

St Michael and All Angels Church Middlewich

Annual Report and Accounts

Year ending 31st December 2021

Registered Charity No. 1127335

All For Christ + Christ For All



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Introduction by the Rector, Simon Drew

2021 proved to be a year in which the effects of the Covid19 virus, and its variants, continued to affect all areas of church life. There was another lock down at the beginning of the year and Easter services were again restricted. The ongoing hard work and dedication of many of our church family members in enabling our worship and ministry to continue during this uncertain time has been greatly appreciated.

We have offered a variety of worship experiences: 'normal' services in the church, live streamed and pre-recorded services online, and when the weather permitted open air services in the church yard. Pastoral care has, with certain precautions, returned to something like normal. With the help of a Covid recovery grant from the local authority we were able to make improvements to the café at No28. As a result we have been able to start to reopen this ministry on a restricted basis, and this has been done in partnership with Middlewich Foodbank.

The ongoing Covid19 restrictions continued to put pressure on our finances. In response we held another stewardship campaign during 2021. My thanks to all who responded financially so that, despite ongoing Covid19, we again ended 2021 with a small surplus.

One particular highlight during the year was our St Michael's Church Charities Half-Marathon, organised as a joint venture between the church and Run Middlewich. It was a great event, many church members helped as stewards, many people from the community signed up to run and we raised approximately £2,700 for our church charities

So we have had to continue to think on our feet and do things differently but slowly and surely the mission and ministry of St Michael's Church is coming back to life. I am very grateful to the staff team and the PCC for their ongoing support during another difficult year. We will as always continue to work on being 'All for Christ & Christ for All' through our goals: Committed to Discipleship, Effective in Mission and Faithful in Stewardship.

Section 1: Trustee's Report (for Charity Commission):

The contents of this section are specifically required by the Charity Commission.

Aim and purposes

St Michael & All Angels, is the only Anglican Church in the mid Cheshire town of Middlewich. Due to its prominent and imposing position in the centre of the town, St Michael's is a landmark when approaching from any direction.

Middlewich Parish has a population of 15,000 and is part of a benefice joined with Byley-cum-Lees a nearby small country parish with 900 inhabitants.

Our incumbent is the Reverend Simon Drew. The incumbent at St Michael's is supported by Reverend Liz Woode (Associate Priest), Reverend Thia Hughes (Associate Priest) Reverend Lorraine Reed (Associate Priest) and Revd Alison Boulton (NSM Curate), Reverend Simon Hamill-Stewart (a retired minister), Revd John Hughes (a retired minister), Jeremy Coles (Director of Music & Family Work) and Beth Deakin (Office Manager).

Our seven Readers, Jacqui Briscoe, Steve Broadfoot, Christine Hamill-Stewart, Tony Woode, Anne Latham, Duncan Goodwin and Julie Hassall along with Sylvia Bosomworth, Sue Ikin and Elaine Reynolds (Pastoral Care Workers) form our team of ten lay workers.

The aim and purpose of the Church according to the Westminster Catechism is 'to glorify God and enjoy him forever'. The Rector, supported enthusiastically by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and the lay and ordained staff, prayerfully pursues this objective in planning the services, outreach and pastoral ministry of the Church in the community. We hope that our restricted and varied activities during 2021 have still brought us nearer to meeting our objective.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC and staff team are committed to sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with the community of Middlewich through word and action – **All for Christ + Christ for All!** As such our mission statement is: *Committed to Discipleship, effective in Mission, and faithful in Stewardship.*

The following are still our objectives but during 2021 we were significantly limited in those that we could actively pursue:

DISCIPLESHIP: Implement a programme of teaching and training on discipleship, using a mixture of different styles/formats.

MISSION: Strengthen our existing areas of community engagement: No28, Smilers, Street Pastors, Festival Choir, Song Stars, Card Group, Church@28, Foodbank, Good Neighbours, and Messy Church@Cledford. Develop mission in the Cledford area, building on Messy Church@Cledford.

RESOURCES: Move forward with the Restoration Project Phase 2. Maintain a healthy level of financial stewardship

To facilitate these objectives St Michael's seeks to maintain a committed team of staff and volunteers, and usable and effective resources in the shape of the church building and No 28, our parish centre.

Achievements and performance

Worship and prayer

Our normal patterns of worship and prayer continued to be disrupted by Covid19. By the end of 2021 we had returned to having two morning services on a Sunday, in the church building, as the focus of our corporate worship. During the summer we held the 11am service outside in the churchyard, but moved inside as the winter set in. We continue to offer a weekly written reflection by email, a weekly Rectors vlog on Facebook, and offer resources for the daily office/readings at home. Our midweek communion on Thursdays has restarted but other midweek worship has not been reintroduced yet. It was a great joy to be able to offer the full range of Christmas services this year.

At 31 December 2021 there were 131 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll. The weekly average attendance for services which took place during October was 96 adults and children, and a total of 244 people joined us for our services on Christmas Eve/Day.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in

marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. This year baptisms and weddings were significantly curtailed by the pandemic.

We have celebrated 3 baptisms, 2 weddings and held 25 funerals in our church this year. However the ministry team also conducted 6 funeral services at various local crematoria.

Deanery Synod

The Middlewich Deanery Synod met three times during 2021 and at the June meeting the synod was addressed by the new Bishop of Chester (Mark Tanner). St Michael and All Angels were well represented by both ordained and lay representatives. Our Rector, Simon Drew, is currently the Rural Dean.

Pastoral care

Pastoral Care remains an important and integral part of ministry at St Michael's and comes under our Circle of Care initiative. It is about living our faith in action as we care for one another, and that includes people in our wider community. This year the ongoing effects of Covid19 have made the care we offer to others even more important, even if it is only possible by telephone.

Mission and Evangelism

As part of its commitment to mission, St Michael's Church continues to be actively engaged in mission and evangelism. Further details are given in sections 2 & 3 of this report. Sadly the pandemic has curtailed many of our outreach activities and this is reflected by the reduced number of contributions this year.

Ecumenical relationships

Churches Together in Middlewich continued to meet together during 2021, although our usual round of joint services and activities were unable to take place. We were able to meet together on a couple of occasions and the ministers fraternal maintained an ongoing programme of meetings.

Financial Review

The accounts show a surplus for 2021 of £3,651 with total receipts up by £3,672 on 2020. There was an increase of £847 in voluntary income, an increase in money received through Parish Activities (including fees from weddings and funerals) of £3,258 and an increase in investment income of £249. Overall payments for 2021 increased by £2,790 on 2020.

No 28, our parish centre, produced a net deficit of £3,846 in the year (compared to a deficit of £3,867 in 2020). Total charitable giving to our four charities was £5,740 (£3,424 higher than in 2020, due in part to the Christies Half-marathon in June), and 5% of our voluntary income.

During 2021, the PCC received a very generous legacy of £103,569 from the estate of Mrs V. Bracegirdle. Although there were no restrictions the money has been designated for spending on the fabric of the Church.

Fixed assets in the shape of No 28 Hightown stand at £295,000, the property being revalued in May 2015. Total funds available to the PCC were £149,613 higher than at the end of 2020 at a year-end value of £456,690. The restricted funds, which are not available to the PCC, were £6,342 higher than 2020 due to the revaluing of some funds. The year-end value of these funds stood at £68,615.

Reserves Policy

See table 3 in Appendix 1: The PCC has allocated £330,000 to church development to improve the interior of the church. £74,865 has been kept in reserve to cover 6 months running costs for church and No 28. £13,825 is allocated for further refurbishment work to No 28, and we propose the remaining £38,000 for ongoing outreach and spreading the gospel in Middlewich.

