

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2022

Wednesday 27 April at 7.30pm

In Eastergate Primary School

Agenda and reports for the meetings.

Elections

Churchwardens (6 of)

Parochial Church Council members (5 of)

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Parish of Aldingbourne, Barnham and Eastergate (ABE)

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Eastergate Primary School

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer.
2. Apologies for Absence.
3. Minutes of Annual Meeting of Parishioners 18 May 2021 (by Zoom – chaired by Peter Higgins).

Welcome by Julian Buxton (Churchwarden of Aldingbourne), who opened the meeting. Rev Sheila Higgins said a prayer.

1. **Election of Chairperson:** Peter Higgins was proposed by Gary Courtnadge and seconded by Gillian Angrave
2. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the last Annual Vestry Meeting held on 6 October 2020 were agreed as a true record of the meeting.
3. **Matters Arising:** None
4. **Election of Churchwardens:** The following people had offered to stand:
St. Mary's Aldingbourne: Julian Buxton (proposed by Barbara Coombes and seconded by Chris Scawen)
St. Mary's Barnham: Steven Maple (proposed by Joan Thomas and seconded by John Wright), Bradley Smith (proposed by Nettie Palmer and seconded by Joan Thomas)
St. George's Eastergate: Gary Courtnadge (proposed by Mandy Foot and seconded by Peter Higgins), Richard Brown (proposed by Robin Thelwell and seconded by Vera Saunders)
All the above were duly elected and a vote of thanks was given to them, remembering the extra work involved during an interregnum.

4. Election of Churchwardens.

Fr Paul Armstead (Rector)
10 March 2022

Parish of Aldingbourne, Barnham and Eastergate (ABE)

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following the Annual Meeting of Parishioners

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. Minutes of Annual Parochial Church meeting 18 May 2021 (by Zoom – Chaired by Julian Buxton)
 1. **Apologies:** Sarah Tripp, Kate Holland, Sharon Priest, Jonathan Stapleton, Rev Tony Brant
 2. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the last APCM held on 6 October 2020, were proposed by Andrew Dunlop, seconded by Sarah Tripp, and agreed as a true record of the meeting.
 3. **Matters arising from those Minutes (not on the agenda of this meeting):** None.
 4. **Audited statement of financial activities for the year ending December 2020:** Andrew Dunlop presented the Accounts to the meeting, and gave a summary. The Accounts were published on the Parish Website. In view of the Covid pandemic, Andrew said that the Parish had done amazingly well, but was in need of funds. The Accounts had been adopted by the PCC at their meeting on 12 May 2021. Gary proposed a vote of thanks to Andrew for the considerable amount of work he had done in taking over from Neill Pearson and presenting the accounts to the APCM.
5. **Election of Parochial Church Councillors:**

The list of PCC members is attached. Additional members were:

Lisa Martin (for Aldingbourne)
Jackie Reeves (for Barnham)
Chris Wells (for Eastergate)
These three were proposed by Gillian Angrave, seconded by Lady Kenya Tatton-Brown and all agreed they should be voted on to the PCC.
6. **Election of Deanery Synod Members:**

These had not changed since the last APCM on 6 October 2020
(Bradley attends as a Diocesan and General Synod Rep.)
7. **Election of Sidespersons:**

The following persons were nominated as Sidespersons and agreed en bloc:
Aldingbourne – Ann Fosbury, Laurence Fosbury, Beth Johnson, Barbara Coombes, Linda Bell, Sarah Nichol, David Nichol, Shirley Renton Rose, Norman Knight, Sharon Knight
Barnham – None Elected
Eastergate – Andy Butler, Mandy Foot, Tony Foot, Jean Hartley, Gillian Lambourn, Louise Mitchell, Neil Mitchell, Liz Purdue, Mike Purdue, Lynne Stephens, Robin Thelwell, John Woodhead, Ross Woodhead
8. **Electoral Roll:**

The total number of persons on the Roll was reported as 159 (158 last year).
The Electoral Roll would be due for revision again in 2025
9. **Annual Report for the proceedings of the Council and of the Church generally:**

Copy on the Website with the Accounts.

10. Appointment of Accountant and Independent Examiner to the Council for the year to 31 December 2021:

Thanks were expressed to Kreston Reeves LLP for the preparation and examination of the PCC accounts for the year. They were proposed by Andrew Dunlop, seconded by Gary Courtnadge and appointed again for the forthcoming year.

