

St Edward, King and Martyr, Cambridge Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 6th June 2021 at 12.30pm at St Edward, King and Martyr

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1. Welcome
 - a. The vicar-chaplain welcomed all attending the meeting and those joining vial the livestream and offered a mobile number for those who were voting.
2. Opening Prayer
 - a. The vicar-chaplain opened the meeting with a prayer.
3. Apologies
 - a. none
4. Review of Minutes of the APCM held on Sunday 14th April, 2019
 - a. The vicar-chaplain offered a review of the minutes from the last APCM
5. Matters arising
6. Report on Electoral Roll
 - a. The vicar-chaplain gave an update on the electoral role and mentioned that a few families had moved on from the church since the COVID lockdown. The electoral role was updated last year and is around 100 people. With recent departures and arrivals, the electoral role will be updated soon.
7. Reports on Church ministries (see written reports)
 - a. Associate priest: (see written report). In addition to the report Matthias noted that the church had done well to get through the lockdown. Offered overview of pastoral working going on in church an offered continued support to those in need.
 - b. Churchwarden: (see written report). Paul highlighted the extensive work that has been done to the fabric of the church. He noted the work that was going on with safeguarding and updating all of our process according to diocesan standards. We've had difficulties in the churchyard, but police have been informed and we're taking measures to ensure garden in safe and well lighted.
 - c. Deanery synod representative: (see written report). Alison reported on Cambridge south deanery. She attended three meetings at different churches in the deanery. Heard external speakers on various topics. Brought up village development off Histon Road and planning for how church planning is going forward. Also raised issue of unpopulated churches and what will happen to them in financial struggles of today. REACH project to gather info on what a church might be useful for rather than being closed.
 - d. Report on children's ministries and music: (see written report). Helen gave update on some of the kids activities happening on Sun. mornings. Musically, we continue to look for help in worship for singers and musicians.

8. Report from Vicar-chaplain (see written report)
9. Financial Report (see financial summary)
 - a. The vicar-chaplain explained that all finances have been shifted online and are currently being held by Madison our admin assistant. Noted that Roger, our financial administrator, and Jonathan, our former treasurer, had done a great job setting up a new online system. Good news is that we received more in gifts than we spent. However, we spent around £57k for the fabric of the church which mainly came from our CCLA investments. We were able to claim VAT on the work and able to use some monies from gift aid. Vast improvement to vestry, lights, heating. All making the church a more welcoming space. Vicar-chaplain gave thanks to Roger, Jonathan and Paul for the amount of work they did to get the financials sorted.
 - b. Matthias brought up question about spending more than our income. The vicar-chaplain explained that it was necessary to draw on church investments for church fabric but plan is to gradually replace the investments. [*update 18/10/20—the CCLA investments stand at £109k]. Also pointed out that normal church operating expenses were lower than annual giving.
 - c. Geoffrey Barnes asked if end of year giving had been made. Vicar-chaplain said he would look into this. [*update 18/10/20—after further enquiry the chapter had agreed to £250 gift to church homeless project but wasn't completed. Gifts to the diocese were also not made]
 - d. Question of whether we should have an offering plate with COVID restrictions. Decided basket at the West door would be safest option.
10. Election of Chapter and Treasurer
 - a. Three new members were put forward to be elected to chapter. Helen Starksfield, Cherrie Coghlan, and Jim Pollard. The vote was unanimous in favour.
 - b. It was noted by the vicar-chaplain that we are in need of a treasurer whilst Madison continues to hold financial responsibilities.
11. Election of Deanery Synod Representative
 - a. No action taken as Alison enters the final year of her three year commitment. This may be renewed next year if she decides to continue.
12. AOB
 - a. None.
13. Closing Prayer
 - a. The associate priest closed the meeting in prayer.

Review from the vicar-chaplain 2020-21

Looking back to our previous APCM in October of 2020 I couldn't have imagined that at that time we would be heading into another national lockdown that would close the church once again in November. I am grateful that we were able to celebrate our Christmas services together in the church which made for a particularly blessed Advent/Christmas season. The darkness of winter and the heaviness of lockdown was not able to keep the church from celebrating the birth of our Lord.

