



PARISH OF GORNAL & SEDGLEY

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH SEDGLEY



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Church

And

Community

**ANNUAL DISTRICT CHURCH MEETING
SUNDAY 18TH APRIL**

11:30 IN CHURCH AND ZOOM

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18th March 2021

11:30 in Church and Zoom

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of All Saints ADCM 15th March 2020
3. Matters arising
4. Recommendations to APCM for
 - All Saints Church Wardens
5. Elections of District Church Representatives to;
 - All Saints DCC – 3 for 3years
 - PCC – 1 for 3years
6. Appointment of;
 - Assistant Wardens
 - Sidesmen
 - Independent Financial Examiner
7. Electoral Roll Report
- 8 Rectors/Clergy Report
9. Wardens Report
10. Report on the proceedings of DCC
11. Report of the Treasurer
12. Reports from Church Organisations
13. Any Other Business
- 14 Closing Remarks

ALL SAINTS ANNUAL DISTRICT CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15th March 2020

Agenda	Item	Action
1.	Apologies – Maureen and David Matthews, Jenny and Rob Lavender, Barbara and Bill Baker.	
2.	Minutes of ADCM 3rd March 2019 – Agreed	
3.	Matters Arising – None	
4.	Recommendations to APCM for All Saints Church Wardens and Deanery Synod Wardens - Agreed John Anderson and Keith Tomlinson CW and GH thanked KT and JA for all their unstinting hard work. Synod – Agreed Chris William and Joan Sullivan	PCC
5.	Elections of District Church Representatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Saints DCC 3 years – Judy Clements, Kath Apperley, Cicely Thomas PCC – 3yrs Alan Turner, 1 year Lis Little. GH thanked PCC and DCC for their support. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guy and Co approved as independent Financial Examiner. 	PCC
6.	Appointment of Assistant Wardens: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed - Brain Chappell, Roger Berry, Jane Hartshorne, Sidesmen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed - The list of sidesmen submitted to the meeting. 	LW
7.	Electoral Roll Report – Increase of 2 to 135 (noted 5 added, 2 died, 1 moved away 2 new) – Agreed	EW
8.	Rectors Report – Guy presented his report St Peter to close in next 2 months, Thanked JA for work in securing Church Hall Grant. People urged to look on diocesan website for report of open conversations CW thanked Guy and Catherine for their hard work. Calling Young Disciples - Whilst Helen is no longer with us she is keeping in contact with the Hub Team in promoting activities for young people. Helen's report presented noting hard work of Noah's Ark – now receiving monthly Christian story, , Singing Angels (27), aiming for a monthly young people's event. Noted work with baptism families and Open the Book, Thanks noted to the work of the Hub Team.	
9.	Wardens Report – Report presented - Hall – the award of the ASDA Grant will enable the hall to be brought up to modern standards. Church – generally in good order – some minor work to be undertaken. Noted frustration at obtaining approval to paint the two closed west doors. All routine inspections and servicing have been completed. The goods and ornaments are all in good order	JA

	Finally, a big thank you went to all those who help keep the church maintained in such a splendid condition. Report agreed.	
10.	Report on the proceedings of DCC – A more prayerful approach being adopted to underpin our shared life. Report presented - the contactless payment system has been successful over Christmas. Noted supplied free of charge.	
11.	Report of the Treasurer – A year of two halves – whilst a shortfall in paying the quota was disappointing success with the ASDA Grant (the maximum award) will enable the hall to be refurbished enabling a valuable income stream – thanks to all those who supported the fundraising effort in particular the 200 Club. Stewardship – following the stewardship campaign a number have increased their giving. Liabilities – in response to a question it was confirmed that the church boiler was satisfactory at the present time but any replacement would need to look at more sophisticated controls. Insofar as the organ is concerned a number of options are being examined. Legacy Policy – it can be seen from the accounts the benefit received from past endowments accordingly the legacy policy is commended. Reserves – the reserves policy as set out was Agreed. Charitable Giving – aside from our usual giving to local charities that the school concerts raised nearly £800 for Children with Cancer is of particular note. That the hall contributes a benefit in kind of £3,400 is something we would aim to increase. Biggest challenge is finances both in church and in diocese. KT thanked JA for organising the ASDA Grant and associated work in the hall. Accounts agreed and thanks from GH.	
12.	Reports from Church Organisations – received. Guy thanked all the leaders for the work associated with the organisation reports that reflect the level of activity in the parish. In particular Open the Book and the Food Bank that demonstrates our engagement with the community. Noted: Coffee Club - funded redecoration of Church Toilets. 200 Club – established to support the hall and has made a significant financial contribution. Thanks to Roger Berry for organising events. Membership declining and more members sought at £20/person. Food bank -desperately need supplies..	
13.	Any other Business – Worcester Cathedral Choir for seven lessons 17 th December. Coronavirus - standing committee met positive meeting - watching and waiting follow government and C of E advice. Note likelihood all events will be cancelled if meeting consider safety paramount. GH hopes services can continue for as long as possible. JA building up News Group lists Maybe even live stream services. LiW asked what about those not on internet. GH said Patsoral team meeting Thursday. If any are aware of someone in need let clergy know. Meeting closed at 12:47 with the Grace, 20 electors present	

