrs Kate Bradshaw and Deanery Synod rep. 2020/2023

**Church Wardens:** Mr A. J. Fletcher

Mrs J. H. Meller and Deanery Synod rep. 2020/2023

**Deanery Synod rep 2020/2023:** Mr D. Meller.

#### Elected Members:

P. Clarke 2019-2022

S. Edwards 2019-2022

W. Mears 2020-2023

J. Thompson 2020-2023

C. Wibberley 2020-2023

S. Hughes 2021-2024

M. Edwards 2021-2024 Vice Chair, Treasurer

M. Pointon 2021-2024

*Members of the PCC are elected in accordance with Canon Law at the APCM*

## **PCC Constitution.**

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England and the PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Measure. The PCC is excepted by order from registering with the Charity Commission.

## **Objectives and Activities.**

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship in our parish church and to become a part of the community of St Margaret's. This is undertaken according to the doctrines and structures of the Church of England.

The PCC maintains an overview of worship, the care of the church building and mission. Our worship is led by a Ministry Leadership Team. We were able to thank Christine Stevenson for her many years of service in playing the organ and are grateful for the continued ministry of Barry Berks as our organist.

Mission and ministry with children, young people and their families within the benefice is led by a part-time Children's and Youth Leader, whose time is shared with the local Methodist church.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

## **Mission**

Our (benefice) Mission Statement reminds us that it is not the church of God which has a mission in the world, but the God of mission who has a church in the world.

As two churches, we are united around the **cross** of Jesus Christ, which is why this symbol is at the centre. Our mission can be summarised in four statements:

**Glorifying God** is the aim of every Christian (1 Corinthians 10:31). We seek to bring him the glory due to his name through our **WORSHIP** – both corporately when we gather together (Revelation 4:9-11) and in our individual lives (Romans 12:1-2).

**Following Jesus** is the Christian life. Jesus called people to follow him unreservedly when he lived on earth, and today he continues to invite us with the same call – 'follow me' (Matthew 4:19). Responding to his call is the life of **DISCIPLESHIP** which is both costly and rewarding (Mark 8:34-35).

**Growing Disciples** is at the heart of the reason for the church's existence. In his final words to the disciples before his ascension, Jesus commanded his followers to make disciples (Matthew 28: 19-20). It has always been God's intention that his people should draw others to himself and **EVANGELISM** and **DISCIPLESHIP** should be a normal and expected part of our life corporately and individually. Spiritual growth in people, however, is God's work (1 Corinthians 3:6-8) and he graciously invites us into that process.

**Transforming Communities** is the outcome for which we hope and **PRAY** as we seek to be ambassadors for Christ in the communities to which we belong. Jesus reminds us that we, as his people, are to be salt and light - agents of transformation – in places where there is moral decay



and spiritual darkness (Matthew 5:13-16). We **PRAY** for the coming of God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

### **Achievements and Performance.**

We have continued to respond to the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic which has really dominated our life as churches and as a community. Thanks to the rolling out of the vaccination programme, we have slowly been able to reduce the restrictions in place, meeting regularly for worship and other events and serving the community in relation to some life events. Some of the other reports in this document will highlight these more clearly.

The PCC has met in person during the year in socially distanced ways and sought to meet its responsibilities with diligence.

Key areas of mission and ministry have included:

- A mixed economy of 'online' and 'in-person' worship and outdoor stations of the cross in Holy week (lower churchyard).
- Connect groups
- Pastoral care networks
- Occasional office

## **2. ELECTORAL ROLL OFFICER'S REPORT (January to December 2021).**

The year opened with 52 members on St Margaret's Electoral Roll.

Sadly we lost one member during the year and at the close there were 51 members on the roll.

J. Moore.

## **3. REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF St. MARGARET'S PCC, (January to December 2021).**

The Covid 19 pandemic continued to disrupt everyday life.

The first meeting in 2021 of St Margaret's Parochial Church Council (PCC), was held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021, in the Church, it was the Annual Meeting of Parishioners.

### **25th May 2021 Annual Meeting of Parishioners.**

The minutes of the previous APM were approved by all those present.

There being no other candidates and having agreed to stand for a further term, Mr A. J. Fletcher and Mrs J. H. Meller were duly elected by all present as Churchwardens of St Margaret's for 2021/2022.

### **25th May 2021 Annual Parochial Church Meeting.**

The minutes of the previous APCM were approved by all those present.

Prior to the meeting the Trustees Annual Report had been circulated by email to all PCC members and had been accepted. Revd. Roberts explained that the rules regarding the qualification of ex-officio members had changed. This affected three members who would no longer be classed as ex-officio but could stand for election to the PCC. All three declined to be put forward for election. Three other members whose membership was expiring had agreed to stand for a further three-year term, and were duly elected.

The appointment of an independent account examiner has deferred.

### **25<sup>th</sup> August 2021 PCC meeting.**

Minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020 were approved and signed as being an accurate record of events.

This being the first meeting after the APCM, volunteers were appointed to various posts until the APCM for 2022.

BlackRock Common Investment Fund have still not released our £461.20. The Rector and Treasurer will continue to attempt to get the money released.

