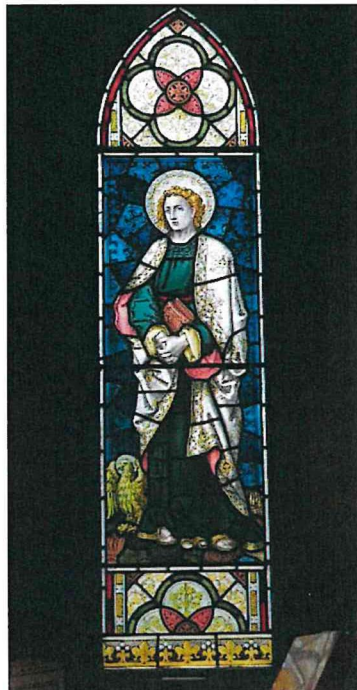


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Trustees Report for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021



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ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL  
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FOR YEAR ENDING  
31 December 2021

# Bromborough Parochial Church Council

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 140<sup>th</sup> 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 73<sup>rd</sup> 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' 250<sup>th</sup> 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 800<sup>th</sup> 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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### ***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 7AA

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 2021 are:

### **Ex-officio**

Position	Name
Rector	Revd. Jenny Gillies
Churchwarden	Thelma McGorry
Churchwarden	Jenny Hope
Lay Reader	Lynne Whittaker
Deanery Synod, PCC Secretary and Safeguarding co-ordinator from June 2021	Fiona Austin
Deanery Synod	Jackie Williams
Deanery Synod	Vacancy

### **Elected Members**

Position	Name	Number of years remaining on PCC from 2021 APCM to 2022 APCM
	Dot Edmunds	1
	Graham Jones	1

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	Dorothy Clayton	1
	Ros Wood	1
Electoral Roll Secretary	Lesley Cobb	2
Treasurer	Natalie Friel	2
Safeguarding co-ordinator until June 2021	Sue Holden	2
	Louise Marsh	2
Vice Chair	Carol Jones	3
	Pat Down	3
	Eddie Griffiths	3
	Vacancy	3

### Advisors to the Council:

#### Bankers:

HSBC plc  
58 Bromborough Village Road  
Bromborough Wirral

#### Investment Managers:

CCLA Investment Management Ltd  
80 Cheapside  
London EC2V 6DZ

### Independent Examiner:

#### Insurers:

Ecclesiastical Insurance Group  
Beaufort House  
Brunswick Road  
Gloucester

#### Architect:

Mr Tony Barton BA (Hons) DipArch RIBA SCA  
Donald Insall Associates  
Bridgegate House  
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Chester CH1 1SA



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### Annual Accounts

#### Financial Report

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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### Bromborough Parochial Church Council

#### Balance Sheet (Summary)

	As at 31/12/2021	As at 31/12/2020
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
	-	-
<b>Current assets</b>		
Debtors	-	(701.42)
Cash At Bank And In Hand	75,121.48	99,505.90
	<b>75,121.48</b>	<b>98,804.48</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	(1,194.14)	(1,194.14)
	<b>(1,194.14)</b>	<b>(1,194.14)</b>
<b>Net current assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>76,315.62</b>	<b>99,998.62</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>76,315.62</b>	<b>99,998.62</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
	-	-
<b>Total net assets less liabilities</b>	<b>76,315.62</b>	<b>99,998.62</b>
<b>Represented by</b>		
<b>Unrestricted</b>		
Unrestricted - General Funds	18,299.35	20,229.36
<b>Designated</b>		
Designated - Fabric/Organ Fund 2020	23,376.83	38,148.27
Designated - Music Fund	1.83	1.83
Designated - St. Barnabas Village Centre	6,455.65	19,198.84
Designated - Village Centre Repair Fund	3,000.14	6,604.89
<b>Restricted</b>		
Restricted - Bell Fund	15,551.65	15,773.94
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
<b>Fund Totals</b>	<b>76,315.62</b>	<b>99,998.62</b>

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#### 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
<b>Receipts</b>						
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	—
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>91,904</b>	<b>6,840</b>	<b>17,801</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>116,547</b>	<b>104,593</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Costs of generating funds	3,836	—	—	—	3,836	3,257
Costs of generating voluntary income	97,720	24,820	1,330	—	123,871	117,748
Expenditure on charitable activities	5,417	—	7,104	—	12,522	—
Other expenditure	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>106,974</b>	<b>24,820</b>	<b>8,435</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>140,230</b>	<b>121,006</b>
<b>Excess of receipts over payments before transfer</b>	<b>(15,069)</b>	<b>(17,979)</b>	<b>9,366</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(23,683)</b>	<b>(16,412)</b>
<b>Transfers</b>						
Gross transfers between funds - in	13,139	3,607	—	—	16,747	83,361
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	(16,747)	—	—	(16,747)	(83,361)
<b>Excess of receipts over payments before other gains</b>	<b>(1,930)</b>	<b>(31,119)</b>	<b>9,366</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(23,683)</b>	<b>(16,412)</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>(1,930)</b>	<b>(31,119)</b>	<b>9,366</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(23,683)</b>	<b>(16,412)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>						
<b>All assets at 01 January 2021</b>	<b>20,229</b>	<b>63,953</b>	<b>15,815</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>99,998</b>	<b>116,411</b>
<b>All assets at 31 December 2021</b>	<b>18,299</b>	<b>32,834</b>	<b>25,181</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>76,315</b>	<b>99,998</b>

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

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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

Set out on pages

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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:

Date:

12-9-22

Name:

BARBARA MORRIS

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qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

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**Section B****Disclosure**

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.

N/A