Meeting approved as a true record.....



Revd Guy Hewlett

Appointment of Assistant wardens and Sidesmen 2021 – 22

Assistant Wardens

Steve Castle

Jane Hartshorne

Sidesmen

Bob Aston

Roger Berry

Bill & Barbara Baker

Mel Bates

Brian Chappell

Mary Davenport

Linda Edwards

Sandra Hill

Maureen Matthews

Martin Moseley

Rosemary Moss

Cicely Thomas

Alan Turner

Ann Wakefield

Linda Watkins

Ray & Denise Whittingham

John Willis

Joyce Withers

Tony Wright

Mary Zielonka

Activities of All Saints' District Council

The activities of ASDC falls into two distinct categories – before Covid and after Covid.

Before Covid;

Young Peoples activities - great optimism with a developed a comprehensive programme.

Family Services – format discussed.

Re-order Pews SW corner – discussions commenced.

Multi-Functional Devices – Following opportunity arising from liquidated stock availability office and Church MFD's (printers) replaced.

Hall Audio Visual – Grant from Dudley enabled installation of professional audio/visual system.

After Covid

To enable business to be transacted DCC met on two further occasions by Zoom.

Covid – risk assessments undertaken in Church and Hall. Measures put in place to ensure safe access. Decision to close Church during second lockdown.

Church Wi-Fi and Projection – A bequest of £6000 enabled Wi-Fi to be installed in church together with projection equipment. Wi-Fi enabling the streaming of services to the wider community.

Church services – realigned to enable streaming via Zoom and Facebook Live furthering Christian outreach. Noted success of evening service on Zoom.

Fellowship and Prayer Groups – successfully continuing on Zoom.

Alpha Course – to be run on Zoom with other Churches in Sedgley.

Organ – The accrued organ fund together with fundraising enabled the organ to be rebuilt.

Contact with people – discussion on difficulties and constraints keeping in contact particularly with vulnerable/shielding people. Pastoral Steering Group set up to manage contact arrangements.

Young People initiatives – craft bags to be circulated and contact maintained.

Safeguarding – diocesan guidance on safeguarding continues.

Flowers - flower policy agreed namely artificial flowers during lockdown and monthly displays.

Deanery re-organisation – discussed – now part of combined Dudley (Kingswinford, Stourbridge, Dudley) Deanery.

The Electoral Roll Report – Revised 16th February 2021

The number of electors on the roll for the Parish of All Saints', Sedgley is now 131, a decrease of 4 since 2020.

3 electors have died, 2 electors have moved out of the area and 1 elector has been added.

Liz Williams

Electoral Roll Officer

Kingdom People

Love, compassion, justice and freedom. These are the values that will bring about the kingdom of God on Earth.

Clergy Report from Revd Guy and Revd Catherine as presented to our Annual District Church Meeting 2021

The year 2020 was a year of experiences in our parish's life most of which we hope will not be experienced again!

Our lives, our Parish of Gornal and Sedgley the Diocese of Worcester the whole country and world continue to be in a time of change and challenge with the Corona Virus Pandemic. Nearly all of us know people who have been very poorly and tragically many of us know people who have died. May they rest in peace and rise in Glory. We have all experienced stresses and strains which have been terrible.

We, with the whole nation, are so grateful for the work of all our carers and the National Health Service along with all our key workers.

