

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

to the trustees of St. Luke's PCC Great Crosby (PCC)

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of PCC for the year ended 31st December 2020 which are set out on pages 2 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). You are satisfied that the accounts of the charity are not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of the accounts. I have carried out my examination under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no opinion as to whether the consolidated accounts present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records, with respect to the Charity, were not kept as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended 31st December 2020

Income and expenditure	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals 2020	Totals 2019
		£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	151,658	10,521	162,179	190,673
Income from charitable activities	2	29,203	-	29,203	37,966
Other trading activities	2	1,515	14,980	16,495	27,076
Investments	2	9,856	-	9,856	14,340
Other income	2	1,887	54	1,941	3,466
Total income		£194,119	£25,555	£219,674	£273,521
Expenditure on:					
Costs of generating voluntary income	3	-	349	349	2,523
Church Activities	4	214,934	28,946	243,880	278,273
Total expenditure		£214,934	£29,295	£244,229	£280,796
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers		(20,815)	(3,740)	(24,555)	(7,275)
Transfer between funds		1400	(1,400)	-	-
Net unrealised/realised gain on investments	8	778	-	778	1,701
Net movement in funds		(18,637)	(5,140)	(23,777)	(5,574)
Fund balances b/fwd		504,497	27,548	532,045	537,619
Fund balances c/fwd	12, 13 & 14	£485,860	£22,408	£508,268	£532,045
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The notes on pages 4 to 12 form part of these accounts.

Balance SheetFor the Year Ended 31st December 2020

		2020	2019
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	7	462,731	473,763
Investments	8	11,707	10,928
Current assets			
Debtors	9	3,878	6,739
Cash at bank and in hand		34,774	47,173
		38,652	53,912
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	4,822	6,558
Net current assets / (liabilities)		33,830	47,354
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	11	-	-
Total assets less current liabilities		£508,268	£532,045
Church Funds:		£	£
Unrestricted funds	12	485,860	504,497
Restricted funds	13	22,408	27,548
TOTAL FUNDS		£508,268	£532,045

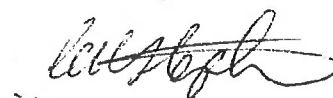
These financial statements were approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on their behalf by:-



Rev Amanda Bruce
Chair of PCC



Mrs Agnes Law
Churchwarden



Dr
Mr Colin Stephens
Churchwarden

Notes to the Accounts

For the Year Ended 31st December 2020

1. Accounting Policies

1a. Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value, and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP 2005).

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 that owe their main affiliation to another body or those that are informal gatherings of church members.

1b. Fund Accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the charity for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund.

1c. Income

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity becomes legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donated facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified and a third party is bearing the cost. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

Income from donations and grants, including capital grants are included in incoming resources when these are receivable, except as follows:

- when donors specify that donations and grants given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods
- when donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to use such income, the income is deferred and not included in incoming resources until the preconditions for use have been met

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For the Year Ended 31st December 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT..)

1c.Income (cont..)

When donors specify that donations and grants, including capital grants, are for particular restricted purposes, which do not amount to preconditions regarding entitlement, this income is included in incoming resources of restricted funds when receivable.

Rent receivable is taken to income when receivable.

Investment income and gains are allocated to the fund generating the income or gain.

1d.Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Costs of generating funds are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

Governance costs are those costs incurred in connection with the compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

1e.Transfers between Funds

Transfers between funds are agreed transfers to cover restricted fund deficits, or where other transfers have been agreed by the trustees or with donors.

1f.Tangible Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are shown at historical cost less depreciation. Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by section 96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993. Moveable church furnishing held by the Rector and Churchwardens on special trust for the Parochial Church Council, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected at any reasonable time. For freehold property acquired there was insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets were valued at insurance valuation in the accounts. Items costing more than £150 are capitalized and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic lives.

All expenditure incurred in the year in consecrated or beneficed buildings is written off in the year to which it relates.

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its anticipated useful economic life. A full year's depreciation charge is charged in the year of acquisition and no depreciation is charged in the year of disposal.

