

St Michael and All Angels Church Middlewich

Annual Report and Accounts

Year ending 31st December 2022

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Introduction by the Rector, Simon Drew

2022 has in many ways been the first 'post Covid' year, but the ongoing effects of the pandemic still continued to influence our church life in various ways. It was however, wonderful to be able to celebrate Easter and Christmas together fully once more.

One of the lingering effects of Covid19 was pressure on our church finances. In response we held another stewardship campaign during 2022. My thanks to all who responded financially to that campaign although we did end 2022 with a small deficit.

There were several highlights during the year. In June we were able to once again create the Bible Labyrinth in church for the FAB Festival in Middlewich. It was a great opportunity to share the gospel story with around 3,000 visitors. In July we celebrated the ordination of Julie Hassall at Chester Cathedral. Julie is training as a Minister in Secular Employment and ministers within Cledford Primary School as well as being part of the team at St Michael's. In August we held another St Michael's Church Charities Half-Marathon, organised as a joint venture with Run Middlewich. It was another great event and many church members helped as stewards.

On a personal note I had the opportunity for a sabbatical during September-November, which included a pilgrimage to the Holy Land (Israel) with my wife. I am grateful to the ministry team who willingly 'held the fort' to make this possible.

My thanks go to the staff team and the PCC for their ongoing support during 2022. 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 Revd Simon Drew. The incumbent at St Michael's is supported by Revd Liz Woode (Associate Priest), Revd Thia Hughes (Associate Priest) Revd Lorraine Reed (Associate Priest) Revd Alison Boulton (NSM Curate) and Revd Julie Hassall (NSM Curate), Revd John Hughes (a retired minister), Jeremy Coles (Director of Music & Family Work) and Beth Deakin (Office Manager).

Our five Readers, Steve Broadfoot, Christine Hamill-Stewart, Tony Woode, Anne Latham, and Duncan Goodwin along with Sylvia Bosomworth, Sue Ikin and Elaine Reynolds (Pastoral Care Workers) form our team of eight 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 2022 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 were still our objectives for 2022:

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

MISSION: Strengthen and/or re-establish areas of community engagement: No28, Smilers, Street Pastors, Festival Choir, Song Stars, Card Group, Church@28, Foodbank, Good Neighbours, and developing 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 patterns of worship and prayer continued to reflect the effects of Covid19. We have two morning services on a Sunday, in the church building, as the focus of our corporate worship. During the summer holiday period we held the 11am service outside in the churchyard, following on from the positive experience of doing this during Covid19. We continue to offer a weekly written reflection by email. Our midweek services include a Healing Service on Tuesdays and a Communion on Thursdays.

At 31 December 2022 there were 123 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll. The weekly average attendance for services which took place during October was 120 adults and children, and a total of 410 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 18 baptisms, 3 weddings and held 23 funerals in our church this year. However the ministry team also conducted 10 funeral services at various local crematoria.

Deanery Synod

The Middlewich Deanery Synod met three times during 2022. The speakers were the new Bishop of Birkenhead in February (Julie Conalty), the Diocesan Director of Outreach in June, and the Diocesan Director of Ministry in October. St Michael and All Angels were well

represented by both ordained and lay representatives. Our Rector, Simon Drew, retired as Rural Dean in September 2022, and was replaced by Rev Ruth Mock.

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 we were pleased to be able to return to a pattern of visiting people face to face.

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 curtailed many of our outreach activities and we are still rebuilding this area of church life.

Ecumenical relationships

Churches Together in Middlewich continued to meet together during 2022. Once again we were able to meet together for prayer and worship, to share in the Good Friday Walk of Witness and work together during the FAB Festival in the town.

Financial Review

The accounts show a deficit for 2022 of £1,920 with total receipts up by £2,532 on 2021, but overall payments also increased by £8,103 on 2021. There was an increase of £1,861 in voluntary income, an increase in money received through Parish Activities (including fees from weddings and funerals) of £2,196 and an increase in investment income of £485.

No 28, our parish centre, produced a net deficit of £2,807 in the year (compared to a deficit of £3,846 in 2021). Total charitable giving to our four charities was £6,057 (£317 higher than in 2021), and represents 5.2% of our voluntary income.

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 £42,473 lower than at the end of 2021 at a year-end value of £413,575. The restricted funds, which are not available to the PCC, were £2,280 lower than 2021. The year-end value of these funds stood at £66,976.

Reserves Policy

See table 3 in Appendix 1: The PCC has allocated £290,000 to church development to improve the interior of the church. £77,522 has been kept in reserve to cover 6 months running costs for church and No 28. £13,053 is allocated for further refurbishment work to No 28, and we propose the remaining £33,000 for ongoing outreach and spreading the gospel in Middlewich.

Volunteers

Once again, heartfelt thanks to all our amazing volunteers, too numerous to mention by name, who, now that the Covid19 pandemic is behind us are once again enabling 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 five 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.

Safeguarding

St Michael's Church recognises its responsibilities for the safeguarding of staff, volunteers, church members and visitors. Our parish safeguarding officer is Rev Alison Boulton. The PCC have adopted the recommended policies and procedures of the Diocese of Chester with regard to safeguarding. New members of the PCC, children's work team and pastoral care team are all required to undertake safeguarding training and have a DBS check. Although safeguarding remains as a standing item on the PCC agenda there were no safeguarding issues reported to the PCC during 2022.

Administrative Information

The PCC and the SC usually meet on alternate months and sometimes have additional meetings as required. The PCC met 6 times during the year with an average attendance level of 85%. The Standing Committee met 5 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 2022 were:

Ex Officio members:

Incumbent and Chairman:	Reverend Simon Drew
NSM Curate:	Reverend Alison Boulton
NSM Curate:	Reverend Julie Hassall

Churchwardens:

Keith Yearley served as CW until the AMP in April 2022, when he was replaced by Ian Jeffrey. Chris Coney & Steve Bailey (were re-elected as Churchwardens at the AMP in April 2022).

Deanery Synod Representatives: Anne Latham & Godfrey Davies

Readers Representatives: Tony Woode

Co-opted members:

Christine Malkin (Secretary) & Mike Reed (Vice-chairman) served as a co-opted member from the APCM in April 2022.

Elected Members:

Paul Hassall, Rachel Pendleton, Elaine Reynolds, Bret Ritchie, Tony Bishop, Neil Clewes (Treasurer) and Joanne Wilson were members throughout the year.

Christine Malkin, Mike Reed, Ian Jeffrey & Kate Mayne were elected members until April 2022 but retired in rotation. We thank them for their important service to the church.