As a parish we have continued to be greatly blessed by an incredible amount of hard work and ministry that so many are contributing to God's work in this place. Our Standing Committee and Church Councils have worked to help steer the parish forward, giving a great deal of time and energy. Our church wardens, church councils, group leaders, Authorised Lay Ministers and Canon Jan and so many others who contribute so much, have blessed us all and deserve our deep thanks. Our buildings have been closed but the church has not.

We have helped with telephone helplines in Dudley, we have delivered food parcels to homes and we have helped the Food Bank continue its work.

A great deal of work in 2020 went into becoming 'Covid 19 Secure' with complex risk assessments and the equipping of the church and hall with everything from sanitiser to social distancing measures and to the installation of a Wi-Fi bridge in All Saints church to enable us to move our worship online.

Many have learnt a whole new technical language and many new technical skills to enable worship and meetings to happen on Zoom and Facebook Live.

But this year has been challenging beyond measure for us. Not everyone has been able to meet online. Many have felt alone and isolated. Many have been bereaved and as a parish we have taken very many funeral services. We are very grateful to the team who have assisted with services in church.

Thanks are due to our pastoral team who developed contact lists for a renewed pastoral list and who have made countless telephone calls; this in addition to support received from our church friendship groups. The importance for accurate personal information was never clearer! Please take responsibility to ensure we have your full details and if you have not completed a Data Protection form, please do one!!

Our main parish priorities into the beginning of 2020 were to have continued to be a focus on prayer and our work with children and young people and their families.

Our prayer times online in the mornings and the Parish Prayer meeting in an afternoon and an evening have helped to give a rhythm of prayer in the parish through very challenging times; and the Thursday evening fellowship group has grown online. Many have consistently met to pray and worship online Sunday by Sunday and new people have joined the congregation through this. The 'views' of our services online have been in the hundreds, for which we are grateful.

Our children's work across the parish was dramatically affected by the pandemic. Basically, like so much, it had to stop; but with some noticeable exceptions. Singing Angels were on Facebook for much of 2020; a great video from the Open the Book team went into Woodsetton school; our support for children's worker Paul Wilmott continued, and he created outstanding teaching videos for our local schools; craft packages were delivered to 71 or so children several times through the year; throughout the year the Baptismal Books project was sent to our baptismal families. However, the Calling Young Disciples group was very disappointed that the very significant programme of events planned for 2020 could not happen. We pray that we are able to re-establish this work in the months ahead.

Our parish Safeguarding Officer Barbara Baker has worked hard with us to ensure that all are safe, and all appropriate training and checks have been done or are being done.

The All Saints Hall refurbishment was used only briefly because of lockdown. We still hope the Mayor of Dudley will join us for the 'relaunch' and thanks again to John Anderson for his hard work on this project.

We also thank Gail Griffiths for all her support and commitment in the parish office.

A great deal of work was done in the rearranging of weddings and baptisms and our thanks go to Chris Williams for this.

As a church we played a key role in applying for grants for the new Sedgley War Memorial and its installation. We were able to hold a simple act of remembrance in November.

Our ecumenical relationships between the local church leaders have blossomed and this has led to 3 Alpha Courses being planned in 2020 and then delivered in early 2021. There have been about 50 participants online and many of our church have attended or helped in leading the courses.

Sadly, each of our 3 churches has not been able to pay the full parish share asked of us. Although this is understood by the Diocese it continues to be a real concern. But thanks again to our treasurer John Anderson who has worked tirelessly to ensure our finances did not crash and who has also significantly applied for and gained large grants via Dudley Metropolitan Borough for the hall. Thank you all for all you are giving to God's work in money, time and talents.

A good number of our parish went along to the Open Conversations organised by the Diocese online. The Diocesan Synod received the report from the conversations, and this is informing the plans for the future of the Diocese. We know that re-structuring is happening and that the number of stipendiary clergy is still reducing by 15 from about 98. Most of these reductions have either happened or have been identified. We still cannot know for sure how this will affect us as a parish over the longterm. A new parish share system is being introduced – it will relate more to the actual cost for each parish to have their clergy in post with adjustment for the financial context of the church members in the parish.

The Kingdom People movement, with its emphasis on the Gospel main stays of love, compassion, justice and freedom, continues to give us a structure to formulate the mission of the parish. Over the coming months in 2021 we will hopefully settle into a 'new normal' as we begin to open up again and as we continue to pray for the safety and the health and wellbeing of all our parishioners.