Freehold Property	– 2% per annum on straight line basis
Equipment	– 20% per annum on reducing balance basis

Notes to the Accounts

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9. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT..)

1g.Cash Flow Statements

The Charity has taken advantage of the available exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No.1 from producing a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small entity.

1h.Operating Leases

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

1i.Taxation

The Charity has charitable status and is thus exempt from taxation of its income and gains falling within Section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that they are applied to its charitable objectives.

1j.Investments

Investments are stated at market value.

2. Income and endowments

Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Planned Giving	89,390	-	89,390	90,158
Gift Aid Recovered	21,328	427	21,755	25,578
Other Planned Giving	9,293	-	9,293	21,696
Collection Plate	1,033	463	1,496	8,333
Donations	23,261	8,131	31,392	27,103
Legacies	-	-	-	-
Grants	7,353	1,500	8,853	17,805
	<u>£151,658</u>	<u>£10,521</u>	<u>£162,179</u>	<u>£190,673</u>
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2. Income & endowments (Cont...)

Income from Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Parochial Fees	24,038	-	£24,038	26,559
Room Hire	5,076	-	5,076	10,188
Bookstall	89	-	89	1,219
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	£29,203	£-	£29,203	£37,966
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Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising Sales	1,348	13,159	14,507	24,114
Membership Subscriptions	-	1,821	1,821	2,738
Photocopying & Printing	167	-	167	224
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	£1,515	£14,980	£16,495	£27,076
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Investments:-

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Rent Receivable	9,247	-	9,247	13,882
Dividends	391	-	391	74
Interest Receivable	218	-	218	384
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	£9,856	£-	£9,856	£14,340
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2. Income & endowments (Cont...)

Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 £	2019 £
Sundry Receipt	1,887	54	1,941	391
Insurance Claim	-	-	-	3,075
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	£1,887	£54	£1,941	£3,466
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3. Costs of generating voluntary income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 £	2019 £
Other Fundraising Events	-	349	349	2,523
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	£-	£349	£349	£2,523
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4. Church Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 £	2019 £
Grants Payable	2,492	12,702	15,194	29,255
Ministry : diocesan parish share	106,925	-	106,925	99,624
other ministry costs	3,568	3,493	7,061	13,437
Church running expenses	33,247	12,591	45,838	42,838
Church maintenance	18,948	100	19,048	17,644
Upkeep of Churchyard	2,452	-	2,452	11,940
Hall Expenses	8,922	-	8,922	14,823
Parish Centre Expenses	-	-	-	-
Major Repairs	-	-	-	2,461
Mission & Outreach	1,665	38	1,703	1,334
Social & Fellowship	-	22	22	1,211
Parish Administration	25,192	-	25,192	27,548
Youth & Children's Work	217	-	217	385
Bookstall	32	-	32	4,189
Sundries	246	-	246	332
Depreciation	11,032	-	11,032	11,252
Rounding	(4)	-	(4)	-
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	£214,934	£28,946	£243,880	£278,273
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For the Year Ended 31st December 2020

5. Employees and Staff Costs

	2020 £	2019 £
Staff Costs		
Wages and Salaries	38,893	43,096
Social Security Costs	-	-
Pension Costs	-	-
	<u>£38,893</u>	<u>£43,096</u>
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The average number of employees during the year was:- 4

There were no employees with emoluments above the rate of £60,000 per annum.

6. Taxation

There is no Corporation Tax payable in respect of the result for the Year.

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7. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold Property	Equipment	Total
Cost	£	£	£
As at 1 st January 2020	507,588	8,204	515,792
As at 31 st December 2020	£507,588	£8,204	£515,792
Depreciation			
As at 1 st January 2020	38,225	3,804	42,029
Charge for the year	10,152	880	11,032
As at 31 st December 2020	£48,377	£4,684	£53,061
Net Book Value at 31 st December 2019	£469,363	£4,400	£473,763
Net Book Value at 31 st December 2020	£459,211	£3,520	£462,731

8. Investments

<i>Quoted Investments:</i>	£
Market value at 31 st December 2019	10,928
Net unrealised/realised gains on investment assets	778
Market value at 31st December 2020	£11,706