The following people were elected at the APCM in April 2022 to serve on the PCC for three years: Josie Clewes, Graham Ikin, Patricia Smith & Keith Yearley

Standing Committee members who served during 2022 were:

Simon Drew (Chairman), Neil Clewes (Treasurer), Christine Malkin (Secretary), Keith Yearley (Churchwarden until April 2022), Chris Coney (Churchwarden), Steve Bailey (Churchwarden), Ian Jeffrey (Churchwarden from April 2022), 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:

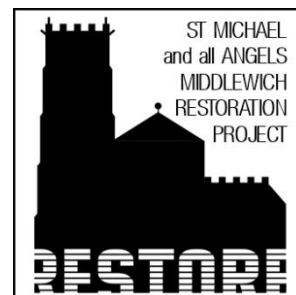
Throughout the year, the day to day activities of the Church are coordinated through a weekly meeting of the Staff Team. This is an informal meeting to which the ordained and lay staff and churchwardens are invited. The maximum possible attendance is 18, and the average attendance is about 10.

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, has been led by a Restoration Project Group. which should meet 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 2022.

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:

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: there are no current plans to commence the work.
- Phase 2 Major Scheme incorporating three types of work:
- 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: there are no current plans to commence the work.
- Phase 3 Lower level exterior stonework and timber repairs (Around £250k; date unknown)

Progress in 2022

Main Project

Apart from one meeting which identified some alternative solutions to the Mains Drainage project, it has not been possible to carry out any work on the main project during the year due to the diversion of effort into the continuing improvement of the Church accounting systems. If progress is to be made it will be necessary to recruit a new Project Coordinator.

Minor Projects

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

- Remedial work required by the 2020 five yearly electrical Inspection of the Church building continued and is almost complete. No invoices were received during the year.

Fundraising

The only income to the Restoration Fund was a small number of donations amounting to £321, a collection at a Heritage event of £17 and Gift Aid of £11.25. The balance of the fund at the end of December 2022 was £4,863.

Thanks

The project has several years to run, and is currently stalled. 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 generally in good overall condition with work continuing on both the Church and No28, overseen by the Buildings and Maintenance committee. The scaling back of some of the Covid 19 pandemic measures has made life easier for all.

The buildings maintenance committee returned to regular face-to-face meetings during 2022 ensuring that any necessary maintenance and updating of the Church building and No 28 has been carried out when required. However, there is still an element of 'catch-up' to be done, due to items being placed temporarily on hold during the pandemic.

The list of ongoing maintenance tasks continues to be kept up to date by the team and each task is ticked off when successfully completed. The 'defects' logbook was not maintained, due to the lack of general access to the office administrator during the pandemic. This is an example of issues where we need to get 'back-on-track' following the difficulties of the previous years. The book is kept in the office at No 28 and should be completed whenever a fault or a maintenance task is requested, either in church or in No 28. It is essential that this is done to keep a handle on tasks that need doing.

Work has continued on various improvements and ongoing maintenance tasks during 2022. Clearly, one of the big events of 2022 was the wonderfully successful Labyrinth. Yet, for the building maintenance team, this was also something of a reality check! In preparation for work on the Labyrinth, we soon discovered that items stored in the boiler house were, damp / rotting and in some cases unusable. This has led to much discussion about the appropriate action to rectify this situation. In the interim, items that would normally have been returned to the boiler house after the Labyrinth have been stored under the tower. Not helpful for anyone! In addition to this, when a review of wider aspects of the Labyrinth and No28 / FAB weekend was held, it was clear for all to see that the super human efforts of those working in the kitchen and serving in the café, were being hampered by inadequate food preparation space in kitchen. Again, something we have been aware of for some time but is now being fully addressed by the Buildings Maintenance Committee.

Therefore, please see below some of the key items that have been dealt with during 2022:-

Church building

- ❖ The reorganisation of church due to the Covid 19 pandemic has been scaled back in response to changing needs although some changes, such as the table where service sheets and hymn books are made available, are likely to remain as this seems to make for better movement in and around the South door area.
- ❖ 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 addition, two lighting circuits have been installed for the North Aisle.
- ❖ An external floodlight with PIR has been installed over the Lady Chapel door and two further floodlights over the South door/ porch which included the repositioning of the porch light switch.
- ❖ Debris was cleared from the Church roof and pigeon detritus cleared from the South roof area. Gutters and downpipes have been inspected and cleared twice during 2022.
- ❖ The Church roof has been inspected via a Drone and by physical inspection.
- ❖ The Church notice board was sanded and treated.

- ❖ The Church Clock was serviced by a clock engineer.
- ❖ Service and inspection of the boiler, which required gas probes in the boiler to be replaced due to calcification, was carried out.
- ❖ 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. Following which an area below the tower was reorganised to accommodate the North Aisle pews that had been removed.
- ❖ A Ladder Register has been created. Ladders have been identified, checked and each ladder marked with appropriate identification.
- ❖ Cherry Tree planted as part of green canopy by ANSA, part of the jubilee celebrations.

No 28

- ❖ Gutters and drainpipes were inspected and found to generally in good repair. In addition, the roof was inspected via a Drone.
- ❖ Adhesive labels have been fixed above all tested fire extinguishers.
- ❖ Boiler and gas inspections and maintenance were carried out.
- ❖ In the kitchen the grill and shelving to the left of the cooker have been removed and shelving fitted to the wall on the right of the cooker, all of which improves worktop preparation space.

No 28

The general fabric of Number 28 remains in good condition. Further work in the kitchen is planned for the coming year, hopefully to be finished by Easter. The concern over the raised area of the kitchen floor has receded during the past year but will continue to be monitored.

Planned Work - in addition to all usual maintenance work.

- ❖ Complete all electrical work and issue Certificate of Electrical Compliance
- ❖ No28 Kitchen worktop improvements and shelving to be completed
- ❖ Church Boiler House floor drainage improved
- ❖ Reorganise and clear under tower
- ❖ Improve and update PAT register
- ❖ Bring 'defects log' up to date.

As always, we would like to 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 go to Graham, Paul, and Steve who have carried out or assisted with most of the above works. New faces and volunteers will be welcomed with open arms.

Churchwardens, Chris, Ian and Steve

Number 28 Activities

As we rolled over into the start of 2022, Number 28 had only been open 3 months so we were still “finding our feet”, so to speak. As we are all aware, the period of Covid has changed many things, and footfall around the town is not what it once was.

However, during the previous year, Number 28 had benefitted from a wonderful facelift and we have seen the benefits of that this past year. We now have more workspace which has allowed us to increase our food provision. Number 28 is open on Mondays, Tuesday and Thursdays, between 10am and 1pm. We serve hot drinks, cakes, toast and teacakes on Monday and Thursday, increasing the provision to serve delicious soup and sandwiches on Tuesdays.