We are still in a challenging and worrying time in the world and we have many concerns for the ministry of the parish; there is a great deal of work to do. Not least of all we need to continue to ensure that we are stable in our financial resources for mission and so we will need to continue to explore our stewardship.

We need to reassess our mission to our community and how best we can share the love of God in Christ Jesus.

However, we are hopeful and trusting in God.

There are too many to mention by name but thank you to all who have given so much.

Thank you all for all you are in the Lord and for all you are doing.

Together with God we will move forward!



Revd Guy Hewlett

Team Rector



Revd Catherine Mitchell

Team Vicar

Wardens' Report 2020

The Corona Virus pandemic has had a big impact on the provision of services in Church: normal worship - closed or restricted, funerals restricted, and weddings cancelled. Notwithstanding, a faithful band of stewards has ensured that when the church was open, it was Covid secure. My thanks go to them.

On a brighter note we have successfully developed streaming of services to the wider community and it appears that this will continue as part of Christian Mission in Sedgleyand beyond.

Gail, in the Parish Office, has ably continued supporting the wider parish through a difficult period, and Pam our hall caretaker has ensured Covid cleaning in Church to a high standard. Not forgetting Martin (Organist), Steve (Verger), and Worth (Sexton) all of whom ably support the church.

We have endeavoured to support the locked-in congregation, and look forward to the return of 'normal' times when we can meet in person and share fellowship.

Fabric

Church – the building fabric is basically in a sound condition. The South window adjacent to the Lady Chapel requires work and a Conservator's report to be progressed. The organ was taken away to be rebuilt as a digital organ.

Hall - The completion of restoration work to the hall has brought it up to modern standards. A security review has seen electronic locks proposed.

Routine inspections - All necessary routine inspections and services to the heating, bells, lightning conductor etc. have been completed with any remedial works undertaken.

Goods and Ornaments - The goods and ornaments are in good order.

We are indeed fortunate to have such a splendid building, but it is the faithful congregation that gives life to the church during these trying times.

John Anderson - Warden.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH - SEDGLEY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Treasurers Report

As the Financial figures show 2020 presented both a financial challenge (Church Income) and an opportunity (Hall grants).

Insofar as the church is concerned I am grateful to the many regular givers that continued their giving despite All Saints' being closed for public worship.

In the hall, before lockdown, the work enabled by the ASDA Grant and other donations enabled the hall to be refurbished to a high standard. A grant was also secured from Dudley Council that enabled a first class audio visual system to be installed. (I would also note that During lockdown Pam, our caretaker redecorated inside the hall and also took on Covid cleaning duties in the Church).

On a technical matter, as the hall is now mainly used for Community Use and run on a traded basis we were able to secure a Covid Grant of £11334. This enabled a significant shortfall in the money available to pay the Parish share to be addressed.

Over the years we have been fortunate to receive a number of bequests that have been used to enhance Christian mission in Sedgley, indeed we still benefit from dividends from trusts set up over 50 years ago. In the current year we received a bequest of £6,000 which has been used to provide WIFI in Church together with projection equipment. A bequest set up as a trust can be a gift that continues giving and has tax benefits for the donor.

Covid restrictions mean we are rapidly moving to a cashless society and All Saints is now contactless enabled on various platforms. By far the most cost effective means of giving is by STO or the Parish Giving Scheme and this also greatly facilitates budgeting for expenditure.

I am currently researching the Sedgley United Charities (a bringing together of a number of separate charities – some set up in the eighteenth century!) and how resources may be used to support the elderly and vulnerable.

Again, thank you for all your valued support, I look forward to when we can meet in person.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John Anderson', written in a cursive style.

John Anderson Treasurer

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

Independent Examiner's Report to All Saint's Church - Sedgley

I report to the members on my examination of the accounts of All Saint's Church for the year ended 31st December 2020 which are set out on pages 1 to 3.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As All Saint's Church you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

I report in respect of my examination of the accounts in accordance with instructions given to us by inspecting without carrying out an audit the annexed financial statements from the accounting records of All Saint's Church – Sedgley and from information and explanations supplied to us.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. adequate accounting records were not kept in respect of the church; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content.