	No. of shares	2020 Market Value	No. of shares	2019 Market Value
CBF Investment Fund	571.41	11,707	571.41	10,928
		£11,707		£10,928

The historical cost of the above investments at 31st December 2020 was £ (2019: £913)

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9. Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Income Tax Recoverable	-	812
Other Debtors	3,878	5,927
	<u>£3,878</u>	<u>£6,739</u>
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10. Creditors: amounts due within 1 year

	2020 £	2019 £
Loans	5,000	5,000
Other Creditors	(178)	1,558
	<u>£4,822</u>	<u>£6,558</u>
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11. Creditors: amounts due in more than 1 year

	2020 £	2019 £
Loan Due in Year 2	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
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12. Unrestricted Funds

	Balance as at 31 st December 2019 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers between Funds £	Gains & Losses £	Balance as at 31 st December 2020 £
General Fund	22,799	192,762	213,493	11,232	778	14,078
Designated Funds						
Fixed Assets	473,763	-	-	(11,032)	-	462,731
New Ministry	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other funds	7,935	1,365	1,449	1,200	-	9,051
Total Funds	<u>£504,497</u>	<u>£194,127</u>	<u>£(214,942)</u>	<u>£1,400</u>	<u>£778</u>	<u>£485,860</u>
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For the Year Ended 31st December 2020

13. Restricted Funds

	Balance as at 31 st December 2019	Income	Expenditure	Transfers between Funds	Gains & Losses	Balance as at 31 st December 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
MANSLED	24	-	-	-	-	2
Toybox	240	720	-	-	-	96
SWACA	166	444	-	-	-	61
Malawi	439	135	-	-400	-	17
Sam PRS	-	879	-	-	-	87
Childsac	1,527	625	1,053	-	-	1,09
CMSLA	-	1,479	-	-	-	1,47
Bell-Ringers	2,433	140	100	-	-	2,47
Breathing Places	2,648	1,500	2,516	-	-	1,63
Golf Society	651	7,240	7,541	-	-	35
St. Luke's Players	952	6,949	7,151	-	-	75
Pram Club	59	85	100	-	-	4
The Way Youth Club	571	420	439	-	-	55
Women's Fellowship	246	197	322	-	-	12
Mission & Giving	728	691	750	-	-	66
Café Church (StoryHouse)	10,297	25	9,322	-1,000	-	
Tearfund	-	538	-	-	-	53
Keystone	6,556	1,852	-	-	-	8,40
SL	-	1,635	-	-	-	1,63
Arocha	11	-	-	-	-	1
Total Funds	£27,548	£25,554	£(29,294)	£(1,400)	£-	£22,40

14. Analysis of Net Assets between funds

	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Investments £	Net Current Assets / (Liabilities) £	Long Term Liabilities £	Net Assets £
Unrestricted	462,731	11,707	11,422	-	485,860
Restricted	-	-	22,408	-	22,408
	<u>£462,731</u>	<u>£11,707</u>	<u>£33,830</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£508,268</u>
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St Luke, Great Crosby, Liverpool

**Annual Report
of the
Parochial Church Council**

For the year ended 31 December 2020

Administrative Information

St Luke's Church, 71 Liverpool Road, Crosby, Liverpool L23 5SE

Telephone Number: 0151 931 3119

Office correspondence to Parish Administrator (Gaynor Robertson), Parish Centre, at the above address.

For the period 1 January 2020 until the date of approval for this report, the following people served as PCC members:

