

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. BARNABAS, BROMBOROUGH

England & Wales - Charity number 1127144

Details

Other names ST. BARNABAS PCC OR BROMBOROUGH PCC

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2008-12-11

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church.

Activities: Provision of Regular Worship Services, including Holy Communion, Holy Baptism, Weddings & Funerals. Provision of Pastoral Care, Provision of drop-in coffee lounge

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Wirral

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£195,978	£185,143	-	-
2023-12-31	£169,626	£153,081	-	-
2022-12-31	£140,025	£139,162	-	-
2021-12-31	£116,547	£140,230	-	-
2020-12-31	£104,593	£121,006	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anita Roberts		2022-04-24
Barbara Ann Baxter		2022-04-24
Fiona Caroline Austin		2020-10-28
Heather Savage		2025-05-25
Helene Kaye		2024-04-28
Ian Sneddon		2022-04-24
Ian Walker		2024-04-28
Jacqueline Patricia Williams		2020-10-28
Julie Gordon		2023-04-23
Katharine Shears		2025-06-19
MRS JENNY HOPE M.B.E.		
Rev Jenny Gillies		2014-11-17
Ros Wood		2024-04-28
Susan Holden		2020-10-28
THELMA MCGORRY		

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**ST BARNABAS
BROMBOROUGH**



Charity No. 1127114

ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDING

31st December 2024

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Rector's report 2024

The Spiritual life of St Barnabas is healthy, and that is noticed by visitors who pop in and by those who stay to form part of our regular congregation. Though we have lost some faithful church members who have died, we also notice growth areas especially at the 11.00 am modern service held each Sunday. This is just one of the congregations who meet and form part of a varied style of worship available at our church. On weeks when we have Messy Church, this is the largest of our regular congregations. It continues to meet once a month in The Centre building.

I am grateful to Revd Colin Hart for pastoring the flock so warmly, and in a way that I know makes people feel safe and cherished when I am away. I have also had the assistance of Revd Ian Davenport on some Wednesdays and Revd Malcolm Dyer a retired URC minister and Trevor Jones with whom it has been a pleasure to share preaching.

We continue to enhance the Bible teaching and learning. Though our evening house group closed down, a new group on Wednesday afternoon meets every week at The Rectory. There are between 8 and 12 people who attend. We have studied the Bible course, Talking Jesus, The Fruits of the Spirit and began Luke's Gospel. We have also prayed and cared for each other and shared a lot of biscuits and laughter too. It is my hope that we will be able to expand into having an evening group soon too.

Beginning late 2023, and continuing through 2024, thanks to Helene Kaye's bid-writing, we have secured a total of £72,000 worth of grant funding. This year we managed to feed over 80 families at Christmas as well as providing gifts for them. Lin Longshaw Parr and the Bromborough walkers did a great job on shopping and wrapping gifts for children and adults. We worked, though not exclusively, with Woodslee and Mendell Primary School, who remain keen to work with us. Our engagement with the community continues to grow and develop. We have developed an umbrella title for our outreach ministry which is St Barnabas Community Care network. It reflects that a lot of what we are doing is in partnership with others.

We raised £5000 on the biggest yet Christmas Tree Festival which was absolutely wonderful and involved the whole church and many people in the community. We developed the attendance of our children's groups and had 10 of them visit during the extended opening period, ably organised by Gill Walker our children's work team leader. Gill is also working with a small group of people to upgrade the area which children can visit in church (soon to be called 'The Ark'). We are grateful to a Trust based in Thornton Hough for giving us a grant of £940 to enable us to buy new resources. We hope that in 2025 we will be able to provide a more consistent offering for children on a Sunday morning. This is the commitment of the PCC made in 2023 and which will be reviewed in 2025. We must not be complacent about our offering to children and young people and be alive to ways that we can strengthen and enhance all that we do in this area.

The Centre has for many years had the ingredients to be a focal point for weekday church and mission. We are in the process of negotiating a new lease with the Diocesan Board of Education who own the Old School, School house and the land surrounding that. This will require us to raise more money, but it gives us some security with which to plan. It is now already making more profit which has been great news. The local centre for the Wirral Free School Uniform initiative called Fuss and Fups is thriving there and throughout most of the year it was hosting 'Caritas' (a help and support group for the community) on Tuesday. We have representatives of our local MP in the building every other Friday and have been the venue for several training courses held in the area. Controversially, we began to offer free tea and coffee, but the donations and gift aid received on those donations are such that we do not lose any money by doing this. The main challenge is a lack of volunteers but there are plans to develop the buildings use with events that bring with them people who can help.

We welcomed Ian Walker as Church warden and Helene as Deputy warden, an unofficial appointment made by the Rector in agreement with the PCC. These two joined Thelma McGorry who is an experienced warden and critical to the smooth running of the centre and Ian Sneddon a fantastic deputy warden with a lot of responsibility around the maintenance of our buildings. Without these four people my life and that of the parish would be so much less. A huge thanks to them.

I have also been supported by the work of the treasurer Julie Watts. Thanks to Julie, we know what everything costs and how much is being given. More people have moved to direct debit and the Tap2Give machine has helped us to collect further funds, especially at big events where people no longer carry cash. Her meticulous attention to detail has ensured good management and excellent systems that will be passed on to whoever follows her. A change to her own employment means that she will not continue in this role next year. We thank her for all that she has given.

I also thank Fiona Austin for the compilation of this report alongside all her other duties which includes being PCC secretary. She is remarkably good at managing me in many areas of my role as rector, a fact for which I am hugely grateful. Not least because she too does it with great care, grace, patience and order and which is of considerable benefit to us all.

Finally, no report would be complete without reference to Jenny Hope who inspite of trying to step back from many tasks, continues to provide administrative support, prayer ministry, hygiene certificate expertise in the centre, children's work, costumes for the nativity and does a lot of catering. She is, I think, St Barnabas's secret weapon.

2024 has been a really strong year in so many ways. Alongside a steadily growing number of people worshipping with us on Sundays, there is a growth in spiritual enquiry and confidence amongst those who attend regularly. Sadly, we said farewell to Val and Lilly who moved independently to Cornwall: we joke that we have sent missionaries into the Westcountry. Through a connection with someone in Bromborough we have a tentative link with St Barnabas in Limassol Cyprus and of course our deepening links with our CMS partners Marcio and Noemi. We are grateful to Juan and Lis for making that happen.

There are three final thanks that I would like to offer. The first is to Sue Parkin who took on the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer thinking it would be a little bit of a job she could do, only to discover that this is a season in which the responsibility and the workload of the PSO is growing and growing. Thanks to her for getting us nearer to the line in terms of what we need to have done as individuals and as a parish. And of course, a moment to remind all who read this that Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable adults is a matter for us all.

Second, thanks to every team leader, group leader or secretary. I am personally thankful to you for what you do and I hope I never overlook what you give in the service of Jesus and of our parish. It is valued.

Last, but definitely not least, thank you to all of you who are members or attendees or supporters of St Barnabas and who work in any way, big or small to make stuff happen. There are many who do not share faith but who do work in the bell tower, the churchyard, the centre café, the food projects, the tree festival and in everything else we do. Without your engagement our church and our community would be so much less.

Jenny Gillies

Rector

Mission Partner report

What a joy and privilege it was to host Marcio and Noemi plus Nataniel, Isabella and Evangelina only Giovanni was missing as he was not well. So now when we pray we can visualise the family. First we went to the Rectory and enjoyed coffee and a light lunch. After many questions we asked what they would like us to pray for specifically. Education for the children was a major worry and Noemi is going for home tutoring. She had done this with Giovanni (the eldest boy) and it went really well, his grades were good enough to apply to University in the States. However, he has decided to further his studies in the UK. Their joy was working with a team whom they trust to carry on with the boat in the park project. They are returning to Brazil in the early days of April. Marcio asked for prayer to make sure they were on the right track to advance the work and some ideas for new strategies.

Some of us went for a walk in Eastham Woods with the family so they could visualise our Park. Andrew Watts treated the children to an ice cream which went down well. We then all went to our house for nibbles and cake, while the adults continued with the questions wanting to know as much as possible about life in Brazil.

Our part in this mission is of course to pray for them regularly and forward the £500 a year that was pledged. There was also an additional amount donated of £258.95 from the Harvest lunch, Maundy Thursday fish and chips, supper with Marco and Noemi and Lynne Whittaker's card sales.

Many thanks to the congregation for their prayers and the generosity and willingness to give from their own money to support our friends and partners in mission in Brazil.

Lis Sedano

Wirral South Deanery Synod Annual report

Deanery Synod reps attend as many meetings as possible. In March Rev Debbie Wilkinson lead for the Wirral Waters project in Birkenhead docks gave a presentation about the work she is doing there and the way in which the Church of England is becoming involved with regular services and social coffee mornings for those moving into the homes there.

In May the Synod took part in the service of Induction of Rev Rachel Newall as Vicar of St Thomas Ellesmere Port which was held in St Thomas.

The Autumn meeting was a Deanery service at Thornton Hough when each Parish was invited to submit a hymn to be sung and a prayer to be used during the service.

Jenny Hope

Children and Youth

Children and youth Team Report

2024 was an interesting year for the Team in that we have seen changes in personnel as well as in the activities on offer to the children and young people at St Barnabas. We have several new members of the Children's Team who are very welcome and are much needed.

We had 6 Baptisms during the year following the relevant number of pre-baptism meetings. This has resulted in at least one family regularly attending Sunday services who travel from outside the parish to do so.

Busy Bags have been taken out of use for a while to give the children attending services a change of activity and this has worked well for the most part.

Sadly, we had to take the decision to close Little Church down on a regular basis due to many of the children now being of an age to benefit from government supported child minding hours. Instead, Little Church will hopefully run as a holiday-based activity in the near future. My thanks to Jenny Hope and her volunteers for all their work over the years which kept Little Church going for as long as it did.

Messy church continues to thrive though we had a very small turnout for the December meeting which was very disappointing. The date for next year's December meeting will be changed to reflect that. Once again, my thanks to Fiona and her team of volunteers for their hard work each month. More volunteers are desperately needed!

Harvest services took place with both Mendell and Woodslee Schools as usual as well as Christmas services. There was a good representation from the schools and young people's organisations at our Remembrance Day service when a number of wreaths were laid. In addition to decorating trees for our Annual Tree Festival this Christmas, groups of children were invited into church with their teachers or group leaders. 10 groups accepted the invitation and each group listened to a story and had the chance to look at the trees and make their votes before leaving again. This was much appreciated by those who came and is planned again for 2025.

As ever, none of these activities could happen without the help and support of volunteers to whom I extend my greatest thanks. More are still welcome to join in the fun!!

Gill Walker, Team Leader

Little Church report

Little Church was held in Church each Thursday morning with the usual format of prayers, worship songs, story, craft, bubbles and refreshments. A very faithful team of helpers came every week to do the refreshments, work the audio and help with craft. We were delighted to welcome a new grandchild for two of the team, and a new baby brother for another of our regular members. Sadly, after September numbers dwindled when the Government provided 30 hours of free nursery care for all two year olds. The one or two who did come said all the groups and clubs they attended were closing due to lack of numbers. At the end of October, the Rector, Children's Leader Gill and I reluctantly decided Kid's Church should close except for the School Holidays. However, this is not the end, as plans are afoot for a new type of activity for babies and their families – watch this space. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful team who supported Carol (Jones) and I in running Little Church over many years, Carol for longer than I who started attending as a Grandma before becoming a Leader.

Jenny Hope

Messy Church report

In 2024 we continued to hold Messy Church on the second Tuesday of the month after school, from 3.30 -5pm in the Centre. We welcome people from 3.30 and after a drink and a biscuit the children move around the room with the adult who brought them, doing the activities which have been organised around a Bible theme. There are messy activities, craft activities, construction activities and active activities all led by brilliant volunteers from Church. There is also a play area for very little children. After craft the Rector gives a short interactive chat with a song and prayers, this explains the theme of Messy Church for that month. Then it's time for the meal. Everyone who comes to Messy Church is fed a hot meal and pudding thanks to the super team of volunteers who cook, serve and wash up.

Our core group of very regular members, who see Messy Church as their Church, continue to attend along with new people each month as they hear about Messy Church through social media, their primary schools and word of mouth.

None of this fun would be possible without the team of willing volunteers who greet, cook, wash up, chat, craft, set up and clear away. However, if we are to expand Messy Church we will need more volunteers. Could you help? Any help would be wonderful. Thanks to all the amazing volunteers who come and have fun at Messy Church.

Fiona Austin

Mothers' Union report

Although still few in number the Branch has met each month throughout the year. Some members are unable to attend in person, but remain full members and are kept in touch receiving all the copies of Mothers' Union Matters, the prayer diary etc.

Themes for services during the year included Cathedrals, Missionaries, Friends and Advent. Several members went to the Deanery Advent Service at Neston Parish Church, this was a beautiful service led by the Vicar of Neston and was followed by a delicious afternoon tea which was as good as any 5 star hotel.

At the Christmas Tree festival the tree was decorated for the theme of Joy with the letters spelling the word and hearts covered with pictures of the things that give members joy, which included, family, grandchildren, the garden, birds, reading and many more things.

Both the Diocesan meetings at Hartford were attended during the year, at the first meeting planning began for Mothers' Union's 150th Anniversary in 2026. At the autumn meeting we delivered, with other branches, items of baby toiletries, books, baby grows, nappies and toys for Kids' Bank Chester. A huge wagon was filled with the donations, who knew packs of nappies are so heavy, a far cry from the Terry nappies members used for their own children.

J Hope Branch Leader

Men's Breakfast Group Report

Over the last year, or more, the men from St Barnabas have been meeting for a monthly breakfast at the Royal Oak in Bromborough on Saturday mornings. We began with around eight men and have seen numbers grow to fourteen men. It is encouraging to see more fellows from the church joining us as well as a few friends and neighbours. We have no structure as we meet, we simply meet to socialise, encourage each other and discover more about each other. For example, who knew that Graham had an old Ford Cortina he is having restored? All men are welcome as we meet on the second Saturday of the month at 9.00am at the Royal Oak.