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



David Guy C/O
Guy & Co Chartered Certified Accountants
12 Johnson Street
Woodcross
Coseley
West Midlands
WV14 9RL

Date: 8/4/2021

Church Account

Church and Associated Accounts*committed figures shown as italic*

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2019	Income		Comment
£6,940	£1,845	Cash Collections	
£49,853	£51,870	Planned Giving	
£14,443	£16,347	Tax Refunds	
	£11,960	Donations Restricted	
£3,002	£2,555	Gift Day/Donations	
£74,238	£84,577	Total Collections	
£1,305	£810	Magazines	
£507	£474	Dividends Unrestricted	
£3,860	£3,729	Dividends Restricted	
£3,868	£0	Fund Raising Total	
£83,778	£89,590	Total Income	

2019	Expenditure		Comment
£3,386	£3,439	Salaries and Wages	
£12,969	£8,877	Church Running Expenses	
£4,682	£2,456	Church Utilities	
£738	£1,105	Governance	
£403	£447	Discretionary Total	
	£14,809	Organ (part)	
£22,178	£31,133	Sub Total Expenditure	
£48,300	£53,000	Quota	
£3,419	£1,988	Charitable Giving	
£73,897	£86,121	Total Expenditure	
	£3,469	Surplus	

Hall Account

2019	Income		Comments
£4,999	£6,224	Flat Rental	
£9,366	£6,126	Lettings	
£114	£232	Dividends Restricted	
	£12,582	Subtotal	
	£5,000	Sound Grant	
	£15,000	ASDA Grant	
	£1,490	200 Club Noahs Ark	
	£11,334	Community Grant	
£1,469	£0	Donation	
£15,948	£45,406	Total Income	

2019	Expenditure		Comment
£4,034	£4,822	Caretaker	
£3,949	£3,638	Utilities	
£6,799	£6,449	Running expenses	
£14,782	£14,910	Sub Total Expenditure	
	£5,391	Sound System	
	£16,490	Restoration (part)	
	£36,791	Total Expenditure	
	£8,615	Surplus	

Parish Office Account incl fees collected on behalf of others

2019	Income		Comments
£21,158	£14,512	Fees	
£21,158	£14,512	Total Fees	

committed figures shown as italic

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2019	Expenditure		Comment
£14,310	£12,520	Fees	
£2,916	£2,628	Office	
£6,737	£6,103	Admin	
£1,661	£1,089	Expenses	
£25,624	£22,340	Sub Total Expenditure	
	£1,649	COVID	
	£23,989	Total Expenditure	
	-£9,477	Deficit	
	£14,512	Total	

Pass Through For information Income collected on behalf of others

£75	Lent Books	
£124	Error	
£89	Gas Error	
£9	Charity Bottle	
£297	Total	

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BALANCE SHEET

CURRENT ACCOUNT 1st January 2020- 31st December 2020

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Income	£149,805	Expenditure	£147,198
Barclays Interest	£10	Barclays saver Account	£10
Total	£149,815	Total Expenditure	£147,208
		Surplus	£2,607
		Total	£149,815

Represented By

Barclays balance at 31/12/19	£3,499
£0	£0
£0	£0

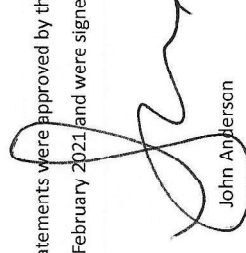
Balance

£3,499

Comprising:

Church Accounts	£4,349
Hall Accounts	£8,626
Pass Through	£0
Vacancy Fee	£0
Fee Account	-£9,476
Total	£3,499

The financial statements were approved by the Treasurer
on 19th February 2021 and were signed by



John Anderson

Investment Accounts

Barclays Business Saver Account - Unrestricted

Credit	Debit	
£15,324		Balance bf
£35,311		Grants/donations
£24,217		Sale Shares see detail breakdown
	£68,866	Expenditure see detail breakdown
£6,000		legacy
£10		interest
£80,862	£68,866	Total
£11,996		Balance Carried Forward

Shares held in Trust By Diocesan Board of Finance

Trust holding (Restricted)	Assignment of Income
£1,853	a/c 1177D Income from 1450S ? Access
£8,277	a/c 1446S Hall Account
£5,675	a/c 1447S Church Account
£4,651	a/c1448S Church Account
£922	a/c 1449S Church Account
£2,254	a/c 1450S Fellows Grave - income to a/c 1177D
£1,352	a/c1452S Church Account
£24,983	Balance Carried Forward