Development of Financial Systems

During 2021 the finance team used ExpensePlus to manage the finances of the church. It was a successful exercise and the objectives mentioned in last year's report were met.

The financial report for 2021 has been produced based upon the information generated from ExpensePlus, and the PCC and treasurer are now working to a budget for 2022 based upon the figures generated by ExpensePlus.

Volunteers

Once again, heartfelt thanks to all our amazing volunteers, too numerous to mention by name, who, despite the Covid19 pandemic have enabled our church to be such a key and vibrant part of community life.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of Parochial Church Council (PCC) members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Michael's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our Rector), Churchwardens, Deanery Synod representatives, two of the Readers selected from amongst the six of them, members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church, plus co-options as required. All those who attend our services/members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

In Middlewich sufficient parishioners are prepared to stand for the PCC so that it is sometimes necessary to hold elections. It has therefore been possible to require members to stand down every three years for at least one year. This enables fresh ideas to be put forward, which in our opinion more than offsets the possible disadvantage of some members not having a longstanding exposure to detailed PCC procedures.

PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent, updating policies on safeguarding, health & safety and GDPR, and also the Church's strategy. The Standing Committee (SC) – a sub-committee of the PCC - has delegated financial authority, provides a forum for detailed discussion on some complex issues and makes decisions on matters which do not require a full PCC discussion. All SC proceedings are reported to the PCC.

Administrative Information

The PCC and the SC usually meet on alternate months and sometimes have additional meetings as required. The PCC met 5 times during the year with an average attendance level of 80%. The Standing Committee met 6 times to deal with various matters relating to church life over the year, with an average attendance level of 90%.

PCC members who served during 2021 were:

Ex Officio members:

Incumbent and Chairman:

Reverend Simon Drew

Associate Priest:

Reverend Lorraine Reed

Associate Priest:

Reverend Liz Woode

Associate Priest:

Reverend Thia Hughes

Churchwardens:

Keith Yearley, Chris Coney, Steve Bailey (re-elected as Churchwardens at the AMP in October 2021).

Deanery Synod Representatives:

Anne Latham & Godfrey Davies

Readers Representatives:

Tony Woode

Co-opted members:

Neil Clewes (Treasurer) served as a co-opted member until the APCM in April 2021.

Elected Members:

Christine Malkin (Secretary), Mike Reed (Vice Chairman), Ian Jeffery, Kate Mayne, Paul Hassall, Rachel Pendleton, Elaine Reynolds, and Bret Ritchie. were members throughout the year.

Graham Ikin, Carl Birkenhead and John Currie were members until April 2021 but retired in rotation. We thank them for their important service to the church.

The following people were elected at the APCM in April 2021 to serve on the PCC for three years: Neil Clewes (Treasurer), Tony Bishop, Joanne Wilson

Standing Committee members who served during 2021 were:

Simon Drew (Chairman), Neil Clewes (Treasurer), Christine Malkin (Secretary), Keith Yearley (Churchwarden), Chris Coney (Churchwarden), Steve Bailey (Churchwarden), Mike Reed (Vice Chairman), and Elaine Reynolds .

Other Committees:

Working groups drawn not only from the PCC also met during the year to consider work to the church building, fundraising, stewardship, organ repairs, safeguarding and health & safety.

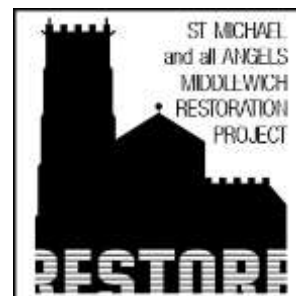
Staff Team:

Throughout the year, the day to day activities of the Church are coordinated through a weekly meeting of the Staff Team. This is an informal meeting to which the ordained and lay staff and churchwardens are invited. The maximum possible attendance is 17, and the average attendance is about 10.

Restoration Project

Introduction

The Church Restoration Project was conceived in 2012 as a consequence of the large amount of structural work identified in the 2012 Quinquennial inspection and the PCC's stated intention to develop the interior of the building to improve the facilities for the congregation and community, and to comply with current legislation. It consists of a major project split into large phases, and a number of minor projects.



The project, including fundraising, is led by a Restoration Project Group, which generally meets once a quarter. Its members are: Mike Reed (Chair); Chris Coney (Warden); Simon Drew (Rector); Elaine Reynolds; Steve Broadfoot; Ian Jeffery. The group did not meet in 2021.

Overall Strategy

We are conscious of the need to coordinate the conservation of the fabric and artefacts with improvements to the interior of the building. We are committed to making the heritage represented by our building more accessible to the public, and are also mindful of the need to press forward with work which enables the mission of the church, and to keep these aspects in balance. The plan, influenced by the 2018 Quinquennial Inspection, looks like this:

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| Phase 1 | Roof, rainwater goods and associated high level stonework – North Side - £290k – Completed in 2017 |
| Phase 2a | Medium size scheme comprising the installation of mains drainage and the replacement of the rudimentary refreshment making facilities by a modern facility in keeping with the heritage of the building. The cost will be about £50k and the work should be completed early in 2023. |
| Phase 2 | Major Scheme incorporating three types of work: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conservation Work - mainly to the South Aisle and Bell Tower• Heritage Work – restoration of the Venables Screens; opening the bell tower to the public; developing the heritage trail; generally improving the condition of some historical artefacts• Internal Development Work, making the building : fully accessible; usable for many purposes; compliant with modern legal requirements; provided with up to date facilities |
| | This is expected to cost over £1m and may start in about 2023 |
| Phase 3 | Lower level exterior stonework and timber repairs (Around £250k; about 2025) |

Progress in 2021

Main Project

Progress on Phase 2 of the main project continued to be affected by the need to divert the efforts of members of the team to improving the church financial systems and performance: the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic was also an issue. However, the pandemic raised our awareness of the need to improve hygiene in the building, and this led us to break out the mains drainage aspects of Phase 2 into a minor project which was launched in 2020. However, it was not possible to attract funding and the project did not progress, and no further work was carried out in 2021. At the end of 2021 a legacy of slightly over £100,000 was received and work will start again in 2022.

Minor Projects

Smaller pieces of work have also been carried out as part of the Project.

- Remedial work required by the 2020 five yearly electrical Inspection of the building continued and is almost complete.

Fundraising

Fundraising events have been curtailed by the pandemic, and the only income to the Restoration Fund was a small number of donations amounting to £370, a gift from a local resident of £1,500 and a grant of £265 for VAT recovery.

The balance of the fund at the end of December 2021 was £4,514.

Thanks

Thanks are due to those who have worked on the project over this difficult year: the project has several years to run and your prayers for team stamina and wise decision making would be appreciated. Offers of help would be very welcome.

Mike Reed Project Coordinator

Section 2: Achievements and Performance

These reports are presented in addition to the Charity commission's statutory requirements

Church Wardens' Fabric Report.

The church fabric is in good overall condition and despite the challenges of the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic with social distancing and health and safety regulations regularly changing, work has continued on both the Church building and no28.

The buildings maintenance committee has met regularly on "Teams" during the 2021 ensuring that any necessary maintenance and updating of the Church building and no 28 has been carried out when required. Due to the requirements of covid regulations the Schedule of inspection and maintenance tasks that need to be carried out at regular intervals has remained on hold temporarily as it is still at a stage where face to face meetings and discussions need to be held on site to finalise the health and safety aspects of the schedule.