Vicar:	Rev Amanda Bruce	(Chair)
SSM Curate:	Rev Jackie Parry	
Church Wardens:	Mrs Agnes Law Dr Colin Stephens	
Vice Chair:	Mr John Turner	
Treasurer:	Dr Caroline Ramsey	(from Dec 2017)
Secretary:	Mrs Rosemary Turner	
Deanery Synod Representatives:	Mrs Rosemary Turner Mrs Zorina Jones Dr Caroline Ramsey Mr Keith Cawdron Vacant	(from APCM 2020) (from APCM 2020) (from APCM 2019) (from APCM 2020)
General Synod Lay Reader rep	Mr Keith Cawdron	
Elected Members:	Mrs Marina Penzie Mrs Jeannie Metcalfe Mr Colin Gill Mr John Turner Mr Brian Cranny Mr Jim Stewart Mrs Jane Stephens Mrs Diane McMaster Mrs Lesley Deninson Mrs Carole Firth Mrs Karen Austin-Smith Miss Michelle Heaps	(from APCM 2020) (from May 2017) (from APCM 2018) (from APCM 2018) (from APCM 2019) (from APCM 2019) (from APCM 2019) (from APCM 2019) (from APCM 2019) (from APCM 2020) (from APCM 2020) (from APCM 2020)
Ex-officio Clergy	Rev. Dave Lowrie Rev. Margaret Quayle Rev. Barbara Chambers	

Bankers:	Barclays Bank, 18-22 Liverpool Road, Crosby, Liverpool L23 5SF
Independent Examiner:	Mr. Tony Deegan, Community Accountant, (from Jan 18) Sefton CVS, 3rd Floor, North Wing, Burlington
House	Crosby Road North, Waterloo L22 0LG
Legal Advisers:	Black Norman, 67-71 Coronation Road, Crosby, Liverpool, L23 5RE
Quinquennial Architect:	Mr Bill Schafer, 56 Belvidere Road, Ashton in Makerfield, WN14 8RU

Day to day management control of the Church is exercised by the Vicar and Church Wardens.

Structure, Management and Governance

St Luke's Church PCC is a body corporate and operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules.

The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission, number 1128698 the method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.

All church members are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC operates two sub committees: The Standing Committee and World Mission Group.

The Standing Committee prepares the agenda for the Parochial Church Council meetings and transacts any business that it has been empowered to do so. It also acts as a finance committee. Membership comprises: Vicar, vice-chair, Churchwardens, PCC Secretary, PCC Treasurer and one person elected by the PCC.

The World Mission Group, on behalf of the PCC, encourages support for annually agreed people and projects.

The Eco Group continue to promote Eco church and activities within the community.

PCC members have all been made aware of their responsibilities as trustees and understand basic health and safety, risk assessment and management, safeguarding of vulnerable adults and child protection procedures.

Risk assessments:

The PCC are mindful of their responsibilities in making their decisions.

Financial risk:

The treasurer reports to each PCC meeting on the income and expenditure. The standing committee acts as a finance committee to support and advise. Investments are only made in approved low risk funds for charity use or where funds might support the Archbishop of Canterbury's initiative to create a fairer financial system for the whole community.

Health and safety

The PCC have appointed Mr Jim Stewart a member of the church with specific experience in this field to ensure that they are compliant with procedures and are made aware of changes. The Health and Safety policy is reviewed annually.

Child and Vulnerable Adult protection

The PCC had appointed Mr John Webster as Child Protection Officer and Mr Alistair Hanlon-Green as Safeguarding Officer. The PCC offers their thanks for all they have done in ensuring that the Parish is compliant with good Safeguarding practice and policy. Our policies are in line with those of the Diocese of Liverpool.

GDPR

The PCC appointed Mr Colin Gill as GDPR officer. The PCC offers thanks for all he has done in ensuring our systems and practices are GDPR compliant, especially as we introduced a new data management system, ChurchSuite.

Operational risk

If the church building could not be used for any reason, the church hall would be used.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956 states the PCC "is to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical".

When planning activities for the year, the PCC gave consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance to charities concerned with the advancement of religion.

Review of our Achievements and performance in the year 2020

The Covid 19 Pandemic during 2020 significantly lessened opportunities to progress the mission plan or to review it. Discussions have been had within digital forums to consider this further.

Our current vision

"Follow Christ and Share His love by serving our Community"

Our values

All Involved,
Becoming Disciples,
Creating Community,
Doing Evangelism,
Encountering God,
Facilitating change.

Prevailing Scriptures for the new year:

- Micah 6.8: '...What is good has been explained to you, man; this is what Yahweh asks of you: only this, to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God' (The Jerusalem Bible).
- Matt 22.37-39: "You shall love the Lord your God with all heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself" (NRSV).

