

Heathfield and Cotford St.Luke PCC

Treasurer's report 2019

- 1. Introduction.** First of all my apologies for not delivering this report in person, in my normal fashion. Covid has meant that Liz and I are avoiding most gatherings, notwithstanding how safe they may be. It has also meant that I have lost, hopefully temporarily, any ability that I had to make finance fun, so you might as well have a written report.
- 2. 2019.** The Receipts and Payments accounts for 2019 are attached. They are, by now, very much a historical record, but they showed that, in normal times, we had raised enough money in the year to pay our commitments, not least of which our parish share of £25,000. There were some residual costs relating to St Luke's, mainly the landscaping works, which represented excellent value, and legal costs to the Diocese, which didn't. The balance at the end of the year was £25,747, which was sufficient to meet the outstanding loan charges of £16,000 payable this year. At the time, I expected to be saying things about needing to put our efforts into making maximum use of our new asset, not just to provide the money to pay future loan charges, but, more importantly to benefit our community. Things did not, of course, turn out as we expected, which just goes to show how useful planning is. I seem to recall Jesus telling us not to think too much about tomorrow.
- 3. 2020.** Turning to this this year; it has been, and remains, a matter of staying in the game. Thanks to a share of the Chancellor's support packages (£10,000) and to a deferral of the loan capital payments, I estimate that we will still have a few thousand in the bank at the end of 2020, having paid our full parish share. A bit of a miracle again! The Diocese are offering some sort of financial support arrangements, which I will be looking at in the next week or two, which may affect future share payments.
- 4. The future.** If it is of any comfort to our leaders, I have no idea what is going to happen either. I'm not going to worry though.
- 5. Finally.** Thank you to my fellow PCC members and officials and to those of you that do the hard work raising and donating the money that I count. Please carry on. Thanks also to Charles for checking my counting. And thanks to God.

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