The list of ongoing maintenance tasks kept by the group continues to be kept up to date and each task is ticked off when successfully completed. The defects logbook has not been maintained due to the lack of general access to the office administrator. The book is kept in the office at no 28. As a reminder to all staff as we come out of the pandemic, this should be completed whenever a fault or a maintenance task is requested, either in church or in number 28. It is essential that this is done to keep a handle on tasks that need doing.

Work has continued on various improvement and ongoing maintenance tasks during 2021, and as in 2020, some of these were easier to complete due to the Church building and no28 being used less during the year. These are highlighted below:

Church building

- ❖ The church has been reorganised a number of times in 2021 to ensure that we operate within the ever changing rules laid down for safe services and prayer during the Covid 19 pandemic. As in 2020 this work has included organising and reorganising safe seating layouts, one way movement within Church along with the necessary signage.
- ❖ Gutters and downpipes have been inspected and cleared twice during 2021.
- ❖ Most of the electrical works highlighted by the electrical safety survey have been completed by Paul Hassall contractors, with some assistance from Volunteers Steve and Graham in the running in of some of the new cabling for the power and lighting.
- ❖ The door on the gas meter shed adjacent to the boiler house has been replaced as the original was badly damaged by vandals.
- ❖ More powerful WIFI transmitters and receivers have been fitted between Church and No28. This alleviates the need to run a permanent cable across Hightown.
- ❖ The church lightning conductor inspection has been carried out.
- ❖ Boiler and gas maintenance inspections carried out.
- ❖ PAT testing has been completed for electrical items in church.

- ❖ A section of the pews by the north door has been temporarily rearranged early in 2022 to allow for a safe enclosed space for smaller children.

No28

- ❖ A new dish washer unit has been fitted and commissioned in the kitchen.
- ❖ The work and serving area in the café has been reorganised to be more user friendly for both volunteers and customers. A chiller cabinet has also been added to the serving area. This has proven helpful with the partial opening of the café area during 2021.
- ❖ The No28 café window area remodelling was completed to give a little more floor space in the cafe
- ❖ Tables and chairs in the café area have been replaced to make the area lighter and more user friendly. This has also allowed for the tables to be better placed for social distancing and ease of service by the volunteers.
- ❖ PAT testing has been completed for electrical items in no28.
- ❖ A leak in the roof was inspected and repairs to the gully on the south side carried out including the replacement or repositioning of three slates. Redecoration of the ceiling area in the large meeting room will be completed when it is dried out.
- ❖ A dedicated safety cage has been built for the gas canisters in the back yard to ensure their safety.
- ❖ Boiler and gas inspections and maintenance carried out.

No 28

The general fabric of Number 28 remains in good condition and the improvements scheduled to be carried out with regards to reopening the café area of the building in a Covid safe manner have been completed.

The concern over the raised area of the kitchen floor has receded during the past year but continues to be monitored.

As always we thank our resident team of volunteers who look after the day to day maintenance and smooth running of both the Church building and no 28. Especial thanks this year go to Graham, Paul, Steve and Ian who have carried out or assisted with most of the above works.

Churchwardens, Chris, Keith and Steve

Number 28 Activities

As we ticked over into January 2021, the country still found itself in the grip of a coronavirus lockdown and Number 28 sadly remained closed. Schools were closed until mid-March and we were all trying to find a way to balance working from home, negotiate online learning for children, help friends and neighbours and keep ourselves and friends and family safe. The vaccine roll out continued at pace, nobody could quite believe that things had continued for such a long time.

During this time, we were very fortunate that Number 28 shop area received a wonderful face lift from Steve Bailey and Graham Ikin who gave it a much needed lick of paint and re varnished the floor. It now looks amazing so our very grateful thanks go to them both. The counter area in Number 28 was also re built, meaning that food can now be displayed and is more protected and can't be touched as easily by members of the public.

We are also grateful to Ian Jeffrey and Mike Reed who worked tirelessly to secure Covid recovery grants for us which bought us PPE equipment in preparation for the café reopening, a new dishwasher for the kitchen, a chiller display unit for the shop area and new tables and chairs for the shop.

As case numbers started to level off over the summer and the Government decided to release some restrictions, it was decided to re-open the café. Foodbank were the first to take advantage of this, they were using No 28 from 18th May on Tuesdays and Fridays between 12 and 2pm to meet people and distribute food parcels.

However, the Church volunteers did not open up until Thursday 2nd September, 10.30am until 1pm. This was then followed by Monday opening and has continued in this manner ever since. Footfall around town has been generally less since pre Covid and people calling into 28 has followed the same pattern.

At the moment, we are only serving hot drinks, cake, biscuits, toast and teacakes but we do hope to expand our range in the not too distant future. Opening days, times and our food provision will be looked at again shortly. We have lost a few volunteers who have decided that they now feel too vulnerable to return to the café but we have been fortunate to gain a few new ones too.

Bridge club has restarted again on a Wednesday morning in the small meeting room, and so has our GA group, on a Wednesday evening so we do have some regular room hire income coming in.

Once again, I am grateful for the love and support of the staff team and the volunteers and all who make Number 28 the place it is. We can only pray that with God's blessing, 2022 will bring renewed growth and more visitors to the building as we seek to love and welcome those in our community.

(Beth Deakin)

Pastoral Care – the Circle of Care

Pastoral Care remains an integral part of ministry at St Michael's.

It is about living our faith in action as we care for one another, including those in our wider community. That may be by listening, by sharing a cup of tea, by visiting someone, or just noticing that someone has been missing for a while. It is about looking out for each other. The 2nd Commandment is, "Love your neighbour as yourself." (Matt 22:39) Jesus said, "Love each other as I have loved you." (John 15:12) If you know of anyone who needs visiting, please would you let us know.

Visiting

The number of pastoral contacts completed this year has been significantly higher than in previous years. Most contact has had to be by telephone and has involved more people - perhaps highlighting the growing needs of people in our community. Where possible and while restrictions have been lifted, we have been very innovative. We have done "window" visits, "garden" visits and "garage" visits. All these have been much appreciated. The biggest challenge still lies ahead as we emerge slowly from the restrictions imposed by Covid. Many people are still fearful and unsure about what "normal" will be like and how they will cope.

We have restarted our services of Holy Communion with hymns at 4.00 o'clock on the fourth Sunday of the month, followed by refreshments in Church. The feed-back, so far, has been really positive and we look forward to welcoming more people to this service.

Care Homes.

Services in Care Homes have restarted where it is safe to do so

Baptism.

We have been able to restart our Baptisms with individual preparation. Lunches are due to restart in the near future.

"Middlewich Good Neighbours" is undergoing a complete restructuring. We hope to be up and running again soon.

Bereavement.

"Bereavement Visiting" continues to be a very important role of the Circle of Care. With the restrictions this has been difficult. Sylvia Bosomworth has taken on the ministry of contacting all bereaved families within a few days of notification. Relatives have been so grateful that someone has got in touch with them – thank you Sylvia. This has proved to be a much valued ministry.

We were able to hold two "Memorial and Thanksgiving" services in the last year, albeit with restricted numbers. We were encouraged that, at the last service in November, many people felt they could stay for refreshments and to share their stories. The number of people attending these services is an indication of the need to draw alongside those struggling to come to terms with their grief, pain and loneliness. They have found the services give them comfort, reassurance and hope for the future. We are looking to revisit the way we manage bereavement visiting in the light of more funerals going to the Crematorium instead of Church, and the rise of secular 'services' led by civil celebrants. Our concern remains the post-funeral care and ongoing pastoral support of those in need. We have now a "bereavement bag" that we can give to families, containing a leaflet with prayers, Bible readings, artwork, reflections and contact numbers. A cross, candle, a packet of Forget-me-Not seeds and some prayer cards are also included.