Revd Malcolm Dyer

Ladies Fellowship 2024

Ladies Fellowship meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Centre. Here is the programme for the latter part of 2024 and looking ahead to 2025.

On Tuesday 3rd September we welcomed Mrs. Liz Sedano to tell us about her missionary work in Peru. Liz gave a very interesting and colourful account of her 13 years in the country. At that time, Peru was very much in turmoil and terrorism was rife; many lives were lost amidst the violence. She showed us some beautiful keepsakes as well as products from the country. We all enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

On Tuesday 1st October our speaker was Mr. Gavin Hunter who gave us a potted history of the many hospitals and sanitoriums that have existed on the Wirral – many we were unaware of! Because of our location near to the port of Liverpool there were many foreign sailors entering the area, introducing various infections. Lots of people needed long stays in sanitoriums and the fresh air on the peninsula was a great healer. Gavin is a very good speaker, entertaining and easy to listen to.

On Tuesday 4th November we welcomed Pauline and her assistant from Bromborough Flowers. Pauline is extremely creative and she has such a sunny personality – the evening was very lively and enjoyable. Pauline made a beautiful wreath and 3 arrangements, which were raffled. We were all very envious of the winning ladies!

On Tuesday 3rd December we held our Christmas Miscellany; reading and carols were followed by Christmas bingo together with festive refreshments.

2025 Programme includes:

On Tuesday 4th February Mrs. Vara Hrolswiffe – women and their roles in Viking history.

On Tuesday 4th March Mrs. Julie Marshall 'Royal Secrets and Scandals' (Part 1)

Tuesday 1st April – Annual dinner.

Tuesday 6th May – A. G. M.

Tuesday 3rd June – Mrs. Julie Marshall for Part 2 of 'Royal Secrets and Scandals'.

Tuesday 1st July – Afternoon Tea

Ellen Ascroft

The Centre report

The Village Centre is at the heart of the local community.

During 2024, we have welcomed new groups into the centre for both short and long term lets. Everyone who hires a room is complimentary about the warm welcome they receive and the quality of the venue. We have recently installed a large TV in the large room and this will enable hirers to have a straightforward way to display presentations and of course it can be used for our own meetings.

The centre now has new curtains and new energy efficient lighting.

We have been able to open the centre café on the Saturdays when car boot sales have taken place. This is thanks to Thelma. Several full English breakfast sessions have taken place on Saturday mornings. These are well attended and are good fundraising sessions and will continue during 2025.

I'd just like to thank all the amazing volunteers who ensure the centre is always manned and enable the extra events to happen. We are always looking for new volunteers, both a regular commitment and those who can help on an occasional basis. Just call in and speak to one of our volunteers.

We look forward to welcoming new groups and continuing to grow in the local community.

Susan Jones Village Centre Management Team Leader

Knit and Natter report - Churches together Bromborough Eastham (CTBE)

The group continues to meet in the Centre every Monday and several people knit at home too. Items are still made for Teams4U for the shoe boxes, as well as knitted items cloth bags were made by home machinists.

Hats for seafarers continue to be in demand as well as items for the special care baby unit at Arrowe Park. One member makes the most wonderful twiddle muffs for local care homes.

Many knitted items are sent via District 18 Inner Wheel to International Aid which is based in Chorley and has charity shops where some goods are sold, and others go overseas mostly to Eastern Europe.

Our Easter 24 project selling crème egg filled chickens & Rabbits as well as toy rabbits was in aid of the school farm at a Wirral school which is supported entirely by the school staff and some parents.

Jenny Hope

Christmas Tree Festival report

Our annual Christmas Tree Festival took place once again in 2024. Each year we are pleased to report that it is even bigger than the last; 2024 really was the biggest yet.

We again broke the record for the number of trees on display, and had a record number of visitors and a record amount of funds raised. The profit was just short of £5000 which will be used in our much-needed community work and running costs.

Over 3500 visitors had a difficult decision in deciding which tree to vote for as their favourite tree, as the display was stunning yet again, and all 82 trees really pulled out all the stops!

2024 also saw the return of our Santa's Grotto. With over 200 visitors, including their grownups, Santa and his elves were very busy across the 2 days and 1 evening they were at St Barnabas and The Centre. We managed to make a profit for our efforts combined in the above figure.

I anticipate more of the same for 2025 – watch this space! How much bigger can we get without an extension/planning permission? (Joking!)

Exciting discussions have already been had about extending our visiting times/opening days, so the year ahead is definitely not to be missed! Especially as it will be our tenth year of the festival!

Many thanks to our incredible community & sponsors for their support.

Natalie Friel – Festival Coordinator

Food for Families

Food for Families has been running for 8 years now. When Jenny started it, there were 6 families to be fed, last year December 2024, we fed 114 families (plus a couple of others just before Christmas). We fed 50 families from Co-op Academy Woodslee Primary School and 58 families from Mendell Primary School, together with a further 6 families from parishioners.

Lin Longshaw-Parr provided presents for each person in every family too.

I applied to Wirral Borough Council Winter Grant and was awarded £17,600.00.

This year we changed the way that we helped the families, so I placed an order so that they could buy their own turkey (or meat of their choice), together with fresh vegetables and all the trimmings for Christmas Day.

The Aldi food was delivered to Kangaroo Storage on the morning of Monday 16 December. My husband Steve was in charge of unloading and had borrowed 6 Aldi shopping trolleys, which made life so much easier for our volunteers.

We all signed in and signed out in the Fire Register, having completed a risk assessment previously. We had also taken on board the lessons learned from the previous bag pack in 2023, and put changes into place. So volunteers had to wear a lanyard and hi-vis jacket to distinguish us from the general public.

On the back of feeding families Trev Jones has designed menus to suit 1 person 1 child, 1 adult 2 children etc., so that anyone helping to feed a family in need, has a readymade shopping list, an idea of how much it should cost and can leave the menu with the family we are supporting, to help them make the food last.

In addition, Andrew Watts has put a link on the St Barnabas website with recipes etc so that any parishioner who is struggling to make ends meet, can see a way to feed their family nutritiously, without breaking the bank. It will also contain news about grants that I apply for, or donations that we have received specifically for Food for families.

The atmosphere on the day was fantastic, everyone remained calm, they knew what they were doing, and just got on with it. By 2.30, we had packed the bags for all the 114 families. We are still looking forward and considering further improvements. I send a big heartfelt thank you to our volunteers, without whom, none of this could have been done.

Helene Kaye- Project Coordinator

Administrative information

St Barnabas Church is situated by Bromborough Cross. It is part of the Diocese of Chester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is: -

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The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956 Church Representation Rules 2011) and is registered with the Charity Commission, number 1127144. PCC members who served from APCM April 2024 are:

Ex-officio

Position	Name
Rector	Revd. Jenny Gillies
Churchwarden	Thelma McGorry
Churchwarden	Ian Walker
Deanery Synod	Jackie Williams
Deanery Synod	Jenny Hope
Deanery Synod	Not filled

Elected Members

Position	Name	Number of years remaining on PCC from 2024 APCM to 2025 APCM
	Carol Jones	3
Deputy Churchwarden	Helene Kaye	3
	Anita Roberts	3
Electoral Roll	Ros Wood	3
PCC Secretary	Fiona Austin	2
	Julie Gordon	2
	Sue Holden	2
	Steve Hughes	2
	Barbara Baxter	1
	Dorothy Clayton	1
Deputy Churchwarden	Ian Sneddon	1
Treasurer	Julie Watts	1
Co-opted	Natalie Friel	

Advisors to the Council:

Bankers:

HSBC plc

1 Centenary Square, Birmingham, B1 1HQ

Investment Managers:

CCLA Investment Management Ltd

One Angel Lane, London, EC4R 3AB

Independent Examiner:

Barbara Morris

Insurers:

Ecclesiastical Insurance Group

Benefact House, 2000 Pioneer Avenue

Gloucester Business Park

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GL3 4AW

Architect:

Mr Tony Barton BA (Hons) DipArch RIBA SCA

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5 Bridge Place

Chester CH1 1SA

Annual Accounts

Financial Report

We said last year that we would take giant strides in our grant applications, and the team has more than fulfilled that goal. Donations and grants awarded (£31,600) have ensured that our mission and outreach projects have gone from strength-to-strength with expenditure of more than £42,000 by the St Barnabas Community Care Network which has continued its vital work in the local community.

The Tap to Give machine has taken £6,807 since it was put in place in October 2023, at an overall cost of less than £200. Visitors and regular givers alike are delighted to be able to use a card or their phone to make a donation, rather than remember to bring along that old-fashioned stuff called cash.

The Christmas Tree Festival surpassed targets yet again, and with other events held throughout the year (car boot sales, a silent disco and a garden party) raised a total of £6,282 after expenditure.

In the Village Centre, warm hub donations at £3,490 more than doubled those in 2023. Room hire takings similarly more than doubled on 2023, helped by eight weeks of week-day bookings by an English teaching company. Café takings and expenditure on supplies were both roughly 20% lower than in 2023, and overall gain for the café at £9,761 was 20% lower than the previous year. Even with expenditure on curtains and lighting the Village Centre made a gain of £9560 for 2024.

St Barnabas has been fortunate to receive some substantial unrestricted legacies in 2024, totalling more than £22,000. After high rises in fuel bills during 2023 it was a surprise that Church gas and electric payments in 2024 were lower by 26% and 10% respectively. Regular giving donations this year increased again, this time by an amazing 5.25%, almost double the rate of inflation (according to the office for national statistics, the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) rose by 2.5% in the 12 months to December 2024). Planned giving from our regular givers, by brown envelope or standing order, now accounts for 40% of all (unrestricted) Church income. The Parish Share was paid in full for the whole year and still the Church made a gain of nearly £17,000 in 2024.

Thus overall, St Barnabas (the Church and the Village Centre together) has made a gain in 2024 of nearly £26,500.

We move into 2025 looking to use this solid platform to consolidate and continue to deliver important services to the local community, whilst at the same time aware that both grants and legacies, which have been instrumental in achieving our goals, are neither guaranteed nor predictable.

Julie Watts -Treasurer

**Bromborough Parochial Church Council
Balance Sheet (Summary)**

	As at 31/12/2024	As at 31/12/2023
Fixed assets		
Current assets		
Cash At Bank And In Hand	105,847.96	95,444.41
	105,847.96	95,444.41
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	1,302.58	1,734.54
	1,302.58	1,734.54
Net current assets less current liabilities	104,545.38	93,709.87
Total assets less current liabilities	104,545.38	93,709.87
Liabilities		
Total net assets less liabilities	104,545.38	93,709.87
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General Funds	33,964.79	17,348.47
Designated		
Designated - Building Maintenance	1.14	0.51
Designated - Help The Families - Designated	315	315
Designated - Music Fund	2,228.77	971.66
Designated - St. Barnabas Village Centre	18,359.41	18,233.40
Designated - Village Centre Repair Fund	10,119.11	379.12
Designated - Youth Work	741.32	454.2
Restricted		
Restricted - Bell Fund	17,041.11	15,968.70
Restricted - Building Maintenance	11.45	11.45
Restricted - Fabric/Organ Fund 2020	15,330.03	21,698.38
Restricted - Flower Fund	31.71	88.09
Restricted - GRANT Wirral Borough Council Winter Project 2024 Exp 14/3/25	2,075.61	
Restricted - Help The Families	3,797.70	3,779.07
Restricted - Mission Partners	460.05	
Restricted - The National Lottery Community Fund Exp 26/10/24		9,534.75
Restricted - Village Centre Co-op Grant Nov 2023		2,754.09
Restricted - Wirral BC Household Support Fund Grant		1,542.07
Restricted - Youth Work	68.18	630.91
Fund Totals	104,545.38	93,709.87

Bromborough Parochial Church Council
Receipts and Payments Account
For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

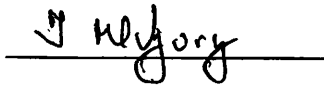
	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts					
Donations and legacies	101,405.00	2,807.21	34,172.62	138,384.83	106,457.72
Income from charitable activities	17,756.65		135.00	17,891.65	14,069.00
Other trading activities	7,654.88	28,409.33		36,064.21	29,039.32
Investments	2.00	326.65	2,186.07	2,514.72	1,654.47
Other income	1,123.00			1,123.00	18,405.34
Total Receipts	127,941.53	31,543.19	36,493.69	195,978.41	169,625.85
Payments					
Costs of generating funds	619.54	7.50		627.04	1,054.42
Costs of generating voluntary income	3,582.09			3,582.09	2,331.38
Expenditure on charitable activities	104,683.53	678.83	50,931.27	156,293.63	126,622.08
Other expenditure	2,134.34	19,751.71	2,754.09	24,640.14	23,073.28
Total Payments	111,019.50	20,438.04	53,685.36	185,142.90	153,081.16
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer	16,922.03	11,105.15	(17,191.67)	10,835.51	16,544.69
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in		10,306.00		10,306.00	35,889.00
Gross transfers between funds - out	(305.71)	(10,000.29)		(10,306.00)	(35,889.00)
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains	16,616.32	11,410.86	(17,191.67)	10,835.51	16,544.69
Net movement in funds	16,616.32	11,410.86	(17,191.67)	10,835.51	16,544.69
Reconciliation of funds					
Excess of receipts over payments at beginning of the year	17,348.47	20,353.89	56,007.51	93,709.87	77,165.18
Excess of receipts over payments for the year	33,964.79	31,764.75	38,815.84	104,545.38	93,709.87

Approved by the PCC on 10 April 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



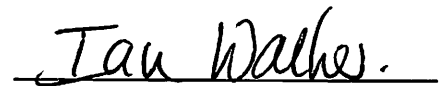
Revd. Jenny Gillies

Rector



Thelma McGorry

Church Warden



Ian Walker

Church Warden



**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Bromborough Parochial Church Council

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/12/2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1127144

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below*~~) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date: 27/4/25