11. Churchwardens' Reports on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the churches:

The Churchwardens' Reports had been circulated and put on the Website prior to the meeting. Thanks were extended to them all.

12. Deanery Synod Report:

Steven Maple said that the Synod had only met once year and he had nothing to report.

13. Reports from Organisations:

Reports from the Sunday Seekers, Youth Group, Play & Pray, Messy Church, Nippers and Slippers, Parish News Committee and Safeguarding Officer had been circulated and put on the Website prior to the meeting. Thanks were extended to all who had prepared them.

14. Safeguarding Report

Peter Higgins said that the report was on the Website with the other reports. He had nothing further to add.

15. Any Other Business:

Easy Fundraising: Gill Lambourn said that this had been set up by Neill Pearson (our previous Treasurer). It was a way of getting money from retailers via people shopping online. The customers did not pay any more for their goods – they simply put the Parish as their chosen Charity on the website, Easyfundraising.org. Many well-known stores such as Currys, John Lewis, M & S, Halfords, Amazon etc participated in the scheme. This would be advertised in the Parish.

There being no further business, the meeting closed with the Grace.

3. Electoral Roll Report.

4. Annual Report of the PCC (see the attached reports)

5. Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 (Treasurer).

If you would like a full copy of the annual accounts please could you e mail/contact the Parish Office.

6. Report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church (see attached churchwardens' reports)

7. Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod.

8. Election of parochial representatives of the laity to the PCC (5 of)

9. Notice of appointment of Sidesmen.

10. Appointment of an Independent Examiner.

11. Rector's (brief) comments

12. Any other business.

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CHURCHWARDENS' REPORTS

St. Mary's Church, Aldingbourne

We started April 2021 with hope, as churches began to restart their services after the second pandemic lockdown. We were able to celebrate Easter in our Church, unlike a year earlier when we had gathered via Zoom on Easter Day. And as we saw the easing of restrictions through the year, our hope is that the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic is behind us.

We decided to take things slowly and kept some of the precautionary arrangements in place. We have continued having the Book of Common Prayer service once a month, on the 3rd Sunday of the month. We also welcomed back our organists and the bell ringers.

In July, we had four weddings in five weeks as those who had had to postpone them were able to take advantage of the easing of restrictions. This included the weddings of Letitia (Andrew Dunlop's daughter) and James Hebert, and Natasha (Mark and Carol Webb's daughter) and Oscar Allan.

It was with great excitement that we were able to announce in July that our new Rector would be the Rev Canon Paul Armstead, the vicar of St. James' Milton, Portsmouth. Father Paul was licensed as Rector of our parish at St. Mary's, Aldingbourne, on the 21st October by the Archdeacon of Chichester, in the presence of the Bishop of Chichester. It was a wonderful evening for the parish, having been without a rector for nearly three years. The following Sunday, we welcomed the whole parish to Father Paul's first service in the parish as Rector. Since October, we have welcomed Father Paul, Tony and Sheila to lead our services.

A number of the families with long connections to the Church joined us to mark important occasions. Brenda Elwin's family came to the Church to remember Brenda at a service on a Sunday in October, after which her ashes were interred in the churchyard, next to her parents. We also welcomed the Dunlop family for the baptism of Coco Dunlop (Jamie and Georgina's daughter). And we welcomed Bill Collins and his family in July to celebrate Bill's 100th birthday.

We celebrated our Patronal in September, and those who have given their lives in conflict on Remembrance Sunday and around the War Memorial in the churchyard on the 11th November. We were also able to provide the largest collection of items from our three churches to the Bognor Foodbank, after our Harvest Festivals.

With cases rising in December, we were cautious regarding our Christmas services. But we welcomed 50 people to our Crib Service and reasonable congregations on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

We have enjoyed hosting the Family Service on the first Sunday of the month, which is usually held at Eastergate Church, but had been moved because of the greater amount of room at Aldingbourne. This service will return to Eastergate in April.

We also welcomed Rev Dan Balsdon and members of the Westergate Methodist Church on the first Sunday in Lent. Dan explained the importance of discipline during Lent, and we look forward to a return visit to Westergate Methodist Church.