Learning to pray with others is an extremely important part of pastoral care, and is what sets us apart from secular visiting as we visit on behalf of the church.

If you feel Pastoral Care is an area of ministry that God may be calling you to, please do get in touch with myself, Sylvia, Elaine, Sue, or any of the Clergy. We need more people to come on board

I would like to thank all that have been involved in the Circle of Care this year, for their care and compassion. It is a great privilege to be a part of this important ministry of sharing our faith and God's love in action, reaching out and meeting people where they are in their need, Matt 25:35 – "for I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, a stranger, clothing, sick, in prison...". V40 – "whatever you did for the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

(Thia Hughes)

Schools, Families and Young Peoples Work

The role of family worker was created to support, develop, coordinate and add value to existing ministries within St Michaels and develop new opportunities within the wider community. In August this year (2021) I had been in post for 16 years.

SMILERS (St Michael's Early Years)

Mondays 1.15-3.00pm

Smilers reopened in June 2021 after a Covid break. This initially took place outside with plenty of social distancing, sunshine and fresh air. Numbers were manageable with some returns and also some new faces. This ran successfully until the natural break for the School Summer holidays.

In September we tentatively reopened Smiler inside St Michaels, with new procedures in place, in line with the on-going guidelines. Two things emerged. The gratitude of parents & carers to be back at Smilers with their children; many new families connecting with us in this new season as well. The other thing was that we sadly said goodbye to many of our regular leaders and helpers. Many have stepped down as they might have done due to health, age or other commitments although we have lost quite a number through increasing pressure to 'stay safe'. I am very grateful to those who have served so faithfully over recent years. We are looking again at expanding the team of volunteers and also looking at the possibility of creating a new 'babies area' in the New Year due to the increased number of parents with new-borns.

Special thanks to those who have assisted in leading sessions, Elaine, Jo, Thia and Sue, and also to those who have set up and cleared away, particularly Robina, Graham, Steve and Alastair.

SCHOOLS

Middlewich Primary School

Cledford Primary School

Byley County Primary School

Wimboldsley Community Primary School

St Mary's (R.C.) Primary School

Warmingham (C.E.) Primary School (neighbouring parish)

The church's support for school assemblies and R.E. lessons began to grow once more throughout 2021 as restrictions were eased. It has been a privilege to reconnect with the

school families through assemblies, R.E. lessons and school visits to the church building. We once again hosted two Harvest Celebrations for Cledford Primary School and although two schools felt they had to cancel Christmas Celebrations in Church we were able to welcome Middlewich Primary Key Stage 2 to a Christmas Celebration in Church for the very first time!

At the beginning of the Autumn term schools were invited to decorate the trees in the churchyard, in place of our usual art display during the FAB Festival. There were some colourful, creative contributions to brighten our 'Trees of Life' Community Art.

A number of schools again took part in the 'Light Switch On' ceremony by bringing children to sing in church. It has been so encouraging to the church, schools and wider community to see all these signs of Restoration coming out of the pandemic.

KINGDOM KIDS (including KINGDOM TOTS)

Sundays 11am

The SHINE outdoor craft activities and worship was well received right up until the end of the Summer Holidays when a decision was made in September to move the worship back indoors. Numbers of children remain significantly lower even after the relaunch of Kingdom Kids as a separate group at this time. Key Stages 1 and 2 have remained as one group with fluctuating numbers. Many thanks to Fiona Loney for sharing the leading of these sessions. There has been little demand for Kingdom Tots during this time, although special thanks particularly to Elaine providing an activities and toys area for pre-schools to play and learn during the service.

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church continues to remain 'on hold' at the moment.

There has been opportunity again during the Easter and Summer breaks to distribute activity and snack bags to families in the community. The Light Fantastic Party, held 'in person' as an alternative to Hallowe'en, was enjoyed by many in October at St Michaels and we have also kept in touch with some individual families despite not having the regular Messy Church sessions.

AWOL – Youth Activities

Sundays 7pm

Simon and I have continued to run sessions for our church youth on a regularly basis. These sessions moved from online sessions with Simon and Sarah to being 'in person' back in to No.28. Many of this group are exploring the possibility of being confirmed next year. We are also planning to re-engage with Summer Youth Camps with the possibility of joining with Middlewich Community Church for a camp in the school holidays in summer 2022. Particular thanks to Bret and Sarah for their support with this group.

Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel.

Jeremy

Jeremy Coles - Director of Music and Family Work

Music, Services and Worship

SERVICES

Services continued to be prerecorded until September this year, alongside the reintroduction of 'in person' services. Hymns and songs were recorded by the choir and worship group where possible and sometimes by individuals. Many thanks to Mike Reed, Alistair Griffiths and others for their help with the technology and recordings.

Music was reintroduced into 'on-site' services at church where lockdown rules permitted, with the 11am SHINE services again being transferred outdoors during the summer months. All services transferred back inside the building in September of this year. Initially this was 'performance' type pieces; congregational singing was still suspended due to government legislation. Gradually we were able to lead congregational singing but from 'behind the mask', apart from members of the choir and worship group.

The live streamed worship, prayer and 'fellowship' from the LIVING ROOM came to an end in September, although we were still able to transmit live recordings of special services, in particular during the Christmas Season. A special thank you to Paul Humphreys for his continued development and running of the P.A. system and online filming and recording of live-streamed events.

CHOIR

There has been a steady and carefully thought through 'opening up' of singing by the choir during this year. Social distancing limited the number of participants at first but gradually we have been able to regroup, while recognizing that there are still members who have not felt able to return due to 'staying safe'. The Choir continues to lead the musical worship during the 9.15am Sunday Communion services, at memorial services and special events. We have been concentrating more recently on the thought that as musicians and singers we have a special role as worship leaders during the services, not only through our singing but also our prayers for the congregation as we sing.

Many thanks to our organist, Anne Hardy with occasional support from Stewart and Christine. There has also been a lot of administration work by Margaret and Jo especially during this season, for which we are grateful.

WORSHIP GROUP

The Worship Group transferred back in to the building later in the year but continued to be limited by restrictions and also members feeling unable to take part. Some newer songs have been introduced although the emphasis has been on more familiar repertoire in order that we could all feel connected, to our Lord through sung worship and with each other as we were able once again to have a good sing.

Moving forward with worship at St Michaels one of my aims is there to be a stronger sense of the Choir and Worship Group being part of the same Worship Team, where there will be more cross-over between styles of music and participants.

Thank you to everyone who has regularly given us feedback and commented upon how much they appreciate all that we have been able to offer

FESTIVAL CHOIR

Still currently suspended from March 2020 due to the Covid pandemic

SONG*STARS

Still currently suspended from March 2020 due to the Covid pandemic

Jeremy

Jeremy Coles - Director of Music and Family Work

Section 3: Evangelism, Ecumenical Relationships and Mission

Church@28

There were no Church@28 events during 2021 due to Covid.

Card Group

The group met this year for just three evenings in November/December, completing the course that we began pre-Covid 19. Hopefully a new course will start in later in 2022.

We continue to be self-financing, relying on donations and the sale of cards we make to finance materials and equipment, and we are very grateful to everyone who has supported us by buying our cards. If you would like a card for a special occasion please let me know.

Lorraine Reed

Mothers' Union

Although we had hoped to be able to have meetings early in 2021, unfortunately this was not to be.

Several members and Rev. Thia Hughes visited Edna Rose to sing Happy Birthday to her on her 90th birthday on the 28th May. Luckily it was a nice day as restrictions meant we had to stay outside.

We had an enjoyable time at Lowes Farm Shop tea room in September catching up with each other and enjoying tea and cake.