January hit us with further bad news of an extended lockdown until spring, but I'm so grateful that churches were not officially closed. With the blessing of chapter and all the COVID measures for safety in place, we continued to celebrate the sacraments weekly with a small, steadfast group. We also had a dedicated group of scholars at the scriptorium each week who continued to work and pray together. Many in the congregation were missed through those long winter months, but I can't express how grateful I am to all those who continued to worship and pray in the church. I believe it was the spiritual support that I was in need of to keep some glimmer of hope for the world around us.

Through this all I have learned a lot about what it means to be a church family and to care for those who are with you and those who cannot be with you. I have also come to realize how precious our time is together when we gather and see each other face-to-face. Our humanity desperately craves social interaction and community which is what the church is meant to be. I'm convinced more and more in the coming weeks and months that we need to spend time physically present in the body of Christ and present with those around us. It seems as though the church, and our souls, have gone through a dry and parched wilderness and I hope that as we emerge on the other side we might realise again how we are refreshed through the waters that spring up through our love for one another in Christ.

What a great joy it was, then, to be able to celebrate Holy Week and Easter together and break bread at our first church lunch in over a year! Thank you to everyone who was able to participate in some of the events we have been able to hold at the church in spite of COVID restrictions. Thank you also to the faithful work of our chapter for keeping the church running. We were also excited to be able to hold one of our StED talks on zoom with Prof. Grace Davie and one live with Prof. Ben Quash. Both were well attended and it was good to bring together some of our graduate students. The final term proved difficult with our speakers and we'll be looking to Michaelmas before we start our new season of talks.

With the vaccination programme well under way, I've been delighted to see so many old faces back in church and hope that this will be a continuing trend. My prayer for our church is that we will continue to be able to gather together and delight in the chance to grow together as the body of Christ. I also pray that we can be a place of faithful gathering in Christ in the city-centre and at the heart of the University. So it is with hope and anticipation that as we re-gather as the body of Christ we will be inspired anew in the coming year as we reach out and bring living waters to a world in desperate need of life.

Mark Scarlata

Report from the associate vicar

I began my report last year with words that were soon to become a cliché, saying what a strange year 2020 was panning out to be. And even in the continued season of unlocking that we're experiencing now in Spring 2021, I find a new strangeness to have descended. We hope we have left behind the hard lockdowns, and it has been a joy to welcome people back into church and to sing outside at festivals like Christmas and Easter, and yet the ever-present concern of future surges means that we are mindful of the privilege of meeting to pray and worship together. Thankfully, the excellent AV system installed has meant that even those not yet in a position to return to worship with us in person have been able to join from their living rooms and home offices, and we have had a number of old members tuning in from around the country and the world.

Having turned our spare room into a home chapel and conducting live and recorded services there, it was a joy to return to in person services last summer, and we were one of the few churches in Cambridge that remained open throughout the second and third lockdown. We are not oblivious to this freedom of this, and for me the pandemic situation meant that it felt particularly special to conduct the Advent carol service, preach at Midnight mass, celebrate at Christmas, and preach on Easter on the 'empty Tomb'. Of course, services took a very different shape as we adapted not only with sensible precautions for social distancing and masks, but also with the structure of services such as on Ash Wednesday or Maundy Thursday. The Lenten Reading Group was an opportunity to pause and consider the wisdom of Rowan Williams in his book *Candles in the Dark*. This was particularly chosen over and above more missionally-focused options because it was felt that the time was right to look inwards and not outwards, to focus on the personal and collective peace brought by Jesus. 3 groups of between 4 and 8 church members met to discuss the short title, and it was wonderful to hear the feedback from all, that as accessible as it is wise, the book was the perfect tonic for tired souls at the end of a dark third lockdown.

Otherwise, it has been wonderful to look after our ever-enthusiastic ordinands at St Edwards. We will miss Luke from Ridley Hall, when he leaves for his curacy in the summer, but are delighted that Pippa from Westcott House will be remaining on attachment with us. We have a number of upcoming baptisms at the church, and it is always wonderful to welcome formally to the church family the children who week in week out provide such joy (and chatter) at the back of the church!

I would like to thank the Chapter for the support and enthusiasm they continue to show, and look forward to another year of the sort of encouraging growth we have already been experiencing at St Edwards, in terms of numbers as well as depth of faith, understanding, and desire to go learn more about Christ and the church.

