

DIOCESE OF BATH AND WELLS
BRUTON & CARY DEANERY SYNOD (2020-2023)

Annual Report for 2021

Background

Bruton & Cary Deanery is one of nineteen deaneries in the Diocese of Bath and Wells. The Deanery Synod is regulated by the 1969 Synodical Government Measure which sets out five functions:

- to consider matters concerning the Church of England and other matters of religious or public interest;
- to bring together the views of the parishes of the Deaneries, to discuss and formulate common policies, to foster a sense of community and interdependence among those parishes, and generally to promote in the Deaneries the whole mission of the Church;
- to make known and put into effect any provision made by the Diocesan Synod;
- to consider the business of the Diocesan Synod and to sound parochial opinion;
- to raise matters with the Diocesan Synod.

The Deanery Synod operates within the framework of a constitution and standing orders adopted by the Diocesan Synod in 1989. At 31st December 2021, the Deanery comprised 11 benefices, 42 parishes, a population of approximately 28,000, a church electoral roll of around 1,900 and with many churches not holding services for much of 2021 due to the pandemic an accurate number of regular worshippers is difficult to state (in 2020 it was 824). The Parish Share for the Deanery was £408,400 in 2021 of which 95.40% (less discounts) had been paid by 31st December 2021.

Membership and Officers

At 31st December 2021, the Deanery Synod comprised 59 members. 47 were members of the House of Laity, mostly lay representatives elected by the 42 parishes in the Deanery. 12 were members of the House of Clergy, mostly beneficed or licensed parochial clergy. All are members for the 2020-2023 three year period. 8 Readers and 18 Clergy with Permission To Officiate are regularly invited to attend meetings.

The following have been officers of the Deanery Synod during the year:

Area Dean	The Reverend Kevin Rogers
Assistant Area Dean:	The Reverend Tristram Rae Smith
Lay Dean:	Dr Rob Sage
Deputy Lay Dean:	Ms Jay Greene(resignation was minuted on 5/10/2021) Mr Jeremy Pratt(elected on 4/11/2021)
Secretary:	Mr Jeremy Pratt
Treasurer:	Mrs Rosemary Rymer

Deanery Mission and Pastoral Group (DMPG)

The Deanery Synod's Mission and Pastoral Group (formerly the Standing Committee) initiates and advises on proposals; ensures that members are adequately informed on questions raised and other matters of importance to the Deanery; prepares the agenda; transacts the business of the Synod between meetings; and makes such appointments and does such other things as the Synod may delegate to it.

The DMPG also advises the Archdeaconry Mission and Pastoral Group regarding the pastoral organisation of the Deanery - with the understanding that it will invite representatives of the parishes concerned to attend its meetings when considering suggestions for pastoral reorganisation.

The Deanery Ministry Fund

In 1994 the Bruton and Cary Deaneries Ministry Fund was established by the then separate Deaneries of Bruton and Cary to offer financial support to lay people in the Deaneries seeking Christian Education, with priority being given to those in, or seeking training for authorised lay ministry. In 2015 with the two deaneries now one, it was agreed that the Ministry Fund should come under the direction of Deanery Synod with its funds becoming a restricted fund in the Deanery accounts, and the Fund being administered by the Deanery Mission and Pastoral Group. No grants were requested from the Ministry Fund in 2021.

The Deanery Mission Plan and the Schools Chaplain

As part of the Diocesan Strategy to put mission and evangelism at the heart of all we do, each Deanery was asked to produce a Deanery Mission Plan in 2017. In Bruton and Cary the Plan was presented as a 2-fold leaflet, which was printed and copies were distributed to each parish for their consideration, and hopeful integration into their parish vision. A supporting leaflet outlined what the Deanery intended to undertake as part of the Plan.

This included converting the House for Duty post in the Camelot Parishes that was no longer required into an allowance to help pay for a chaplain to work in our three state secondary schools for three days a week. A grant of the remaining funds in the Linx Project provided the additional money needed for the first two years of this project, but has not yet been needed. A chaplain was appointed in 2018 and had a very positive impact on the schools involved, but then left for another post in 2019. A second chaplain was appointed in October 2019, and has been much appreciated by the schools, despite the limitations imposed by the pandemic.

Review of the Year

Synod Meetings

Due to the Covid restrictions the Ascension Day Deanery Service was held this year via Zoom, and the Synod meetings were also held via Zoom.

In March we were asked to discuss "What was the one good thing that had happened in our parish" and "What are the future hopes and challenges for our benefice".

In June, the Synod discussed "What our churches may look like after the Pandemic" led by Jane Chamberlain, the Diocesan Head of Ministry for Mission.

In November the Synod heard a talk by Andy Gray on "Talking Jesus in the rural context", and commissioned our pioneers Julie Ebsworth and Christy Casley.

Deanery & Clergy Changes

The Revd Jonathan Evans was licensed as Priest in Charge to Bruton, Brewham, Pitcombe and Shepton Montague on February 11th 2021, then was installed as Rector on 3rd October 2021.

The Revd Elisabeth Isted was licensed as Priest-in-Charge of Castle Cary and Ansford on April 22nd 2021.

The Revd Marion Clutterbuck retired from the House for Duty post in the Six Pilgrims on 17th April 2021.

Deanery Accounts

The General Fund. There were no subscriptions asked for in 2021, since there had been no expenditure in the previous year due to the pandemic and only one Synod being held. The only income was a small amount of interest on the CBF Deposit Account.