Our Purpose is to Follow Jesus and Share God's love by Serving our community

St Luke's Church is called to partner with Jesus Christ in building his Kingdom in and around Crosby,

enabling social and spiritual change through
our partnerships with other agencies and
our involvement in our community.

We aim to be...

...a Christ-centred worshipping Community of Hospitality,
whose hallmarks are welcome, invitation, hospitality, generosity and fun.

We aim to create...

...Christ-centred hubs of worship, care and fun that enrich the lives of all people by transforming oppression to freedom, loneliness to friendship, poverty to security, fear to generosity, independence to inter-dependence, striving to flourishing, comfort to challenge.

We choose to do this by learning to live up to the following **values**:

A – All Involved...

...believing that all people are valuable and have gifts to offer, we all aim to be involved in making community life happen.

B – Being Disciples...

...believing that Christ is our model, redeemer and King, we aim to learn to be like Jesus and follow his ways of justice and healing.

C – Creating Community...

...believing that Community was God's gift to us, we aim to be both involved in and help to form communities based on God's love, generosity and care.

D – Doing Evangelism...

...believing that God loves all people, we aim to make known and share his love through serving our community in practical and life-giving ways.

E – Encountering God...

...believing that who we are and what we do should be based in God, we aim to encounter God through worship and action both individually and corporately.

F – Facilitating Change...

...believing that change is inherent to the People of God, we aim to grow into greater spiritual maturity as pilgrims and disciples.

Summary of review of objectives...

The start of 2020 saw the start of the Covid pandemic then the resulting lockdowns and impact on church activities. Much of the early part of the year was taken up with responding to changing regulations.

We were quickly able to offer a weekly online pre-recorded service, which was delivered to those without connectivity as a DVD. Online Zoom coffee chat was also started and proved very popular with many church members. Sermon series' continued and in Autumn we had a series on Creation. As and when church attendance has been permitted, a Sunday service was resumed, whilst maintaining the online presence. Extra activities such as 'Listening to God' prayer evenings and social events were organised through Zoom. Many church members were involved in both the online services and in church services, with rotas managed by the office and the IT team.

Our IT database system, 'ChurchSuite', has proved its value in resourcing online events and ensuring that church members received information as required. Our databases have been reviewed and updated throughout the year and continue to improve. All information is treated as per GDPR requirements, and monitored by our GDPR officer.

In the grounds, work has continued through a mix of employee and volunteers within restrictions. It has not been possible to undertake any of the community events in the church grounds.

The Pastoral Care team continued to provide care for those in our church and community via phone calls and doorstep visits.

Small groups have been encouraged to follow the sermon series and to continue to meet via Zoom and this has largely been successful. Messaging Apps have also proved to be popular ways of maintaining contact. Whilst hindered and delayed by Covid lockdown (like so much else), the process of developing discipleship and leadership through the Kairos Learning Community teachings has been built on by the Vicar's study leave in late 2019. Specifically the teachings within the Purpose-Driven Church movement seemed useful and to fit within the parish context of St Luke's Crosby, following teaching at the Leader's day away in 2019 and further investigation and thought. A St Luke's Membership Course was then run in Autumn of 2020 based this material.

Links with the Church school have been maintained through visits, when allowed, by the Vicar, Rev. Amanda, who is also the link Governor for year 6. Lesley Deninson continues to chair the Governing body.

The membership of any Anglican church is often signified by the Electoral Roll. In 2020 there were 236 members.

Worship

Attendance figures

- Sundays from 5th January – 15th March - is 145 adults with 21 children.
- Wednesday morning for Holy Communion was, on average, 10 adults
- Attendance figures for Easter Day were 0 due to the pandemic.
- An act of worship is led weekly in St Luke's Halsall primary school, when the school was open.

All Christmas services unfortunately were not attended due to the pandemic. We are indebted to all those who have help prepare and lead our worship when we have been able.

We took 3 weddings for which wedding preparation sessions were held. We also took 27 funerals and thanks go to Hazel Large and Vera De Villiers who undertook bereavement calling afterwards. In November we had a Memorial Day of Reflection when the church was open with a walk through for reflection and prayer for people to remember those who had died over the past couple of years. We also conducted 4 baptisms.