I would like to thank all those who help to run the church: the sides persons and readers; intercessors; servers; cleaners; organists; bell ringers; John Maltby and the Monday crew who tend the churchyard and ensure that it continues to look so beautiful; Sarah Nichol for producing the duty rota; Kim Shaw and the lockers; the Church Management Committee; the Aldingbourne members of the PCC; and Father Paul, Tony and Sheila.

We remember all those who have passed away, the families and friends who came to Aldingbourne to remember their loved ones, those who were married in our Church and those who joined the Christian family at baptism services.

On the 8th May at Aldingbourne, Callum Dunk and Jasmine Jeffery were one of the first couples to get married in a church under the new marriage arrangements in the diocese and possibly the country. Couples now have to register their marriages at a Registry Office and no longer receive a marriage certificate on the day of their marriage. But it does allow mothers of the bride and bridegroom, and step-parents to be recorded on the marriage certificate for the first time. This significant event was recorded by Meridian News.

I would like to thank Barbara Coombes for all her work for our Church. After five years as churchwarden and a further three years on the PCC, she is now standing down from the PCC.

The Norman Arch which leads into the kitchen at the back of the church has suffered serious damage because of movement in the church. Remedial work will take place later in the year.

We have started to make plans to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June, and we wish the Queen all good wishes in her Jubilee year.

In February 2022, the world was turned upside down with the start of the conflict in Ukraine, the implications of which we still do not know. We pray for all those who have been affected by this terrible situation, and welcome any who may wish to come to the UK.

St. Mary's Church, Barnham

The Sunday Mass is at the heart of our life at St Mary's, Barnham, and we have been pleased to welcome new people to our congregation during the year.

We offer two Masses each Sunday morning: at 9.30am a said Mass following the Book of Common Prayer and at 11.15am a modern rite celebration with music. Mattins and Evensong are sung every Sunday.

Our relationship with the local Roman Catholic community continues to flourish and we are extremely glad of the happy friendship we enjoy between our communities. The Mass is served from Bognor, and on those occasions when no priest is available there is a lay-led service of the Word.

Our worship is greatly enriched by music, and we are very grateful to our organists, Rosny and Peter. Thanks are due to our team of servers, readers, welcomers, and intercessors. The ministry and contribution of each person is so much appreciated. Joan Thomas ensures that our altar linens are always immaculately fair and coordinates the team of church cleaners.

With the lifting on Covid-19 restrictions, we immediately reinstated both the common cup and post-service refreshments. This was warmly welcomed by the congregations. A three course Sunday lunch for almost fifty guests was held in January 2022 and was a great success. Fellowship plays a big role in the life of St Mary's and, in addition to the Epiphany lunch, we have also enjoyed a pie night and fish 'n' chip supper.

In February, St Mary's hosted a Walsingham Day with guests from Catsfield & Crowhurst benefice with which we a special link; the day included Mass, the healing ministries, sprinkling with Walsingham water and Evensong in anticipation of Her Majesty's Accession Day. We were most grateful to our parishioners for their help with the lunch and tea. Walsingham pilgrimages, suspended due to COVID, resumed in the Summer of 2021 and we were able to visit the shrine in October; we have pilgrimages planned for June and November 2022.

Visitors often remark on the warm welcome they receive at St Mary's, and also on the appearance of the church itself which is beautifully cared for and decorated with flowers throughout the year by Mary Camerer Cuss and Susie Holmes.

The church building itself is in a reasonable state of repair with a Quinquennial inspection conducted in February 2019. Repointing of the ground gutters remains outstanding from the Quinquennial report and must be addressed urgently as rainwater is causing internal damage.

The churchyard is in good order and continues to be maintained at minimal cost to the Parish. Thanks are due especially to Graham Maple for his hard work, especially over the summer months.

During the winter storms of February 2022, a section of lead fell from the church. At the time of writing, we are in communication with our insurers, the DAC and architect about the repair.

Fr Graham Reeves has continued to serve St Mary's with great dedication during the year and we are all enormously grateful for his ministry among us. His preaching, which is of a very high standard, often attracts favourable comments from visitors. It is always a great pleasure to see Fr Michael assisting at the altar, and we are happy that Fr Michael and Nettie have decided to spend the greater part of the year in England.

With the appointment of our new incumbent, Fr Paul Armstead, in late 2021, a new phase began in the life of the

parish. It is good to see how well he has settled into our community and we assure him our prayers and full support as together we seek to serve the people of these villages.

