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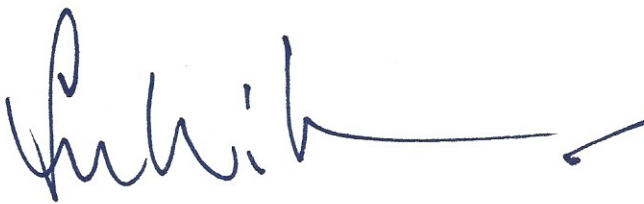
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28th December 2020

At the request of Hargrave and Huxley PCC I have examined the accounts of St Peters Hargrave in the light of the attached Treasurers Report and the financial records for the period January to December 2019.

As a result of this examination, I believe that the report and the financial records represent a true and accurate record of the financial affairs of the parish over the period in question.

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C S B Williams

Treasurers Report 2019

There has been no detailed financial report prepared yet for 2019. The main reason for this being that the financial software we purchased to replace the obsolete version is taking longer to set up than anticipated. I have every confidence that it will be ready for the 2020 financial year.

The planned giving in 2019 was up on the previous year at £13,007 and was some £1,364 higher than 2018. Collections at services £2,485 showed a modest decrease. Income tax recovered from HMRC totalled £3,832 and added to the planned giving and collections at services this was enough to cover the Parish Share, which at £18,065 was a 2.5% increase on the 2018 figure. Thanks go to Brenda Roscoe as the Gift Aid Secretary for her efforts in recovering the tax from HMRC.

Grants, legacies and sundry donations came to £13,927, the largest portion being £11,000 from the Moulson Trust.

The continuing excellent fund raising efforts for Happy Days and other fund raising events contributed a little over £3,213 after costs.

Fee income at £3,395 was up on 2018 but as has been stated before, the fee income entirely depends on the number of weddings and funerals conducted over the year. The arrangements for the collection and forwarding of the Diocesan fees of £1,108 have operated satisfactorily.

Vicarage costs were up a little this year at £2,796 and consist of the council tax to CWAC and the water rate to United Utilities.

The costs for the overall upkeep of the Church were £4,420 which consists of £3,199 for general running costs and £1,221 for maintenance. Upkeep of services at £924 is up considerably on the previous year while the upkeep of the churchyard at £2,590 shows a substantial increase as we had to take on a new company to keep the grounds tidy.

There are now several groups using the hall on a regular basis. The rental income for the hall was £5,093 which includes a book transfer of £1,380 for Church use. Hall and field running costs at £4,383 were the same as last year.

The PCC continued its commitment to charitable giving with £2,920 being donated to local, national and international charities. The parish ledger recorded an additional £1,006 that the church and wider community have given to other charities and good causes.

As of 31st December the state of the church accounts were as follows;

Nat West Current Account	£5,301
Nat West Business Reserve Account	£8,517
Nat West Organ Fund Account	£14,193
Church of England Deposit Fund	£11,248

It has been another interesting year and I extend my thanks to all who have helped to make it so.

David Roberts, Hargrave PCC Treasurer