

Finance Report for 2019

I am pleased to report that Burleydam Parish Church had a successful overall financial performance in 2019. In 2018 we had adjusted and updated the Accounts and 2019 was a more straightforward year, showing a pleasing overall increase in balances of £1578 at £41852 across all accounts. As in 2018 the PCC agreed to move £3000 from the Fabric Fund to the main fund. This highlights our continued reliance on fundraising efforts as the ordinary day to day income does not match expenditure.

The single largest source of income was once again the Parish Lunch in March 2019. As previously, this took place in the Combermere Abbey Walled Garden Pavilion, by kind permission of Mrs Sarah Callender Beckett. An amazing team of helpers assisted Mrs Caroline Hollins and they all deserve our sincere thanks for an excellent event that also generated record profits. All the other fundraising events are shown in our main account, including the Bazaar and 2 Coffee Mornings. Again, huge thanks to all who contributed to these activities.

Dodcott and Wilkesley Parish Council gave 2 Grants and their ongoing support is greatly appreciated, as is that of Wrenbury Consolidated Charity and the Hollins Family. Community Room activities continue to thrive and Mrs Jean White performs a great service in keeping detailed records. We also benefited from Tax Recovery from HMRC, and, again, I thank Mrs Helen Atkins for her work on these returns.

We also received a legacy of £1000 from the estate of Mr Arthur Ford, whose long association with Burleydam Church was remembered at his well attended funeral in February 2019. Arthur would encourage others to follow his example in leaving a legacy to our church in their will.

As I write this Report in March 2020 it is evident that we are entering very challenging times. Thankfully, we have nurtured sound finances that will sustain us hopefully as we move ahead. I should like to thank all those who continue to provide Burleydam Church with the financial support it needs to deliver its mission in the local community.

Peter Little OBE (Church Treasurer)