CBF Funds Summary - Restricted

£120,960		opening balance
	£26,917	Organ and Social Club
£6,652		increase Share Value
£6,652	£26,917	Sub Total
£100,695		Balance 31/12/20

CBF Funds Summary Unrestricted

£17,434		opening balance
	£2,154	Printer to current account
£1,078		Increase Share Value
£18,512	£2,154	Sub Total
£16,358		Balance 31/12/20

Local Income Shares 620016001/2/3D

£692		Rwly,Lw& Kdsn,Avry,Fllws Beq
£1		Interest to Church Account.
£693		Balance 31/12/20

Restricted Funds

Credit	Debit	
£100,695		Total Restoration Fund

Bells Fund

£14,636		Bells Fund bf 2019
£0		Weddings 2020 bells service in lieu
£14,636		Total

Organ Fund

£17,584		Organ Fund bf 2019
	£17,584	Organ Rebuild to Barclays svg
£17,584	£17,584	Sub Total
£0		Fund Closed

Social Club

£9,333		Social Club bf 2019
	£2,706	Hall Audio visual to current account
	£6,633	Hall Restoration to Barclays svg
£9,333	£9,339	Sub Total
-£6		Fund Closed

£86,053		Net Restoration Fund (Buildings)
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Barclays Saving Account Expenditure detail**General Savings (held as reserves)**

	Credit	Debit
bf 2019	£2,601	
interest	£10	
Willmott		£1,100
Total	£2,611	£1,100
Balance cf.	£1,511	

Hall Restoration

bf 2019	£12,385	
200 club/Noahs Ark	£1,490	
ASDA	£15,000	
Close Social Club a/c	£6,633	
Expenditure		£34,211
Total	£35,508	£34,211
Balance cf.	£1,297	

Bequest

opening balance	£6,000	
WIFI		£1,386
Projector & Screen		£1,306
Total	£6,000	£2,692
Balance cf	£3,308	

Flower Donations

	Credit	Debit
bf 2019	£128	
Donations	£450	
Xmas Tree/Flowrs		£98
Total	£578	£98
Balance cf.	£480	

Organ Fund

bf 2019	£210	
Shares	£17,584	
Donations inc GA	£15,500	
VAT refund	£2,856	
Makin Organ		£30,750
Total	£36,150	£30,750
Balance cf	£5,400	

Notes to the Accounts

Group Accounts Summary

Given the suspension of activities detail accounts have not been presented for all groups.

	bf 31/12/19	Income	Expenditure	Comment	Surplus/Deficit	cf 31/12/2020
Coffee Club	£479	£204	£326	See accounts	-£152	£326
Noahs's Ark	£462	£180	£0		£180	£642
Men's Society	£864	£129	£350	Hall Refurb	-£221	£643
200 Club	£2,357	£678	£1,690	See accounts	-£1,013	£1,345
Ladies Society	£338	£0	£111		£111	£228
					-£1,095	£3,184

Charitable Giving Summary

Foodbank	£440
Whitehouse	£300
Acorn Trust	£300
CHADD	£300
Hiogh Flyers	£300
Little Brothers	£300
Macmillan	£195
Salvation Army	£12
Total	£2,147
Donation In Kind (Church Hall)	£850
Total	£2,997

OPEN THE BOOK

The Open the Book team went into Woodsetton School and Cotwallend School on five occasions at the beginning of the year. Since March, due to the Coronavirus pandemic, we have been unable to continue with our assemblies. We have kept in touch with the schools, sending in a card from the team along with tea, coffee, sugar and biscuits for the staff, which were greatly appreciated. Christmas cards were also sent to the schools.

In December restrictions enabled us to record the Nativity story which was put on U-Tube for the children to watch. This was our first attempt at producing our assembly online and we hope to be able to do this again in the future.

The team has missed going into the schools and look forward to a time when this will again be possible.

The ‘Open the Book’ Team

All Saints Junior Church Annual Report - March 2021

This year at Junior Church, as with everywhere else, has been dominated by the Covid pandemic and all our planned events for the year have all been cancelled.

It was unfortunate that it came at a time when we were expanding our children's events programme, and had just run two very successful events in February 2020:
a Holiday Club at All Saints which was attended by 33 children and their parents;
and a Pancake Party which was held at St Andrews.

