

St John the Baptist & St Kentigern's Financial Report

Year ended 31 December 2020

Since my report last January, we have gone through unprecedented times.

Church services have been cancelled for attendance from March, reduced numbers in attendance throughout Summer and Autumn and back to closure again.

I have pleasure in presenting the Church Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020. It has been a difficult year trying to retain income. Fiona, our Gift Aid Coordinator, who is a member of the Finance Council, has managed to get parishioners to transfer envelope collections to standing orders, and has persuaded many to bank collections directly.

The main loss we have noticed this year has been a considerable drop in cash received from attendees at Mass. All transactions are now dealt by the Bank of Scotland. The Royal Bank account is now closed.

This year we report on the combined figures for the one parish. Collections are only down by £5000 to £93000, which is a magnificent achievement, and we thank you for your support. Other Income has reduced by £16000, mainly because no activities were being catered for during the pandemic. Expenditure shows an increase of over £25,000 in the year, the main increase has been a cost of £22000 for repairs. I advised last year that, as a finance council, we would be carrying out an upgrade of work bringing the houses and churches to a better state of repair. This has happened, and as a result of our funds, we will continue this process during the current year.

Special collections taken in both churches amounted to £7,300, £11,000 down on last year.

We finished with a surplus of £26,000, down £36,000 on last year. We are planning ahead for the future, when we will all be returning to church attendance. It is hoped that, as cash collections are almost a thing of the past, we will put in place some form of tap and pay, similar to the systems used in shops today.

Lindsay Wilson.

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