Name: BARBARA MORRIS

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(if any):**

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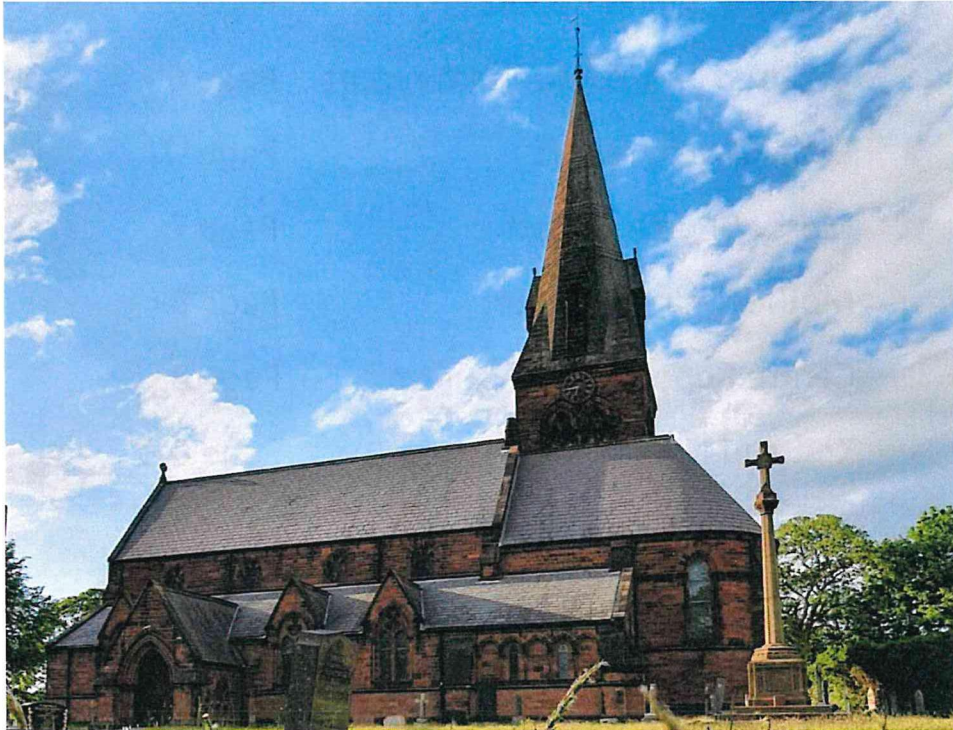
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Accounts



Charity No. 1127114

**ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDING
31st December 2023**

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Rector's report 2023

Whilst this has been a difficult year for me personally, there has been evidence of growth in the parish, both spiritually, financially, and numerically. Sadly, the size of the growth in congregation has been offset by the deaths of some faithful and dearly loved members of St Barnabas. We celebrate the way in which God has given us new people with a whole variety of skills and talents, as well as continuing to mourn the loss of those who, for a variety of reasons, are no longer able to worship with us.

When looking at our objectives for 2023, the incumbent and PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and particularly the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through; Worship and prayer, Provision of pastoral care for people living in or with a close connection (through school or marriage or baptism) to the parish, as well as missionary and outreach work including visiting schools and workplaces as well as setting up specific events which support the needs of the community.

At the start of the year, the PCC and a wider group of church leaders met together to look at three aims that we would work on from 2023-2024. These were;

1. The education and development of people's worship and prayer life, their knowledge of the gospel and trust in Jesus.
2. The development and growth of work with children, youth, and families
3. Using The Centre as the focus for missionary and outreach work.

In addition to these aims, I have encouraged the church to use language around teams rather than committees, with designated team leaders. This team structure was especially effective when it was necessary for me to step back in my role, in order to receive a new hip. Recovery took three months, and I am indebted to all those in the parish and to various colleagues who took on a heavier load in my absence.

In order to focus our finances strategically and to better understand our income and expenditure, we created a Finance Team. During 2023 this group, which included the treasurer and assistant treasurer as well as others with appropriate roles or skills, met monthly. As a consequence of a deep dive into our income we ran a sermon series as well as an information campaign around giving. As you can read in the treasurer's report, this brought in increased giving and a spur to hold various fund-raising efforts, the most successful of which was the now annual Christmas Tree festival. More are due to take place in 2024.

1. The education and development of people's worship and prayer life, their knowledge of the gospel and trust in Jesus.

Building on what has already gone before, 2023 saw the establishment of a house group which meets regularly at the home of Malcolm and Denise Dyer. Malcolm, a semi-retired Elim Pentecostal Minister, has begun to share in some preaching and leading at the Sunday services. This has been invaluable. This group has covered The Bible Course and is now focussing on Romans. We have continued to benefit from the Lay reader ministry of Lynne Whittaker.

There are now 4 different weekly opportunities to share in collective worship. These are a traditional Sunday service of mostly Holy Communion at 9.15 am and at 11.00 am on Sunday a more contemporary service which is usually service of the word. On Wednesday we have a very relaxed but traditional Holy Communion

in the centre at 10.30 am and on Thursday at 10.00 am, Little Church (previously Kids' Church) meets in church. Once a month we gather for Messy Church at 3.30pm on the second Tuesday of the month.

When delivering food hampers at Christmas, we also included material that was specifically focussed at teaching and explaining the Christian Faith.

Moving forward, we hope that 2024 will see at least one of our number doing some training for Lay ministry. There is also a plan to hold a daytime Bible course with a view to developing a daytime house group.

Anecdotal evidence suggests that focussing sermons on teaching the Bible and sharing faith has equip people for their own discipleship and as ministers of the gospel. The monthly prayer meeting is undoubtedly deepening and expanding people's faith and their capacity to share it with others. As one person said to me recently, 'I was in a setting which has nothing to do with faith and suddenly found myself able to answer this person's question which was, 'Where is God in all this?''

2. The development and growth of work with children, youth, and families

This work has been led by Gill Walker, assisted by Fiona Austin who takes responsibility for Messy Church, and Jenny Hope with Carol Jones who lead Little Church. Though there has been little change in content or numbers for Little Church, Messy Church has begun to develop a consistent group of people who come regularly. For the first time since its inception here, we are able to see that we are growing a church congregation. One of the key instrumental differences is the time, after school, and the fact that we offer a proper cooked meal. Some very able leaders also engage in supportive conversations which are so essential in this type of ministry.

In the summer we welcomed a teenager to worship with us. In addition, we now have a very tiny but welcome number of small children at 11.00 am – an answer to prayer. We also ask all baptism families to come to church at least once prior to booking their baptism preparation course. This has successfully brought people into the building and some have continued to worship regularly.

Moving forward, we hope to have a proper staffed children's corner at 11.00 am with a view to some kind of Sunday School type provision. We hope to invest some time and thought in growing Little Church too, as well as providing for the 4 teenagers who regularly attend church.

3. Using The Centre as the focus for Missionary and Outreach work.

One of the big changes to what the centre offers has been free tea and coffee. Though there were some concerns that this would be a loss-making initiative (the PCC was divided over whether this mattered or not) some monitoring of the situation noted that we probably took more money in donations. It has enabled us to publicise ourselves as a warm hub.

Sadly, we lost the Bridge Club's regular hire as a result of some conflict regarding parking. However, one of the biggest and best developments in the use of the centre was to become a hub for the distribution of free school uniforms through the local organisation called FUSS and FUPS. Lynda Hughes manages this facility.

A project which will be beginning in 2024 is the use of the large lounge for a 'Caritas' group. This agency works to offer much need and support to families throughout Wirral. Their South Wirral group will meet in The Centre weekly. This idea of multi-agency working allows us to develop projects we feel are important but do not have the volunteers to lead.

The other key project we run is to feed people during the two week's holiday at Christmas. We work with our local schools as well as Involve North West in order to identify those who are in need of support. This year we received funding from The National Lottery Community Fund as well as Wirral Local Authority. Helene Kaye has managed this work this year. We continue to help people who come to us on an emergency basis and need food.

2023 saw us the focal point for the Coronation celebrations which took place in the village square. We also successfully hosted the Bromborough Village Community Association Fair on our land and in our buildings. Both of these events were appreciated by the whole community.

It is wonderful to finally be able to record here that after several fallow years, we have a successful website up and running. It is work that was begun by Geoff Austin prior to his sudden death, continued by his son Matthew and completed for us all by Andrew Watts. Truly an example of different people carrying the baton through time that has enabled us now to reap the rewards. This is so often the characteristic of ministry.

Finally, I thank all of the team leaders and each one of you who contributes to our work. Many are not mentioned here. However, I am particularly grateful to Thelma McGorry my Churchwarden for her tireless work and support and to her partner, Ian Sneddon who has stepped into the breach on many occasions. Thank you also to Fiona Austin, who as PCC secretary brings order to some of my many initiatives and plans and ensures PCC is kept on track and up to date. Whilst I hope she will continue as secretary, she ends her time as Parish Safeguarding Officer after a marathon of work which was necessary to get our parish up to date with this. I am also very thankful to Julie Watts who took on the role of treasurer – a job which has taken many hours in order to put in place new and even better systems and records than we had before. I am quite certain that her effort has us in a stronger place than we have been for some time.

We move into 2024 with much hope and expectation, watching to see how God will use us next as he builds his Church here in Bromborough.

Jenny Gillies Rector

Mission Partner report

We pray for Marcio, Noemi and family. During the year, we have got to know them better through their letters and enabling us to understand what their vision is for the future. Their aim as Pioneer Missionaries is to connect with people beyond the reach of traditional church. In their early days in Brazil, as they were out prayer walking they discovered the boat in the park. If your house is north of the boat, you are in the better area, while if you live south of the boat, the park is neglected.

God found a house for them just 5 minutes' walk from the boat between North and South side. Since those first days they have met with people from both sides of the park, shared food and refreshments with them and are building relationships with people. Last year they even held a Passover supper in the park. Being in Brazil of course football, volley ball, spike ball and basketball have all been used as a means of sharing God's love. Their eldest son Giovanni was invited by a local Pastor to join them at the basketball court where soon friends were made. He blossomed and made the Indaiatuba City Basketball team. Around the boat there seems to be a drug problem. Children play in that area too. Marcio held a meeting to share his vision with local people. He imagines the boat becoming a place that is safe and being used as a Community Hub. They discussed this and spoke up to help people share what skills and strengths they had

and what the people themselves felt was needed. All sounds exciting! We gave £500 that we set apart for their support annually and an extra payment of £267 after a plea for funds from the Church Mission Society.

Best till last we are expecting Marcio and Noemi and...to visit us sometime in November. How good it will be to meet face to face.

Lis Sedano

Wirral South Deanery Synod Annual report

There were three meetings during the year, the first in March was led by Zarah Ross Faith and Climate Co-Ordinator who led a short workshop on Faiths for Change and the plans for Net Zero Carbon. This meeting had to be cut short due to snowy weather. She returned to take matters further at the May meeting, unfortunately neither Jackie Williams nor myself were able to attend this meeting due to my holidays.

The Autumn meeting was held at St Mary's Eastham and was an open meeting which began with a delicious Scouse supper. This was a follow up to the Vision Café which we attended in 2022. We were given an update on Bishop Mark's project 'Casting the net wide' looking at how we can spread 'Sharing the hope together in Christ' trying to reach the over one million people in the Diocese who do not engage with Church in any way. Harriet Roberts who had led the project in the Diocese gave an update on progress so far and then introduced Jon Pocock, the newly appointed strategic development manager who explained what his role involves and the tools he has been given to develop the project.

Our Deanery Synod representatives are myself and Jackie Williams. We currently still need a further person to complete the St Barnabas contingent.

Jenny Hope

Children and Youth

Team Report

2023 was a busy year for us with 14 Baptisms taking place through the year, following the relevant number of pre-baptism meetings. From these we now have one family who regularly attend church services on Sunday and whose young son was Jesus in the Nativity on Christmas Eve. My thanks to the baptism team who are willing to help both in meetings and during baptism services.

Busy Bags have been regularly used since their inception and we have received many compliments on them from visitors to the church.

We have a regular teenage member of the congregation who is keen to help and join in where she is able. Two others regularly attend with their family.

Both Little Church and Messy Church continue to thrive with their respective leaders and teams of volunteers. I would like to thank them all but my especial thanks go to Jenny H and Fiona without whom I would struggle!

Harvest services took place with our schools as did Christmas services, including a choir concert from Mendel School which was a delight. Most of the schools were represented on Remembrance Sunday where pupils laid wreaths on the Memorial. Schools also decorated trees for display in the Christmas Tree Festival.

None of these things could take place without help and I would personally like to thank Carol Jones here for her constant and continued help and support. She is a fountain of knowledge and her support is both valued and valuable. Needless to say, more volunteers are always welcome!!

Gill Walker, Team Leader

Little Church 2023

Little Church for preschoolers, their older siblings and often cousins & friends, in the school holidays, continue to meet in Church on a Thursday at 10.00 am. In the summer we had our annual Teddy Bear's picnic, in Church this year, when everyone brought their Teddy and after a short prayer and song we enjoyed refreshments, bubbles and playtime.

Over the summer we decided to change the name to Little Church, and we began the Autumn term with our new name and logo. Recently we have added some new songs to our repertoire, and I get my weekly exercise with all the actions for the songs and prayers. Sadly, I can no longer touch my toes but do my best!

At Christmas our tree at the festival following the theme 'King, Crowns and Coronations' was decorated with crowns that we made from polystyrene take away cups we can no longer use in the café, the children and adults had great fun with stick on 'jewels' and everyone added their name to their crown. After the festival these were taken home to display on their own tree. At Christmas the Carers suggested we all go out for lunch, and we trooped across the road to the Royal Oak where everyone had an enjoyable time.

We are always sad when the children move up to school having watched them grow up, but love it when new members join us and we watch them begin to sit up, crawl, walk and chatter. There is always room for new members. Please spread the word.

Jenny Hope & the Little Church team

Messy Church report

In 2023 we continued to hold Messy Church on the second Tuesday of the month after school, from 3.30 - 5pm in the Centre. We now have a core group of very regular members who see Messy Church as **their Church**, which is wonderful to hear. Holding Messy Church after school, and the fact that we are providing a cooked meal for all who attend, has brought in more families from a variety of primary schools, which is most encouraging.

None of this fun would be possible without the team of willing volunteers who greet, cook, wash up, chat, craft, set up and clear away. Thanks to all the volunteers who come and help run Messy Church.