We are fortunate in that we have gained some wonderful new volunteers this year and we are delighted to have them on the Number 28 team. However, we are still in need of more!

Foodbank operated out of Number 28 on a Friday for most of this year but towards the end of the year, this stopped and they now operate fully from the old Police Station on Queen Street. We ran a food hygiene course in March so we now have more volunteers who are able to help with the soup and sandwiches. We are delighted to say that everybody passed so it was a very successful day!

Room hire has unfortunately tailed off but Bridge Club did return and continue to use the small meeting room on a Wednesday morning. This does give us a small, regular income for which we are very grateful.

Many Church groups take advantage of the comfortable surroundings – we have Church @ 28 in the upstairs room. Downstairs, Mothers’ Union meet monthly, as do Craft and Chat. We saw a new group established this year, an Art group which meets weekly on a Wednesday morning. They have produced some beautiful work!

We also held an Autumn Fair towards the end of the year where Number 28 was open as a café. It was lovely to see it so busy! As usual, we were open for FAB weekend again in June and operation as a café. This year saw the return of the Big Story Labyrinth again so we had many people in and around Church. Number 28 café was busy all weekend!

We were fortunate this year to be awarded “Warm Places” status and be given some funding to help towards this. This means that we are Listed as a “Warm Place” on the Cheshire East website so that people in the community who are struggling during the current cost of living crisis has somewhere to go and sit during the day and be assured of a warm environment and something to eat and drink. We are grateful to Ian Jeffery for his work in submitting the funding bids.

As always, I am so very grateful for the love and support of all the staff team, volunteers and everyone who makes Number 28 the special place it is. Everyone who comes in here is given a warm welcome, free from judgment and an opportunity to have a chat and something to eat and drink.

We hope that in the coming year, Number 28 continues to grow and be a place where members of our Church and community continue to be welcomed with love. We ask for God’s continued blessing upon this place.

(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)

Visiting

The number of pastoral contacts and visits completed this year has been significantly higher post-Pandemic. Some contact has had to remain by telephone and has involved more people - perhaps highlighting the growing needs of people in our community. Home-visiting has increased as the year has progressed. The biggest challenge still lies ahead as we continue to emerge 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 return of this service has been greatly appreciated.

Care Homes.

Services of Holy Communion have now resumed in Care Homes where it is safe to do so.

Baptism.

We have been able to restart our Baptisms preparation and Lunches, and we look forward to welcoming three more people as part of our Baptism preparation team.

"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. 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 been in touch with them – thank you Sylvia. This has proved to be a much valued ministry; Some Bereavement Visiting has now restarted.

We were able to hold two "Memorial and Thanksgiving" services in the last year. 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 and we are exploring ways in which we can address this. We now have 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.

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.

In September/October time we started looking at the Circle of Care and the need to revisit some areas in light of the increased pastoral needs of our Community. Updating our policies in line with current legislation, especially 'Safeguarding'. These changes will be implemented in early 2023.

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 (2022) I had been in post for 17 years.

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)

It has been a privilege to reconnect and build upon our relationship with the school families through assemblies, R.E. lessons and school visits to the church building. There are collective acts of worship every week in Cledford and Middlewich Primary Schools where I represent the Churches Together in Middlewich. St Michaels were once again host to Easter, Harvest and Christmas Celebrations for Cledford Primary School. Middlewich Primary Key Stage 2 and Wimboldsley School brought their Christmas Celebration into Church once again.

Many of the schools have sent year groups to both of our churches to investigate Christianity in the community; one poignant day was the act of remembrance by some of the pupils and staff from Middlewich Primary School at the War Memorial, followed by a visit to church. We have made good use of the No.28 facilities in offering hospitality to pupils, parents and staff. Thank you to all those who have facilitated this. The schools continue to be extremely welcoming and appreciative of the church's input.

If you would like to support your local schools in any way or would like to come along to an assembly to see what I do (or join in!) then please speak to me.

DAY NURSERIES

Early Learners

Tommy Thumbs @ Cledford

Kids Planet

We have begun to re-establish links with local Nurseries particularly through this year's Labyrinth Art Installation but also occasionally in the leading of singing and Bible story sessions at Easter, Harvest & Christmas.

KINGDOM KIDS

Sundays 11am

Children attending the 11am service with their parents are withdrawn, usually three times a month, for their own age-related activities across in No.28. Many thanks to Fiona Loney for sharing the leading of these sessions with myself and to Tony and Jo for their assistance. Numbers of children have remained very low with just one primary-aged group. There has been little demand for Kingdom Tots during this time, although special thanks particularly to Elaine and Sue for providing an activities and toys area for pre-schoolers to interact during the service.

AWOL – 'A Way of Life'

Youth Discipleship – alternate Sundays 7pm

Simon and I have continued to run sessions for our church youth on a regularly basis in No.28. A large number were confirmed this year at a service taken by Bishop Sam. Thank you to Liz for her preparation of the Confirmation candidates. Particular thanks to Bret and Sarah for their

support of this group. We had a couple of joint sessions with Middlewich Community Church during the year, which were very successful.

YOUTH CAMP – ‘Dreaming the impossible’

July 30th – August 4th 2022

We had a fantastic time at the Youth Summer Camp at Stafford in July, taking 7 young people and three adults. After a break of a number of years it was encouraging to be joining with Middlewich Community Church to facilitate this trip. There was plenty of opportunity to get to know each other and the God that we serve. Food, sports, Bible studies, Worship, Laughter, prayer and the presence of God: what more could we ask for? Nottingham Vineyard were the new hosts this year but very much in the same style and ethos as previous Soul Survivor Camps.

SMILERS (St Michael’s Early Years)

Mondays 1.15-3.00pm

Amid the playing, singing, art and craft time and refreshments we listen to, care for and support Mums, Dads and other carers in bringing up their children. We introduce children, and their carers, to the importance of Bible Reading, Prayer, Worship and above all things a personal relationship with Father God through Jesus. Parents often comment on how welcome and relaxed they feel in church and clearly appreciate the faith input and experience.

We have seen a steady flow of families connecting with us over the last year. This ministry clearly establishes some families within the Christian faith, where otherwise they would have little or no regular contact with local Christians.

This is still a vital ministry to those connecting with St Michaels often for the first time.

Our new ‘babies area’ has been well received by the increasing number of parents with new-borns. This will be reviewed and further developed in the new year.

Special thanks to those who have assisted in leading sessions, Elaine, Jo, Thia and Sue. We have been able to expand the team of volunteers once again and are grateful for those who have helped in setting the building up, particularly Robina, Graham, Steve and Alastair and to Trish and Mary on the refreshment rota.