Our whole parish clergy team has worked extremely hard during the interregnum and long period of COVID-uncertainty, and we thank each of the team for their commitment. We also wish to record our thanks to Vera Saunders for all her administrative and practical help during the year, and to our treasurer, Andrew Dunlop, for his important work on our behalf.

We are ever grateful to the Social and Fundraising committee for the work they do; we look forward the 2022 programme of events. We also thank the Officers of the PCC for their hard work, and especially Maggie Courtnadge, our PCC Secretary. Our thoughts and prayers are very much with Maggie and Gary at this time.

We have been delighted to welcome several new regular worshippers to St Mary's over the past year and we are looking forward to seeing several them presented for Confirmation later in 2022. We also feel great sadness in the loss of Barbara Albert, Colin Bryant, and June Maple from St Mary's congregation.

One of the biggest challenges limiting the future growth of St Mary's is the lack of toilet facilities and the churchwardens are looking forward to working with Fr Paul to push this project forward this year.

Doubtless the year ahead will bring many challenges, not least of a financial nature, but we remain optimistic and trust in the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints as we seek to rise to the challenges of a new year.

Bradley Smith and Steven Maple

St George's Church Eastergate

After nearly three years of interregnum we are pleased that Fr Paul joined us in October as our parish priest. We have welcomed Fr Paul to St George's church and enjoyed our worship at St George's with him.

The church has continued to be lovingly cared for and maintained, with some items of fabric improved during the year.

Church Building and Repairs

There have been no recent significant developments with building or repair works. We still intend to submit a faculty application for the bellcote roof re-shingling and new French drain – the only remaining works outstanding from the 2014 quinquennial report. This will be subject to obtaining the necessary funds to carry out these works.

The church's Quinquennial Inspection was carried out March 2021, delayed from its 2019 due date. There are many maintenance items needing to be addressed, but relatively few repairs requiring urgent attention (excepting the bellcote roof works) and none other requiring significant expenditure.

It is hoped that some repair works can be costed, along with the previously identified bellcote roof and drainage works, so that potential grant funding can be sourced. With no other funds currently available the bellcote roof repair work has been put on hold; however, further delay could risk deterioration of the building fabric.

Some woodworm has also been found in a back pew and in the chancel step timbers which will need treatment in the near future.

In 2020 contributions were made by the St George's congregation and a set of new pew cushions was ordered. However, because of Covid restrictions, the installation of the cushions was held back and in July 2021 the new set of pew cushions was installed and blessed by Rev Sheila at the service on Sunday 25 July.

Churchyard

The damaged Judas tree was due to be cut down and replaced. An inspection has revealed that the tree may be recovering and so further professional advice will now be sought.

All the perimeter hedges were cut last autumn, and are now in good order. We thank all who volunteered with this task.

Six volunteers have regularly cut the churchyard grass throughout last year and this has significantly reduced the cost for keeping the churchyard grass cut.

We were able to purchase a new petrol mower from a private donation and repaired another mower which was donated to the parish.

There was no noticeable damage to the church building resulting from the recent storms and strong winds. However, there was some damage, the most notable being a tree that fell into the churchyard from the hedge on the southern side. The tree has been taken away leaving no damage to graves. A large branch fell from the yew tree near the lychgate, which landed in the farmhouse garden and we assisted Jim with clearing it way. The glass in a window at the back of the granary was blown out, Jim has advised that he will get the glass replaced.

We thank all who help tend the churchyard in many ways with dedication. Many visitors regularly express appreciation for the high standard of upkeep of this beautiful and peaceful space.

The church equipment stored in the Granary continues to be kept tidy, and we thank Andy Mitchell for his magnificent efforts in maintaining order within the Granary throughout the year.

Children and Youth Participation

The Family Service (now named as All-Age Service) was held last summer on the grass at Manor Farm and during the winter at St Mary Aldingbourne. This is an opportunity for all to be together with the families and children. When summer weather permits, it is planned to hold the All-Age services again outside at Manor Farm near St George's church.

Sunday Seekers has returned to church for services at 11.30am on most Sundays.

Play and Pray has returned to church and meets at 10.00am on Friday mornings.

All services continue to be well supported and popular for the various age groups.