Fiona Austin

Mothers' Union

Although only a small number of members the Branch has kept going throughout the year, meetings have been moved to the third Tuesday in the month to avoid a clash with Messy Church. Each month the short service has a theme and these have included 'Love and Marriage' in February for Valentines day, 'Mothering Sunday' in March, The Coronation of King Charles 111 in May, 'Rise up against Gender Violence' in November to coincide with the Mothers' Unions' annual 16 days of action against Gender Violence.

Talks after the service have included a talk on more hymns from Elisabeth Larkins, her time as a teacher and missionary in Peru from member Lis Sedano, his work on Wirral Borough Council by Phil Gilchrist. We have also had PowerPoint presentations on 'September Saints' and UK when members had fun trying to recognize the pictures of Cathedrals and working out how many UK cathedrals they have visited. Did you know that there are 44 Anglican Cathedrals in the UK?

We welcomed two new members this year and are always happy to have new members of any gender as long as they uphold Christian Marriage and Family Life.

J Hope Branch Leader

The Centre report

The Village Centre grows and develops each year. Last year we were able to announce that FUSS (Free Uniforms for Schools) would be moving into the Centre. This has proved really successful and the footfall has grown over the last year which has enabled lots of local families to access recycled school uniform and reduce waste to landfill. Some families go to Little Church first before coming into FUSS, in this way things link up. We are also pleased that Messy Church now takes place

The café, small room and office have been painted. Our thanks to Mollie's son for the paint which has reduced the cost to having this done. We plan to have the big room plastered where needed and painted as well. The café menu is continually changing and there are plans to add chips to the menu. We recognise the need to change for our changing cliental.

The Centre was given over £2500 from the Co-op grant fund. With this money, there are plans to improve The Centre building with new curtains and new lighting.

We welcomed Caritas into the Village Centre on Tuesday mornings. This is a group that is built around the belief that we are 'Stronger together' and this is very much part of the mission of St Barnabas. We still look for more groups wanting to use the rooms either as paying customers or as groups who develop the mission of St Barnabas.

Susan Jones Village Centre Management Team Leader

Knit and Natter - Churches together in Bromborough and Eastham (CTBE)

The group continues to meet in the Centre every Monday except for Bank Holidays and although the number of members is slightly reduced, a large number of knitted and sewn items have been produced during the year.

We continue to support Teams4U with items for shoe boxes; mainly hats, scarves and mittens and children's jumpers which are used as packing in the outer boxes. Hats for seafarers are always in demand and others go to charities helping those in need. Twiddle muffs are made for care homes and items for premature babies are donated to local special care baby units.

The group had a tree in the Christmas Tree festival which was covered in knitted crotchet crowns. As the theme was Kings, Crowns and Coronations there was also a life size crown, and a miniature corgi made by our most skillful knitter.

At Christmas and Easter we have special projects involving crème eggs and chocolate oranges which we sell in the Centre and to raise funds for a charity. It was Mary's Meals in 2023, and we raised £100 pounds which was match funded.

We can help people to learn to knit and crotchet and non-knitters are always welcome to just to natter.

Jenny Hope

From Up the Tower

Our numbers remain depleted which means we remain reliant on support from other towers to be able to ring. As a result, we have been unable to ring for Sunday service or practice as often as we would have liked.

We rang ten quarter peals during the year. Our first quarter peal was to mark the passing of Brenda Humphreys, a ringer and friend to the band, from Christ Church Port Sunlight, with another being rung to mark the 20th anniversary of the death of Don Peers who rang at St Barnabas for many years and who is still fondly remembered by many ringers across the Wirral. We also rang half muffled for Maundy Thursday. Our now traditional quarter peal at the end of the village summer fair also marked the 30th anniversary of Steven becoming Tower Captain so we rang Stedman Triples, which was first rung as early as the late 1700's but which is still popular today. We were delighted that Jenny was able to hear part of our ringing as she returned home after her stay in hospital. We also rang to celebrate the 75th birthday of the NHS and for the 10th anniversary of Jenny's induction as our Rector. For our Christmas Fair quarter peal, we tried a method that was new to all of us, but one which was also quite appropriate for the occasion, Christmas Tree Doubles.

For ringers across the country the highlight of the year was being able to ring to mark the Coronation of Their Majesties, King Charles III and Queen Camilla. Fourteen quarter peals were rung across the Wirral in a week of celebratory ringing, with all towers on the Wirral ringing something at some point across the Coronation weekend, with St Barnabas ending the celebrations with a quarter peal on the bank holiday Monday.

Over the year, sixteen ringers representing 9 different towers helped us with our quarter peals during the year. Steven was a member of the Wirral Band which competed in both the 8 and 10 bell competitions during the year, with Wirral being placed 2nd in both competitions. The 8-bell competition was held at Barthomley near Crewe with the 10-bell being held at Stockton Heath. Steven was also a regular member of the Wirral band which rings on the first Sunday of every month at Chester Cathedral.

If you or anyone you know would like to have a go or would just like to come and have a look then please speak to Steve Hughes, Ian Sneddon or Ian Walker.

Steve Hughes – Tower Captain

Christmas Tree Festival

Our annual Christmas Tree Festival took place once again in 2023. Each year we are pleased to report that it is even bigger than the last; 2023 really was the biggest yet. We broke the record for the number of trees on display and had a record number of visitors and a record amount of funds raised. The profit was £3,936.30. Our 3146 visitors had a difficult decision in deciding which tree to vote for as their favourite tree as the competition was fierce and all 80 trees really pulled out all the stops!

2023 also saw our first ever Santa's Grotto. With over 200 visitors and their grownups, Santa and his elves were very busy across the 2 days and 1 evening they were at St Barnabas & The Centre. We even managed to make a small profit for our efforts in spite of a significant outlay needed to set up the experience. I anticipate more of the same for 2024 – watch this space!

Natalie Friel – Festival Coordinator

Food for Families

Food for Families has been running for 7 years now. When Jenny started it, there were 6 families to be fed, last year, December 2023, we fed 86 families (plus a couple of others just before Christmas). We fed 50 families from Co-op Academy Woodslee Primary School and 25 families from Mendell Primary School, together with a further 11 families from parishioners. Lin Longshaw-Parr and her team provided presents for each person in every family too.

I applied to the National Lottery and was awarded £9,800 towards feeding our families. I also applied to Wirral Borough Council for their Winter Grant and was awarded £11,447.00. In total £21,247.00.

I had ordered £3,500 of stock from Asda and £2,700 of stock from Aldi, all to be delivered to Kangaroo Storage, Bromborough on the morning of 11/12/23. On 10/12/23, just as our morning church service had ended, I received an email from Asda saying they couldn't fulfil the order and were letting us down! After a prayer from Jenny, I immediately went to Morrisons and completed a £300 shop, together with £1,200 shop on Sainsburys online and £2,000 shop with Tesco. I got them all to deliver to Kangaroo Storage for the 11th & 12th December (and it came in cheaper than Asda). By Tuesday 12th December lunchtime, we had packed and delivered to 86 families so that they had food & presents over the 2-week Christmas period. It felt great.

We have since had a meeting to evaluate lessons learned:

1. We are never using Asda again, as they did the same thing to us the year before!
2. We have decided that for Christmas 2024, we are going to have lanyards with people's names & photos on, as a lot of people wander in and out of Kangaroo.
3. We also need volunteers to sign in and out for Health & Safety, so we will have a register which has to be kept up to date.

On the back of feeding families, Rob Dunbar, Trev Jones and I have designed menus to suit 1 person 1 child, 1 adult 2 children etc., so that anyone helping to feed a family in need, has a ready made shopping list, an idea of how much it should cost and can leave the menu with the family we are supporting, to help them make the food last.

In addition, a link on the St Barnabas website is currently under construction (courtesy of Andrew Watts), where I will add sample menus with shopping lists, recipes etc so that any parishioner who is struggling to make ends meet, can see a way to feed their family properly & nutritiously, without breaking the bank. It will also contain any news about grants that I apply for or donations that we have received specifically for feeding families.

Can I add, that since I have been involved in feeding families (2 years now), I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting and making friends with the volunteers, I love what we do, and it gets better and better as time goes on. We also welcome anyone who wants to get involved.

Helene Kaye- Project Coordinator

Administrative information

St Barnabas Church is situated by Bromborough Cross. It is part of the Diocese of Chester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is: -

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The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956 Church Representation Rules 2011) and is registered with the Charity Commission, number 1127144. PCC members who served from 1 January 2023 are:

Ex-officio

Position	Name
Rector	Revd. Jenny Gillies
Churchwarden	Thelma McGorry
Lay Reader	Lynne Whittaker
Deanery Synod	Jackie Williams
Deanery Synod	Jenny Hope

Elected Members

Position	Name	Number of years remaining on PCC from 2023 APCM to 2024 APCM
PCC Secretary, Safeguarding officer	Fiona Austin	3
	Julie Gordon	3
	Sue Holden	3
	Steve Hughes	3
	Barbara Baxter	2
	Dorothy Clayton	2
	Ian Sneddon	2
Treasurer	Julie Watts	2
	Pat Down	1
	Carol Jones	1
	Graham Jones	1
	Anita Roberts	1

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Annual Accounts

Financial Report

Given the current economic climate in the UK, when we all feel the pinch of the current cost of living crisis, it is encouraging to note that income from Donations and Legacies in 2023 increased by 4.6% on the previous year. Most givers in the congregation set up monthly standing orders to pay their donations, providing a known income to budget against.

Grants of more than £24,000 enabled St Barnabas to continue its work in the community, including feeding families in need throughout the year, and particularly at Christmas.

In 2023 a Tap to Give device was acquired by St Barnabas as part of the National Giving Strategy. This enabled donations to be made by contactless payment and by phone. Between October 2023 to the end of the year, the income from the machine came to a total of £1,154 at a total cost of just £35.

Events through the year brought in an incredible £7,900, a 30% increase on the previous year, due mainly to the success of the Christmas Tree festival and its new side-kick Santa's Grotto. Other community events undertaken through the year were positive from a social point of view, and although not huge income generators, they were enjoyed by many in and around St Barnabas and the wider community.

The Village Centre overall held its own in 2023 with a low but hard-earned gain of £1,100 over the year. Receipt of a grant for just under £2,800 brings the Centre's overall gain to just under £3,900. Room Hire takings were substantially lower (by nearly 50%) than the previous year. Takings for the Café remained similar to 2022, however supplies were a third more expensive. Running costs, in particular gas and electric, more than doubled, despite a credit of £1,277 after an electricity meter reading issue was resolved. Maintenance work was undertaken this year including repainting of the Café and most of the main areas. A 'warm hub' initiative where tea and coffee is provided free for those who need it, but where donations are given by those who are able, raised an additional £1,175.

The Church similarly suffered higher gas and electric costs than the previous year. Gas payments over the year were double what was paid in 2022, and electricity a third higher. However, a refund of more than £1,100 was received from the Church's water supplier due an error dating back to 2017.

Final figures for the Church income and expenditure over the year show a gain of £12,686. However, in September 2023, the PCC had concerns regarding the church's cash flow, and made the decision to reduce the September Parish Share payment to 50%, where it stayed for the remainder of the year. Thus, the Church's gain of £12,686 in 2023 must be viewed in the context of a reduced payment of parish share totalling almost £12,000.

Thanks to the dedication and hard work of its congregation, its volunteers and its supporters, St Barnabas (the Church and the Village Centre together) made an overall gain of over £16,500. However, a very realistic view must take into account the deferred Parish Share which would reduce the final gain to nearer £4,500.

We move into 2024 with a positive view. Parish Share has been paid in full from Jan 2024 onwards. Donations continue to increase, and people are becoming more aware of Gift Aid. The Fund-Raising team continues its hard work, in the hope that events, fund-raisers and gifts will match those from previous years, and perhaps exceed our expectations and the income they draw. We have taken small steps, using the Tap to Give device to meet the needs of a society that expects paying digitally to be the norm, and we will take giant strides in our grant applications to fulfil the growing demand we see all around us to help families in need.

Julie Watts -Treasurer

Bromborough Parochial Church Council

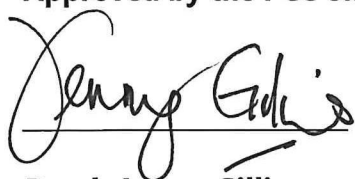
Balance Sheet (Summary)

	As at 31/12/2023	As at 31/12/2022
Fixed assets	-	-
Current assets		
Cash At Bank And In Hand	95,444.41	75,971.04
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Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	1,734.54	-1,194.14
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Net current assets less current liabilities	93,709.87	77,165.18
Total assets less current liabilities	93,709.87	77,165.18
Liabilities	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	93,709.87	77,165.18
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General Funds	17,148.47	2,558.05
Designated		
Designated - Building Maintenance	0.51	0.14
Designated - Fabric/Organ Fund 2020	-	25,476.35
Designated - Help The Families - Designated	315	315
Designated - Music Fund	1,171.66	1.85
Designated - St. Barnabas Village Centre	18,233.40	23,916.20
Designated - Village Centre Repair Fund	379.12	3,379.61
Designated - Youth Work	454.2	438.2
Restricted		
Restricted - Bell Fund	15,968.70	15,733.48
Restricted - Building Maintenance	11.45	11.45
Restricted - Fabric/Organ Fund 2020	21,698.38	-241.34
Restricted - Flower Fund	88.09	120.02
Restricted - Help The Families	3,779.07	5,113.18
Restricted - The National Lottery Community Fund	9,534.75	-
Restricted - Village Centre Co-op Grant Nov 2023	2,754.09	-
Restricted - Wirral BC Household Support Fund Grant	1,542.07	-
Restricted - Youth Work	630.91	342.99
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Receipts and Payments Account
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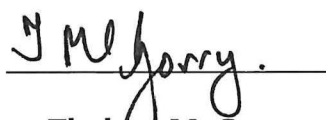
	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts					
Donations and legacies	77,695.69	1,510.00	27,252.03	106,457.72	79,819.39
Income from charitable activities	8,428.00 -	-	-	8,428.00	6,090.59
Other trading activities	-	23,271.44 -	-	23,271.44	29,092.25
Investments	73.21	250.3	1,330.96	1,654.47	723.59
Other income	29,814.22 -	-	-	29,814.22	24,299.08
Total Receipts	116,011.12	25,031.74	28,582.99	169,625.85	140,024.90
Payments					
Costs of generating funds	1,054.42 -	-	-	1,054.42 -	-
Costs of generating voluntary income	2,305.42	25.96 -	-	2,331.38	3,224.54
Expenditure on charitable activities	107,848.21	414.98	19,131.61	127,394.80	124,634.57
Other expenditure	-	22,300.56 -	-	22,300.56	11,303.23
Total Payments	111,208.05	22,741.50	19,131.61	153,081.16	139,162.34
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer	4,803.07	2,290.24	9,451.38	16,544.69	862.56
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	10,100.00	312.65	25,476.35	35,889.00 -	-
Gross transfers between funds - out	-312.65	-35,576.35 -	-	-35,889.00 -	-
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains	14,590.42	-32,973.46	34,927.73	16,544.69	862.56
Net movement in funds	14,590.42	-32,973.46	34,927.73	16,544.69	862.56
Reconciliation of funds					
Excess of receipts over payments at beginning of the year	2,558.05	53,527.35	21,079.78	77,165.18	76,302.62
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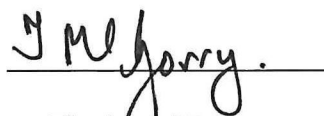
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