Payment of the Parish share was discussed. A resolution to re-instate a standing order from September 2021 in the sum of £300.00 per month in favour of Lichfield Diocese towards the current Parish Share, was approved by all present.

Our Covid19 precautions are still in place in line with the Government and Church of England rules and regulations.

Ecclesiastical, our insurers, have sent a risk management report that requires action and work has started on a reply.

### **6<sup>th</sup> October 2021 PCC meeting.**

Minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2021 were approved and signed as being an accurate record of events.

Ways of funding the post of Rector's administrator were discussed. The PCC proposed to pay a lump sum of £500.00 and pay £50.00 per month from January to December 2022. Revd. Roberts to present our proposals to St Peter's PCC and report back.

The final profit from the Summer Fayre was £3335.000.

Discussions are still ongoing with BlackRock Common Investment Fund.

Discussions with Revd Roberts and the Diocese regarding the parish share are ongoing.

Tiles that have slipped down the Vestry roof have been replaced.

Water ingress on the south wall of the church is being monitored.

Revd. Roberts to contact St Peter's independent examiner to see if he will act on our behalf for the period January to December 2021.

The Parish Council have erected bollards around an area adjacent to the main road and Church Lane. A PCC member has drafted a letter for the PCC to send to Parish Council suggesting that is action may; cause inconvenience to parishioners; be a health and safety problem to people using the public footpath; that the Parish council may not have followed the rules on consultation prior to carrying out the work. The PCC declined to send the letter.

### **24<sup>th</sup> November 2021 PCC meeting.**

Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021 were approved and signed as being an accurate record of events.

The PCC agreed to hold the annual Summer Fayre over the weekend of 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

The Safeguarding Representative has informed the Tower Captain of the relevant procedures following a request by a minor to be trained as a bellringer.

The PCC agreed pay a lump sum of £4000.00 towards the 2021 Parish share.

St. Peter's agreed to accept our proposal towards the cost of the Rector's administrator.

Sealant paint has been applied to the church roof where it is suspected water is infiltrating.

The firm of Wood Goldstraw and Yorath are to carry out a quinquennial inspection in May/June 2022.

A complaint had been received regarding maintenance of the ground and hedges of the middle churchyard. The complainant was informed that as a closed churchyard maintenance of this area was the responsibility of Staffordshire Moorlands District Council, and complaints should be addressed to them.

No date was set for the next meeting.

D. Meller.

PCC secretary.

January 2022.

#### **4. REPORT ON THE YEAR'S PROCEEDINGS OF THE PARISH .**

##### **a) Youth & Children's Discipleship Enabler Report (January to December 2021).**

Throughout 2021 our focus has been '**thrive**' – a year in which, as children, young people, families and a community of God, we don't just survive, but we flourish and prosper.

Jesus said, "a thief comes to steal and kill and destroy, but I came to give life – life in all its fullness." (John 10:10)

The hope for this year was for everything to return to 'normal' (whatever that is) and in part we seem to be at least heading in the right direction. After 17 months **x:cite** returned to St. Peter's as part of the 10am service, **Friday Club** and **Youth Fellowship** returned to meeting as whole groups at Blythe Bridge Methodist Church (via a cold stint outside on William Amory's yard – thank you so much Mr Wilken for allowing us to use the space), and **God Squad** managed to get together at McDonalds and in my garden.

It's not always been easy, and I'm sure everyone's stress levels have been high, but with some creative re-workings and some warm clothing we've worked hard at keeping everyone safe as well as encountering God together. We created '*x:cite @ home*' as a creative resource for families to use alongside the 10am online service and throughout the week based on the Bible reading, and I have no idea how we kept it going for so many weeks – Margaret and Archie were the super-stars that kept me almost sane over the months and I'm super-grateful for their input, skills and putting up with my perfectionist tendencies.

It's a great encouragement that although numbers dropped when we were online, many children and young people returned, as if we hadn't been apart, when we were able to be in the same space again. I continue to thank God for the relationships we've had for years and the new ones we're building as we rediscover the love of being together. I believe we're thriving more as we reconnect with each other as community, and it's a huge blessing to us all.

Sophie continues to be amazing with her creative talents in leading the **Messy Church** team. We've discovered that by meeting outdoors, church has become more visible and although it might not always be as warm, we don't want to lose the benefits of being a visible presence in the community. That said, the opportunity to gather together for a short act of worship in St. Peter's (with Jonathan the Christingle) in December was wonderful too. I'm sure 2022 will see more of a 'hybrid' approach (especially in the Summer 😊).

It was wonderful to be able to welcome the **Year 7s** for their (streamlined) Christmas Service at St. Peter's again this year, even with some seating adaptations, and continue to keep in touch with ways we can support the whole school. Weekly Collective Worship videos have been produced and distributed to **Forsbrook** Primary and **Springcroft** for use in school and at home. Sam and I even managed to make it in to see the whole school at Forsbrook one Thursday before everyone went back into 'bubbles' and we look forward to less restrictions and more opportunities to do that again in 2022. Our ongoing relationships with local schools continue to be strong and as I look back over the year, I realise we're in a stronger position to continue to impact our local schools and community than many other churches – it's not a competition, but I take great encouragement that we're not starting from scratch as we step into 2022.

