

Notes on the 2020 Financial Statement

1 The PCC levies statutory fees for such things as wedding and funeral services and a proportion of the fee is passed on to the diocese. There are also voluntary fees charged by the PCC where for example the services of the vergers or the organist are requested or the bells are required to be rung and fees for these services are passed on to the provider. The advice from the Diocese is that only that part of the fees retained by the PCC should be shown as a receipt in the financial statement as to include the gross figure would be to overstate income. In 2020 the total extent of fees collected by the PCC was £2168 but only £451 of this was retained. To enable resolution with the general account bank statement, the sum passed on to others (£1717) is shown as a below the line figure on both sides of the statement.

2: At the end of 2020, 2 cheques written during the year had not been presented. The value of these cheques totalled £54.40. This sum is shown as below the line expenditure on the payments side of the general account statement to enable resolution with the general account bank statements. It is shown as a financial liability going forward into 2021 in the statement of assets and liabilities which appears later on in the financial statement.

3: In addition to its own reserve accounts (the Deposit Fund and the Development fund), the PCC also has access to two investment funds held on its behalf by the Crediton Church Corporation, which are released on application for relevant purposes to the PCC. Use of the Exminster Chancel Repair Fund is restricted to works that will benefit the maintenance and improvement of the chancel area of St Martins. The Residue Fund is essentially unrestricted and the estimated value of this fund at the close of 2019 was approximately £1692. At the time of preparing the financial statement, the Crediton Church Corporation was not able to provide a final valuation on this account for 31st December 2020.

4: The financial statement identifies two trusts that the Diocese of Exeter manages on behalf of the PCC, the Mrs D M Barrow Legacy and the R Lewis Legacy. These relate to bequests that have been made over the years on the basis that the bequest should be invested and the income from the investment used for specific purposes. In the case of both trusts, the money is restricted to uses that are for the benefit of the churchyard. The valuations on these trusts at 31st December 2020 have been provided by the Exeter Diocesan Board of Finance.

5: At the close of 2020, the PCC accounts had total assets of £63723.95 (est), Only £13980.84 (est) of this sum was in truly unrestricted accounts ie where resources can be used for general church purposes.