South Cambridge Deanery Synod Report

St Edward King and Martyr, and thirteen other churches (all of them in Cambridge, apart from two in Grantchester and Trumpington) together form the Deanery Synod for South Cambrldge, under the chairmanship of Father Robert Mackey of Little St Mary's.

The Synod representatives usually meet three times a year, to discuss a range of concerns which affect us all (a different church plays host each time). This year, for obvious reasons, we weren't able to meet face to face and the two meetings we've held since our last APCM were conducted via Zoom, in November 2020 and March 2021. Although Zoom is a good deal better than nothing, it's no substitute for the opportunity to visit other churches, to get a sense of them, of the people who work in and for them, and to find out how they operate, what their particular difficulties, or successes are, and to learn something of their own aspirations for their congregation and parish.

The March meeting was the last one chaired by Fr Robert Mackey (Little St Mary's) in his capacity as Rural Dean, and he was warmly thanked for the way in which he has chaired and guided meetings with a judicious and very much appreciated combination of wit, affability and firm efficiency.

The restriction on services and giving caused by Co-vid has left many churches in the Synod struggling financially, with some finding it impossible to meet their full Parish Share for this year although funds in the Deanery Bank Account and the Deanery rebate of £20,000 will make it possible to top up payments. The Parish Share for 2021 has been frozen. The Deanery bank account is also being used to pay participants in the Ministry Experience Scheme. This Scheme, available to people aged between eighteen and thirty, gives participants the opportunity to live together in community, to experience Christian ministry first-hand in four different churches, to complete a foundation year of Theology for Ministry & Mission, and to have a full programme of vocational and personal development. Four young men and women are currently attached to the churches of Little St Mary's, St Clement's, St Barnabas, and Fulbourn & the Wilbrahams.

The Deanery bank account is also continuing to support the ministry of the Revd Jon Canessa at St Paul's, Cambridge. He has for several years worked tirelessly for those affected by homelessness, and is now the Bishop's Minister for the Homeless.

The various Lockdowns necessitated by the Co-vid pandemic have brought some aspects of the work of the Cambridge Churches' Homeless Project (CCHP) to a temporary halt (so, for example, it has not been possible to provide overnight accommodation in the participating churches), but that will be resumed as soon as possible.

Various groups within the Deanery Synod have asked for support for a number of campaigns and initiatives. The United Nations had called for sixteen days of Activism worldwide against Gender and Domestic violence (from November the 25th to December the 10th, 2020), and the Mothers' Union has been seeking prayers for this campaign throughout the year. More locally, domestic violence in Britain has increased under the pressures created by Co-vid, especially the enforced isolation and claustrophobic confinement of Lock Downs. The meeting of March the 23rd devoted much of the time to a general discussion of ways in which the Church of England is trying to address ecological concerns and to encourage churches to consider beneficial changes they might make in their own buildings and to share

information and offer practical help to churches which are yet to begin thinking seriously about possibilities. In our Cambridge South Deanery a number of churches have begun, or continued, their own initiatives. St Mark's (Newnham village) has a Creation Care group, St Ben'ets has an Eco Group, St Barnabas (Mill Road) has already achieved a Bronze Eco-Church Award, and St Paul's and the Cathedral are taking part in the Eco Church project. Churches wanting to join the various projects or find out more twice by Zoom, should get in touch with Gill Kelly, at gill@gpkcoonsulting.co.uk.

For many people the Pandemic has brought heavy pressures and distress. That's as true of clergy as of their congregations and concerns were expressed about how best to protect the mental and spiritual well-being of our priests and ordinands. And we also spent some time thinking about the function and nature of the Church in a 'post-Pandemic' world, whether by 'the Church' we mean Christianity in general, the national Anglican church, or individual parishes. There is at the moment a great deal of general national debate about church attendance (fated to a steady decline or showing unexpected signs of a small revival?), new modes of 'long distance' or 'streamed' worship made possible by technology (rather cheering in many ways) and, more dispiritingly, the possibility of some permanent church closures. Cambridge itself appears to be reasonably robust at the moment, but ours is in many ways a very insulated experience.

It is clear that many people in Britain who are not regular worshippers, and may not even be believers, do nevertheless appreciate their local churches and have no desire for them to become purely secular buildings. REACH (Reimagining Churches as Community Assets for the Common Good), is a three-year national project which began in 2019, before Co-vid, and aims to help communities make fuller use of their historic churches. It is still gathering feedback and data, and it will be interesting to see if Co-vid has in any way changed, or intensified, how communities think about and value their churches.