Funding what we do is rarely straightforward, and this year we have been blessed to have received continued funding towards my salary from The Henry Smith Charity and funds to help us run Friday Club and Youth Fellowship well during the pandemic from Staffordshire Community Foundation, on top of generous regular giving from individuals. I am personally grateful and know the children and young people in our community are closer to God, to church and to each other as a result. Thank you!

In 2022 we're looking forward with *hope*; remembering to focus on God as the source of our *hope* as we are expectant about what God might do in and through us.

I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in Him and that by the power of Holy Spirit you will abound in hope and overflow with confidence in His promises

Romans 15:13

Chrissi Thompson

### **b) Bell Ringers' Report (January to December 2021).**

During 2021 the rules regulations and guidelines with regard to bellringing and Covid 19 have been adhered to. I have been called upon to ring at two funerals and I have rung a solitary bell before nearly all the 10.00 am Sunday morning services.

With the help of my wife Pauline, I spent two days in early February giving the bell chamber a general clean out, mostly sand that had fallen off the stonework inside the chamber, I also filled in some areas with fibreglass, to stop the sand dropping to lower floors. I also lubricated the clapper pivots and tightened the clapper fittings inside the bells.

Mr Ray Daw has suggested that the nuts and bolts that secure the two halves of each bell wheel would be best replaced with new nuts and bolts. The ones in place at the moment are rusted and could disintegrate, resulting in damage to the bell wheel. I hope to do this soon.

John Clarke.  
Tower captain.



### **c) Church Flowers and Cleaning Report (January to December 2021).**

For many years Joyce Moore has organized the church cleaning and flowers as well as participating in both events. She has informed the Rector that she would prefer not to continue. On behalf of the Rector and the PCC I thank Joyce for organizing the flowers, cleaning and all the other work she has put into St Margaret's over the years.

Covid has had far reaching affects on all aspects of daily life, not least on church cleaning and flowers – both of which have been severely curtailed. In line with Covid regulations for 2021 the church has been devoid of ornaments and access limited to authorized persons.

During 2021 with Joyce's help and guidance I took on responsibility for cleaning the church and on occasions I had help from other church members. As the threat of Covid started to recede and the rules and regulation changed, at the end of 2021 I was in a position to start to organizing a cleaning rota until December 2022.

(This report has been written in March 2022 and I have been fortunate enough to assemble several teams to keep the church clean and provide flowers).

Jane Meller.

### **d) Rector's Report (January to December 2021).**

This has been an unpredictable and challenging year for many of us in different ways as we have sought to follow Jesus both individually and as a church.

A pandemic which has continued far longer than any of us would have imagined has brought great challenges and also great opportunities and reminds me of the need to *'run with perseverance the race marked out for us, keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith'* (Heb 12:1-2).

The challenges of the pandemic have rippled through our lives personally and as a church. Many have struggled with a feeling of isolation and loneliness; some have had to bear the pain of bereavement; others a sense of loss in other ways or feeling disoriented. We are reminded that the Christian life does not lift us out of suffering but directs us on in our discipleship as we follow the suffering servant who *'for the joy that was set before him endured the cross'* (Heb 12:2).

The pandemic has also presented opportunities to think about what really matters in our own lives and in the life of our church and world. Such priorities, such as the need to care for each other, the need to root ourselves in the Bible and the need to be a source of hope and help to those inside and outside the church, both practically and spiritually, have emerged continually in different ways. I am grateful for those in our church families who have been those voices of hope and models of prayerfulness.

The continued mission and ministry of our churches has been possible because of the faithful giving of our members in terms of our time, talents and treasure. It is impossible to single out individuals for thanks because of the great number of people who have contributed to God's work here in so many different and varied ways. I hope that if you have been able to serve in any way this year, visibly or behind the scenes, you will accept my expression of sincere thanks here, both personally and on behalf of those who have been blessed by you.

As we continue our journey as God's people in this place, we do so with a sense of lament for what has been lost, thankfulness for what God has provided and taught us and anticipation for what is to come. We will need to cultivate attentiveness to the promptings of the Spirit and prayerful trust in Jesus Christ as he leads his church into the coming year.

**Jonathan Roberts**  
**Rector**

#### **e) Connect/Zoom Bible Study (January to December 2021).**

'Connect' continued to meet during the first part of the year online, through Zoom, with both morning and evening sessions functioning with a combined number of 16 being involved. This was quite an encouraging number and several people who previously had been unable to be involved in the in-person sessions were able to participate through Zoom. However it was a great relief and source of joy when we were able, in late summer, to meet again in person with both the morning and evening sessions at St Margaret's and St Peter's recommencing . The first study we completed was on the Bible's teaching on 'Contentment' followed by a study on what Biblical teaching is on the Church. Both the morning and evening sessions have attracted between eight and twelve people a week which is a pleasing number. We pray that as we continue to move forward post covid others will return as well as new people joining. Participants continue to say how important the sessions are for them in their growth as Christian disciples.

Last year we set out our hopes for the future of Connect and, with hope and confidence in God, we carry them through in to the coming year.