Our first meeting at No. 28 was in December when we enjoyed a reflection on the 16 days of Activism. It was good to get together and enjoy some social time.

Chris Overton reports that in spite of Covid restrictions our MU knitting members have kept going supplying her with plenty of squares to make up into blankets and some baby clothes for a possible new member in the future whose grandmother is amongst our members. She has recently finished off three blankets to go to the refugees and has some woolly hats given previously which she is hoping to give as well.

Many thanks to all our knitters and keep up the good work.

Apart from these meetings we have kept in touch with 4 newsletters through the year and we are now looking forward to more meetings and activities during 2022.

Susan Hawkes

Street Pastors

Due to the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic Street Pastors were generally inactive during 2021 as social distancing rules changed during the year. A small number of meetings of the Street Pastors management team did however take place during 2021 along with a meeting of Churches together and Street Pastors in November, which was called to discuss the way forward. Nationally Street Pastors have reduced greatly during the pandemic with around half of teams nationally being disbanded. The Ascension Trust, Street Pastors umbrella organisation has also reduced significantly in size.

A meeting of Churches together and Street Pastors was held in early November at which the way forward was discussed. Ruth Speed our long time coordinator had expressed her intention to stand back from that role, and after some discussion and consideration Paul Hassall agreed to take on the role with immediate effect. It was noted that there was still great enthusiasm for us to continue and that there were probably enough of our current Street Pastors wanting to carry on with the initiative, so a further meeting of the management committee was scheduled for 24th November.

At the meeting of the management committee a number of issues were discussed, the most pressing at the moment being to have a recruitment drive early in the new year to bolster the numbers of Street Pastors. The ideal number of members to go out weekly would be 20, with a minimum of 16. Currently there are only 12, and teams will still carry on, but probably only once or twice a month. It is hoped to regain the relationship with the public, especially the young people, that existed before covid. There are enough people experienced enough to be team leaders.

All new recruits will need to do training and existing members will need to do refresher courses. This will be arranged in due course. Fortunately Middlewich street Pastors are financially secure at the moment so there will be enough money to pay for training once this has been arranged.

It was decided at the meeting that there were enough volunteers for the team to have a presence at the Middlewich Christmas lights switch on, on December 3rd, and this was successfully carried out, showing that Street Pastors was still around in the town. It is hoped that following this that a team will be out at least once a month, sometimes on Saturdays. Traditionally we have not been out in January, but it was hoped that we would be able to go out in the first quarter of the New Year and maybe even look at opening and manning no28 when there is a team out in the town.

As noted in previous reports Middlewich Street Pastors are the only team of Christians that go out onto the streets of Middlewich to represent our churches. Whilst we are out, we talk to many people of all ages and we may be the only Christian people that they ever have contact with. We hope and pray that we can soon go out again and gently communicate the word and works of Jesus, and I'm sure we all look forward to this time.

STREET PASTORS NEEDS YOU!

Keith Yearley

St Michael and All Angels Ringing Team (SMAART)

Although it was another difficult year, 2021 was a distinct improvement on its predecessor. Most of our music takes the form of our own arrangements. Whilst there was not much else to do when locked down we produced another 27 pieces, which were circulated to the members of the team in MP3 format for comment. One was not liked at all and another one turned out to be a replica of a pre-existing arrangement. We also ordered a new set of folders in which to house them.

As restrictions eased we were able to collate the music. We also had a meeting at Lowe's coffee shop in June (outside of course!) to discuss how we might proceed. After consultations with the management at Willowmere and the preparation of a safety case we resumed practices there at the end of July, much to everybody's relief! We were also able to participate in a carol service led by the Rev. Liz Woode there in December. Proper playing at last!

We are looking forward to more opportunities to display our talents, such as they are. If anyone else would like to join us we would be pleased to see you. Although it would help to have some musical knowledge, it is not necessary. However, being able to count to four, six, or occasionally nine, is essential! We practise at Willowmere at 7 p.m. on Monday evenings.

David Hawkes

Home and Overseas Mission Support

Save the Family

Save the Family at Cotton Hall have 26 self-contained fully occupied family units. They consist of accommodation for smaller and larger families with 2-4 bedrooms. While the families are monitored and supported, they can take advantage of the community and sports halls and attend the training sessions in the kitchen and workshop, helping them to build skills to sustain them when they move from the shelter of Cotton Hall to living in the community. It is not a requirement to attend the church services, but most of the families do and they find that they enjoy the fellowship very much. We must really thank Edna Speed for making Save the Family a Christian based refuge.

I spoke to the staff on several occasions but was unable to visit them with clothing, toys or household items. They were isolating from the outside world in order to protect the families. The children were all home schooled, just like children in the wider area, but I was told that they missed their new school friends in their new environment.

2021 was such a difficult year for fundraising. No.28 was closed for much of the year with many local residents continuing to self-isolate to protect themselves and their families from Covid 19. However there was a bright shining light in the form of the "Run Middlewich" team, who valiantly ran a half-marathon on 27 June as a fundraising initiative for our church. A deservedly huge thank you to all the participants and also much appreciation for the many local businesses that supported them and the members of St Michael's who acted as marshals or caterers on the day. The event enabled £650.00 to be paid to each of the church charities, including Save the Family. Thank you so very much.

Jo Hulse

Christian Service Unit - Khammam

Background

The CSU was almost completely shut down last year, due to the Covid restrictions. Then, just as things were beginning to improve, the second wave struck. India was badly affected, having a mortality rate among the highest in the world.

Several of the CSU staff have been infected, but the organisation has shown resilience and initiative and gradually introduced new ways of overcoming the problems caused by the imposed restrictions. A road-widening scheme in Khammam has forced CSU to shorten their main office building by 10 feet (at their own expense) and make good the remaining part of the building.

The Work

The schools and children's homes are still closed, but teaching staff have developed lesson materials for use online. Although few families have internet in their homes, most have access to a mobile phone, so lessons are broadcast on "WhatsApp".

Similar arrangements are being used for the school of evangelism, and last year's intake have all completed their training, despite the difficulties. Because of a shortage of pastors, selected senior evangelists have been given extra training, leading to ordination. This enables them to visit remote communities to conduct communion services and perform weddings, baptisms etc.

The homes for the aged are operating normally. They are currently preparing for their periodic re-registration inspection, which is required before their operating licence can be renewed. The hospital is still running, albeit with minimum staff, and for emergencies only. Because of the travel restrictions, it is not possible for CSU to take free meals or food parcels into the community, but they can give help to anyone who is able to visit the CSU premises.

The sewing centres are closed, but some trainees are working from home, stitching masks. Limited Rural Clinics have re-started. It appears that some local people are hostile towards anyone "official", so visiting remote villages can be hazardous. However, they are willing to accept medical help, given the circumstances. The modified offices are now back in use.

Items for Prayer

Many of the CSU staff have been affected by Covid, and some have died. One of those affected is Franklin himself. He had one bout of Covid early in the outbreak and now has another. His son was due to go to university, but a pre-travel test was positive. This prompted the rest of the family to test themselves and the whole family are showing positive results. Pray for all aspects of the work of the CSU, that staff may be preserved from sickness, and that the work may soon return to normal.

Thank You

As a church, we sent the CSU £1,800 this year, but I know that a number of individual members have also made generous private gifts. Despite all their troubles and difficulties, Franklin, his family, the CSU staff, and all those who benefit from their work, continue to rejoice in the Lord. They all send their love and greetings, and thank the fellowship at St Michael's for your continuing support.

(Steve & Ruth Broadfoot)

Congo – ABC Link

ARU - Bishop Ande of Aru, became Archbishop of Congo in January 2022. Consistent with usual practice, he remains in Aru. Normal activities are continuing in spite of Covid.