We thank Kate Holland and Hedda Wells for their invaluable work with the St George's children.

Patronal Festival

The Church will hold its St George's Patronal Festival on 24 April 2022 with The Venerable Luke Irvine-Capel, Archdeacon of Chichester, as preacher. Weather permitting there will be refreshments provided outside the church.

Coronavirus pandemic

During the last year we have been having services in church and have gradually reduced the constraints. Masks are now only encouraged for the main services. Similarly, spaced seating in pews is encouraged in main services but is relaxed for services with lower attendances.

Those who maintain the life of the Church

The services, activities and life of the church could not happen without the marvellous work and support of the many who give their time so freely. These include sidespersons, sacristans, intercessors, readers, organists, children's group leaders, flower arrangers, cleaners, church openers/closers and those providing refreshments. To you all we give a big thank you for making St George's Church the flourishing and loving Christian family that it is.

As usual, we give special thanks to Vera and Roger for their guidance on many issues, and who do so much for the benefit of St George's and the wider parish.

We thank Sheila, Tony and Graham for their ministry and work in the parish, particularly through the interregnum when the additional demand on their time was considerable. Thanks to them we were able to continue our Sunday services and other events in all of our three churches.

We are grateful to Fr Paul for embracing the life and traditions of our parish and that of St George's Church, and for his valued leadership, as we return to a period of 'life as normal' following the extended period of interregnum.

Gary and Richard are glad to have this opportunity to contribute to the life of this parish. We thank everyone for the support and love we have received.

Gary Courtnadge and Richard Brown

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

Arundel and Bognor Deanery Synod has met three times over the last twelve months. All meetings were held in-person with a Zoom option. The theme of all three has been parish finances, supporting the Parish Share and giving more to diocesan funds. Talks were led by the Archdeacon of Chichester, Bishop of Horsham and Diocesan Secretary.

The Revd Canon Mark Standen stood down as Rural Dean at the end of 2021 after thirteen years in post. The new Rural Dean is the Revd Natalie Loveless. *Steven Maple*

SAFEGUARDING REPORT

There have been no Safeguarding issues to report in the past year. Covid restrictions and social distancing have necessitated changes for our arrangements for Sunday School activities so that there have been virtually no situations where DBS checks were relevant.

For any DBS checks undertaken from now on, the Diocese will require them to be renewed every three years rather than every five years as in the past. This will affect any new Sunday School helpers, as well as all PCC members.

I would like to thank Sarah Nichol and John Hayes for their support during the year.

Peter Higgins

SUNDAY SEEKERS

In usual circumstances, Sunday Seekers meet during the Family Communion at St George's Eastergate for children aged 4 upwards all year round. They attend the All Age Service on the first Sunday of the month. The sessions are in Eastergate school and the children join the service for communion. Average attendance is 10-15 children. Children younger than school age attend with their parent/carer.

Sessions begin with a worship time of song and prayer followed by a talk and creative / craft activity

There are currently 10 adults on a rota consisting of 2 planners/leaders of sessions and 8 helpers.

During Covid restriction we had started to run Sunday School at 11.30am at St George's following after the 10am service. Families booked in with us and we could assure social distancing. Many of the parents of children currently attending Sunday seekers were not previously regular church goers and were happy to come and stay.

Kate Holland and Hedda Wells also started to lead the All Age Services (Family Services) on the 1st Sunday of the month. They were held on the green at St George's during the summer months, there was a successful Harvest service in the barn and on the other Sundays they took place at Aldingbourne Church so that we could come together as one congregation.

From May 2022 onwards we hope to return to the 10am session at Eastergate School. We will keep the format but this enables parents to attend the service and us to join the congregation for communion and refreshments afterwards.

YOUTH GROUP

There is currently no provision.

PLAY & PRAY

In usual circumstances, Pray and Play, is a toddler group for the under 5s and their parent / carer. They meet every Friday morning in term time at St George's.

The session starts with prayer, singing and music, followed by a story and related craft, tea / coffee for parent / carer and play time for the children.

There is one main leader and a small team of dedicated helpers.

Once a year Play & Pray leads a family service to share their way of worship with the congregation. This usually happens in July and has become Ice Cream Sunday.

Face to face session re-started in July 2021 and returned fully in September 2021.

This group is going strong and average attendance is between 10 - 12 children.