1. It would be wonderful to have more people on the rota to lead the Bible Studies [even just once every couple of months would be great]. Those volunteering don't have to be a trained expert as detailed leaders' notes are provided.
2. Above all though we would like more people to come along and share in the Bible studies and to bring their own unique insights and life stories to the groups. We share and learn together.
3. It would also be good, if anybody felt God's leading, to offer their home for a group to meet at some other time. Help would be given to anyone willing to lead such a group.

Above all we pray for the Lord of the Scriptures to continue to use Connect as a major way for the church community to grow in discipleship and in the love of His Word.

C. Lilley.

#### **5. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE PCC**

Including:

- Statement of Financial Activities
- Analysis of receipts and payments
- Balance sheet.

## Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA), Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

|  | Unrestricted      | Designated | Restricted | Last Year         | This Year         |
|--|-------------------|------------|------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Receipts</b>                          |                   |            |            |                   |                   |
| Planned giving                           | £6,248.75         | -          | -          | £5,009.20         | £6,248.75         |
| Collections and other giving             | £1,422.95         | -          | -          | £213.10           | £1,422.95         |
| Other voluntary receipts                 | £1,591.62         | -          | -          | £2,662.65         | £1,591.62         |
| Gift Aid recovered                       | -                 | -          | -          | £5,221.91         | -                 |
| Other receipts                           | £6,372.37         | -          | -          | £3,553.10         | £6,372.37         |
| Investment income                        | -                 | -          | -          | £86.48            | -                 |
| Receipts from church activities          | £5,238.50         | -          | -          | £987.00           | £5,238.50         |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                    | <b>£20,874.19</b> | -          | -          | <b>£17,733.44</b> | <b>£20,874.19</b> |
| <b>Payments</b>                          |                   |            |            |                   |                   |
| Cost of generating funds                 | £3,076.53         | -          | -          | £20.00            | £3,076.53         |
| Missionary and charitable giving         | £216.00           | -          | -          | £95.00            | £216.00           |
| Parish Share                             | £5,200.00         | -          | -          | £6,000.00         | £5,200.00         |
| Clergy and staffing costs                | £996.00           | -          | -          | £615.52           | £996.00           |
| Church running expenses                  | £6,414.12         | -          | -          | £7,607.75         | £6,414.12         |
| Church hall maintenance                  | -                 | -          | -          | -                 | -                 |
| <b>Total payments</b>                    | <b>£15,902.65</b> | -          | -          | <b>£14,338.27</b> | <b>£15,902.65</b> |
| <b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources</b> | <b>£4,971.54</b>  | -          | -          | <b>£3,395.17</b>  | <b>£4,971.54</b>  |
| <b>Total funds brought forward</b>       | <b>-</b>          | -          | -          | <b>£20,691.47</b> | <b>-</b>          |
| <b>Total funds carried forward</b>       | <b>£4,971.54</b>  | -          | -          | <b>£24,086.64</b> | <b>£4,971.54</b>  |
| <b>Represented by</b>                    |                   |            |            |                   |                   |
| Unrestricted                             |                   |            |            |                   |                   |
| General fund                             | -                 | -          | -          | -                 | -                 |
| Designated                               |                   |            |            |                   |                   |
| Outside Lighting fund                    | -                 | -          | -          | -                 | -                 |
| CCLA Fabric fund                         | -                 | -          | -          | -                 | -                 |
| CCLA Churchyard fund                     | -                 | -          | -          | -                 | -                 |
| Restricted                               |                   |            |            |                   |                   |
| Bond-Building fund                       | -                 | -          | -          | -                 | -                 |
| Interest-Building fund                   | -                 | -          | -          | -                 | -                 |
| <b>Total funds</b>                       | <b>-</b>          | -          | -          | <b>-</b>          | <b>-</b>          |