Numbers at SMILERS continue to be stable.

FAB LABYRINTH – ‘The Big Story’ Art & Gospel Installation

Folk & Boat Festival Weekend

All six local primary schools, alongside our own children’s groups and leaders, contributed spectacular displays to transform the whole of the inside of St Michaels into a ‘walk-through the Bible’ event which was experienced by 1000s of visitors to the church. Many people in the church and wider community gave sacrificially of their time to facilitate this. During FAB Festival week children from local schools and churches also sang on the main stage during the **Festival Praise Event**.

BEING IN THE OFFICE

The ministry in and from No.28 continues to grow, as we have been able to open the doors once more to the community. Being based in No.28 enables me to support this ministry. Every day I have opportunity to speak to people who access this wonderful hub of activity. Many of these people are existing church members or contacts, both with ministry-related enquiries and also in need of prayer, chat or counselling support. Increasingly with people who are ‘passing through’ there are wonderful opportunities to share faith with them.

Being based in Number 28 enables me to support the wider administration of the church as well, particularly outside the normal advertised office hours. Making time to be among people, both in church and 28 but also 'where they are', is central to the continuing vision of St Michaels.

**"From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in."**

from the song 'Come people of the Risen King – Getty/Townend

Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel.

Jeremy

Jeremy Coles - Director of Music and Family Work

Music, Services and Worship

SERVICES

During 2022 we were able to re-establish services in the church building as we moved away from most of the restrictions of the recent Covid pandemic. The All Age services (SHINE) were again transferred outdoors during the summer months.

CHOIR

The Choir continues to lead the musical worship during the 9.15am Sunday Communion services, at memorial services and special events. We have continued to develop 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. As well as the more traditional sacred music we have been able to incorporate contemporary worship, Celtic and World music into our repertoire. There have been occasions where we were able to blend these styles by sharing the responsibility for the services with the church Worship Group.

Many thanks to our organist, Anne Hardy with occasional support from Stewart and Christine. We are very grateful that much of our administration work is undertaken by Margaret and Jo. We are very happy for others to join in at rehearsals (*please speak to Jeremy*) with no obligation to sing on Sundays. Please do consider coming along and joining in!

Thank you to everyone who has regularly given us feedback and commented upon how much they appreciate the Choir all that we are seeking to develop.

WORSHIP GROUP

The Worship Group continues to serve at the 11am service and occasionally at other joint events. Music choices reflect a more contemporary worship style, including Children's songs, while keeping in touch with the best of traditional hymns. Some newer songs have been introduced and become firm favourites over the last year. There seems to be a growing desire among the congregation to spend more time in worship and praise, recognising the need for songs of intimacy and openness to the Holy Spirit alongside songs that build faith/theology and express celebration.

We are very happy for others to join us for rehearsals (*please speak to Jeremy*) with no obligation to sing or play on Sundays. One of my aims during this last year, and looking ahead, is for 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 those taking part.

Thank you to everyone who has regularly given us feedback and commented upon how much they appreciate the Worship Group and all that we are seeking to develop.

FESTIVAL CHOIR

The choir continues to bring a freshness and vibrancy to our collective worship, which compliments the existing music in church. It was with much expectation that we were able to sing once again at the town's Folk & Boat Festival on the Sunday morning main stage. We also sang at the Annual Carol Service after a number of years off due to the Pandemic. The choir provides an opportunity for people from the locality to come and try us out without the pressure of auditions. Many people comment upon how welcome they feel and how they have experienced renewed and newly-found faith. Gentle prayer at the beginning and end of the rehearsals reinforces this, together with the opportunity to sing truth through the wonderful Bible based lyrics of the songs.

St Michael's Community Choir is a faith based choir open to anyone from high school age upwards. *(no initial commitment is required – newcomers are always welcome at rehearsals.)*

LEADING AND PREACHING

I continue to lead and preach at worship services in the church and further afield. I am also involved in putting services together and helping with the administration associated with this.

Many thanks for your participation, love and encouragement during the year in my role as Director of Music.

***“No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him.
Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.”***
From the song, ‘Be still for the presence’ – David Evans

Jeremy

Jeremy Coles - Director of Music and Family Work

Section 3: Evangelism, Ecumenical Relationships and Mission

Church@28

When COVID 19 arrived and the first lockdown started, Church@28 services stopped. In more normal times I may have experimented with an online version. However, on a personal basis 2020 & 2021 were very busy - I launched a new business and Christine gave birth to Joshua in the August of 2020. So, the format was rested and I suppose to a degree, so was I!

February 13th 2022 represented the relaunch of the service, in a new hybrid format. With social distancing in mind, the attendance in person was restricted to 25 people, on a booked in basis. The service was live streamed via YouTube and received 387 views. This was an amazingly high number and whilst it has to be accepted that a fair percentage of these will have been repeat viewings, or perhaps drawn in by the Bishop of Chester Mark Tanner being the interview guest, we can nonetheless be greatly encouraged. I am hugely grateful to Paul Humphreys for his incredible technical work to make the livestream happen. We did encounter some technical challenges, but in the main it went well and provided a good platform and learning experience for future events.

The online offering opened up the service to those previously unable to attend, with obvious examples being parents with young children, folk who are unwell, those nervous of entering a Church service or people who cannot physically get to the service for one reason or another.

We did hope to do three more services in the year, but with an unexpected house move and renovation plus the the birth of our second child Lucy, time quickly ran out and the February service ended up being the one and only in 2022.

Let's see what we can do in 2023! Remember if you would like to take part, please contact me, new volunteers are always most welcome.

Robert Reed

Card Group

We did not have a card group meeting in no28 this year but we did hold after school card-making sessions at Cledford School for the staff on two occasions, one in the summer and one in the autumn.

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

We were pleased that we were able to do more in 2022 than we have managed over the period of the pandemic. In February we were really glad to get together at the White Bear for lunch where they made us very welcome.

Following that we were able to plan more meetings and we were pleased to readmit Ellen and Jill to the Branch at our March meeting. Unfortunately we had to cancel the Hot Cross Bun Coffee Morning due to COVID

We are using the cafe area when possible for our meetings and this has worked very well. Our first meeting downstairs was the AGM and further meetings were held there apart from our celebration of the Platinum Jubilee and this was a royal quiz. We were able to hold this outside in the courtyard at the back of No. 28 and was enjoyed by everyone.

This was followed by afternoon tea at Jo Wilson's farm which was a lovely occasion with lots of lovely cakes and everyone was able to meet Khaya, Jo's grand-daughter.