Due to little activity being possible during the year, the only expenditure was for a charge for the deanery website. The General Fund showed a deficit of £131.40 compared to a surplus of £797 the previous year. It is being recommended again that the parishes are not asked for a subscription in 2022.

Deanery Ministry Fund. The Deanery Ministry Fund received a small amount of interest. No requests for grants were received in 2021.

Assets and Liabilities. This shows total assets of £3,864.22 in the General Fund and £1,932.59 in the Deanery Ministry Fund. The Deanery had no liabilities.

Reserves Policy: to maintain a balance in the General Fund, equating to between eighteen months and two years payments, to cover unexpected costs and opportunities for ministry within the Deanery without unnecessarily increasing the Deanery Subscription; where the balance exceeds this level, to budget a deficit in following years. The Deanery policy is to invest its fund balances with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

GENERAL FUND Receipts & Payments Account (Unrestricted)

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Subscriptions		0.00		630.00
Donation		0.00		
Refund from DBF(Clergy meal in 2019)		0.00		168.01
Interest				
CBF Deposit Account		1.07		8.72
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>1.07</u>		<u>806.73</u>
PAYMENTS				
Printing, Stationery & Postage				
Printing		0.00	0.00	
Stationery		0.00	0.00	
Website costs		132.47	0.00	
Postage		0.00	0	0
Publications				
Church Representation Rules		0.00	9.99	9.99
Cost of Meetings				
Donation to Wincanton Methodist Church		0.00	0	
Hire of Village Halls		0.00	0	
Other				
Retired Clergy lunch		0.00	0	
Ascension Day Organist		0.00	0	
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>132.47</u>		<u>9.99</u>
Excess of Receipts over Payments		<u>(-131.40)</u>		<u>796.74</u>
Bank & CBF Accounts				
at 1 January		<u>3,995.62</u>		<u>3,198.88</u>
Bank & CBF Accounts				
at 31 December		<u>3864.22</u>		<u>4,005.61</u>
Uncleared cheques		0.00		9.99
Actual Bank & CBF Accounts		<u>3864.22</u>		<u>3,995.62</u>
at 31 December				

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

DEANERY MINISTRY FUND Receipts & Payments Account (Restricted)			
	2021	£	2020
RECEIPTS			£
Transferred from Deanery Ministry Fund			
Ascension Day Collection (50%)	0		0
Bank Interest	0.94		7.99
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>0.94</u>		<u>7.99</u>
PAYMENTS			
Grants (Exploring Christianity courses)			
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>0</u>		<u>0.00</u>
Excess of Receipts over Payments	<u>0.94</u>		<u>7.99</u>
Bank & CBF Accounts at 1 January	<u>1931.65</u>		<u>1,923.66</u>
Bank & CBF Accounts at 31 December	<u>1932.59</u>		<u>1,931.65</u>

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OTHER RESTRICTED FUNDS Receipts & Payments Account (Restricted)				
	£	2021	£	2020
RECEIPTS		£		£
				0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>
PAYMENTS				
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>
Excess of Receipts over Payments		<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>
Bank & CBF Accounts at 1 January		<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>
Bank & CBF Accounts at 31 December		<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>

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STATEMENT of ASSETS and LIABILITIES at 31 DECEMBER 2021

	TOTALS				
	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Deanery Ministry Fund (Restricted)	Other Restricted Funds (Restricted)	31 December 2020	31 December 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
HSBC Bank Account	1,798.30	0.00		1,798.30	1,940.76
CBF Accounts	2,065.92	0.00		2,065.92	2,064.85
NatWest Bank Account	0.00	1,932.59		1,932.59	1,931.65
Total Cash	3,864.22	1,932.59	0.00	5,796.81	5,937.26
Uncleared cheques				0.00	9.99
Total Monetary Assets	3,864.22	1,932.59	0.00	5,796.81	5,927.27
Total Liabilities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Section 4(3) of the Charities Act 1993 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

Funds

The General Fund represents the funds of the Deanery which are not subject to any special restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the Deanery. The Deanery Ministry Fund is a restricted fund, consisting of monies for the financial support of lay people within the Deanery, seeking Christian Education, with a priority for those in training for authorized lay ministry. The majority of these monies were transferred from the Bruton and Cary Deanery Ministry Fund which had been administered separately from the Deanery accounts until 2015. Other Restricted Funds is a restricted fund for use when necessary of separate funds received. Receipts and Payments include income as received and expenditure when irrevocably paid.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

The following assets and liabilities are recognised in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities: Closing bank balances as shown in the Receipts and Payments Account. Amounts owing to the Deanery including subscriptions. Liabilities including creditors for goods and services for which the supply has been received and invoiced by 31st December.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Bruton and Cary Deanery
for the Year Ended on 31st December 2021.**

I have independently examined the accounts of the Deanery as set out on the preceding pages. Bruton and Cary Deanery have elected both to prepare the accounts on the receipts and payments basis and to subject their accounts to independent examination.

My responsibilities are to:

- * identify whether or not proper accounting records have been kept;
- * check that the Deanery's accounts agree with the accounting records;
- * look for possible significant errors in the accounts;

Where matters arise from this examination that give cause for concern it is my duty to report it.

My report:

No matters have arisen during the course of my examination where I have to give an adverse report.

Signed.....

Date: 2.3.22