## Analysis of receipts, Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

|  | Unrestricted      | Designated | Restricted | Last Year         | This Year         |
|--|-------------------|------------|------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Receipts</b>                                      |                   |            |            |                   |                   |
| <b><u>Planned giving</u></b>                         |                   |            |            |                   |                   |
| 0101-Gift Aid-Bank                                   | £2,070.00         | -          | -          | £2,084.00         | £2,070.00         |
| 0110-Gift Aid-Envelopes                              | £3,746.65         | -          | -          | £2,561.70         | £3,746.65         |
| 0201-Other planned giving                            | £432.10           | -          | -          | £363.50           | £432.10           |
| <b><u>Planned giving totals</u></b>                  | <b>£6,248.75</b>  | <b>-</b>   | <b>-</b>   | <b>£5,009.20</b>  | <b>£6,248.75</b>  |
| <b><u>Collections and other giving</u></b>           |                   |            |            |                   |                   |
| 0301-Loose plate collections                         | £681.95           | -          | -          | £213.10           | £681.95           |
| 0501 One-off Gift Aid gifts                          | £741.00           | -          | -          | £598.32           | £741.00           |
|  | <b>£1,422.95</b>  | <b>-</b>   | <b>-</b>   | <b>£811.42</b>    | <b>£1,422.95</b>  |
| <b><u>Other voluntary receipts</u></b>               |                   |            |            |                   |                   |
| 0410-Giving through church boxes                     | £148.80           | -          | -          | -                 | £148.80           |
| 0550-donations appeals etc                           | £981.62           | -          | -          | £985.23           | £981.62           |
| 0701-Legacies  | -                 | -          | -          | £1,000.00         | -                 |
| Dole   | £461.20           | -          | -          | -                 | £461.20           |
| <b><u>Other voluntary receipts totals</u></b>        | <b>£1,591.62</b>  | <b>-</b>   | <b>-</b>   | <b>£1,985.23</b>  | <b>£1,591.62</b>  |
| <b><u>Gift Aid recovered</u></b>                     |                   |            |            |                   |                   |
| 0601-Tax recoverable on Gift Aid                     | -                 | -          | -          | £5,221.91         | -                 |
| <b><u>Gift Aid recovered totals</u></b>              | <b>-</b>          | <b>-</b>   | <b>-</b>   | <b>£5,221.91</b>  | <b>-</b>          |
| <b><u>Other receipts</u></b>                         |                   |            |            |                   |                   |
| 0901-Other funds-Summer Fayre                        | £6,334.00         | -          | -          | £3,553.10         | £6,334.00         |
| <b><u>Refunds</u></b>                                | <b>£38.37</b>     | <b>-</b>   | <b>-</b>   | <b>-</b>          | <b>£38.37</b>     |
| <b><u>Other receipts Totals</u></b>                  | <b>£6,372.37</b>  | <b>-</b>   | <b>-</b>   | <b>£3,553.10</b>  | <b>£6,372.37</b>  |
| <b><u>Investment income</u></b>                      |                   |            |            |                   |                   |
| 1001-Dividends                                       | -                 | -          | -          | £86.48            | -                 |
| <b><u>Investment income totals</u></b>               | <b>-</b>          | <b>-</b>   | <b>-</b>   | <b>£86.48</b>     | <b>-</b>          |
| <b><u>Receipts from church activities</u></b>        |                   |            |            |                   |                   |
| 1101-Fee for weddings and funerals                   | £5,224.00         | -          | -          | £824.00           | £5,224.00         |
| Agency fees for weddings and funerals                |                   |            |            | £163.00           | -                 |
| Coffee   | £14.50            | -          | -          | £79.10            | £14.50            |
| <b><u>Receipts from church activities totals</u></b> | <b>£5,238.50</b>  | <b>-</b>   | <b>-</b>   | <b>£1,066.10</b>  | <b>£5,238.50</b>  |
| <b><u>Receipts Grand Totals</u></b>                  | <b>£20,874.19</b> | <b>-</b>   | <b>-</b>   | <b>£17,733.44</b> | <b>£20,874.19</b> |

## Analysis of payments, Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

| Payments  | Unrestricted          | Designated | Restricted | Last Year             | This Year             |
|---|-----------------------|------------|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b><u>Cost of generating funds</u></b>                  |                       |            |            |                       |                       |
| 1730-Costs of fetes & other events                      | £2,923.94             | -          | -          | £20.00                | £2,923.94             |
| Food  | £152.59               | -          | -          |                       | £152.59               |
| <b><u>Cost of generating funds totals</u></b>           | <b>£3,076.53</b>      | <b>-</b>   | <b>-</b>   | <b>£20.00</b>         | <b>£3,076.53</b>      |
| <b><u>Investments</u></b>                               |                       |            |            |                       |                       |
| CCLA  | £216.00               | -          | -          | -                     | £216.00               |
| <b><u>Home Mission</u></b>                              |                       | -          | -          | £95.00                | -                     |
| <b><u>Missionary &amp; charitable giving totals</u></b> | <b>£216.00</b>        | <b>-</b>   | <b>-</b>   | <b>£95.00</b>         | <b>£216.00</b>        |
| <b><u>Parish share</u></b>                              |                       |            |            |                       |                       |
| 1910-Ministry parish share etc                          | £5,200.00             | -          | -          | £6,000.00             | £5,200.00             |
| <b><u>Parish share totals</u></b>                       | <b>£5,200.00</b>      | <b>-</b>   | <b>-</b>   | <b>£6,000.00</b>      | <b>£5,200.00</b>      |
| <b><u>Clergy and staffing costs</u></b>                 |                       |            |            |                       |                       |
| 2001-Assistant staff costs                              | £520.00               | -          | -          | £249.31               | £520.00               |
| 2002-organist fees                                      | £240.00               | -          | -          | £240.00               | £240.00               |
| Clergy fee and expenses                                 | £236.00               | -          | -          | £126.21               | £236.00               |
| <b><u>Clergy and staffing costs totals</u></b>          | <b>£996.00</b>        | <b>-</b>   | <b>-</b>   | <b>£615.52</b>        | <b>£996.00</b>        |
| <b><u>Church running expenses</u></b>                   |                       |            |            |                       |                       |
| 2301-Church running insurance                           | £3,049.11             | -          | -          | £3,004.65             | £3,049.11             |
| 2320-Organ/piano tuning                                 | £134.00               | -          | -          | £274.00               | £134.00               |
| 2330-Church maintenance                                 | £535.14               | -          | -          | £1,558.36             | £535.14               |
| 2340-Upkeep of services                                 | £133.37               | -          | -          | £133.60               | <b>£133.37</b>        |
| 2350-Upkeep of churchyard                               | £334.05               | -          | -          | £292.76               | £334.05               |
| 2360-Administration                                     | -                     | -          | -          | £211.08               | -                     |
| 2401-Church running-electric                            | £474.00               | -          | -          | £604.70               | £474.00               |
| 2420-Church running-water                               | -                     | -          | -          | £99.72                | -                     |
| 2430-Church running-oil                                 | £1,754.45             | -          | -          | £721.88               | £1,754.45             |
| LDBF-Agency Fees/2019 & 20                              |                       | -          | -          | £707.00               | -                     |
| <b><u>Church running expenses totals</u></b>            | <b>£6,414.12</b>      | <b>-</b>   | <b>-</b>   | <b>£7,607.75</b>      | <b>£6,414.12</b>      |
| <b><u>Church hall maintenance</u></b>                   |                       |            |            |                       |                       |
| 2801-Hall repairs                                       | -                     | -          | -          | -                     | -                     |
| <b><u>Church hall maintenance totals</u></b>            | <b>-</b>              | <b>-</b>   | <b>-</b>   | <b>-</b>              | <b>-</b>              |
| <br><b><u>Payments grand totals</u></b>                 | <br><b>£15,902.65</b> |            |            | <br><b>£14,338.27</b> | <br><b>£15,902.65</b> |