BRAMBOROUGH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

On accounts for the year ended

31 DECEMBER 2023

Charity no (if any)

Set out on pages

1 - 3

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

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Name:

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Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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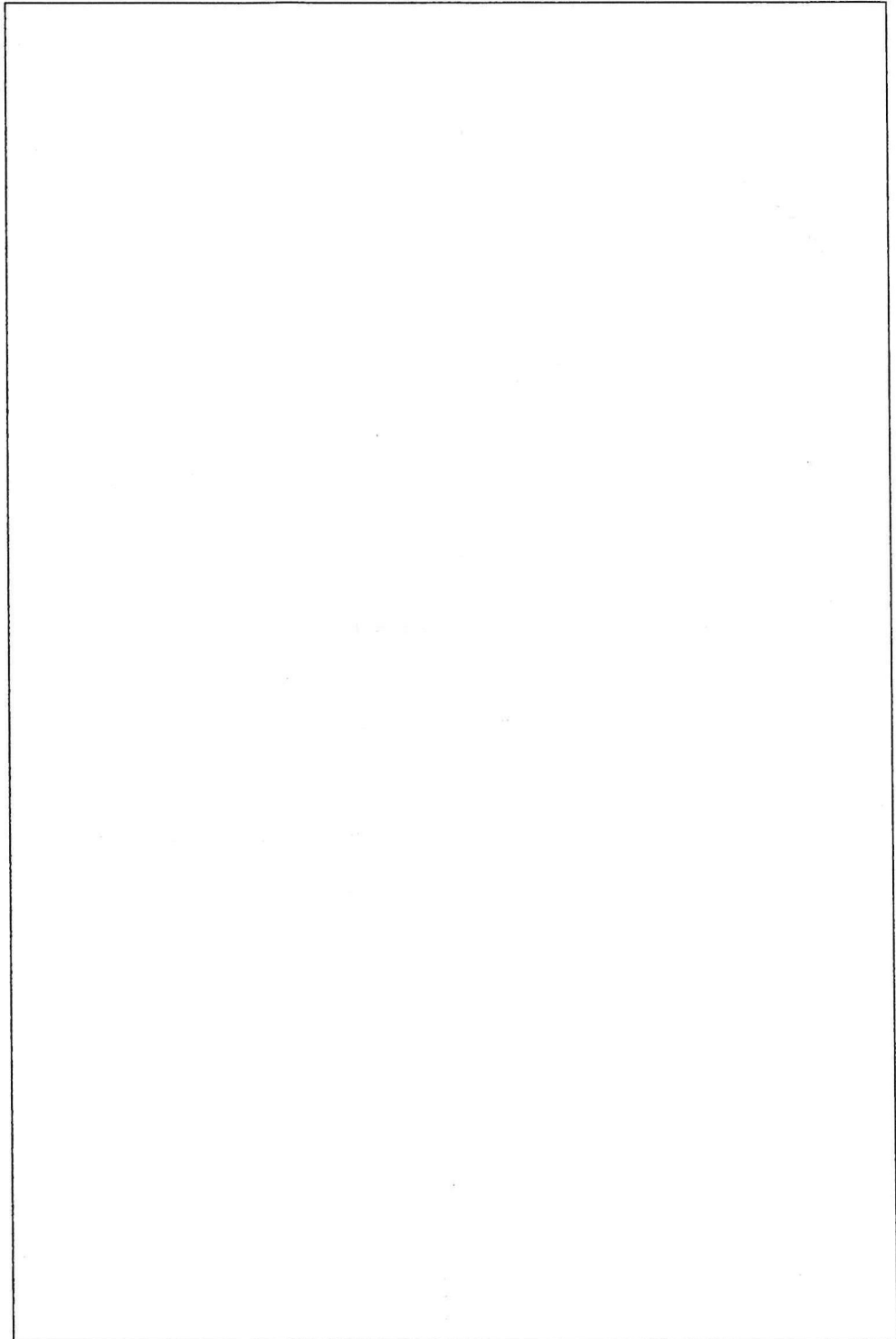
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Accounts



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

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Date: 29/4/23

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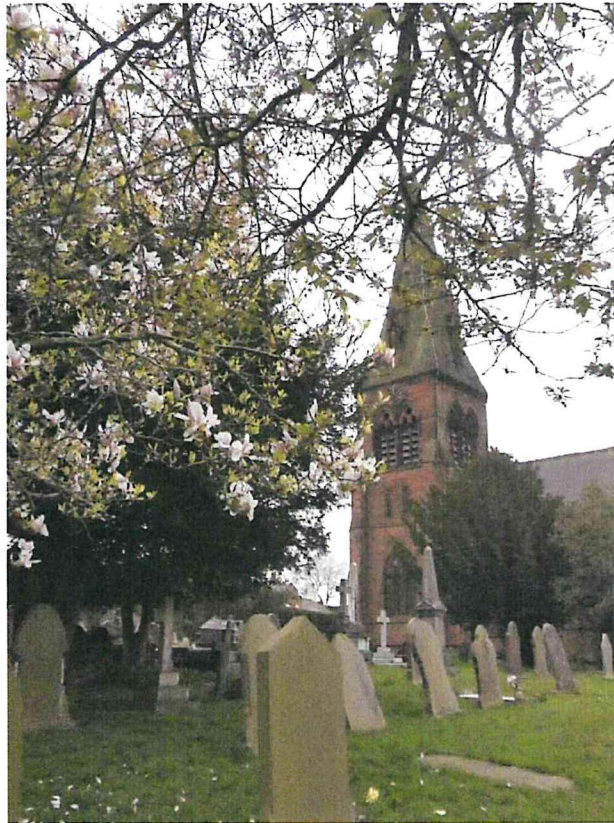
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FOR YEAR ENDING
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Rector's report 2022

Worship and Prayer

It has been a year of growth and blessing in our spiritual lives at St Barnabas. Whilst a number of the older members of the congregation have either died, failed to return to an every week attendance pattern (mostly for health reasons), it has been exciting to see that all of our weekly congregations have now got a number of new members. In particular, the 11.00 am service has a healthy vibrance with occasional attendances from Baptism, Wedding and funeral families some of whom have chosen to make our church their home.

One of the most important developments we have seen is in the regular prayer meeting which numbers a steady 10-15 people. We have seen answers to prayers at a local level and the opportunity to engage in prayers for issues across the world. This has seen a growth in relationships as well as the spiritual confidence of the community. After most Sunday 11.00 am services we are able to offer prayer for individuals.

During 2022 we had 5 members of the Church Family confirmed by Bishop Mark, along with 3 people from St Paul's Hooton. It was especially exciting to see 3 of our children who now move into their teenage years as confirmed members of our church.

I am delighted that Gill Walker has taken on the responsibility for Baptism and Confirmation ministry and has also accepted the invitation of the PCC to become team leader for Children's ministry as a whole, though Fiona continues to lead our developing Messy Church with skill and determination and Jenny and Carol still look after Kids' Church which happens on Thursday morning.

We recognised in 2022 that our Children's provision on Sunday was inadequate and so Julie Watts with a team of people created 'Busy Bags' which are now available for children who come to our Sunday services. They contain a range of activities organised around a number of different Bible Stories.

We continued throughout 2022 offering two regular Sunday services, a Wednesday morning communion in The Centre building and a Wednesday Evening service via Zoom. It did not seem appropriate to re start our 'Communion and Cake' ministry for our older members whilst so many still felt vulnerable but moving forward, we have plans for that in 2023.

Learning about the Gospel and developing knowledge and trust in Jesus.

Throughout 2022, teaching and preaching has been undertaken largely by the Rector and our Reader Lynne Whittaker. We met for Bible study through Lent and attempted to do so during Advent though this did not prove popular. It is hoped to develop at least one house group in 2023, to re engage with the Bible Course that was shelved at the start of the pandemic and to develop further opportunities for study. Trusting God's provision to us has been lived out through our continuance of offering social events free of charge and in trust that the Lord will provide. Thus far, that has been true. Sermons have continually encouraged knowledge of Scripture and the importance of placing our absolute trust in God. I think as the financial situation globally and at St Barnabas we will find that we are forced to do this more than ever.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.

Throughout 2022 we continued to support families in need in a bespoke and on an occasional basis. The identification of these people has often come to us through schools. We have provided everything from food parcels for 2 weeks, energy top ups and white goods.

To ensure that pastoral work is not overlooked with agreement from the PCC the Rector appointed Carol Jones to have oversight of the care of the congregation and our home communion ministry. I am grateful to her for the fastidious follow up she does on our behalf, of those who are struggling or are unwell. My thanks to Carol and

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Graham Jones, Phil and Chris Gilchrist and Lynne Whittaker who ensure that those unable to get out of their home continue to receive Communion and care.

Missionary and outreach work

Our Christmas tree festival took place in 2022. It was much bigger than in the previous year and brings many people to St Barnabas and to Bromborough itself. Our Visitors were once again well over 2,000 people. The Advent carol service was well attended as was the candlelight carols service. However, we have identified the need to have some kind of community owned carol service so plans are in process to invite all the schools to take part along with other members of our Bromborough community.

We are excited that this year we were able to feed 60 families via our Christmas project as well as providing presents for each family member. I am grateful to Kangaroo storage for providing the space for us to pack in and Helene Kaye for literally rescuing the Rector and ensuring food was available from Asda to fill our bags. It is a huge team effort though and incredibly important for those who give as well as those who receive. Funding next year will be much harder to obtain and with the cost of living rising we have already noticed that money does not go as far.

A new and important initiative that we have begun is to have a link missionary. We are partnering with CMS and we have established a link with Marcio and Noemi who are just beginning to work in Brazil. Having an overseas link is so important for us as it reminds that we are part of the wider church and gives us even more of an outward perspective. The link is being managed by Lis and Juan Sedano who are going to be leading our Prayer and Mission team. More of what this will look like as we begin to engage with our new PCC chosen objectives for the rest year.

The future

At a Saturday workshop session, the PCC explored creating a new vision statement that was easy to remember and some objectives which would help us focus our thoughts and our finances. The vision statement is 'Serving God, serving the community'. Alongside our newly formed finance team, and the all-important pastoral care team, we will have a focus on three areas:

1. The growth in the quality and quantity of our children's work and outreach
2. The development of our knowledge of the Bible and discipleship
3. The development of our Centre building as a hub for mission.

Susan Jones is leading the Centre team and alongside making sure that we put our own house in order over bookings and costs, we are about to become a hub for the distribution of free school uniform to families across the southeast of Wirral. Linda Hughes will be working on this every Thursday morning.

There is so much that is beginning to flourish that it is hard to reference all of it. I have not even begun to celebrate the beginning of the Tower and Organ project and the possibilities that this will bring for us.

I do not want to conclude this report however without thanking my two churchwardens, Ros and Thelma for the work that they do which is of huge importance and often not very visible. I also wish to thank Natalie Friel for the tremendous work she has done with support from the Diocese in order to change our accounts to a more simplified system and get them up to date at last. We have good foundations to build upon from here and I am looking forward to doing exactly that with all of you.

Jenny Gillies

Rector

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Wirral South Deanery Synod Annual report 2022

The St Barnabas representatives on Wirral South Deanery Synod are Jacky Williams, Jenny Hope and Fiona Austin. We usually meet 3 times a year in different Churches belonging to Wirral South Deanery. After a meeting we report back to the PCC and the information can be found in the PCC minutes.

March 2022 Unfortunately the meeting at All Saints' Church Thornton Hough clashed with a Parish event so we were not able to attend the meeting which focused on "Mission in New Housing" – Revd. Steve Clapham, Ecumenical Officer, Diocese of Chester.

May 2022 Fr Timothy Hupfield, Vicar of St Martin's Church, Low Marple, spoke about healing ministry.

October 2022 was held at the Chapel of the Holy Spirit, Eastham and was a vision café Hosted by Harriet Roberts the Diocesan Director of Development (Vision and Strategy) in Chester Diocese, this was part of 'Casting the Net Wide' a consultation launched by Bishop Mark to see where the Diocese is going and how to develop our work. Synod members enjoyed a fish and chip supper followed by a wide variety of activities and exercises as to how we can 'Cast the net wide' and reach out to those who are not part of the Church and how we can increase our Church membership in Chester Diocese.

Jenny Hope

Messy Church report 2022

In 2022 we ran Messy Church once a month after school from 3.30 -5pm. We moved to holding Messy Church in the Centre, where it has been easier to cook a meal for everyone at the end of every Messy Church. The new time after school and providing a cooked meal is has brought in more families from a variety of primary schools. We have a solid base of regular attenders and new people at each Messy Church, which is most encouraging.

None of this would be possible without the team of willing volunteers who greet, cook, wash up, chat, do craft, set up and clear away. Thanks to all the volunteers who come and help run Messy Church.