Visiting speakers included Wendy Sykes, the Diocesan President who was originally booked for 2020 and Rev. Vanessa Layfield who gave us a very interesting talk on her work as a Waterways Chaplain.

It was good to be able to arrange the Mince Pie Coffee Morning again.

Following on from producing newsletters during lock down, we continued with this and produced 9 editions through the year. This has been useful for keeping in touch with members.

Looking to the future the programme has just been finalised and we look forward to a more settled 2023 than the last few years.

Susan Hawkes

St Michael and All Angels Ringing Team (SMAART)

The slow return to something like normality continued through 2022. From July we gave five concerts, two in Northwich and one each in Davenham, Holmes Chapel and Middlewich. We also participated in a carol service led by the Rev. Liz Woode at Willowmere in December. Unfortunately one of the venues in Northwich suffered an arson attack shortly after we played there. We hope the two events were not related!

One of the consequences of the restrictions during the pandemic was the extended use of our set of 15 hand chimes, since we had no access to the hand bells at that time. One of our arrangers has since produced some music integrating the two sets of instruments, the pieces being played with some success at the later concerts. We will now have to decide whether there would be a benefit from expanding the range of hand chimes, perhaps to two octaves. Of course, mixing the instruments brings additional challenges of playing the right one at the right time. Sometimes we struggle just with the bells!

One solution would be to recruit more players, so if you 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

CRISIS (Homelessness Charity)

At the end of 2021, our church was asked to suggest a charity to support. I put forward the suggestion of CRISIS which is a charity I personally support with a monthly donation. I was delighted when Simon told me that CRISIS was selected as one of the four charities which St. Michael's would support.

I was asked to give a presentation during the 9.15am and 11am church services which I did on 16th January. This was to introduce the charity and its work to the congregation. I also put up a display of posters in church and in the window of No. 28 – where I also added a sleeping bag, a blanket, an empty coffee cup and a cap with a few coins in it.

The months of January, February and March are the months for me to champion my charity. With help from other church members there were fundraising events in No. 28 – a pancake morning on Shrove Tuesday and a coffee morning in March. CRISIS also benefitted from part of the funds raised from the Middlewich Half Marathon event in August. Along with the other three charities, CRISIS received a sum of money from the church over the year.

The total sum donated to CRISIS on behalf of St. Michael's church was £1520.09. Thank you to all who have helped me to support CRISIS in 2022. Together we have helped people out of homelessness!

Josie Clewes

Christian Service Unit - Khammam

Background

The work of the CSU has almost returned to normal following the Covid outbreak. Pastors and evangelists are now conducting services as normal, and people are coming forward for baptism.

Planning and budget meetings have been held with a view to reviving and expanding existing congregations and spreading the Gospel into new areas. Ten new pastors (seven men and three women) were ordained during 2022 to support this work. Nine more are in training.

After a rigorous government audit, CSU has had its government licence renewed for another five years. Receipt of this licence is a recognition of the integrity and hard work of the staff in India and is very difficult to earn. Several reputable organisations have had their applications turned down. Critically, it also authorises them to receive overseas funding for their work.

The Work

Shanthi High School

After lockdown there are 120 children attending the school. The number has been reduced due to the effect of Covid. Many children lost the habit of going to school, some were earning a little money for the family and the bus was unable to pick up others.

Gallapudi Homes

Schools are now taking pupils, but Homes are not yet permitted to open. After a special request to the government, CSU were allowed to take 9th and 10th class students into the homes to enable them to complete their studies. At present there are 16 students in the Home, plus 9 others who are taking their final exams. Please remember them in your prayers. The old school bus was not used for two years and finally died, but a new bus has been provided by friends in America. This now enables pupils to be brought promptly and safely from slum areas and surrounding villages.

Home for the Aged

17 elderly people are in the home at present and doing well. Periodically medical teams visit and check their health and give required medicine. They participate happily in all other routine activities.

Day care centres

The Day Care Centres at Khammam, Chinnakakani village, and Secunderabad are functioning well.

Special needs homes

The two homes in Khammam, and one at Madhira are doing well.

Food packets

Nutritious Food Packets for HIV+ infected are distributed from two centres. CSU organise a monthly meeting at each centre, giving short messages on healing, hope and the love of Christ followed by the distribution of food packets. It is sad that this disease affects so many poor people and little children. The demand is on the rise, and many victims are in dire need. CSU are trying to reach as many of them as possible.

CSU have received an award from the District Medical & Health Office in recognition of this work.

Leper Colony

CSU visit the colony monthly, providing practical and spiritual assistance to the people. Friends in America have raised funds for the provision of Wheelchairs, pushcarts and walking aids for leprosy victims, enabling them to reach sources of income. Franklin briefly explained how God had moved the donor and their love had reached across the world. "All the beneficiaries loudly applauded with fewer fingers on their palms but a big grin in their faces."

Rural Health

Rural Health Education Clinics are conducted in remote villages around Khammam. [There are many tribal groups living in primitive huts in jungle villages within 50 miles of Khammam.] Each week, a team consisting of a Medical Doctor, Nurse and driver will camp in a village, calling at every home to carry out basic medical checks and educate the people in basic health and hygiene. Now many people are aware of the effects of Blood Pressure, Diabetes, seasonal viral infections, and unhygienic water.

Sewing

Sewing training programmes were stopped during Covid but are now restarting. Sewing training will enable a woman (usually a widow) to earn a living. Successful trainees are given a loan to buy a sewing machine and are able repay it out of their earnings.

Buildings

It is CSU policy that a pastor should live with his flock, whenever possible. New parsonages have been built in two villages and, in two other villages; the church and parsonage have been upgraded by the installation of electricity. New wells have been installed in two villages.

Items for Prayer

CSU projects, spiritual staff and staff structures were established at a time when they had generous support from several agencies but some of this stopped in 2018. External support is now limited to one US-based group, and individual donors (including St M) in the UK. The recent increase in cost of living, which we complain about in England, is affecting India as well and making the work more expensive.

They ask prayer for:

- More supporters to facilitate the ministry of CSU.
- Amicable and constructive relationship with diocese of Dornakal for continuity of health ministry at St. Mary's Mission Hospital
- Health & Travel mercies for the servants of God
- For Trainees at the Asian School of Evangelism
- Our donors and Prayer supporters
- All our projects, supervisors and beneficiaries

"On behalf of the board, the Pastoral staff, admin Staff and from all our projects and its beneficiaries, I would like to thank you all for your prayerful financial support to see smile on the faces of many needy". Franklin

(Steve & Ruth Broadfoot)

Congo – ABC Link & IPASC

Although the last diocesan visit to Aru and Boga took place nearly six years ago, there is still regular communication between Chester and the two Congolese dioceses.