## Balance sheet, Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

|                              | as at<br>31.12.2020 | as at<br>31.12.2021 |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Current assets</b>        |                     |                     |
| 6501: Bank current account   | 3,716.97            | 8,746.76            |
| 6590: Cash in hand           |                     | -                   |
| CCLA account -<br>fabric     | 1,221.44            | 1,438.10            |
| CCLA account - Forrester A/C | <u>19,148.23</u>    | <u>19,158.20</u>    |
| <b>Total current assets</b>  | <u>24,086.64</u>    | <u>29,343.06</u>    |
| <b>Liabilities</b>           |                     |                     |
| 6699: Agency collection      | <u>-</u>            | <u>-</u>            |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>     | <u>-</u>            | <u>-</u>            |
| <b>Net Asset Surplus</b>     | <u>24,086.64</u>    | <u>29,343.06</u>    |
| <b>Reserves</b>              |                     |                     |
| Excess / (deficit) to date   | 3,395.17            | 4,971.54            |
| Starting balances            | <u>20,691.47</u>    | <u>24,086.64</u>    |
| <b>Total Reserves</b>        | <u>24,086.64</u>    | <u>29,058.18</u>    |
| <b>Represented by Funds</b>  |                     |                     |
| Unrestricted                 | 3,369.51            | 8,746.76            |
| Designated                   | 1,221.44            | 1,438.10            |
| Restricted                   | 19,148.23           | 19,158.20           |
| Bells                        | <u>347.46</u>       | <u>-</u>            |
| <b>Total Funds</b>           | <u>24,086.64</u>    | <u>29,343.06</u>    |

Difference is the accumulated interest on the CCLA Accounts

Signed     M Edwards  
Signed     D M Corbishley

Treasurer  
Independent Reviewer

## **Gift Aid report Tax Year April 2020 to March 2021.**

Gift Aid is a scheme in which charities can claim back Income Tax paid by donors on their gifts to the Church. We are very grateful to all donors who pay tax and register with St. Margaret's as it boosts our income without more expense to the givers.

Gift Aid envelopes are now used by 20 people from the congregation, therefore, for every £10 collected in this way we receive £12.50.

The White envelopes for Gift Aid Donations are to be found on the table at the back of the Church are also well used, not only by regular givers but by people attending special services and also Funerals, Weddings and Baptisms. It is important that these are completed correctly with the Name, Address and Postcode of the givers.

Five people choose to make their regular donations directly into our bank account. If you would like to consider this method of payment please speak to Mary Edwards for our Bank Account details.

We also collect Gift Aid on Freewill giving envelopes and money put on the plate at every service that has at least 10 people attending

Our grateful thanks go to the faithful band of people who count the collection week by week and accurately record all the giving on the relevant stationery.

Mary Edwards.

Gift Aid Secretary.

## **6. REPORT ON THE FABRIC OF ST MARGARET'S (January to December 2021).**

The fabric of St Margaret's has required some attention during the year.

A number of tiles on both sides of the roof of the Lady Chapel have slipped down. Fortunately none were damaged and they have been put back in place and secured.

There was evidence of water ingress down the south side of the church wall. Mr J. Clarke has treated the area of the roof where it is suspected the water is coming in. There have been no further problems and the area is being monitored.

Covid impacted very strongly throughout the year, firstly the church services which were drastically reduced and also the numbers of people allowed to attend.

Bell ringing practice was suspended and only one ringer was allowed in the tower to ring prior to services.

Following the relevant Covid guidelines the congregation were unable to integrate after services and there were no refreshments on offer.

There has been an impact on finances as fewer people have attended church, therefore service offerings were down, though some of the congregation donated by standing order.

There were eight funerals and these were seriously affected as Covid rules limited the number of people who could attend, and some services were held at the graveside.