Fiona Austin

Mothers' Union

The Branch met each month except in August. Meetings begin with a short service which includes, readings, hymns and prayers usually around a set theme. The time afterwards often follows that theme although not always. During 2022 we looked at the life of Mary Slessor a Scottish missionary whose feast day is celebrated in January. We had two talks from Elisabeth Larkins, one on her trip to Iona and the other about June events and celebrations and of course the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We had PowerPoint presentations about Crosses, and the saints and holy days in September. We celebrated the branch's 96 Birthday with an afternoon tea and at Christmas attended the Wednesday morning Communion followed by Seasonal refreshments. Members were each given a tube of Smarties and asked when they had eaten them to add a coin to the empty tube on each of the 12 days of Christmas. This raised a goodly sum for Diocesan Mothers' Union work in the prisons at Styal, Risley and Thorncross.

We also displayed a tree at the Christmas Tree Festival which was covered in the paper lanterns we made and decorated at our November meeting.

New members are always welcome, as long as you uphold the values of Christian family life you can become a member whatever your age, gender and whether or not you are a parent.

Jenny Hope

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Centre report 2022

The Village Centre is moving to a more formal/professional approach to its running. We have in the last year asked all volunteers to sign to say that they have read the Parish Safeguarding document. We have approved a health and safety policy and a volunteer code of conduct both of which volunteers have been asked to sign to say that they have read and understood.

The maintenance of the building is on-going and we are grateful to Ian Sneddon for all the work he does to make sure that the building is well maintained.

Bookings are up and this often increases cafe footfall. We have produced forms for all bookings and we ask hirers to sign to say that they understand the hire conditions, the Parish Safeguarding document and the health and safety policy.

Tea and coffee are now free for all customers and we welcome all as a 'Warm Welcome Space'. The cafe has introduced lots of specials on the menu, some have become so popular that they are now on the main menu. We have a new menu and this reflects a new more modern approach.

We have offered a space to FUSS/FUPS (free uniform for secondary schools/primary schools). This will be open on Thursdays from 10.30 to 12.30 and we hope that this will grow and develop.

I will finish with a thanks to all volunteers and committee members who ensure that the Village Centre thrives and moves forward.

Susan Jones Chair of Centre Committee

Kids' Church

Kids' Church continues to meet each Thursday in Church at 10.00 am only missing the odd Thursday at Easter and Christmas. Older siblings and cousins join in during the School Holidays. This year were joined on many Thursdays by staff and children from a local nursery. We are still a very young group with many babes in arms, but the team so enjoy watching them grow, begin to crawl, then walk and then run around Church. We follow a scheme of work aimed at babies to 3 years interspersed with stories from the Bible appropriate to the season. We have a new sheep mascot called Mutton who helps to welcome the children and sometimes tell the story.

Weekly craft sessions are enjoyed with colouring, sticking, and frequently, what is known by the team as 'a sticker fest'. You can see an example of each week's work on the notice board at the back of Church, the children take theirs home to stick on the fridge in the time-honoured way.

I would like to record my grateful thanks to the team without whom I could not run Kids' Church.

Jenny Hope Team Leader

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CTBE Knit and Natter

At Christmas we took all the gifts which have been made or purchased by our members to the Teams4U distribution centre in Birkenhead where they were used to fill many shoe boxes for Eastern Europe. There were 421 items made, these included scarves, hats, mitts, puppets and bags. Additionally, purchased stationery items, toys and toiletries were given. We also donated £150 towards their travel costs from our funds.

Throughout the year the group has also donated items to Hospitals - hats and blankets for babies, head bands for cancer patients, twiddlemuffs for those who need them. Care homes also receive twiddlemuffs and knee rugs. Some large blankets and hats go to a centre in Liverpool which helps needy people.

Several large bags of knitted children's items are taken annually to International Aid via North Wirral Inner Wheel. Many of our members make items at Easter and Christmas which are used for decoration, sold to raise funds for charity, this year for North West Air Ambulance or given out to people at Christmas. Others are changed into decorative items which go on show at the Christmas tree festival as well as being used in the Christmas services. Even knitted candles were made which looked real and we were delighted to win second place in the Christmas Tree Festival competition. One of our members has made many knitted Nativity sets, this generated £400 which was donated to St John's Hospice.

The group meet on Monday afternoons at the Centre in Bromborough from 1.30pm with a quiet time and prayer. All are welcome, even if they only natter. Our members are kept in the loop by phone calls or visits if they are unable to come due to failing health or for other reasons. We have 24 people who come fairly regularly. If you want to have a relaxing afternoon while producing useful things for others, do join us.

Anne Williams Lead Volunteer

From Up the Tower

Our numbers remain depleted which means we remain reliant on support from other towers to be able to ring. As a result we have been unable to ring for Sunday service as often as we would have liked.

We rang five quarter peals during the year. The first was instead of practice on a bank Holiday Monday. The second was for St. Barnabastide and to bring the village summer fair to a close. Towards the end of June we rang a quarter to mark the 90th birthday of Woodslee Primary School (now Co-op Academy Woodslee) on the day of their Summer Fair. The band included a current employee of the school and a former pupil. Our final quarter peal of the year was for the Christmas Tree Festival and to bring the Village Christmas Fair to a close.

The death of her late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II saw the bells quickly muffled and several of us met to ring to mark the occasion. At the end we rang what is known as diminishing rounds, whereby one by one a bell stops until there is only one bell left tolling. At noon on the following day we joined churches across the country with tolling 96 times. The following Monday we rang a half muffled quarter peal in memoriam of her late Majesty. This quarter peal was also Steve's 170th at St. Barnabas, and his 100th as conductor, again at St. Barnabas.

Steven was a member of the band which represented the Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild at the guild's 8 bell striking competition held at St. Bridget's, West Kirby. The Wirral Branch came second, its best result in many years. If you, or anyone you know, would like to have a go, or would just like to come and have a look, then please speak to Steve Hughes, Ian Sneddon or Ian Walker.

Steve Hughes Tower Captain

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Elected Members

Position	Name	Number of years remaining on PCC from 2022 APCM to 2023 APCM
Electoral Roll Secretary, Vice Chair	Lesley Cobb	1
Treasurer	Natalie Friel	1
	Sue Holden	1
	Steve Hughes	1
	Pat Down	2
	Carol Jones	2
	Graham Jones	2
	Anita Roberts	2
	Barbara Baxter	3
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2022 began having finally transitioned out of a global pandemic. As a Church we were able to plan and hold our regular events once more and continue to serve the community.

This year saw a continued increase in need from local families needing support with food hampers. Our volunteers worked tirelessly throughout the year (especially at Christmas time) to shop, pack and deliver parcels, and we are eternally grateful to them all. Our 'Help the Families' campaign has been the forefront of our mission giving throughout the pandemic, and we continue to support families where necessary.

The Village Centre re-opened its doors late 2021, so 2022 was its first full year re-open, after being closed due to the pandemic.

We were able to host the Summer Fair in conjunction with the Bromborough Village Community Association and our Christmas Tree Festival which was enjoyed by almost 2600 visitors!

Whilst donations for 2022 are down compared with 2021, our income from charitable events & the trading in the Village Centre were up; meaning we were able to break even with a profit of £862.56 for the year.

The Future

We continue to welcome people back to Church services and in The Centre for food, drinks and we are able to hold fundraising events once again.

With rising energy bills & monthly running costs of £12,000, our finance team are reviewing all aspects of income and expenditure, to ensure we are maximising our opportunities.

The Trustees are confident that the Parish remains a going concern. We continue to encourage online giving and the use of online banking to avoid unnecessary bank charges.

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Balance Sheet (Summary)

	As at 31/12/2022	As at 31/12/2021
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Current assets		
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Liabilities		
	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	77,165.18	76,302.62
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General Funds	2,558.05	18,299.35
Designated		
Designated - Building Maintenance	0.14	-
Designated - Fabric/Organ Fund 2020	25,476.35	23,376.83
Designated - Help The Families - Designated	315.00	-
Designated - Music Fund	1.85	1.83
Designated - St. Barnabas Village Centre	23,916.20	6,442.65
Designated - Village Centre Repair Fund	3,379.61	3,000.14
Designated - Youth Work	438.20	-
Restricted		
Restricted - Bell Fund	15,733.48	15,551.65
Restricted - Building Maintenance	11.45	11.44
Restricted - Fabric/Organ Fund 2020	(241.34)	-
Restricted - Flower Fund	120.02	115.00
Restricted - Help The Families	5,113.18	9,160.74
Restricted - Youth Work	342.99	342.99
Fund Totals	77,165.18	76,302.62

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Receipts and Payments Account

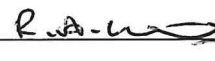
For the period from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	72,775.72	2,843.67	4,200.00	-	79,819.39	87,225.66
Income from charitable activities	6,090.59	-	-	-	6,090.59	2,452.76
Other trading activities	-	29,092.25	-	-	29,092.25	7,113.59
Investments	81.57	89.53	552.49	-	723.59	38.54
Other income	23,354.08	-	945.00	-	24,299.08	19,703.88
Total Receipts	102,301.96	32,025.45	5,697.49	-	140,024.90	116,534.43
Payments						
Expenditure on charitable activities	114,993.23	16.32	9,625.02	-	124,634.57	114,906.26
Other expenditure	-	11,303.23	-	-	11,303.23	23,055.11
Costs of generating funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Costs of generating voluntary income	3,050.03	-	174.51	-	3,224.54	2,269.06
Total Payments	118,043.26	11,319.55	9,799.53	-	139,162.34	140,230.43
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer	(15,741.30)	20,705.90	(4,102.04)	-	862.56	(23,696.00)
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	-	-	-	-	16,747.42
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	-	-	-	-	(16,747.42)
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains	(15,741.30)	20,705.90	(4,102.04)	-	862.56	(23,696.00)
Net movement in funds	(15,741.30)	20,705.90	(4,102.04)	-	862.56	(23,696.00)
Reconciliation of funds						
Excess of receipts over payments at beginning of the year	18,299.35	32,821.45	25,181.82	-	76,302.62	99,998.62
Excess of receipts over payments for the year	2,558.05	53,527.35	21,079.78	-	77,165.18	76,302.62

Approved by the PCC on 16 March 2023 and signed on their behalf by:


 Revd. Jenny Gillies
 Rector


 Thelma McGorry
 Church Warden

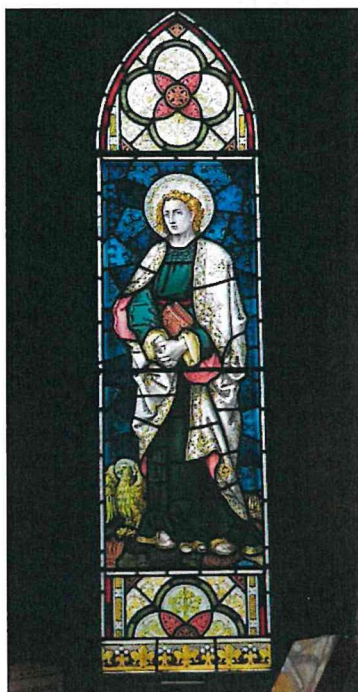

 Ros Wood
 Church Warden

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Rector's Report.

Worship and Prayer

Worship returned to church in March 2021 and has continued to be there on Sunday at 9.15am and 11.00am. On Wednesday a thriving mid-week Wednesday morning Communion returned to church but quickly went back to The Centre building as people preferred the warmth and intimacy that the lounges offer. We regularly have around 20 people in attendance. The Wednesday Evening service has remained on Zoom with an attendance of between 10 -15 people. Throughout the winter these were much higher numbers than we have previously known when we met on Wednesdays in church.

Gradually routines have returned, first allowing people to sit where they choose, then to leave off masks if they wished. Hymns have returned to Sunday services and in the weeks after Christmas the option to receive wine from the chalice is in place. Once again refreshments are offered between services.

Most of the congregation have returned to attend worship though there are still some notable absences. Thought must be given by the whole church as to how we encourage those who no longer worship with us to return. There have been a significant number of occasional new attendees; another reflection that we need to undertake is how we will work to maintain and hold onto this growth. That and our failure to offer any provision for children on Sunday at either of our services.

Messy Church started up in December. We met to start within the Institute and now have moved to The Centre building on a Tuesday evening, once a month, after school. Attendance is minimal but growing. Kids' Church also meets weekly in church though attendance figures have been poor. As Carol has been unwell, most of the work to make it happen has fallen onto the shoulders of Jenny Hope. It's future needs to be reviewed in the context of all our work with children.

One of the exciting developments has been starting up a prayer group, monthly on a Saturday. We hope that this will thrive in the months ahead.

Learning about the Gospel and developing knowledge and trust in Jesus.

Throughout 2021, teaching and preaching has been undertaken largely by the Rector and our reader Lynne Whitaker. Lynne's ministry on Wednesday mornings and at 9.15am is hugely valued and important. Eddie Griffiths had a small stroke and has therefore retired from active church leadership. We thank him for his tremendous work and ministry at St Barnabas.

We met for Bible study through Lent and there is an intention to continue with this regularly.

Sunday sermons are lectionary and Biblically based. We usually have one reading at the 11.00am Sunday service though retain three at 9.15am

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.

The pastoral groups that were set up to keep a check on everyone's welfare have continued spasmodically and this has been dependent on the availability or determination of the team leader. One of the goals is to review and regroup as we move forward. The numbers of people requiring home visits and Communion at home are far fewer than previously.

Our care for families in need within the community continued throughout 2021 culminating in a huge project to support 50 families at Christmas. Funds through donations and grants have been plentiful and volunteers have been generous in giving their time. We have continued to work with and through the local primary schools.

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Missionary and outreach work

Feeding families in the community is both mission and outreach work but is not explicitly intended to be about encouraging people to know Jesus. A product of that work though, has been to encourage a few weddings, baptisms, and the very large attendance of people at our Christmas nativity, which because of Covid took place in the church car park. Much of the past two years has been about survival and consolidation and only now do we begin to think about recovery and new beginnings. One of the most successful missional activities was producing online worship. Since we returned to church, we have not felt able to do this and it is a loss that we may need to review. We do however continue to offer prayers every morning and evening via Facebook and Instagram. This has a daily engagement factor of around 30-50 people.

Our Christmas tree festival took place in 2021. It was on a slightly reduced scale than previously but none the less was a valuable way in which to welcome the local community into their church and encourage connectivity and a stronger sense of well-being.