The former Bishop Ande became Archbishop of Congo (both DRC and Congo Brazzaville) in January 2022. Archbishops stay in the diocese where they were appointed as bishop so he remains in Aru. Last year, in addition to his many duties, he was standing in for two dioceses where there was an interregnum. He is therefore very busy. Last summer he and Bishop William attended Lambeth; ++Ande also visited the Church of England Synod in July. In August, John and Margaret Owens, representing the Link, met both bishops at the 40th anniversary of Congo Church Association in Leighton Buzzard.

The security situation in the south of Aru and the whole of Boga remains serious. Bishop William tells us that more than 3 million people have been displaced. One of the numerous rebels groups is the Ugandan Islamist group ADF (Allied Democratic Force). They were responsible for the murder of recently deaconed Revd Tibasima Bamakari and a Christian colleague as they were praying in a church in the Semilike Plain last summer.

Revd Peter and Dr Patricia Wyard, who have worked in Aru for 3 years, returned to the UK recently. Peter, amongst other tasks, re-implemented the Rooted in Jesus course and has appointed Revd Etsegeri to head this up. Patricia, consolidated the palliative care unit that Dr Francesca Elloway set up. Revd Madhira continues to direct this as well as his duties as Dean of the cathedral.

Judy and Tim Rous, previously Mission Partners with CMS in DRC moved to Aru at the beginning of 2022. Judy is there specifically to help and support ++Ande. She sends us regular updates on news from the diocese. Foxhill regularly ask us for prayer items regarding the Link and Judy's communications are useful in this respect.

Ven Jean Bagada, Diocesan Secretary for Boga Diocese, has started a project to support young women and girls who have been sexually abused during the unrest. 150 were originally targeted. The aim is to teach them practical skills such as needlework and carpentry, give them appropriate counselling, conduct seminars in forgiveness and peace making and to ease them back into normal life in their communities. Because of lack of funding, only a few have received help; however, Jean is applying to Dorcas Dress Project in this country to see if they could help.

Chester Diocese continues to give a grant of £5,750 each year to each diocese. Looking at this year's application shows where their different priorities lie: Aru's needs are for general development, Boga's are for an area where almost half its churches are in displacement.

Finally, the ABC Link committee met by Zoom or in person three times in 2022. The pandemic has stalled any momentum and we are struggling. Bishop Keith, who was a strong supporter, left some time ago. We need an influx of new members, especially women and younger people, if the Link is to have an effect in Chester Diocese.

There have, sadly, been difficulties with the Diocese of Aru resulting in the closure of the IPASC (Institut Panafricain de Santé Communautaire et Medecine Tropicale) 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.

The water source built recently is being well used by students and local villagers.

(Thia Hughes)

St Luke's Hospice

Due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic it has been another difficult year for fundraising for our chosen charities, however, with your help and generous donations from the Christmas cards and charity run plus the donation of £500 from the PCC we were able to send £1250 to St Luke's Hospice in the last year.

We hope to continue fundraising in the coming year so with your generous help we can continue to support the hospice in their vital and caring work. As they are a charity every penny we raise is important to them in these very difficult times. Thank you for your help.

(Elaine and Sylvia)

Appendix 1 – Financial Statements Year Ended 31 Dec 2022

(To be printed separately)



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

for the year ending

31st DECEMBER 2022

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 2022

Financial Overview

1) Table 1 Receipts and Payment Account 2022

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 2022 Results - Unrestricted

Unrestricted (Operating)

Income	£150,266
Expenditure	£152,186
(Deficit)	(£1,920)

Designated Funds

Restoration Project

Income	£0
Expenditure	£0
	£0

Minor Projects

Income	£0
Expenditure	£784
(Deficit)	(£784)

Bracegirdle Bequest

Income	£97
Expenditure	£3,570
(Deficit)	(£3,473)

Total Unrestricted

Income	£150,363
Expenditure	£156,540
Deficit	(£6,177)

Budget (Unrestricted Operating) for 2022

A breakeven Budget was set for 2022 and this included an Income Challenge of around £9,000. (ie. without any benefits from the Stewardship Campaign or other fundraising).

Actuals

As a result of the good Q1 results (which included some 'one off' donations), our Forecast for 2022 for the Full Year (without any benefits from the Stewardship

Campaign or other fundraising) was revised to a potential deficit of around £6,500 (this value was used in the Stewardship Campaign letters).

During the year our Operating income has benefited from the Stewardship Campaign, No. 28 FAB income, other Donations, the Autumn Fair and the Energy Grant from the Church of England.

Our costs increased and these included some one-off costs and although the Full Year ended up as a deficit of (£1,920), it is a good result given the challenges we have faced.

Charitable donations in 2022 of £6,057 were higher than 2021 by £317. The Donations represent 5.2% of Voluntary Income compared to 5% in 2021. The donations in 2022 included £2,000 from PCC Funds.

In addition to the above, £3,570 was donated to St. Luke's Hospice out of the Bracegirdle Bequest.

Number 28 had a deficit of £2,808 in 2022 compared to a deficit of £3,846 in 2021. During the year, more activities started to resume after the effects of Covid19. Although our income increased significantly compared to 2021, our costs also increased including some one-off costs.

Summary of 2022 Results - Restricted Funds

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

Income	£6,041
Expenditure	£1,824
Surplus	£4,217

The **Restricted** Funds income of £6,041 included Disabled Access Donations of £2,130, Flower Guild £1,512 (incorporated into the Church Accounts this year as a Restricted Fund), Income Tax recovered (re Disabled Access donations) £548, Investment Income £938 and other donations £913.

The Restricted Fund Expenditure of £1,824 included £1,473 re Disabled Access and other costs £351.

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.

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 2022 stood at £775,551. This represents a decrease of £44,754 compared to 31st December 2021. This is mainly due to a decrease in the valuation of our Investments of £42,794.

The Unrestricted Funds (Unrestricted and Designated) as at 31st December 2022 were £413,575. This is a decrease of £42,473 on 2021 and is mainly due to a decrease in the value of our investments of £36,296.

The Restricted Funds as at 31st December 2022 were £66,976. This is a decrease of £2,280 on 2021 and includes a decrease in the valuation of our investments of £6,498.

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 £290,000 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 £33,000 for ongoing outreach and spreading the Gospel in Middlewich.

