

**A Report from the meeting of the Standing Committee for the Parochial Church Council held on 25 April 2022.**

The Annual Report and Accounts were not ready in time for the PCC meeting on 5 April, so the Standing Committee met to approve the draft prior to the Independent Examiner's inspection. Once the process has been completed the accounts will be on display on each church notice board for 7 clear days prior to the APCM on 8 May 2022.

The Revd Deb Smith held the chair, and five authorised PCC members were in attendance plus one of the local treasurers.

- 1) JS the PCC Treasurer presented the final accounts and was able to give an overview of our financial situation at the end of 2021. Monies associated with the Bridport Food Bank have been transferred to the separate charity, distorting the figures somewhat by giving a deficit of £26,975 but because of a gain in investments there is an actual overall gain of £25,388.

There were general questions asked about:

- charitable giving across the parish (the PCC will discuss a policy),
- the role of the Friends as separate charities, and
- legacy donations restricted to particular churches (to be shown in the accounts).

**The proposal to accept the Annual Report and Financial Statement 2021 as tabled was passed, nem com.**

- 2). The new churchwardens will be elected by the Parishioners Meeting, held immediately prior to the APCM on 8 May 2022. (A max of 10 is allowed.)
- 3). Details of the legal requirements for the annual meeting (APCM) were discussed, which will include the formal declaration of the numbers on the Electoral Roll, a fabric report on the buildings, a Deanery Synod report, and the elections of new members of the PCC and Deanery Synod.
- 4). Cloud storage of information and records was discussed, and action points identified to enable the PCC to work more efficiently and reduce printing costs and duplication of reports or papers.
- 5). It was noted that this year's formal count is to be conducted through the month of May in each church buildings. This is for the Fairer Share calculation.
- 6). The next meeting of the PCC will be on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May at the away-day when a broader discussion of collaborative working across the parish will be facilitated by the Revd Keith Elford.

*Bridget Trump*  
*PCC Secretary*

Ends.