The future

The danger that exists at this point in time is that we start to think about 'getting back to normal'. We are all changed, as are the worship practices of individuals across the land. Bromborough is no different. Normal no longer exists in the form that we knew it and all that we have is the chance to create something new.

Positive things have come out of the global pandemic. We have a much stronger relationship with the community around us and a greater respect for what we are trying to do. Many people worked to improve the look, safety and care of our churchyard and invested in making the Christmas tree Festival work.

We need to look hard at our work with children, at what is needed and what we are able to provide. I think that this will take us out of our comfort zone but that does not mean we should not travel that route.

Another hope is that in the next year we can create a mission link with one of the Missional Charities, for example CMS. This will open our missional horizons to incorporate the world as well as our local community with whom we are engaged.

The end of 2021 also sees us looking forward to the beginning of an enormous building project that incorporates the refurbishing of bells and organ. The costs are huge – in excess of £500,000. As we begin to put together a planning group, we must also need to ensure we pray for the direction of the work, the provision of the people and be mindful that it does not overwhelm but enhances our missional purpose.

Jenny Gillies

Rector

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Wirral South Deanery Synod Report 2021

The St Barnabas representatives on Wirral South Deanery Synod are Jacky Williams and Fiona Austin. We usually meet 3 times a year in different Churches belonging to Wirral South Deanery. After a meeting we report back to the PCC and the information can be found in the PCC minutes.

There was only 1 meeting of Wirral South Deanery Synod in 2021 due to Covid -19. The meeting was a service at St Mary's Eastham. Normal meetings will resume in 2022.

Messy Church report 2021

Due to Covid-19 there were no Messy Church meetings until November 2021.

We held a Christingle Messy Church in the Village Hall. The usual messy craft activities were offered but at the new time of 3.15 - 5pm including a children's cooked tea. People were directed to the Christmas Eve Crib service in place of a December Messy Church. Moving into 2022 we will continue to run Messy Church as an after-school meeting with a cooked children's tea.

Thanks to all the volunteers who come and help run Messy Church.

Mothers' Union Report 2021.

From January to October meetings were unable to be held due to Covid 19 but a service was prepared for each month and sent to members electronically or by hard copy, members were asked to read the service at our normal meeting time on the second Tuesday of the month. The themes for the services included Baptism, Mothering Sunday, Saints George, Columba and Scholastica (sister of St Benedict). Face to face meetings began again in October with a Harvest Service prepared by Mothers' Union centrally. We were able to decorate a tree for the Christmas Tree Festival on the theme 'The Heart of Christmas'. To mark the end of the Triennium the provincial service (Province of York) was held in Liverpool Cathedral with a procession of banners from all the Dioceses in the North, two members were able to attend. An article about members' work with the Church 'Food for Families' project appeared in 'Mothers' Union Matters', the Diocesan magazine. New members are always welcome at our monthly meeting on the 2nd Tuesday in the month at 2pm in the Centre – the only criteria are that you uphold the values of Christian family life, you do not have to be female, married, or have children. L.J.H & T W Branch Leaders

St Barnabas Village Centre (The Centre). After 18 months closure the Centre re opened under its new name of The Centre in September with many of the old team members returning and several new ones joining the daily teams. Susan Jones was appointed by the PCC to be Chair of the Management Committee. During lockdown the Centre was awarded a £10,000 business grant which was spent in completely re-modelling the kitchen to a commercial catering standard, with a new floor and ceiling, walls clad in easy clean linings which meet hospital and catering standards of hygiene. The work was completed with industrial style stainless steel units and work surfaces, a dishwasher and a gas cooker. This work was masterminded by Ian Sneddon and mostly carried out by him. Numbers using the Centre café grew steadily during the autumn and all steps were taken to ensure all food handling legislation is complied with including Natasha's law regarding food allergens and Covid safe practices were carried out. One team member holds the Level 3 food handling certificate as recommended by the Environmental Health officer on a visit to inspect the new kitchen.

There are several new groups using the Centre for their meetings as well as former ones who have been able to re-start.

Kids' Church

Kids' Church began again in October after half term, many of our regulars from before the pandemic are now in full time pre-school or even school so we are having to build up a new group of members. There is a great team of

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helpers who welcome the children and their carers, prepare the refreshments, drive the technology and help with the craft work. Using the Church Audio Visual system has been a great help in making the service brighter and more modern. We hope that numbers will steadily grow again, one advantage of the small numbers is that the Leaders and helpers can really get to know the children and their carers. C A J & L J H

Churches together in Bromborough and Eastham Knit and Natter group.

Throughout the time we did not meet - we only returned on the 20th September 2021 – we kept in touch with the group – either by telephone or by distanced doorstep chats and many of the group continued to knit and crochet items for the charities we support. On average 19 people attend weekly. Completed items were and continue to be distributed wherever possible to the appropriate charity.

Since we returned 2388 items have been completed as well as a significant quantity of items left to us by another charity which were finished off by 3 of us. Additionally at Christmas an amount of stationery was given by members for the Teams4U shoe box appeal and a donation of £100 was given to them too.

All of the items knitted or crocheted for the tree festival in December had been made by members of the group. Our tree won 3rd prize.

Some of our members have not returned to the group but regular contact is still kept. We also have had new members too.

We still meet on Monday afternoons from 1.30 to 3pm in the Centre. All welcome. Anne Williams.

Tower Captain's report From Up the Tower

As we started the year back under Covid restrictions we were unable to ring, which meant we couldn't celebrate the 140th anniversary of the official opening of the tower and bells in April. We were allowed however to mark some significant events with the tolling of a single bell, so in February we marked the passing of Captain Sir Tom Moore, and in March a bell was tolled to mark the First National Day of Reflection, marking one year since the country went into lockdown.

The death of a member of the Royal Family would normally mean lots of ringing at various times to match national protocol and local traditions. Again, restrictions meant we were only able to toll a bell at noon, the day after the death of HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh and again half-muffled on the morning of his funeral, both as part of a national programme of mourning.

Restrictions for ringing were lifted in stages to match the national progress. We were therefore able to restart Sunday Service ringing at Pentecost. In June the length of ringing allowed was increased from 15 minutes to an hour, although practices were still discouraged. We took this as an opportunity to ring a few quarter peals during our normal practice time. This gave us a chance to do some prolonged ringing, and dust off the cobwebs, but also gave us the chance to reintroduce the community to the sound of the bells. We received many favourable comments through the church's Facebook page on how glad people were to hear the bells ring out across the village once again.

Our first quarter peal was a sombre event as we rang to mark the recent passing of Peter Newton from St. Peter's Heswall, who was always a great supporter of ringing at St. Barnabas, and a good friend to all of us who rang that day. Our second quarter peal was for the NHS Social Care and Frontline Workers Day on the 73rd birthday of the NHS, which was Ian Sneddon's first quarter peal. Our third quarter peal was rung to mark the Consecration of The Venerable Julie Conalty as Bishop of Birkenhead and Revd. Canon Sam Corley as Bishop of Stockport earlier that day. That quarter peal saw Edward Caswell ring in his first quarter peal, which was also Steve Hughes' 250th quarter peal as Conductor, a significant achievement which few people reach.

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Ringers are an Ecumenical bunch, as we ring at many towers and support many churches with their bells. Some of our ringers are regular supporters of St. Peter's, Rock Ferry and Steve is a regular member of the Wirral Branch team which rings at Chester Cathedral on the first Sunday of every month. In October Steve rang his 800th quarter peal (an average of 23 per year over his 34 years of ringing quarter peals), which was rung at St. Bridget's West Kirby following the funeral service of former Wirral Mayor Gerald Ellis.

Practices restarted towards the end of July, but unfortunately lockdown saw the health of several of our band suffer to the point they were unable to continue to ring with us. They are sadly missed but it does mean that we aren't able to ring as much or as often as we would like. If you or anyone you know would like to have a go or would just like to come and have a look then please speak to Steve Hughes or Ian Sneddon.

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Deanery Synod	Vacancy

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	Graham Jones	1

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	Dorothy Clayton	1
	Ros Wood	1
Electoral Roll Secretary	Lesley Cobb	2
Treasurer	Natalie Friel	2
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As 2021 began with yet another lockdown due to the pandemic, it was unclear to everyone on how this year would go financially.

Fortunately, we seem to be coming out of the other side, finally, although there have been lots of bumps along the way.

2021 saw a huge increase in need from local families needing support with food hampers. Our volunteers worked tirelessly throughout the year (especially at Christmas time) to shop, package and deliver parcels, and we are eternally grateful to them all.

Our 'Help the Families' campaign has been the forefront of our mission giving throughout the pandemic, and we continue to support families into 2022 where necessary.

The Village Centre re-opened its doors in September 2021, after being closed for 18 months. A portion of the building repair fund and the Wirral Borough Council Grant were used to completely refurbish the kitchen to a more modern and high standard and to complete roofing works. Our special thanks go to Ian Sneddon for co-ordinating this project.

This year saw the return of our annual Christmas Tree Festival which was enjoyed by 1400 visitors (half of the usual number), but we hope this grows again in 2022.

The impact of the pandemic meant our donations & trading were still not back to where they were before, and with increasing energy bills on the horizon and a monthly running cost of approx. £12,000, overall for the year we ran at a £23,683 deficit.

The Future

Like last year, this report was prepared when the Pandemic seems to be entering the later stages and it appears that things are starting to resume to normal.

We are now able to welcome people back to Church services and in The Centre for food, drinks & groups and we are starting to hold fundraising events once again.

The Trustees are confident that the Parish remains a going concern. The step to move planned giving to online giving from 2019 continues and we are still encouraging our donors to change the way in which they donate from cash to Standing Order, so that if we are faced with another lockdown, we would still receive our much-needed donations, which we are very grateful for.

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Restricted - Building Maintenance	11.44	11.44
Restricted - Flower Fund	115.00	30.00
Restricted - Help The Families	9,160.74	-
Restricted - Youth Work	342.99	0.05
Fund Totals	76,315.62	99,998.62

Bromborough Parochial Church Council

Trustees Report for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

Bromborough Parochial Church Council - 1127144

Receipts and Payments Account

For the period from 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	70,327	—	16,898	—	87,225	86,161
Income from charitable activities	11,964	—	—	—	11,964	4,968
Other trading activities	9,067	6,813	850	—	16,731	13,256
Investments	3	26	8	—	38	207
Other income	542	—	45	—	587	—
Total receipts	91,904	6,840	17,801	—	116,547	104,593
Payments						
Costs of generating funds						
Costs of generating voluntary income	3,836	—	—	—	3,836	3,257
Expenditure on charitable activities	97,720	24,820	1,330	—	123,871	117,748
Other expenditure	5,417	—	7,104	—	12,522	—
Total payments	106,974	24,820	8,435	—	140,230	121,006
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer	(15,069)	(17,979)	9,366	—	(23,683)	(16,412)
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	13,139	3,607	—	—	16,747	83,361
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	(16,747)	—	—	(16,747)	(83,361)
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains	(1,930)	(31,119)	9,366	—	(23,683)	(16,412)
Net movement in funds	(1,930)	(31,119)	9,366	—	(23,683)	(16,412)
Reconciliation of funds						
All assets at 01 January 2021	20,229	63,953	15,815	—	99,998	116,411
All assets at 31 December 2021	18,299	32,834	25,181	—	76,315	99,998

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

Bromborough Parochial Church Council Trustees Report for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

Approved by the PCC on 21 April 2022 and signed on their behalf by

Revd. Jenny Gillies

Thelma McGorry

Rector

Churchwarden

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

BROMBOROUGH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

On accounts for the year ended

31/12/2021

Charity no (if any)

1127144

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

12-9-22

Name:

BARBARA MORRIS

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

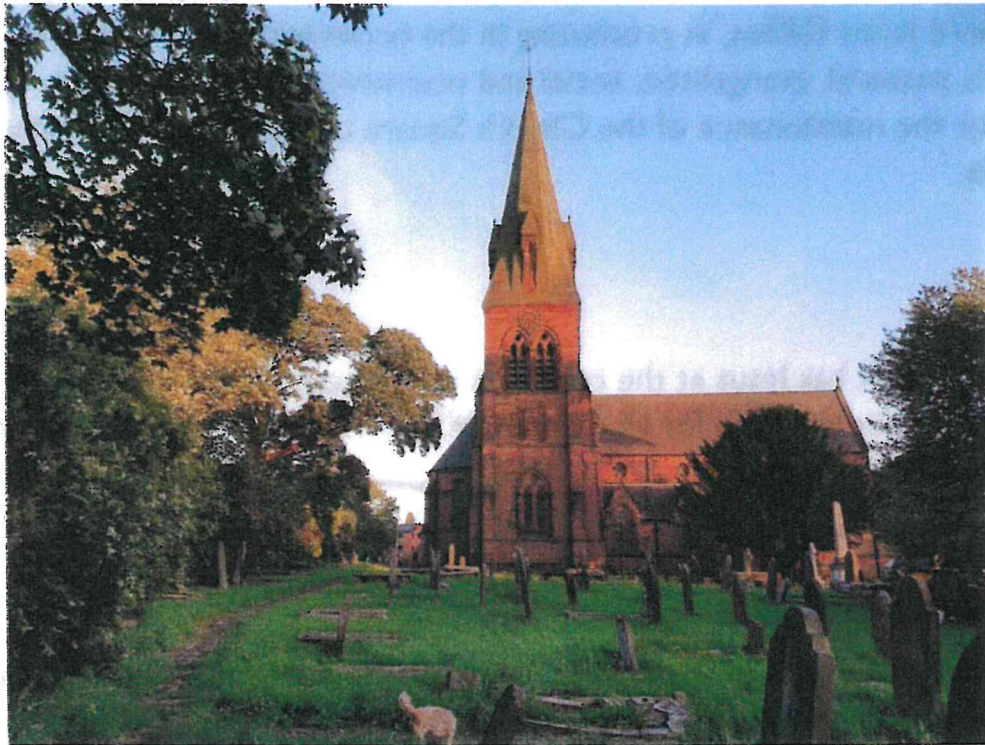
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Accounts



Registered Charity No. 1127144

Bromborough Parochial Church Council



ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year ending 31st December

2020

The members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) who are the charity trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2016. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland

Aims and purposes

St. Barnabas' Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent Rev'd Jenny Gillies, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church Square complex of St. Barnabas, Bromborough.

