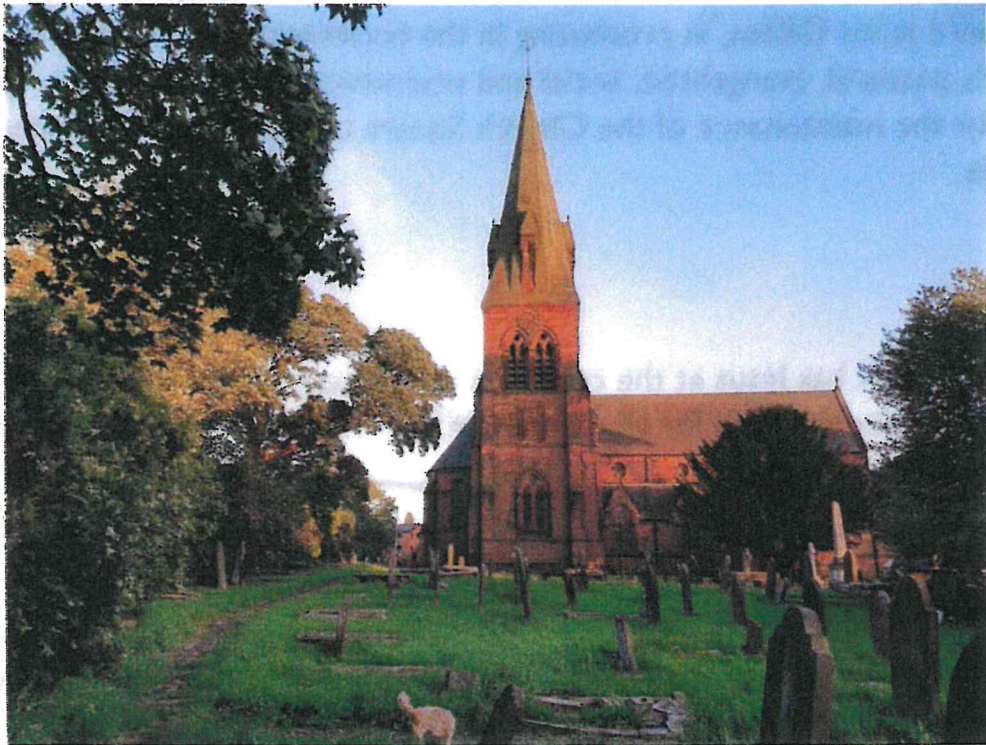




Registered Charity No. 1127144

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 has 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 crotchet 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 crotched comfort bands to be used with masks in a Birmingham hospital and crotched 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:

CCLA Investment Management Ltd
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London, EC2V 6DZ

Independent Examiner:

Mrs Barbara Morris CeMAP
21 Parkwood Close
Bromborough, Wirral
CH62 7JT

Insurers:

Ecclesiastical Insurance Group
Beaufort House
Brunswick Road, Gloucester

Architect:

Mr Tony Barton BA (Hons) DipArch RIBA SCA
Donald Insall Associates
Bridgegate 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 Chairty Commission, though the figures remain the same.

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



Revd. Jenny Gillies

Rector



Mrs LJ Hope MBE

Churchwarden

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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

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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> |

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Bromborough Parochial Church Council

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2020

| | |
|------------------------|---------|
| Charity no (if any) | 1127144 |
|------------------------|---------|

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
(if any):

CeMAP

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Bromborough

Wirral, CH62 7JT

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.