MESSY CHURCH

There have been no Messy Church events during the past year.

When they do run, they consist of an introduction to the overriding theme, a large range of activities, worship and sharing a meal (tea and cake). The sessions are aimed at ALL AGES but tend to be attended by families. We would like to encourage all adults to take part in the activities too as some are particularly designed for them and can be beneficial and fun for all. We are working on ways to share this message.

NIPPERS AND SLIPPERS

Is an initiative started in 2018. Once per term 10 – 12 older members of the congregation from all three churches and Westergate House come to Eastergate School to join 12 -15 pupils from the Reception Class for an hour of shared time.

We start in a big circle with a song and circle games. Then there is a shared story which leads to linked craft activities followed by one to one story time which is equally valued and enjoyed. The Slippers enjoy the energy and the Nippers soak up the attention.

Since lockdown in March 2020 there have been no sessions but we hope that we might be able to reintroduce them after Easter.

At the end of April Kate Holland will step back from her voluntary role in the Parish. Kate has been involved with children's and family work for many years and has been instrumental in driving ideas forward, keeping sessions going during the pandemic and engaging with families in and outside the church community. Kate has organised many events, fairs, outings and fun sessions and her enthusiasm, talent, faith and personality will be missed.

PARISH NEWS

The Parish News is a most impressive production and for the Parish an opportunity for us to 'spread the word' about what we do as well as share what is happening in the communities where we live. Thank you to all who work so hard in collecting material, encouraging others to contribute, making sure it is full each month with articles and adverts and that it lands on our doorsteps and at the back of our churches on time each month. Therefore, to Jonathan, Sarah, Fozz, Vera and Helen our huge thanks.

If you have any comments, ideas, articles etc etc then we would love to hear them. It is your magazine!! And please encourage others to read and subscribe to it! *Fr Paul*

The Year in Review:

A huge thank you to all of those who have contributed to the magazine over the past year – your help and support is very much appreciated indeed.

During the year, Aldingbourne's Tony Wheatley continued his regular contributions, writing us a range of articles looking at different aspects of local history throughout the year. His pieces included a piece on the local buses in World War 2 in March 2021, an article about the Priest's Room at St Mary's Aldingbourne in April and a piece about a local Navy family, the Meyrick's in this February's magazine.

In May 2021, local photographer John Donabie agreed to dip into his archive to provide us with a new 'Our Parish Now and Then' series, looking at the way Parish life has changed over the past years. This series has covered a range

of themes – including Barnham Windmill, the Great Storm of 1987 and the Barnham Gala in 1981.

Finally, in November, we spruced up the look of the magazine – introducing a full colour front cover for the first time, expanding the number of pages dedicated to the Parish of ABE, increasing the pagination from 40 to 44 pages, and re-introducing the ‘Community’ section.

Should you have any articles for the magazine – or any comments you would like to share – please do let me know.

Jonathan Stapleton

Distribution: 850 copies of the magazine are printed each month; the current circulation of magazines is approximately 670 which includes 16 postal subscriptions. We currently have distributors for all of our rounds, to whom we are hugely grateful, if you feel that you can help at any time we would be pleased to add your name to our list! Our grateful thanks to Anne and Laurence Fosbury for organising the distribution each month.

Finance: Thank you to Helen Pearson, Parish News Treasurer, for the following figures: Parish news Income for 2021 was up circa £600 compared to 2020, against an increase in expenditure of circa £300. Resulting in an increase of £300 in the 2021 contribution to parish funds of £4,684. If you would like to see a full copy of the Parish News accounts please contact the Parish Office.

Advertising: The Parish Magazine continues to be supported by our regular advertisers and we have attracted enough new advertisers since the beginning of the year to ensure the pages dedicated to adverts is full. Ads run for the whole year (11 editions) and are available online too. Grateful thanks to Z Philips for issuing all the reminder correspondence sent out at the end of 2021 that meant we were in good shape for January onwards. The advertising rates have remained the same for 2022 but we would recommend a review to boost income – that could be implemented for next year. We are chasing a few outstanding payments – and continued thanks to Helen Pearson for keeping tabs on the advertising payments received. There has been an increase in enquiries about advertising local events that has been encouraging and these have been directed to the Community pages of the magazine. We are still looking for a new Advertising Manager and plan to redouble our efforts in advertising for the role. *Sarah Tripp*