Pastoral Care and service to our community

A report from those organising our cell groups, pastoral visiting team, home communion visiting, Living with Loss, Women's Fellowship, Mother's Union, Keystone (for carers of people with dementia) and prayer ministry can be found in our organisations' report.

Youth and children's work

A report from those organising our work with those aged 0-18 on Sundays, uniformed organisations, toddler group (Stepping Stones/Pram Club), Double Digits, TAG (Teenagers and God) and The Way can be found in our organisations' report.

Church Schools

We value highly our links with St. Luke's Halsall Church of England primary school. A number of church members are on the Governing Body or on the staff of the school or volunteer in some capacity. A dedicated team of clergy and Lay people also take assemblies each week.

Other Churches

We are full members of Churches Together in Great Crosby and members of the Sefton Deanery (Church of England)

Church Buildings Mr Paul Beardwood is maintenance manager and oversees any work required on any of our buildings and Renee Orme cleans all the buildings to a high standard. Renee was furloughed as necessary and was able to return to work as required.

The Parish Centre is usually the office of the Church Administrator, Gaynor Robertson, and her team of volunteers. Gaynor has worked from home for most of 2020 and the office has been closed. Volunteers have delivered the Service DVDs and Newsletters. The Vicarage porch has become a place for collection and drop off for all church members. The rest of the parish centre has been closed throughout 2020.

Church Grounds

Mr Dan Dean works in the graveyard alongside a dedicated team of volunteers to maintain it. As part of our mission in the local community, we continue to make our church grounds look very attractive and have developed many garden areas open to all. Volunteers have attended throughout the year on an individual basis to work in the grounds.

Factors relevant to the achievement of our stated objectives

We were very fortunate to have many members of the church who were able to volunteer their services where and when required during this difficult year when so many have had to isolate at home.

Finance, Giving and Fundraising continue to be a witness as to how God is providing for his work in this place even with our forever increasing commitments. We have a large increasing parish share which contributes towards the cost of ministry both in our own parish and other churches right across the diocese. Our main source of income was again the direct giving by our members and reclaimed Gift Aid tax. We finished the year with a small deficit.

Mission and charitable giving the church community has been challenged to respond to the question "How much should I keep?" rather than 'How much should I give?'

The financial outlook for the future continues to pose questions for the PCC, because a high proportion of the direct giving by the congregation is given by those over 70 years of age. We are trying to reach out to younger members and encouraging them, when they are ready, to join our planned giving scheme.

Reserves Policy It is the PCC's wish to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds that equates to three months expenditure, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time.

Strategic Objectives for 2021:

As we transition out of the Covid lockdowns and into more face-to-face meetings and social activity again, with communitywork once again allowed, we are reviewing our objectives although our purpose and aims remain the same:

Our current vision

"Follow Christ and Share His love by serving our Community"

Our values

All Involved,
Becoming Disciples,
Creating Community,
Doing Evangelism,
Encountering God,
Facilitating change.

Our Purpose is to Follow Jesus and Share God's love by Serving our community

St Luke's Church is called to
partner with Jesus Christ in building his Kingdom in and around Crosby,
enabling social and spiritual change through
our partnerships with other agencies and
our involvement in our community.

We aim to be...

...a Christ-centred worshipping Community of Hospitality,
whose hallmarks are welcome, invitation, hospitality, generosity and fun.

We aim to create...

...Christ-centred hubs of worship, care and fun that enrich the lives of all people by transforming oppression to freedom, loneliness to friendship, poverty to security, fear to generosity, independence to inter-dependence, striving to flourishing, comfort to challenge.

Objectives for 2021:

Our main objective for 2021, as we journey back to a more communityway of life, is to review how we meet the vision and purpose we feel we have been given and are called to.

As we review and re-establish our long-term objectives during 2021 we are aware that there are changes that need making. Specifically, our objectives need to include a fuller digital and electronic presence within the community and across the church, our worship needs to become more accessible and we need to recognise and respond to the felt needs of those in our community more fully, socially, pastorally and spiritually.

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