Junior Church last met on 8th March 2020 and at that point we had six children as members and one young helper.

Throughout the year I have maintained contact with the children, continuing to deliver Birthday cards and gifts and also to provide Mothering Sunday plants for the children's Mums.

For the four weeks of Advent and for Epiphany I put together Activity Packs and delivered them weekly to seven children who had responded to my invitation to participate in this activity.

These packs included:

a Bible story; a weekly prayer; a craft activity; puzzles; colouring sheets and games.

The feedback from parents was good and it seems that the children were pleased with the content.

We can only hope for better things in 2021.

Barbara Price

All Saints' Junior Church & Youth Group, Sedgley

Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2020

Income

Balance year ending 31.12. 2019

Brought forward:	£
Building Society account	183.68
Cash in hand	59.00

Donations for Christingles	
Donations for Hol. Workshop	1.00
Received from Church	0.00
Donation for Good Friday	10.00

Building Society Interest	
£	253.68

Expenditure

	£
Resources	74.74
Mothering Sunday	8.80
Easter Workshop	
Junior Church Festival	
Presents & Gifts	8.98
Holiday Workshops	29.88
Christmas & Advent	41.50
Christingle	
Sub Total	163.90

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Cash in B. Society	£ 83.68
Cash in Hand	£ 6.10
	£ 253.68

2020

Resources	Mothering Sunday	Easter Workshop	Junior Church Festival	Holiday Workshops	Christingle	Christmas & Advent	Presents & Gifts
34.43	8.80			3.88		24.70	8.98
8.35				5.07		16.80	
16.96				6.50			
				14.43			
Ink & Paper							
15.00							
74.74	8.80			29.88		41.50	8.98

Total Expenditure £ 163.90

ALL SAINTS' AND ST ANDREW'S MOTHERS' UNION
BRANCH LEADERS' REPORT 2020

2020 began much as previous years. Our programme was set out and the theme for the year was 'Building Hope and Confidence'. We met in January and February and for our annual Wave of Prayer service then everything was 'turned on its head' by the Covid 19 pandemic. The unprecedented situation meant we were unable to meet as a branch for the rest of the year.

We have kept in touch with members by phone and email and delivered the monthly Mothers' Union Diocesan newsletter.

It was with sadness that we heard of the deaths of Alice Bradley, Maisie Glover and Margaret Probin, all dedicated and long-serving members of our branch. We were unable to attend their funerals due to the restrictions but we hope, as a branch, to mark their passing at a later date.

We said goodbye to Pat Taylor who moved to Chester at the end of the year to be nearer to her daughter and son-in-law.

We now have 32 members, of whom 3 are IMPC members.

Members continued with knitting for the prisons and hospitals. We gave knitted hearts to our Indoor Members. All the knitting was gratefully received.

We were unable to have our Lenten Collection for the Women's Refuge but did collect children and adult puzzle and colouring books, crayons and games, along with knitted teddies, which we took to the Refuge at Christmas. Thank you to those members of our congregation who support our collections.

Members continue to deliver anniversary of baptism cards on behalf of the church and we gave wedding cards to the two couples who were able to marry during the year.

'Make a Mothers' Day' came at the beginning of the first lockdown but we were still able to give £50 to the appeal which was match funded by Worcester Diocese Mothers' Union, thus enabling £100 to be sent.

Many members donated to the Mothers' Union Urgent Appeal.

During the year Pam and Stan Hunt celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

A special thank you must go to Anne who, after 20 years as our treasurer has decided it is time to retire. We have been very lucky to have had Anne as our treasurer and I have enjoyed working with her and valued her work and friendship.

I am pleased to say that Judy Clements has agreed to be our new treasurer.

This has been a very strange year, one none of us could have imagined. We have all experienced sad, difficult and anxious times, but through it all I feel we have supported each other.

I pray that 2021 will see us being able to meet together again.

May we continue to live the aims of the Mothers' Union and continue to serve God in this place, while caring for each other.