The diocese has just adopted a new Development Plan focussing on three key areas: mission and evangelism, institutional development, and socio-economic development. Mission Partner Peter Wyard is promoting a discipleship course, Rooted in Jesus, which seems to be growing well; meanwhile, his wife, Patricia, is involved in palliative care. Former CMS Congo mission partners Judy and Tim Rous have recently returned to help the diocese. Churches in the south of the diocese are experiencing huge difficulties following the terrible atrocities caused by the activities of armed groups and militias. Schools are shut, crops destroyed, and camps for the many internally displaced people attacked.

2021 Aru grant project: The annual grant from Chester Diocese helped to construct a roof for new school building at Uma primary school in Kumuru archdeaconry in Izorili village, about 12 km from the border with South Sudan.

BOGA - The security situation in Boga is far worse than in Aru. More than three million have been displaced, many of them to Bunia, the main town. The area is currently under martial law. Bishop William says people appear to have lost hope of any lasting peace. The Church is involved in mobilising support to victims; bringing pastoral, spiritual and psychological care by making very dangerous visits to meet victims and perpetrators; and getting involved with stakeholders in the difficult search for peace. Bishop William has joined the Provincial Task Force, which has been set up by the government to promote disarmament, demobilisation, community integration and stability. The diocesan secretary, Ven Jean Bagada, has established a project to improve the health, economic situation and employment opportunities of young women who have been sexually abused. It was hoping to enlist 150, but has had to restrict to 40 due to funding difficulties.

2021 Boga grant project: The annual grant from Chester helped towards relocating Bishop Williams residence to another building previously used as an office to provide improved living accommodation. His old residence was damp and unfit to live in. There are further plans to renovate the old residence and provide a guest house to generate income for the Diocese in the future

IPASC - There have, sadly, been difficulties with the Diocese of Aru resulting in the closure of the IPASC site and the impounding of its vehicle. IPASC is now in rented accommodation and rented classrooms belonging to a local businessman, and a rented house provided by the Charity, "Bread for the World".

There are currently 26 students in Aru and 12 in Bunia, (4 have graduated this year) being sponsored by 16 generous individuals. The hope is that IPASC Trust will be able to take on a full cohort of 40 students over the next 3 years. The Trustees are hoping we might find 20 new sponsors, who will be willing to support a student in DRC for less than £15 /month (50p/day). All the Trustees have recognised that the past few years have been difficult for everyone and peoples' individual finances are likely to be more strained than ever. However, if you might be able to consider sponsoring a student, information is available. Sponsors help to transform primary healthcare in the DRC through the education and training of a student with IPASC.

(Thia Hughes)

St Luke's Hospice

Once again this year we have tried to raise the profile of St Luke's Hospice in our parish and encourage everyone to support them both financially and with their prayers. Usually we would hold fundraising events during the year to help raise money towards their vital work but this has been impossible during the pandemic. We are very grateful therefore to the P.C.C. for their donation of £501 towards the work of the Hospice. This is our share of the charitable giving of St. Michaels which is divided between the charities we support as a church.

In addition to this the Charities half-marathon in June 2021 generated an additional £650 for St Luke's. We were also very grateful to be able to pass on a further sum of £3,570 from the bequest of the late Mrs. Vivienne Bracegirdle who left a generous gift to St Michael's and the PCC decided to give a proportion of the gift to St Luke's.

In total this year we have been able to send £4,721 towards their wonderful work of care and compassion. As a charity they rely on the support of the community to help them continue their work, so please do support them in any way you can especially with your prayers. Hopefully as things start to open up again we shall be able to have fundraising events again, please watch out for these and come and support us.

(Elaine and Sylvia)

Appendix 1 – Financial Statements Year Ended 31 Dec 2021

(To be printed separately)



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

for the year ending

31st DECEMBER 2021

INCUMBENT

The Reverend Simon Drew

BANKERS

Barclays Bank PLC

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mrs Fatima Perriman

Registered Charity No. 1127335

St Michael & all Angels, Middlewich
Annual report and accounts for the financial year ending 31st December 2021

Financial Overview

1) Table 1 Receipts and Payment Account 2021

The accounts are split between **Unrestricted Funds** (Operating and Designated) and **Restricted Funds**. The Unrestricted General Funds cover the day-to-day income and costs of the Church and Number 28. The Unrestricted Designated Funds are those that the PCC has designated to be used in a particular way.

The Restricted Funds are those that have a restriction, usually specified by the donor of the money, on how the PCC can spend the money.

Summary of 2021 Results - Unrestricted

Unrestricted (Operating)

Income	£147,734
Expenditure	£144,083
Surplus	£3,651

Designated Funds

Restoration Project

Income	£1,500
Expenditure	£0
Surplus	£1,500

Minor Projects

Income	£0
Expenditure	£1,029
(Deficit)	(£1,029)

Bracegirdle Bequest

Income	£103,569
Expenditure £0	
Surplus	£103,569

Total Unrestricted

Income	£252,803
Expenditure	£145,112
Surplus	£107,691

In 2021, our Operating income included benefits from the Stewardship Campaign (increased monthly giving and one-off donations) and the Furlough Scheme.

Given the ongoing effect of Covid and reduced Church and Number 28 activities along with increases in some of our costs, we ended up with an Operating Surplus of £3,651

Charitable donations in 2021 of £5,740 were higher than 2020 by £3,424. The Donations represent 5% of voluntary income compared to 2% in 2020. The donations in

2021 included £1,500 from PCC Funds and an additional 10% of the Operating year end surplus.

Number 28 had a deficit of £3,846 in 2021 compared to a deficit of £3,867 in 2020. Income decreased due to the continued effects of Covid on our activities. This was partially offset by lower utility and other running costs.

During 2021, we received a very generous legacy of £103,569 from the estate of Mrs V. Bracegirdle for which we are very grateful. Although there are no restrictions on the spending, the money has been designated for spending on the fabric of the Church.

Summary of 2021 Results - Restricted Funds

Restoration Project (Restricted), Minor Projects (Restricted), Organ Fund (Restricted) and Moreton Bequest (Endowment)

Income	£5,775
Expenditure	£6,748
(Deficit)	(£973)

The **Restricted** Funds income of £5,775 included a Grant of £4,300 from Cheshire East Council towards our Covid Recovery Project. This was spent on new furniture and equipment for Number 28.

The Restricted Fund Expenditure of £6,748 includes £4,300 on new furniture and equipment for Number 28 (re Grant from Cheshire East Council) and £2,448 re Electrical investigations and costs of associated repairs in the Church.

Table 2 Statement of Assets & Liabilities

The assets are split in two main sections: fixed assets which are not easily converted into cash (property and equipment) and monetary assets which are easily converted into cash (cash, stocks and investment funds).

The fixed asset section represents the current value of No 28 which stands at £295,000, this valuation is based on survey carried by Mellor Braggins in May of 2015. This value is £58,826 lower than the previous value which was based on the original purchase price plus the conversion/renovation costs. The monetary assets are then split into three sections total cash and bank, working designated funds and restricted funds (definitions can be found within the accounting policies section).

The Total Net Assets as at 31st December 2021 stood at £820,304. This represents an increase of £155,955 on 2020 and is mainly due to the Bracegirdle Legacy of £105,569 and an increase in the valuation of our Investments of £49,236.

The Unrestricted Funds (Unrestricted and Designated) available to the PCC as at 31st December 2021 were £456,690. This is an increase of £149,613 on 2020.

The Restricted Funds, which are not available to the PCC, as at 31st December 2021 were £68,615. This an increase of £6,342 on 2020.

