

NOTES ON ACCOUNTS 2020 FOR ACPM SUNDAY 27TH JUNE 2021.

2020 has been a difficult year for everyone, due to Covid 19. During 2020, St. Matthew's has had to find alternative ways of raising income to keep the Church on track during this difficult time. Thanks to the continuing generosity of the congregation, we have survived the year in a reasonable situation.

Income for 2020 has continued to come in via the Parish Giving Scheme, Offertory envelopes, Standing orders and Plate/Bucket donations. The new on-line donation scheme was set up to enable donations to be made, via the internet, to the Church, Malawi and St. Matthew's Sponsored child. This has proved successful and will continue to operate. Thanks are expressed to all donors, who have enabled St. Matthew's to keep going during the year.

The bulk of our income came from donations, and for 2020, donations for the church were £28,600 compared with £29,170 for 2019. The vast majority of these donations came from the PGS with £21,867 in 2020 compared with £21,165 in 2019. A new form of donation scheme was tried in 2020 using on-line giving. This raised a total of £1,940 in 2020 at a cost of £37. This included, £892 for the Christmas fair, £756 for Church funds, £168 for Malawi and £122 for the Sponsored child.

The church held a number of specific collections –

To make up for the absence of the Christmas fair	£1,288
Fr Adam's leaving present	£643
Malawi charity	£463
Sponsored child	£322
The Children's Society	£94

The only area of income to suffer significantly in 2020 was the rental income for the Church Hall. In 2019, this totalled £15,900 whereas in 2020, this fell to £8,632. With the easing of some of the restrictions now, Hall group income is slowly improving, but we are always at the mercy of current Covid restrictions in force at the time.

Expenditure With the reduced usage of the Church Hall and Church, a number of bills were also reduced.

	2019	2020
Church electricity	£6,524	£4,272

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Sacristy services	£907	£724
Hall electricity	£824	£513
Hall gas	£5,930	££3,367
Hall cleaning	£6,495	£2,001

We were able to maintain our contribution to the Common fund at a reasonably high level of £22,800 against £25,200 in 2019. This was an excellent result for St. Matthew's, as there are a number of churches in the Diocese who have not managed to pay anything for 2020.

Many of our other bills remained at a similar level in 2020 to 2019.

A major change in our financial position came in September 2020, when Ros Hardy, the Children and Families worker started. Employed jointly by St. Matthew's and the Benefice of St. George's Newtown and St. Paul and St. Silas Lozells, Ros's wages are organised by the Birmingham Diocesan Board of Finance, and St. Matthew's pays a monthly share of this. The cost of our share is met by a regular monthly grant from St. Martin's Trust and an annual grant from Grantham Yorke. This complicated arrangement required many months to bed in, and was complicated further when Ros was placed on furlough, but all is settling down now. Ros and her family have now re-located to Birmingham from Leamington Spa, and so will be nearer her work places.

During the year 2020, we have completed two capital projects, the acquisition of new Server's robes, which, as they arrived just after the first Lock Down, remain unused. The Church hall roof was insulated, plastered and painted and we hope this will yield benefits in the future. The total cost of these projects was £9,028. These two projects were funded from grants received from various Trusts, Harlow, Roger and Douglas Turner, Michael Marsh, Baron Davenport, Harry Payne and G.W. Turner Trusts.

Summary The overall result of this financial activity is that the Church had a total of £37,000 in it's bank accounts at the end of 2020 compared with a total of £40,800 at the end of 2019.

This result for 2020, although some £3,800 less than the result for 2019, has been achieved through the generosity of our donors, and through close monitoring of our expenditure throughout the year.