Alison Hennegan, Deanery Synod Representative for St Edward's
Friday May the 28th 2021

Music Report

Over the past few months, we have gradually been able to add more sung elements into the services. We are fortunate to have so many wonderful singers to help us in worship and, following current guidelines have been able to have a group of singers and musicians for some services. For me, my favourite part was at Christmas and Easter when we were able to open the doors and stand outside to sing altogether. Even playing at full volume I was able to hear you all!

We held a Carol service in December with a small choir, solo singers, instrumentalists and a children's violin group. On Good Friday, we also had a wide selection of music. Special thanks go to Peter, Paul, Jim, Vicki, Dorota, Luke, and all the children for all your help this year.

Sunday School

As soon as lockdown restrictions were eased, we started Sunday School (Little Teds) again on the first Sunday of the month. Since May we have increased this to every other week as we have a fairly large group of very enthusiastic children. In each session we have a story and talk and then a craft activity, which we really enjoy showing you all at the Peace. We usually follow the Gospel reading for our theme or the festival, for example, we made fire streamers for Pentecost and stockings for St. Nicholas.

We held an extra group on Good Friday and made the Easter Garden together. The children also made simple wooden crosses that they took home and brought back decorated for Easter Day. I'd like to say a HUGE thank you to Vicki for all her support and encouragement.

Bell Choir

It's been a very strange year with no practice nights at all from March 2020 until May this year. Even service ringing has been limited, for the most part, to a single call bell heralding the Sunday morning service. Last month, we paid tribute to HRH the Duke of Edinburgh, tolling the Tenor bell 'open' on the evening his death was announced and again (but fully muffled this time) in the hour leading up to his funeral. Thankfully we have the full set of muffles, hand made by Big Wilf, who gifted us a beautifully embroidered bag that he'd made to keep them in.

We are very pleased to be back ringing together again now at practices and on Sundays and will resume teaching bell handling again soon. We are needing to do some work tightening fittings on our oldest bell and will be checking the others too. Back in October, a sudden internal waterfall in the corner of the ringing room was found to be a blocked gutter on the tower roof. It was thankfully cleared quickly and an inspection of the gully has now been added to the maintenance checklist. There is always something to do and/or pay for, in caring for our built heritage!

Churchyard/garden

After a spate of serious drug dealing, shrubbery was cut back hard to take away hiding places and improve sight lines, thereby assisting police in tackling the anti-social behaviour in the churchyard. The tree damaged when a tent caught fire was replaced and the child, in whose name the council donated it after his baptism here, helped plant it with his family. The bell ringing team have been regularly litter-picking and assisting alongside others (including a man from the streets and his brother) with the work being done on mindfulness areas and Indigo cafe have been invited to use the space. There will be working parties coming up, so speak with Mark if you would like to help.

We were also excited to take part in the city-centre beautification project. The council was willing to install some up-lighting on the tower along with some fairly lights in the trees. There will also be some temporary lights that will shine out from the chancel stained glass on to market square.

Financial Report (see attached)

Summary

St Edward's King and Martyr
Statement of Income and Expenditure
Year Ended 31 December 2020