Liz Williams
Branch Leader

THE MOTHERS' UNION DIOCESE OF WORCESTER
ALL SAINTS' & ST ANDREW'S, SEDGLEY
ACCOUNTS 2020

Income

Opening balance	184.26
Petty cash	28.55
Subscriptions	790.00
Donations	130.00
Bring & Buy	20.00
Make a Mothers' Day	50.00
Raffle	26.00

Total	1,228.81
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Expenditure

Diocese of Worcester	814.00
Make a Mothers' Day	50.00
Petty cash	8.55
Bank balance	356.26

Total	1,228.81
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Audited by Robert Hill
January 2020

ALL SAINTS' COFFEE CLUB

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic and subsequent lockdowns and restriction in our churches we have not served refreshments after services, nor had our regular Friday morning 'Church Opening' since the beginning of March. Though this is sad it is essential that we do all we can to keep people safe in these unprecedented times. We have, however, donated £200 to the Black Country Foodbank.

All Saints Church Coffee Fund Account for 2020

Balance bfwd	478.56	Black Country Food Bank	200
Income	203.91	All Saints Fair Trade	32.6
		Donation to Fair trade	64
		Boxes for Service Sheets	15
		Salvation Army	12
		Wine for Auditor	4.99
		M U Baptism Cards	27.6
		Balance cfwd	326.28
	682.47		682.47

I confirm that this is a true record
from the information provided to me.

Robert Hill B.A. Auditor

ALL SAINTS CHURCH 200 CLUB ACCOUNTS

DECEMBER 2020

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>
Brought Forward	£2357.19	
Windows Church Hall		£850.00
Painting Church Hall		£450.00
Members Subs	£677.50	
Meal Members and Exes		£360.00
Draw March 2020		£30.00
Sub Total	£3,034.69	£1,690
Balance CF	£1,344.69	

Represented by:

Tipton and Coseley BS1	£233.92
Tipton and Coseley BS2	£1,110.77
Total	£1,334.69



Confirmed as correct

Because of the uncertainties associated with the Covid pandemic the 200 Club has been suspended for 2021 and the three Trustees Jenny Lavender, Roger Berry and Jean Turner have decided to stand down after 8 years sterling service. We express our thanks to them.

It has been agreed by the trustees that £ be used from the balance to fit blinds on the windows to aid use of the projection facilities.

The existing members will now be consulted to see whether the 200 Club is to be re-formed in 2022 and whether trustees can be found to run the 200 Club.

The 200 Club, and associated activities, have, since 1980, secured ongoing improvement to the hall culminating in supporting the grants from ASDA and Dudley Council. These have enabled the current first class condition and facilities of the Hall.

Membership in recent years has declined to 42 members from 138 in the 1980's. In addition to providing financial support the 200 Club has also provide a valuable social focus.

All Saints Church: Report on Fair Trade Activities January – December 2020

Our last stall of the year was held during Fair Trade Fortnight, on the first Sunday in March. This was a craft and food stall.

We held a stall at the Community Association coffee morning on the 3rd Saturday in February as is the usual custom, as part of Fair Trade Fortnight.

Since then, of course we have not been able to have any stall or sell any goods to the congregation.

Previous to this we were selling less and less at our monthly stalls, and it is unclear whether we shall be in a position to restart when church opens again.

I sold off or gave away the remaining stock we had left whilst it was still in date. Much went to the food bank at Springs.

We will, for obvious reasons, not be holding any Fair Trade Fortnight events this year.

We made a donation of £100.00 on 20th April 2020 as part of the matched government funding for FTF, and another donation of £75 on 14th November as part of the Christmas Appeal from Traidcraft Exchange – the charitable arm of Fair Trade. This still leaves us with sufficient funds to purchase goods should we restart.

Cicely Thomas

3rd February 2021.

Fairtrade Accounts

Income	
Sales	£467
loss	£59
	£525

Expenditure	
Stock	£350
Donations	£175
Total	£525

Bank 31/12/2020	£244
stock 31/12/2020	£0
cash in hand	£40
Total	£284

Bank b/f 2019	£302
stock b/f2019	unknown
Cash in hand	£40
Total	£342

Net (stock to foodbank)	-£58
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BLACK COUNTRY FOODBANK

THANK YOU from everyone at Springs Foodbank for your continued support in donating food and money, and for your prayers. We give thanks to all our volunteers, and especially over the last year, who have supported when they could. Due to the lockdown we have been limited to 4 or 5 volunteers instead of the usual 10. The amount of donations has been amazing, and well exceeds 2019. In 2020 we fed over 200 families from the local area. Our grateful thanks from everyone at 'Springs'.

Tracey Bate