Receipts and Payments									
	Unrestricted			Restricted			Unrestricted	Restricted	
	Unrestricted (Operating) General & Stocks Fund Investment Income	Designated: Restoration Project, Minor Projects, Bracegirdle Bequest	Total Unrestricted 2022	Total Restricted & Endowment 2022	Total 2022		Total Unrestricted 2021	Total Restricted & Endowment 2021	Total 2021
£									
Receipts									
Voluntary Income	116,550	0	116,550	4,629	121,179		219,758	414	220,172
Planned Giving	81,529	0	81,529	0	81,529		79,492	0	79,492
Collections and other giving	13,949	0	13,949	4,080	18,029		119,580	224	119,804
Income tax recovered	21,072	0	21,072	548	21,620		20,685	191	20,876
Parish Activities	19,936	0	19,936	0	19,936		17,740	265	18,005
Events	2,585	0	2,585	0	2,585		0	0	0
Sales Proceeds	85	0	85	0	85		70	0	70
Charity Activities	3,843	0	3,843	0	3,843		3,443	0	3,443
Occasional Offices	12,496	0	12,496	0	12,496		14,227	0	14,227
Miscellaneous	927	0	927	0	927		0	265	265
28 Hightown	4,874	0	4,874	0	4,874		553	0	553
Investment Income	7,919	97	8,016	938	8,953		7,434	796	8,230
Grants & Community Projects	986	0	986	475	1,461		7,319	4,300	11,619
Total Receipts	150,266	97	150,362	6,041	156,404		252,803	5,775	258,578
Payments									
Parish Activities	22,176	0	22,176	0	22,176		20,756	0	20,756
Events	2,230	0	2,230	0	2,230		0	0	0
Purchase Costs	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0
Charity Giving	6,057	0	6,057	0	6,057		5,740	0	5,740
Occasional Offices	7,356	0	7,356	0	7,356		9,105	0	9,105
Ministry Activities	3,308	0	3,308	0	3,308		2,534	0	2,534
Office Costs	3,225	0	3,225	0	3,225		3,377	0	3,377
28 Hightown	7,682	0	7,682	0	7,682		4,398	0	4,398
28 Operating Costs	5,871	0	5,871	0	5,871		3,324	0	3,324
28 Maintenance Costs	1,812	0	1,812	0	1,812		1,074	0	1,074
Church Building	14,227	0	14,227	0	14,227		13,916	2,448	16,364
Church Operating Costs	12,293	0	12,293	0	12,293		11,847	0	11,847
Church Maintenance Costs	1,934	0	1,934	0	1,934		2,069	2,448	4,517
Ministry	108,101	0	108,101	0	108,101		105,013	0	105,013
Ordained Staff	65,163	0	65,163	0	65,163		63,199	0	63,199
Lay Staff	42,939	0	42,939	0	42,939		41,814	0	41,814
Projects	0	784	784	1,824	2,608		1,029	4,300	5,329
Other	0	3,570	3,570	0	3,570		0	0	0
Total Payments	152,186	4,354	156,540	1,824	158,364		145,111	6,748	151,859
Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,920)	(4,257)	(6,178)	4,217	(1,960)		107,691	(973)	106,719

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 2022
Receipts						
Category Group	Category	Actual Income	Actual Income	Actual Income	Actual Income	Actual Income
Voluntary Income		116,550				116,550
Planned Giving	Pledge Envelopes	3,441				3,441
Planned Giving	Standing Orders	78,088				78,088
Planned Giving		81,529				81,529
Collections and Other	Donations	8,655				8,655
Collections and Other	Occasional Offices	1,109				1,109
Collections and Other	Online Giving	910				910
Collections and Other	Plate Giving	3,275				3,275
Collections and Other		13,949	-			13,949
Income Tax Recovered	GASDS	720				720
Income Tax Recovered	Gift Aid	20,352		0		20,352
Income Tax Recovered		21,072		0		21,072
Parish Activities		19,936				19,936
Events	Other Events	2,585				
Events		2,585				2,585
Sales Proceeds	Other Sales Income	85				85
Sales Proceeds		85				85
Charity Activities	Christian Service Unit	1,212				1,212
Charity Activities	Congo Charities	747				747
Charity Activities	Other Charities	122				122
Charity Activities	St Luke's Hospice	747				747
Charity Activities	Crisis	1,016				1,016
Charity Activities		3,843				3,843
Occasional Offices	Funeral Fees	9,471				9,471
Occasional Offices	Wedding Fees	3,025				3,025
Occasional Offices		12,496				12,496
Miscellaneous		927				
Miscellaneous	Byley Contributions	881				
Miscellaneous	Other Activities	46				
Miscellaneous		927				
28 Hightown		4,874				4,874
28 Hightown	Other No 28 Income	1,577				1,577
28 Hightown	Room Hire	1,244				1,244
28 Hightown	Sales and Donations	2,053				2,053
28 Hightown		4,874				4,874
Investment Income		7,919				7,919
Dividends	Stocks Fund	7,683				7,683
Interest	Bracegirdle Bequest	-			97	97
Interest	Stocks Fund	236				236
Dividends & Interest		7,919			97	8,016
Grants		986				986
Unrestricted	Grants	986				986
Unrestricted	VAT Recovered	-				-
Grants		986				986
Total Receipts		150,266	-	-	97	150,363

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 2022
Payments						
Category Group	Category	Actual Expenditure	Actual Expenditure	Actual Expenditure	Actual Expenditure	Actual Expenditure
Parish Activities		22,176				22,176
Events		2,230				2,230
Purchase Costs		-				-
Charity Giving	Christian Service Unit	1,775				1,775
Charity Giving	Congo Charities	1,251				1,251
Charity Giving	Other Charity Giving	260				260
Charity Giving	St Luke's Hospice	1,251			3,570	4,821
Charity Giving	Crisis	1,520				1,520
Charity Giving		6,057			3,570	9,627
Occasional Offices	Assigned Fees	2,322				2,322
Occasional Offices	Disbursements	5,033				5,033
Occasional Offices		7,356				7,356
Ministry Activities	Mission	563				563
Ministry Activities	Music	1,058				1,058
Ministry Activities	Pastoral Care	229				229
Ministry Activities	Training and Compliance	365				365
Ministry Activities	Worship and Teaching	885				885
Ministry Activities	Young People	208				208
Ministry Activities		3,308				3,308
Office Costs	Office Contracts	1,763				1,763
Office Costs	Office Materials	1,032				1,032
Office Costs	Other Office Costs	430				430
Office Costs		3,225				3,225
28 Hightown		7,682				7,682
28 Operating Costs	28 Consumables	2,088				2,088
28 Operating Costs	28 Electricity	1,385				1,385
28 Operating Costs	28 Gas	636				636
28 Operating Costs	28 Insurance	1,357				1,357
28 Operating Costs	28 Water	404				404
28 Operating Costs		5,871				5,871
28 Maintenance Costs	28 Mtce Contracts	1,217				1,217
28 Maintenance Costs	28 Mtce Materials	594				594
28 Maintenance Costs		1,812				1,812
Church Building		14,227				14,227
Church Operating Costs	Church Consumables	223				223
Church Operating Costs	Church Electricity	1,200				1,200
Church Operating Costs	Church Gas	4,003				4,003
Church Operating Costs	Church Insurance	6,626				6,626
Church Operating Costs	Church Water	240				240
Church Operating Costs		12,293				12,293
Church Maintenance Costs	Church Mtce Contracts	1,832				1,832
Church Maintenance Costs	Church Mtce Materials	102				102
Church Maintenance Costs		1,934				1,934
Ministry		108,101				108,101
Ordained Staff	Ordained Staff Expenses	1,144				1,144
Ordained Staff	Parish Share	59,913				59,913
Ordained Staff	Rectory Costs	4,105				4,105
Ordained Staff		65,163				65,163
Lay Staff	Lay Staff Expenses	22				22
Lay Staff	Lay Staff Other Costs	785				785
Lay Staff	Pensions	3,178				3,178
Lay Staff	Salaries	33,732				33,732
Lay Staff	Tax and NI	5,221				5,221
Lay Staff		42,939				42,939
Projects		-		784		784
Total Payments		152,186	-	784	3,570	156,540