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2020	2019	
Income															
Donations	3,415	2,485	865	1,035	1,265	4,620	1,175	1,060	1,135	1,230	1,005	2,505	21,795	12,235	Inheritance?
Deposits	463	361	269			150		264		226	260		1,992	6,858	
HMRC		4,095											5,238	2,032	
Grants				8,319	7,795								16,113	700	
Interest & Dividends		687	206		713	118		713	119		729	66	3,352	1,503	
Other								3,358	15	80	1,908	13,225	18,586	766	
	3,878	7,627	1,341	9,354	10,916	4,888	1,175	5,395	1,269	1,536	3,902	15,797	67,076	24,094	
Expenses															
Ministry expenses															
Clergy Expenses	245		9			129		152	109				635	200	Phone
Pastoral	22	13			13	15			10	11			93	315	
Food/Drink			52				1			69	25	79	226	804	
Library	24	255											279	49	Children's play area £180
Printing	96	8	19				104	68	174	105	14	214	801	161	
Gifts								108	100		40	100	348	109	
	387	276	81	-	13	144	105	328	393	184	79	393	2,383	1,638	
Admin	1,040	626	812	-	351	330	400	758	336	486	432	432	6,003	-	
	1,040	626	812	-	351	330	400	758	336	486	432	432	6,003	-	
Costs of Services															
Laundry							49						49	39	
Preaching													-	705	
Music	180	180	270	90	225	225	180	270	315	225	270	135	2,565	2,700	
Flowers													-	169	
Candles										139	16		155	125	
Subs													-	1,133	
Communion	131	6					28						166	64	
	311	186	270	90	225	225	257	270	315	364	286	135	2,935	4,935	
General Expenses															
Utilities	92		2,263	72	46	1,356	46		279	224	59	508	4,946	2,747	
Insurance		776	259	259	259	259	259	259	259	259	259	246	3,351	-	
Sundry	62	314	80	56	50	90	212		111	68	41	214	1,298	2,315	Piano, Card Reader, Website, General, Hardware/Stationery, Accidental, Branding Services
Signs	131												131	538	
Audit								310					310	260	
	284	1,090	2,602	387	355	1,704	516	569	649	551	359	968	10,035	5,859	
Property Maintenance															
Maintenance												103	103	425	
Piano/Organ	120								210				330		
Alarm			48					111	48	619	1,661	48	2,536	2,662	
Garden										780			780	220	
	120	-	48	-	-	-	-	111	258	1,399	1,661	151	3,749	3,307	
Improvements															
Improvements	-	-	9,703	11	-	5,907	6,252	38	90	-	135	423	22,558	48,008	Improvements, Furniture
StEd Talks															
Gifts	150	150	375										825	-	
Food/Drink	253	449								86			788	-	
	403	599	375	-	-	-	-	-	-	236	-	-	1,613	-	
Scriptorium															
	82	125	61	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	39	-	328	2,021	
Total Expenses															
	2,628	2,903	13,952	488	944	8,309	7,530	2,074	2,041	3,241	2,991	2,503	49,603	65,769	
Net Income															
	1,250	4,724	(12,611)	8,866	9,971	(3,422)	(6,355)	3,321	(772)	(1,705)	911	13,294	17,473	(41,675)	
	1,250.20	4,724.23	(12,611.17)	8,865.91	9,971.12	(3,421.59)	(6,354.79)	3,321.41	(771.99)	(1,705.16)	911.05	13,293.67			
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00			

Cashflows

Account	Chapter	Vestry	Special	Charities	CCLA General	CCLA Donald Wort	Total
Balance at 1st January 2020	970	121	1,663	1,002	117,232	5,966	126,953
Income	3,043	50,890	9,797	1,601	985	760	67,076
Expenses	(49,353)		(250)	0		0	(49,603)
Transfers	46,778	(34,050)	(4,728)		(8,000)		0
Balance at 31st December 2020	1,437	16,961	6,482	2,603	110,217	6,726	144,426

Summary

St Edward's King and Martyr
Statement of Income and Expenditure
Year Ended 31 December 2020

		2020	2019
Income			
	Donations	21,795	12,235
	Deposits	1,992	6,858
	HMRC	5,238	2,032
	Grants	16,113	700
	Interest & Dividends	3,352	1,503
	Other	18,586	766
		67,076	24,094
Expenses			
	Ministry expenses		
	Clergy Expenses	635	200
	Pastoral	93	315
	Food/Drink	226	804
	Library	279	49
	Printing	801	161
	Gifts	348	109
		2,383	1,638
	Admin	6,003	-
		6,003	-
	Costs of Services		
	Laundry	49	39
	Preaching	-	705
	Music	2,565	2,700
	Flowers	-	169
	Candles	155	125
	Subs	-	1,133
	Communion	166	64
		2,935	4,935
	General Expenses		
	Utilities	4,946	2,747
	Insurance	3,351	-
	Sundry	1,298	2,315
	Signs	131	538
	Audit	310	260
		10,035	5,859
	Property Maintenance		
	Maintenance	103	425
	Piano/Organ	330	-
	Alarm	2,536	2,662
	Garden	780	220
		3,749	3,307
	Improvements	22,558	48,008
	StEd Talks		
	Gifts	825	-
	Food/Drink	788	-
		1,613	-
	Scriptorium	328	2,021
	Total Expenses	49,603	65,769
Net Income		17,473	(41,675)