As stated, the PCC have no known liabilities.

2) Table 3 Allocation of Reserves

The third financial table illustrates how the reserves available to the PCC could be employed in the future in line with the strategy of the PCC. The £330,000 allocated to Church Development is to bring the interior of the church into compliance with current legislation and good practice, to repair utilities and to improve the facilities for the congregation and local community to facilitate worship, community activities and access to the heritage of the building.

The running costs reserve is a prudent level to cover six months potential Working Capital for both the Church and No 28.

The allocation also allows for further refurbishment of No 28.

Finally, we propose £38,000 for ongoing outreach and spreading the Gospel in Middlewich.

Table 1								
Receipts and Payment Accounts								
	Unrestricted			Restricted			Unrestricted	Restricted
	Unrestricted (Operating) General & Stocks Fund Investment Income	Designated: Restoration Project, Minor Projects, Bracegirdle Bequest	Total Unrestricted 2021	Total Restricted & Endowment 2021	Total 2021		Total Unrestricted 2020	Total Restricted & Endowment 2020
£								
Receipts								
Voluntary Income	114,689	105,069	219,758	414	220,172		113,842	4,020
<i>Planned Giving</i>	79,492	0	79,492	0	79,492		83,005	0
<i>Collections and other giving</i>	14,512	105,069	119,580	224	119,804		11,375	3,480
<i>Income tax recovered</i>	20,685	0	20,685	191	20,875		19,462	540
Parish Activities	17,740	0	17,740	265	18,004		14,482	0
<i>Events</i>	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
<i>Sales Proceeds</i>	70	0	70	0	70		159	0
<i>Charity Activities</i>	3,443	0	3,443	0	3,443		596	0
<i>Occasional Offices</i>	14,227	0	14,227	0	14,227		13,578	0
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	0	0	0	265	265		150	0
28 Hightown	553	0	553	0	553		1,124	0
Investment Income	7,434	0	7,434	796	8,231		7,185	795
Grants	7,319	0	7,319	4,300	11,619		7,429	0
Total Receipts	147,734	105,069	252,803	5,775	258,578		144,062	4,815
Payments								
Parish Activities	20,756	0	20,756	0	20,756		16,395	0
<i>Events</i>	0	0	0	0	0		120	0
<i>Purchase Costs</i>	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
<i>Charity Giving</i>	5,740	0	5,740	0	5,740		2,316	0
<i>Occasional Offices</i>	9,105	0	9,105	0	9,105		9,806	0
<i>Ministry Activities</i>	2,534	0	2,534	0	2,534		0	0
<i>Office Costs</i>	3,377	0	3,377	0	3,377		4,153	0
28 Hightown	4,398	0	4,398	0	4,398		4,991	0
<i>28 Operating Costs</i>	3,324	0	3,324	0	3,324		3,223	0
<i>28 Maintenance Costs</i>	1,074	0	1,074	0	1,074		1,768	0
Church Building	13,916	0	13,916	2,448	16,364		16,164	0
<i>Church Operating Costs</i>	11,847	0	11,847	0	11,847		11,174	0
<i>Church Maintenance Costs</i>	2,069	0	2,069	2,448	4,517		4,990	0
Ministry	105,013	0	105,013	0	105,013		103,744	0
<i>Ordained Staff</i>	63,199	0	63,199	0	63,199		63,845	0
<i>Lay Staff</i>	41,814	0	41,814	0	41,814		39,899	0
Projects	0	1,029	1,029	4,300	5,329			3,007
Total Payments	144,083	1,029	145,111	6,748	151,859		141,293	3,007
Surplus/(Deficit)	3,651	104,040	107,691	(973)	106,719		2,769	1,808

Further Analysis of Receipts and Payment Accounts		Unrestricted				
£		General and Stocks Fund Investment Income	Restoration Project Designated	Minor Projects Designated	Bracegirdle Bequest Designated	Total Unrestricted 2021
Receipts						
Category Group	Category	Actual Income	Income	Actual Income	Actual Income	Actual Income
Voluntary Income		114,689	1,500		103,569	219,758
Planned Giving	Pledge Envelopes	3,246				3,246
Planned Giving	Standing Orders	76,246				76,246
Planned Giving		79,492				79,492
Collections and Other	Donations	10,676	1,500			12,176
Collections and Other	Legacies	-			103,569	103,569
Collections and Other	Occasional Offices	1,007				1,007
Collections and Other	Online Giving	706				706
Collections and Other	Plate Giving	2,123				2,123
Collections and Other		14,512	1,500		103,569	119,580
Income Tax Recovered	GASDS	458				458
Income Tax Recovered	Gift Aid	20,226				20,226
Income Tax Recovered		20,685				20,685
Parish Activities		17,740				17,740
Events		-				-
Sales Proceeds		70				70
Charity Activities	Christian Service Unit	1,146				1,146
Charity Activities	Congo Charities	726				726
Charity Activities	Other Charities	220				220
Charity Activities	Save the Family	676				676
Charity Activities	St Luke's Hospice	676				676
Charity Activities	Crisis	-				-
Charity Activities		3,443				3,443
Occasional Offices	Funeral Fees	13,897				13,897
Occasional Offices	Wedding Fees	330				330
Occasional Offices		14,227				14,227
28 Hightown		553				553
28 Hightown	Other No 28 Income	-				-
28 Hightown	Room Hire	171				171
28 Hightown	Sales and Donations	382				382
28 Hightown		553				553
Investment Income		7,434				7,434
Dividends - Stocks Fund	Dividends - Stocks Fund	7,430				7,430
Donations - Stocks Fund	Donations - Stocks Fund	-				-
Interest - Stocks Fund	Interest - Stocks Fund	4				4
Dividends & Interest		7,434				7,434
Grants		7,319				7,319
Unrestricted	Grants	7,319				7,319
Unrestricted	VAT Recovered	-				-
Grants (Furlough)		7,319				7,319
Total Receipts		147,734	1,500	-	103,569	252,803

Further Analysis of Receipts and Payment Accounts		Unrestricted				
£		General and Stocks Fund Investment Income	Restoration Project Designated	Minor Projects Designated	Bracegirdle Bequest Designated	Total Unrestricted 2021
Payments						
Category Group	Category	Actual Expenditure	Actual Expenditure	Actual Expenditure	Actual Expenditure	Actual Expenditure
Parish Activities		20,756				20,756
Events		-				-
Purchase Costs		-				-
Charity Giving	Christian Service Unit	1,801				1,801
Charity Giving	Congo Charities	1,276				1,276
Charity Giving	Other Charity Giving	223				223
Charity Giving	Save the Family	1,220				1,220
Charity Giving	St Luke's Hospice	1,220				1,220
Charity Giving		5,740				5,740
Occasional Offices	Assigned Fees	4,616				4,616
Occasional Offices	Disbursements	4,489				4,489
Occasional Offices		9,105				9,105
Ministry Activities	Mission	189				189
Ministry Activities	Music	1,377				1,377
Ministry Activities	Pastoral Care	465				465
Ministry Activities	Training and Compliance	96				96
Ministry Activities	Worship and Teaching	268				268
Ministry Activities	Young People	139				139
Ministry Activities		2,534				2,534
Office Costs	Office Contracts	1,829				1,829
Office Costs	Office Materials	957				957
Office Costs	Other Office Costs	591				591
Office Costs		3,377				3,377
28 Hightown		4,398				4,398
28 Operating Costs	28 Consumables	454				454
28 Operating Costs	28 Electricity	869				869
28 Operating Costs	28 Gas	422				422
28 Operating Costs	28 Insurance	1,312				1,312
28 Operating Costs	28 Water	267				267
28 Operating Costs		3,324				3,324
28 Maintenance Costs	28 Mtce Contracts	986				986
28 Maintenance Costs	28 Mtce Materials	88				88
28 Maintenance Costs		1,074				1,074
Church Building		13,916				13,916
Church Operating Costs	Church Consumables	228				228
Church Operating Costs	Church Electricity	986				986
Church Operating Costs	Church Gas	3,963				3,963
Church Operating Costs	Church Insurance	6,410				6,410
Church Operating Costs	Church Water	259				259
Church Operating Costs		11,847				11,847
Church Maintenance Costs	Church Mtce Contracts	1,856				1,856
Church Maintenance Costs	Church Mtce Materials	213				213
Church Maintenance Costs		2,069				2,069
Ministry		105,013				105,013
Ordained Staff	Ordained Staff Expenses	1,108				1,108
Ordained Staff	Parish Share	58,593				58,593
Ordained Staff	Rectory Costs	3,497				3,497
Ordained Staff		63,199				63,199
Lay Staff	Lay Staff Expenses	210				210
Lay Staff	Lay Staff Other Costs	1,023				1,023
Lay Staff	Pensions	2,743				2,743
Lay Staff	Salaries	32,707				32,707
Lay Staff	Tax and NI	5,132				5,132
Lay Staff		41,814				41,814
Projects		-		1,029		1,029
Total Payments		144,083	-	1,029	-	145,111