£	2022	2021	2022 vs 2021
Charitable Giving	6,057	5,740	317
Made up of the following:			
Christian Service Unit	1,775	1,801	(26)
Congo Charities	1,251	1,276	(25)
Other Charity Giving	260	223	37
Save the Family	-	1,220	(1,220)
St Luke's Hospice (see Note below)	1,251	1,220	31
Crisis	1,520	-	1,520
Donation % of Voluntary Income	5.2%	5.0%	0.2%

Note: An additional £3,570 was given to St. Luke's from the Bracegirdle Bequest.

£	2022	2021	2022 vs 2021
No 28 Receipts & Payments			
Income	4,874	553	4,322
Insurance	(1,357)	(1,312)	(45)
Utilities	(2,426)	(1,558)	(868)
Other Running Costs	(3,899)	(1,529)	(2,370)
Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,808)	(3,846)	1,038

Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments	Restricted and Endowment					
£	Restoration Project Restricted	Minor Projects Restricted	Organ Fund Restricted	Flower Guild Restricted	Bert Moreton Bequest (Endowment)	Restricted & Endowment Total
Receipts	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual
Voluntary Income	349	2,767	0	1,512	0	4,629
<i>Collections and other giving</i>	<i>338</i>	<i>2,230</i>		<i>1,512</i>		<i>4,080</i>
<i>Income tax recovered</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>537</i>				<i>548</i>
Investment Income			<i>34</i>		<i>903</i>	938
Community Projects		475				475
Total Receipts	349	3,242	34	1,512	903	6,041
Payments						
Projects		1,824				1,824
Total Payments	0	1,824	0	0	0	1,824
Surplus/(Deficit)	349	1,419	34	1,512	903	4,217

Table 2			
Balance Sheet	2022	2021	Movement 2022 vs 2021
	£	£	£
Current Assets			
Cash	138,936	141,298	(2,362)
Accounts Receivable	1,439	1,733	(294)
Prepayments	0	0	0
Total Current Assets	140,375	143,031	(2,656)
Non-Current Assets			
Fixed Assets	295,000	295,000	0
Investments	342,058	384,852	(42,794)
Total Non-Current Assets	637,058	679,852	(42,794)
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	1,883	2,579	(696)
Deferred Income	0	0	0
Total Current Liabilities	1,883	2,579	(696)
Non-Current Liabilities			
Long Term Loan / Mortgage	0	0	0
Total Non-Current Liabilities	0	0	0
Total Net Assets (Assets Minus Liabilities)	775,551	820,304	(44,754)
Represented By			
General (Unrestricted)	4,391	6,311	(1,920)
Buildings (Unrestricted)	295,000	295,000	0
Restoration Project - Restricted (Restricted)	3,363	3,014	349
Restoration Project - Designated (Designated)	1,500	1,500	0
Minor Projects - Restricted (Restricted)	2,060	641	1,419
Minor Projects - Designated (Designated)	3,177	3,961	(784)
Stocks Fund (Unrestricted)	304,412	340,708	(36,296)
Bert Moreton Bequest (Endowment)	34,303	37,054	(2,750)
ET Earl Legacy (Endowment)	16,059	18,191	(2,132)
Bracegirdle Bequest (Designated)	100,095	103,569	(3,473)
Organ Fund (Restricted)	9,679	10,357	(678)
Flower Guild (Restricted)	1,512	0	1,512
Total Net Assets	775,551	820,304	(44,754)
Fixed Assets	295,000	295,000	0
Unrestricted and Designated Funds			
Barclays Current Account Unrestricted & Stocks Fund Cash	17,843	20,309	(2,465)
Accounts Receivable	1,439	1,733	(294)
Accounts Payable	(1,883)	(2,579)	696
Barclaycard	(308)	(255)	(53)
Petty Cash	290	94	196
Stocks Fund Investment	284,882	322,029	(37,146)
HSBC Shares	6,539	5,689	850
Barclays Current Account Designated	4,677	5,461	(784)
Barclays Premium Account Designated	100,095	103,569	(3,473)
Total Unrestricted and Designated Funds	413,575	456,049	(42,473)
Restricted Funds			
Barclays Current Account Restricted (Restoration Fund)	3,363	3,014	349
Barclays Current Account Minor Projects - Restricted (Restricted)	2,060	641	1,419
Bert Moreton Bequest Investment	27,524	31,178	(3,654)
Moreton Bequest Income Fund	6,780	5,876	903
E T Earl Legacy Investment	16,059	18,191	(2,132)
Organ Fund Investment	7,054	7,766	(712)
Organ Fund Cash	2,624	2,590	34
Flower Guild (Restricted)	1,512	0	1,512
Total Restricted Funds	66,976	69,256	(2,280)
All Assets	775,551	820,304	(44,754)

Table 3			
Allocation of Reserves			2022
a) Church Development			290,000
b) Financial			
Working Capital			77,522
c) No 28			
General Fabric			13,053
d) Outreach and Spreading the Gospel			33,000
Total			413,575

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 unless otherwise stated.

This is the sixth 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 including that from Charitable collections and Occasional Offices.

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 2022.

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of St Michael & All Angels Church on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022. Charity No.1127335. Set Out on Pages 1 to 11.

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011. 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.

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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



7th April 2023

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