

# PCC Secretary's Report 2021-22

## Composition of Parochial Church Council:-

Rector:	Revd. Richard Winslade
Churchwardens:	Liz Brewer and Dick Brewer
Deanery Synod Representatives:	Liz Allan and Tim Watson
<i>Annually elected members:-</i>	
Madame:	Helen Smith
Messrs:	Peter Farmer, Adam Lockey, Tim Theaker

In keeping with our status as a Charity, it is necessary to include in this Annual Report a statement of our charitable purposes. These are primarily to assist our Minister in the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrine and practices of the Church of England. During the past year we have been gradually emerging from the restrictions imposed as a result of *Covid19* lock-downs and returning to something like normality. Fewer masks are being worn in Church, although those who feel more vulnerable can still do so, and the Communion Cup is back in use (with intinction) for those who choose to partake. Our Church is open again to all during daylight hours. We aim to be welcoming to all and we seek to demonstrate “love for our neighbour” not only within our congregation but in the various ways we “outreach” and engage with our community.

Since our last Annual Meeting (16<sup>th</sup> May 2021) the PCC has met five times. The first of those meetings, in July, was held via *Zoom* but from September onwards we have been able to meet in person - a blessing for those (like me) who do not really “do” technology! Given all the difficulties that we have experienced, our church life continues remarkably undisturbed. Our Christmas and Easter services were well attended and we continue have a strong “virtual” following for services streamed on *Zoom* and *Facebook*.. For that, we have to thank our “Tech. Team” i.e. Revd. Richard and his family!

Social and fund-raising events have been making a very cautious return but we are starting to see a bit more activity there. Our Christmas *Santa Float* was, however, a very welcome and popular attraction, raising a goodly amount of money both for the Church and for *Keech Hospice Care*. Our occasional litter-picking sorties also show us “doing our bit” for the community.

As ever, I like to include a word of thanks to our legions of volunteers who devote a great deal of time, effort and loving care in the day-to-day running and upkeep of the church building and its contents and, of course, the churchyard. Many thanks to all. It may be unsung, but it is deeply appreciated. You know who you are!

Tim Watson