£	2021	2020	2021 vs 2020
Charitable Giving	5,740	2,316	3,424
Made up of the following:			
Christian Service Unit	1,801	894	907
Congo Charities	1,276	474	802
Other Charity Giving	223	-	223
Save the Family	1,220	474	746
St Luke's Hospice	1,220	474	746
Donation % of Voluntary Income	5.0%	2.0%	3.0%

£	2021	2020	2021 vs 2020
No 28 Receipts & Payments			
Income	553	1,124	(571)
Insurance	(1,312)	(1,300)	(12)
Utilities	(1,558)	(1,923)	365
Other Running Costs	(1,529)	(1,768)	239
Surplus/(Deficit)	(3,846)	(3,867)	21

Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments	Restricted and Endowment				
£	Restoration Project Restricted	Minor Projects Restricted	Organ Fund Restricted	Bert Moreton Bequest (Endowment)	Restricted & Endowment Total
Receipts	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual
Voluntary Income	368	0	0	0	368
<i>Planned Giving</i>					0
<i>Collections and other giving</i>	224				224
<i>Income tax recovered</i>	145				145
Parish Activities	0	0	0	0	0
Covid 19 Recovery Project		4,300			4,300
Young People Project		46			46
Investment Income			1	795	796
VAT Recovered	265				265
Total Receipts	633	4,346	1	795	5,775
Payments					
Church Building	2,448	0	0	0	2,448
Covid 19 Recovery Project		4,300			4,300
Total Payments	2,448	4,300	0	0	6,748
Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,815)	46	1	795	(973)

Table 2			
Balance Sheet	2021	2020	Movement 2021 vs 2020
	£	£	£
Current Assets			
Cash	141,298	21,168	120,130
Accounts Receivable	1,733	20,002	(18,269)
Prepayments	0	0	
Total Current Assets	143,031	41,171	101,861
Non-Current Assets			
Fixed Assets	295,000	295,000	0
Investments	384,852	335,616	49,236
Total Non-Current Assets	679,852	630,616	49,236
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	2,579	7,437	(4,858)
Deferred Income	0	0	0
Total Current Liabilities	2,579	7,437	(4,858)
Non-Current Liabilities			
Long Term Loan / Mortgage	0	0	0
Total Non-Current Liabilities	0	0	0
Total Net Assets (Assets Minus Liabilities)	820,304	664,349	155,955
Represented By			
General (Unrestricted)	6,311	11,105	(4,794)
Buildings (Unrestricted)	295,000	295,000	0
Restoration Project - Restricted (Restricted)	3,014	4,829	(1,815)
Restoration Project - Designated (Designated)	1,500	0	1,500
Minor Projects - Restricted (Restricted)	641	595	46
Minor Projects - Designated (Designated)	3,961	3,978	(17)
Stocks Fund (Unrestricted)	340,708	291,398	49,310
Bert Moreton Bequest (Endowment)	37,054	32,339	4,714
ET Earl Legacy (Endowment)	18,191	15,904	2,287
Bracegirdle Bequest (Designated)	103,569	0	103,569
Organ Fund (Restricted)	10,357	9,201	1,156
Total Net Assets	820,304	664,349	155,955
Fixed Assets	295,000	295,000	0
Unrestricted and Designated Funds			
Barclays Current Account Unrestricted	7,959	2,980	4,979
Accounts Receivable	1,733	20,002	(18,269)
Accounts Payable	(2,579)	(7,437)	4,858
Barclaycard	(255)	0	(255)
Petty Cash	94	95	(1)
Stocks Fund Investment	322,029	281,038	40,990
Stocks Fund Cash	12,990	5,556	7,434
HSBC Shares	5,689	4,804	885
Barclays Current Account Designated	5,461	0	5,461
Barclays Premium Account Designated	103,569	38	103,531
Total Unrestricted and Designated Funds (available to the PCC)	456,690	307,077	149,613
Restricted Funds			
Barclays Current Account Restricted (Restoration Fund)	3,014	4,829	(1,815)
Bert Moreton Bequest Investment	31,178	27,258	3,920
Moreton Bequest Income Fund	5,876	5,081	795
E T Earl Legacy Investment	18,191	15,904	2,287
Organ Fund Investment	7,766	6,612	1,155
Organ Fund Cash	2,590	2,589	1
Total Restricted Funds (not available to PCC)	68,615	62,272	6,342
All Assets	820,304	664,349	155,955

Allocation of Reserves	
Table 3	
	2021
a) Church Development	330,000
b) Financial	
Working Capital	74,865
c) No 28	
General Fabric	13,825
d) Outreach and Spreading the Gospel	38,000
Total	456,690

Notes to the Financial Statements

Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards from the SORP 2005 and the Charities Act 2011.

This is the fifth year that the accounts have been prepared using the accrual accounting method.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups (such as the Mothers' Union and Bell ringers society) who owe their main affiliation to the national organisation, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided by the terms of the trust or bequest and (b) donations received for a specific object.

Designated funds are funds set aside by the PCC for a particular purpose. The PCC may subsequently decide to spend the fund for any other purpose.

Unrestricted funds are general funds that can be used for the PCC's ordinary purposes.

Income

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. All income is accounted for gross. Where the church acts as an agency these income amounts are excluded from the financial statements. Fees from weddings and funerals are shown net of costs incurred in the provision of the service, including payment of assigned fees, vergers and organist fees etc.

Expenditure

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognized when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993. Movable church furnishings held by the rector and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected at any reasonable time. Such property is written off when purchased.

Other functional assets (in our case No.28, the Parish Centre & office) are not valued in Receipts and Payments Accounting but are noted in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value as at 31st December 2021.

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of St Michael & All Angels Church, Parochial Church Council.

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021. Charity No.1127335

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145 (5)(b) of the Charity's Act ; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my notice

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

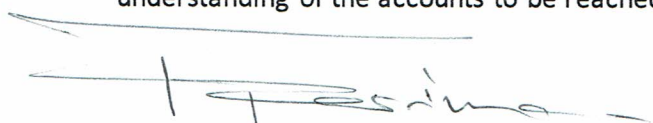
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Direction given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanation from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. which give reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act: or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met: or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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20th April 2022