

St John the Baptist, Tidebrook
Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council
for the year ended 31st December 2019

1. TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2019

Our aims and purposes as a charity

Tidebrook Parochial Church Council (the PCC) has the responsibility of working with the incumbent in promoting the mission of the church. Our Parish Vision is 'Taking Christ to the local community through service and pastoral care'. The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance and good order of the fabric of the church.

What we planned to do to achieve our charitable objectives

When planning our activities for the year, our incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion'.

For 2019 we planned the following activities to fulfil our aims and objectives:

1. *Worship*: Maintain regular Bible-based worship of God according to the Church of England; supporting and working with the Priest in Charge, Rev Dr Paul Ratcliff.
2. *Community*: Provide practical care as appropriate for all residents of Tidebrook Parish.
3. *Learning and growing in faith*: Encourage and strengthen Tidebrook residents of all ages and those connected with Tidebrook in turning to and following Jesus.
4. *The church and churchyard*: Maintain and improve the church's facilities for the benefit and enjoyment of the whole Tidebrook community.
5. *Sustainability*: Reduce the carbon footprint and improve the environmental stewardship of the church and churchyard.

What we achieved and how we affected the lives of beneficiaries

While Tidebrook is a small hamlet, we welcome people for worship at Tidebrook Church virtually every Sunday. We are a friendly, warm hearted and prayerful community. Worship services are usually followed by refreshments in the Parish Room, offering an opportunity for friendships to grow. We consider these activities to be a major demonstration of public benefit.

1. *Worship*

- In January we welcomed the Rev Dr Paul Ratcliff as our new Priest in Charge. We were also grateful for the leadership offered by the two Lay Readers, occasional preachers and visiting clergy who served in the three parishes of Wadhurst, Tidebrook and Stonegate.
- Average attendance at services was 25. The number increased to 80 – 100 at festivals.
- The All Age Family Service on the first Sunday of the month was the most popular with 38 adults and children on average.
- 65 people registered on the renewed Church electoral roll, an increase of 17 over the previous year.
- We recorded two baptisms, one wedding and four funerals during 2019.

2. Community

- Regular prayer for local people who were unwell or in need was included in weekly services, and at the monthly Breakfast with Prayer (first Saturday) and Morning Prayer (third Wednesday)
- We published the Tidebrook Newsletter and delivered it monthly with *Focus* magazine to more than half the homes in Tidebrook.
- Tidebrook Elderly Action (TEA) provided assistance to older people in need within the community of Tidebrook. The scheme is funded from the Lambrinudi Fund.
- We continued to give financial support to Alun and Debbie Burt – Crosslinks mission partners in Capetown – and ten other charitable causes.
- The annual Tidebrook Fete in aid of the church and a local charity was held at The Granary, Towngate Farm, the home of Hugo and Victoria Irish.
- We organised several events for all the Tidebrook community, including a Wine-tasting evening and a Summer Barbecue. Both were well attended and we were blessed with a fine August day for the barbeque.

3. Learning and developing together

- Tidebrook home group met weekly in term time and studied material common to the other 11 groups that met at Wadhurst and Stonegate.
- The Pilgrim Course, held in Lent, studied the Eucharist.

4. The church and churchyard

- We planned the installation of a large wall-mounted TV screen to replace the old portable projector and provide brighter images. This was installed in January 2020.
- Windows in the porch and the vestry were re-glazed with laminated clear glass, allowing external views and more light into the rooms. This initial work facilitated our application for a faculty to re-glaze the lancet windows in the nave with similar materials.
- Around 80 people from the Tidebrook community were involved in flower arranging, decorating the church for festivals and maintaining the churchyard.

5. Sustainability

- The church continued to participate in A Rocha's Eco Church programme
- The Church of England Parish Giving Scheme was promoted to facilitate giving in support of the church's fabric and mission.
- We reviewed the PCC's safeguarding policy and procedures.
- The Diocese carried out a satisfactory audit of our safeguarding policies and practice.

Structure, governance and management of the charity

The PCC is a charity but is exempted from registering with the Charity Commission within the meaning of Section 30 of the Charities Act 2011. Its governing document is the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 21956.

Pastoral Reorganisation

The Bishop of Chichester has declared the Parish suspended for the purpose of Pastoral Reorganisation in order to create a new Benefice comprising the three parishes of Wadhurst, Tidebrook and Stonegate. The new Benefice is expected to be instituted in 2020 with the Rev Dr Paul Ratcliff confirmed as vicar.

Membership of the PCC

The PCC held four meetings during 2019, with an average attendance of 81%.