One wedding took place during the summer months.

Churchyard – there are issues with the poor maintenance of the churchyard mown by Staffordshire Moorlands Council contractors, resulting in many complaints and no action by the Council. The lower churchyard and cremation area, these have been better maintained by members of the church.

Easter saw the erection of a wooden cross in the lower churchyard. There were well defined mowed paths in the grass to allow access to various scripture notices leading to the cross in the centre. It was well received and visited by many people in the community.

Covid restrictions had a great affect on the Christmas Carol Service. It was reduced in length, and masks were worn throughout the service. To allow adequate ventilation throughout the building there was a need to have the doors open so the body of the church was not light by candles this year to avoid the splashing of candle wax.

A. J. Fletcher.

J. H. Meller.



### **Section 3 of the Churchwardens Measure 2001**

A. J. Fletcher and J. H. Meller have now served six consecutive years as Wardens at St Margaret's and under Section 3 of the Churchwardens Measure 2001 are disqualified from serving again.

See below the extract of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners at which a resolution was passed to disapply Section 3 of the Churchwardens Measure 2001.

#### **From the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (formally known as the Annual Vestry Meeting) meeting 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021.**

“5. Any other business.

i). Resolution to disapply section 3 of the Churchwardens Measure 2001 in the Parish of St Margaret's Draycott in the Moors.

ii). Revd. Roberts explained to the meeting that under Section 3 of the Churchwardens Measure 2001, wardens who have served 6 successive periods of office as are disqualified from serving again, however, AMP/AVM can pass a resolution to disapply this rule. If this resolution was passed the disapplication would take effect from the following year's AVM meeting.

iii). On a proposal by M. Pointon, seconded by M. Edwards, all present agreed to the resolution to disapply Section 3 of the Churchwardens Measure 2001 with effect from the 2022 AVM meeting.

iv). After the acceptance of the resolution, it was agreed that the disapplication would be reviewed at the AVM on an annual basis.”

Though the PCC has agreed to disapply Section 3 of the Churchwardens Measure 2001, neither jointly or separately are the Wardens under any obligation to extend their period of office but if either one, or both stand for re-election the PCC have complied with the rules.

If either one or both Wardens are re-elected a new resolution disapplying Section 3 of the Churchwardens Measure 2001 will need to be passed effective from the date of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners 2023. The acceptance of the disapplication will cover the eventuality of either one or both Wardens extending their tenure into 2023.

### **7. DRAYCOTT CHURCH HALL REPORT (January to December 2021).**

Due to the Pandemic our hall was closed from 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 but since the restrictions were relaxed in September 2021, we have been slowly welcoming back the eight existing groups which meet inside. We hope to see the rest of the groups back in the New Year.

During the summer our grassed back garden was used by the youngest members of our community with the joint Churches group 'Tiddlers meeting on Tuesday each week. In June 2021 they were joined by a new Mums & Toddlers group 'Little DrayTots'. We have already had parties booked on Saturdays and Sundays and look forward to welcoming more celebrations in the future. We still have a few vacancies during the week and hope to have more weekly or monthly groups filling these.

All this is only possible because of the dedication of the very small group of volunteers who regularly maintain, clean, organise and administer the Hall and its grounds. Our grateful thanks go to these people for without them we could not operate.

Our wish for the future is that more enthusiastic volunteers would come to join us as many hands make light work.

Mary Edwards (Treasurer).

## DRAYCOTT CHURCH HALL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2021

| <u>INCOME</u>     | 2020      | 2021             | <u>EXPENDITURE</u>                 | 2020      | 2021             |
|-------------------|-----------|------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Balance at Bank   |           |                  |                                    |           |                  |
| 31.12.19          | £5,907.29 | <b>£4,328.54</b> | Waterplus                          |           | <b>103.67</b>    |
| Cash in Hand      | £4.49     | <b>£4.49</b>     | N. Power - electricity             | £424.33   | <b>£179.57</b>   |
| Parish Council    | £68.00    | <b>£120.00</b>   | Oil                                | £315.00   | <b>nil</b>       |
| Whist             | £82.00    | <b>£120.00</b>   | SMDC - Commercial Waste            |           | <b>£117.77</b>   |
| Craft Club        | £51.00    | <b>£117.00</b>   | Insurance                          | £344.59   | <b>£367.37</b>   |
| W.I.              | £48.00    | <b>£125.00</b>   | General Expenses                   | £83.95    | <b>£52.58</b>    |
| Circle Dance      | £34.00    | <b>£0.00</b>     | <u>General Maintenance</u>         |           |                  |
| Meir Circle Dance | £51.00    | <b>£120.00</b>   | Electric Test & Repairs            | £1,350.00 |                  |
| U3A - Singing     | £221.00   | owing            | Woodstain                          |           | <b>£31.98</b>    |
| U3A - Folk Bank   | £306.00   | owing            | Maintenance of Fire                |           |                  |
| Little DrayTots   |           | <b>£724.00</b>   | Extinguishers                      | £124.38   | <b>£58.74</b>    |
| General Hall Hire | £202.50   | <b>£459.00</b>   | Garden Maintenance                 |           | <b>£7.73</b>     |
| Donations etc     |           | <b>£172.11</b>   | Garden Gate                        |           | <b>£80.00</b>    |
|                   |           |                  | Hire of Skip                       |           | <b>£125.00</b>   |
|                   |           |                  | Oven & Water Boiler Repairs        |           | <b>£169.20</b>   |
|                   |           |                  | Glass & Mouse Poison for           |           |                  |
|                   |           |                  | Shed                               |           | <b>£11.50</b>    |
|                   |           |                  | Cleaning, Hand Towels              |           | <b>£56.50</b>    |
|                   |           |                  |                                    |           | <b>£1,361.61</b> |
|                   |           |                  | <b>Cash in Hand as at 31.12.21</b> | £4.49     | <b>£0.41</b>     |
|                   |           |                  | <b>Balance at Bank as at</b>       |           |                  |
|                   |           |                  | <b>31.12.21</b>                    | £4,328.54 | <b>£4,928.12</b> |
|                   | £6,975.28 | <b>£6,290.14</b> |                                    | £6,975.28 | <b>£6,290.14</b> |