Our Vision

We see a church that has Jesus at the centre, is at the heart of the community, is a welcoming and accessible place for all who come, growing in size and developing the faith of those with whom it is connected.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St. Barnabas. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- learning about the Gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Worship and prayer
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Missionary and outreach work

Fabric

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St. Barnabas and the Church Square complex. Our Vision We see a church that has Jesus at the centre, is at the heart of the community, is a welcoming and accessible place for all who come, growing in size and developing the faith of those with whom it is connected.

Rector's Report

History will record that 2020 was among the most extraordinary of years. The context of a global pandemic necessitated the compulsory closing of all churches by law from March until July. There has never been another period like this, and it has been a challenge to sustain the spiritual life of the church congregation and ministry to the community as a whole. Nevertheless, during this exceptional time there have been many opportunities to offer help and support to those in need and to find new ways of being church. Though many of our activities were stopped, new things sprung up in their place and the next challenge will be to reimagine church in Bromborough retaining some of the new ideas and practices alongside the new.

My thanks as ever to all those who have in anyway contributed to the life of our church and the wider community that we serve. That contribution may be in time, in money or in prayer but it has been noted and valued deeply not least by me. Without a huge amount of lay ministry and support we would not be the church we are becoming, and I would not be able to undertake my role.

What follows is a reflection on the year relating to our aims as noted above.

- Learning about the Gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
Prior to closure we had begun to run a very well attended Bible course at the rector's home. Sadly, this had to stop as initially few in the group had the skills necessary to continue with such a course online. It is hoped to begin this course again in the Autumn of 2021. At the outset of the lockdown all parishioners were given a prayer book with readings that had been produced in house and designed to support their private prayer and devotions. This proved very popular and many reported that their relationship with Jesus had strengthened in the forced isolation. Initially, people were contacted with short bible reflections by email though once online services were available this ceased.
- Worship and prayer
The rector as stated gave all connected with the church a booklet of prayers, offices and readings to assist private devotions. From May onwards, an online service was produced weekly and sent to around 80 email addresses each week. This was offered on YouTube via an email link at was well used by locals and those connected more distantly with the parish. The church was open on Saturday for private prayer in August. When we were able to meet in person once again in September, services

resumed at 9.15am in a traditional format and at 11.00am for a more contemporary style of modern music and worship, Congregation numbers remained fairly low, even at Christmas. Holy communion was celebrated each week at one or other of the services with attendees remaining in their seat to be offered communion by the rector in one kind only. The Wednesday services were suspended throughout March through to December, though Wednesday evening saw a growth in attendance at an evening online Zoom service. It has been agreed that this will continue through 2021 for review in January 2022. In response to the anxiety that the lockdown period was causing, the rector placed two prayers each day onto the parish Facebook page which has a following of over 1,000 people. There was regular engagement in these prayers from 20 -50 people. This level of interest has been sustained throughout the year. All weddings for 2020 were cancelled and we received a request for one baptism. Funerals continued at the crematorium and outside at the grave from March until August when we were once again able to offer funerals for people in church of up to 30.

- Provision of Pastoral Care for people living in the parish

The biggest project to come out of the pandemic was the need to feed people. Initially this began in March with the rector and her daughter delivering food donated by people in Bromborough. Once the initial lockdown eased, others were able to assist and new families needing support were highlighted by Mendell and Woodslee Primary Schools. This assistance continued weekly until September and then began again with a mammoth food project involving food and gifts for 53 households. It saw the Bromborough Village community Association and the church working together. Another exciting development for pastoral care, saw the creation of pastoral groups with a team leader who agreed to keep their members in the loop and in touch in case of shopping or other need. This has generally worked very well indeed though as time passed, we noted some omissions and additions. It is hoped to continue these through into the future. Particular thanks to the team leaders who used their own time and phone lines to sustain this work.

- Missionary and Outreach Work

There can be no doubt that getting alongside people in their need whether it be the provision of food or spiritual support has vastly grown the positive relationships between church and community. This was particularly true in the first part of the year when all food donations relied on members of the community to give money and food. Later were able to use grants from Wirral Borough Council and other charitable sources. The down side of this is that it has been impossible to visit community groups, schools, care homes and to stay in touch easily with the many fringe members of the congregation who were just beginning to make a connection with the church. Equally baptisms and weddings have taken a real down turn though they are likely to bounce back in 2021-22. Sadly, the centre café has been closed and as yet, we do not know how or when it will open. An enforced break has left some enjoying freedom and others who have seen a deterioration in their health and well-being.

It would be easy to see this year as one of disaster for the world and church nationally and internationally. However, here in Bromborough there are still clear signs that Jesus continues to build his church in this place. As we move forward, we must hold fast to the hope which is set before us and await with excitement to see what he will do next.

Wirral South Deanery Synod Report 2020

The St Barnabas representatives on Wirral South Deanery Synod are Jacky Williams and Fiona Austin. We meet 3 times a year in different Churches belonging to Wirral South Deanery. After a meeting we report back to our PCC and the information can be found in the PCC minutes.

There was only 1 meeting of Wirral South Deanery Synod in March 2020. The date had been moved from February and clashed with a St Barnabas Bible Study; we were therefore unable to attend the Wirral South Deanery Synod meeting. No minutes have been received. No further meetings took place in 2020, due to Covid-19.

Messy Church report 2020

In January no Messy Church took place as it was very close to the New Year and children were still on holiday. February's theme was Christingle. March's theme was Abraham and Sarah. Numbers have been low so we will need to review the time and day of the week for Messy Church and whether to continue. There were no further meetings took place in 2020, due to Covid-19. Thanks to all who come and help and who keep those families in your prayers.

Mothers' Union Report 2020

The Branch was able to meet for the first three months of the year. In January we watched a presentation called 'The Train of Life' where we thought about life like being on a train journey through life, we thought about those who left our train our parents and grandparents, those who joined it friends, partners, children, the important stations on our journey so far eg our first church, memories of Grandparents, our school days and so on. In February we held our AGM and in March just before the first lockdown we had our annual birthday tea, since then we have not been able to meet face to face but a service has been prepared for members to read each month on our meeting day this has been distributed by e-mail or hard copy.

Two members were able to attend the annual Diocesan Festival in the Cathedral on 29 February when the preacher was the Dean, afterwards they enjoyed lunch in the Refectory.

Churches together in Bromborough and Eastham Knit and Natter Group.

Up until Covid 19 struck the Group continued to grow, in fact there were so many members that we had almost out grown the large lounge in the Village Centre. Members have continued to knit and crochet at home throughout lockdowns and one of the Leaders, Anne Williams has phoned members every week and has walked miles with her husband collecting members knitting. We were able, as usual, to supply a large number of items to be added to the Teams4You shoe box appeal, this year these had to be collected from us instead of us delivering them to the depot. Hats and scarves have been delivered to the Mission to Seafarers and Asylum Link and many items taken to the Special Baby Care Unit at Arrowe Park Hospital. One member crocheted comfort bands to be used with masks in a Birmingham hospital and crocheted Rainbow Brooches which were sold for Charity. By the end of the year the pile of items waiting to be taken to various charities when restrictions allow was considerable and was slowly filling a member's spare room.

St Barnabas Village Centre

The Village Centre operated as usual until mid-March 2020 when the café had to close and all groups suspended their meetings due to the National lockdown. The Centre however was in constant use as a storage place for the food and goods for the local projects helping needy families. At Christmas it was used to prepare the parcels of food and gifts for the 58 families with 110 children between them which were distributed by Woodslee Academy and Mendall School and directly to one or two other families that St Barnabas Church was in contact with. A grant of £10,000 was obtained towards the loss of trading income, it has still to be decided how this will be spent.

Bell Tower Report

There is no significant report from the bell tower this year, largely due to the fact that our Bell Tower has been closed due to the impact of COVID19 and the global pandemic. Unfortunately, due to restrictions, our bell ringers have not been able to meet in person but did manage to hold Zoom meetings virtually so everyone could keep in touch. Our Bell Tower Captain, Steven Hughes, did toll a bell on Remembrance Sunday.

Administrative Information

St Barnabas Church is situated by Bromborough Cross. It is part of the Diocese of Chester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is:

Parish Office
St Barnabas Village Centre
Church Square
Bromborough
Wirral
CH62 7AB

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011) and is registered with the Charity Commission, number 1127144

PCC members who served from 1 January 2018 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex-officio members

Position	Name	From/To
Rector	Revd. Jenny Gillies	
Churchwarden	Thelma McGorry	From APCM
Churchwarden	Jenny Hope	
Churchwarden	Carol Jones	Till APCM
Lay Reader	Lynne Whittaker	
Deanery Synod & PCC Secretary	Fiona Austin	From APCM
Deanery Synod	Jackie Williams	From APCM

Elected Members

Position	Name	From/To
	Pat Down	
	Danny Friel	
	Eddie Griffiths	
Vice Chairperson	Carol Jones	From APCM
	Dorothy Edmunds	
	Graham Jones	
	Dorothy Clayton	From APCM
	Ros Wood	
Electoral Roll Secretary & Vice Chairman	Lesley Cobb	Vice Chairman till APCM
PCC Treasurer	Natalie Friel	From APCM
Parish safeguarding Co-ordinator	Sue Holden	From APCM
	Louise Marsh	From APCM
	Thelma McGorry	Till APCM

Advisors to the Council:

Bankers:

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Bromborough, Wirral
CH62 7ET

Investment Managers:

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Independent Examiner:

Mrs Barbara Morris CeMAP
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Bromborough, Wirral
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Architect:

Mr Tony Barton BA (Hons) DipArch RIBA SCA
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Bridgewater House
5 Bridge Place
Chester, CHI 1SA

Financial Report

At the beginning of 2020 the administration team continued to work hard to bring our accounts up to date by transitioning to a new way of working and were looking forward to moving onto a new system provided by Data Development. Unfortunately, due to the Global Pandemic the whole world came to a standstill, and this meant us too!

We did still manage to come a long way; at the end of 2020 we were fully up to date with paying our statutory fees & had successfully claimed all Gift Aid.

The impact of the Pandemic meant our donations plummeted, and overall, for the year we ran at a £16,412 deficit.

Some good news is that we did receive a £2000 grant from the Diocese, made possible thanks to a World War 2 investment fund. This is currently in our savings account and has yet to be decided on what we will put the money towards. As earlier mentioned, the Village Centre also received a £10,000 grant from Wirral Borough Council towards the loss of trading income; it is still to be decided how this will be spent.

The Future

This report was prepared when the Pandemic seems to be entering the later stages and it appears the country is starting to think about returning to some sort of normality.

Although the ability to welcome people to Church is still restricted and no guidance has been provided for large scale fundraising events, the Trustees are confident that the Parish remains a going concern. The step to move planned giving from plate giving to online giving in 2019 continues to partially mitigate the financial impact of COVID19.

During the summer, it was encouraged that our donors changed the way in which they give to Standing Order, so that if we are faced with having to close the church again, we would still receive our much-needed donations, which we are very grateful for.

- Please note the presentation of this report may differ when submitted to the Charity Commission, though the figures remain the same.

Approved by the PCC on _____ and signed on their behalf by



Rev. Jenny Gillies

Rector



Mrs LJ Hope MBE

Churchwarden

Bromborough Parochial Church Council - 1127144

Receipts and Payments Account

For the period from 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	74,506	11,605	50	—	86,161	142,499
Income from charitable activities	5,187	131	—	—	5,318	9,694
Other trading activities	6,889	6,016	—	—	12,906	42,949
Investments	15	118	73	—	207	296
Other income	—	—	—	—	—	1,696
Total receipts	86,598	17,871	123	—	104,593	197,138
Payments						
Costs of generating funds						
Costs of generating voluntary income	3,257	—	—	—	3,257	7,587
Expenditure on charitable activities	98,505	19,126	116	—	117,748	151,438
Total payments	101,763	19,126	116	—	121,006	159,025
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer	(15,164)	(1,255)	7	—	(16,412)	38,112
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	1,489	49,547	32,324	—	83,361	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	(38,599)	(10,113)	(34,648)	—	(83,361)	—
Excess of receipts over payments before other...	(52,274)	38,178	(2,316)	—	(16,412)	38,112
Net movement in funds	(52,274)	38,178	(2,316)	—	(16,412)	43,767
Reconciliation of funds						
All assets at 01 January 2020	72,503	25,775	18,132	—	116,411	72,644
All assets at 31 December 2020	20,229	63,953	15,815	—	99,998	116,411

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

Bromborough Parochial Church Council - 1127144

Balance sheet (Summary)

As at: 31 December 2020

	As at 31/12/2020	As at 31/12/2019
	£	£
Current assets		
Debtors	(701)	—
Cash at bank and in hand	99,505	116,411
	<u>98,804</u>	<u>116,411</u>
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	(1,194)	—
Net current assets less current liabilities	<u>99,998</u>	<u>116,411</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>99,998</u>	<u>116,411</u>
Total net assets less liabilities	<u>99,998</u>	<u>116,411</u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General fund	20,229	72,503
Designated		
Designated - St. Barnabas Village Centre	19,198	15,569
Designated - Village Centre Repair Fund	6,604	3,706
Designated - Fabric/Organ Fund 2020	38,148	—
Designated - Music Fund	1	5,757
Designated - Church Institute	—	742
Restricted		
Restricted - Building Maintenance	11	11
Restricted - Flower Fund	30	—
Restricted - Bell Fund	15,773	15,803
Restricted - Youth Work	0	2,317
Funds of the church	<u>99,998</u>	<u>116,411</u>

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Bromborough Parochial Church Council

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 st December 2020	Charity no (if any)	1127144
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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 December 2020**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

1/6/2021

Name:

Mrs Barbara Morris

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

No areas of concern.

It is noted that Covid has had a massive impact on this year's accounting year income. However as lockdown eases I'm confident this won't be a long term issue.

I'm aware of the intention to introduce a budget in Q3 2021. I would suggest also looking at setting a reserves policy.