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members (the incumbent/priest in charge, curate, lay readers licenced to officiate in the church, patrons), the churchwardens and members of the Deanery or General Synods and 9 members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible. In addition, the PCC has the power to co-opt members.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

<i>Incumbent:</i>	Rev Dr Paul Ratcliff	<i>(Chairman)</i>
<i>Churchwarden:</i>	*Mrs Anne Stordy	
<i>Churchwarden & Reader</i>	*Mr David Payne	<i>(Vice-Chairman)</i>
<i>Readers:</i>	Mr Peter Thompson	<i>(chose not to attend PCCs)</i>
<i>Deanery Synod reps:</i>	Mrs Rosie Pearson	
	Mr Gary Davies	
<i>Patrons:</i>	Mr Michael Hardcastle	
	Mr Michael Toynbee	

ELECTED MEMBERS

Mr David Barker	<i>(from April 2018)</i>
Mrs Beverley Boylan	
Mr Philip Cheung	
Mr Anton Glanville	
*Mrs Christine Glanville	<i>(Secretary)</i>
Mrs Vicki Soutar	
*Mr Stephen Stordy	

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Mrs Caroline Cox	
Mrs Betty Payne	<i>(Safeguarding Officer)</i>
*Mr Mark Pearson	<i>(Treasurer)</i>

* indicates members of the Standing Committee.

Committees

Standing Committee

As legally required, this Committee has power to transact the business of the Council between its meetings, subject to any directions given to it by the Council.

Family Service Committee

Meets to plan the service held on the first Sunday of the month and invites visiting preachers and readers to those services.

Fete Committee

An *ad hoc* Committee which reviews the form and future of the annual Fete.

Safeguarding

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

Signed

Date

2. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REVIEW FOR 2019

Receipts

Collections and donations: Tidebrook church started promoting the Parish Giving Scheme, beginning with PCC members. Collections were up from the previous year, mainly from families with events in the church, e.g. funerals.

Fundraising events: Again an enjoyable Tidebrook Fete was held, fostering good community relations. Our thanks to everyone who contributed in various ways. The wine-tasting evening was also well supported.

Payments

Repairs and renewals to the church fabric included improvements to the glazing in the vestry and porch, alongside repairs to the walkway and lych-gate.

The PCC made the following Charitable donations in 2019:

Crosslinks	450
A Rocha Uganda	250
Wadhurst Burundi Link	250
Diocesan Family Support Work	300
School Pastors	150
Chichester Cathedral Trust	50
Immanuel Church, Bethlehem	300
Hospice in the Weald	200
Life & Soul	200
The Bridge Trust, Tunbridge Wells	100
Open Doors (<i>The Persecuted Church</i>)	250
Pastoral Assistant for Children & Families	500
TOTAL	£3,000

Bank balances at 31 Dec 2019

	£
CBF Deposit	207,070
Current account	22,979
Freewill Lloyds	3
Freewill Natwest	27
Total	230,079

Lambrinudi Fund – Annual Movement

The Lambrinudi Fund is formed from a bequest “to help older people unable to live in their own homes and to provide for the upkeep of the Parish Church.”
The funds currently sit within the CBF Deposit Account.

Balance 1 Jan 2019	200,000
Transfer to Current Account in 2019	0
Balance 31 Dec 2019	200,000

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Dec-19

RECEIPTS

	2019 ACTUAL YTD	2018 ACTUAL
<u>From Donors</u>		
Planned Giving	8,863	9,034
Income Tax recovered (general donors)	4,007	3,456
Collections	3,984	5,081
Donations (General)	1,280	1,810
Legacy	0	0
	18,134	19,381
<u>From Fund Raising Events (General)</u>		
Summer Fete	3,330	3,756
Cookbook	0	0
Parish Walk	0	220
Wine tasting	313	0
Chair Hire	25	0
Harvest lunch/Tidebrook has Talent	0	70
Fundraising event 2	0	0
Parking Area - Donations	0	0
Parking area – Fundraising Income	0	0
	3,668	4,046
<u>From Bank Interest</u>	1,543	775
<u>From Fees</u>	1,908	341
<u>Income From Parish Room Hire</u>	230	0
<u>Transfer from Lambrinudi Fund</u>	0	30,000
<u>VAT reclaim for roof</u>	4,516	
	8,197	31,116
Total Receipts	29,999	54,543
PAYMENTS		
Legacy transfer to Savings account	0	0
<u>Charitable Donations</u>	2,790	2,250
<u>For the Work of the Church</u>		
Parish Contribution	12,000	12,000
Clergy Expenses	251	1,250
Curate's Expenses	0	0
Ministry Expenses	500	
Training	0	0
Church Utilities	2,487	1,731
Church Insurance	1,647	1,598
Upkeep of Services	1,113	495
Organists & Organ maintenance	1,135	324
Repairs & Renewals	2,117	26,985
TEA Fund	1,376	
Upkeep of Churchyard	1,146	691
	23,772	45,074
<u>For Fund Raising</u>		
Summer Fete	1,202	1,214
Wine tasting	87	0
Harvest lunch	0	0
Parish Walk	0	0
	1,289	1,214
<u>For Church Management</u>		
Administration, Printing & Stationery	72	190
<u>For Parish Room Hire consumables</u>	6	0
<u>Kneeler costs</u>	0	0
Total Expenditure	27,929	48,728
Excess/ (Shortfall) of Receipts over Payments	2,070	5,815
Opening Balance receipts/payments	20,911	15,095
Closing Balance receipts/payments	22,979	20,911
Annual movement	2,068	5,816

We confirm that to the best of our knowledge that the above statement is a true statement of the financial position of St John the Baptist Church, Tidebrook

Mark Pearson, Honorary Treasurer

Adrian Whitton, FCMA, CGMA, Independent Examiner