M. Edwards (Treasurer)

*M. Edwards*

D.M. Corbishley (Reviewer)

*D. M. Corbishley*

## **8. DEANERY SYNOD REPORT (January to December 2021).**

We thank L. Hulse and N. Archibald who compiled this report which is reprinted here with their permission:

Deanery Synod Representatives serve a three-year term. Your current lay representatives are Laura Hulse and Neil (Archie) Archibald, for St. Peter's, and K. Bradshaw, J. Meller, and D. Meller, for St Margaret's. Deanery Synod enables representatives from each church in the Deanery to get together and share our work in the communities we serve. The meetings have previously focussed on achievements, however in the past year the focus has changed. Under the guidance of our Chair, Rev Michael Follin, and Lay Chair, Sylvia Bainbridge, we now concentrate on how we are moving forwards, with particular attention to the opportunities and difficulties in the following areas:

### **Discipleship • Vocation • Evangelism**

At our most recent meeting, held via Zoom in February 2022, we had a guest speaker from Home for Good ([homeforgood.org.uk](http://homeforgood.org.uk)) who highlighted that in the UK, a child enters care every 15 minutes. There are currently 30,000 children waiting for adoption. Find out more about how you can help, by visiting their website. If you would like to be *that person* in our church that picks this up and goes with it, tell us!

### **Talents**

One of the things we are exploring at a Deanery level is Talent. You may know your Talent. Say hi to it... say thank you to God for it... we mean it... Right now, as you are reading this, pause... ..notice that you have this Talent, and say thank you to God for it. You may use this Talent every day in your paid work, or as a volunteer somewhere. That is great!

Here are some examples of jobs and tasks (paid or otherwise) that you might do:

- |   |                                      |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| - Administration/typing/secretarial               | Electrics                            |
| - Art/Creative/Crafts                             | Engineering (E.g. gas or mechanical) |
| - Audio-visual                                    | Events Co-ordination                 |
| - Care of older/vulnerable people                 | Finance                              |
| - Catering/Hospitality                            | Friendship                           |
| - Childcare                                       | Fundraising                          |
| - Coming alongside/talking to people              |                                      |
| - Construction/building work                      | Musician/Music tech                  |
| - First Responders (E.g. Fire, Police, Ambulance) | Photography                          |
| - Gardening/Floral design                         | Plumbing                             |
| - Insurance                                       | Public Speaking                      |
| - IT  | Project Management                   |
| - Languages                                       | Proof Readers                        |
| - Law   | Social Work                          |
| - Leadership                                      | Therapy (e.g. physio, counselling)   |
| - Marketing                                       | Training                             |
| - Medicine  | Website Design/SEO                   |

You might not have job, be retired, or feel that you don't have any Talent at all, actually. Perhaps your Talent is more discreet and you struggle to acknowledge it. Perhaps it's kindness, or

financial generosity. Perhaps it's an ability to come alongside anyone and be beside them. Laura will say that the helpers at Tiddlers over the years may not have/perhaps still don't necessarily realise the depths of their own Talent in coming alongside new mothers; that their warmth and consistent presence was/is such a blessing. What a difference it made when they used that Talent rather than keeping it hidden.

St Peter's Deanery Synod Representatives  
Laura Hulse and Neil (Archie) Archibald

St Margaret's Deanery Synod Representatives.  
K. Bradshaw, J. Meller, D. Meller

**9. St. MARGARET'S BELLRINGER'S ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**  
**(January to December 2021).**

**RECEIPTS** in the year 2021

|   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| Balance as at 31 <sup>st</sup> December, 2020 | £375.47               |
| Donations from visiting Bell Ringing Groups   | £64.00                |
| Solar Array Grant (Parish Council)            | <u>£148.20</u>        |
| Total   | <b><u>£587.67</u></b> |

**EXPENDITURE**

|                               |       |                       |
|-------------------------------|-------|-----------------------|
| Splicing three Sallies        | Total | <u>£331.20</u>        |
| <u>Balance as at 31.12.21</u> |       | <b><u>£256.47</u></b> |

*S. Edwards*