

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST CHADS CHURCH ROMILEY

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Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-07-30
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Activities

Objects: Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church.

Activities: Outreach to the community of Romiley including Alpha courses, Just for Dads, Mums and Tots, Depression Group, Counselling Services, Groups for Youth and Children

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL
- Cheshire East
- Derbyshire
- Stockport

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£356,590	£402,594	-	-
2024-12-31	£406,376	£342,405	-	-
2023-12-31	£327,265	£279,404	-	-
2022-12-31	£302,222	£260,371	-	-
2021-12-31	£247,442	£249,586	-	-
2020-12-31	£255,556	£239,752	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
REV RICHARD LUKE PENNYSTAN	Chair	2012-04-11
Andrew Goddard		2020-10-19
George Burghel		2023-04-23
HELEN BRAY		2020-10-19
Jan Ford		2020-10-19
Jeanette Simpson		2017-04-30
John Arnold Macaulay		2023-04-23
KIRSTIE GODDARD		2020-10-19
Kate Kuyt		2025-05-11
MARK WARBURTON		2014-04-30
Pamela Greenland		2025-05-11
Paul Adshead		2015-04-29
RUTH OTTO		
Rev Kathryn Wade		2024-04-28
Robert John Bucknall		2022-04-03
Robert Williams Rob		2021-04-26
Ros Lloyd		2025-05-11
Sarah Whitelegg		2026-05-11

Accounts

Annual Report 2025



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Letter from the Vicar



As we reflect on 2025, I do so with deep gratitude for God's faithfulness to us as a church family. The year has been marked by steady growth, significant transition, deepened prayer, missional engagement, and careful navigation of complex times within both Church and society. While much of our life together is found in the faithful, week-by-week rhythms of worship, discipleship and pastoral care, there have also been key milestones and developments that shape our story this year.

Prayer and Spiritual Depth

If one theme has stood out above others, it has been a growing commitment to prayer and to "giving God space." Our monthly prayer gatherings have continued to be a highlight of each month, with attendance increasing and a tangible sense of God's presence deepening as the year has progressed. We have intentionally developed a stronger integration of worship and prayer within these evenings, and many have testified to powerful encounters with God.

In May, our focused prayer events were particularly encouraging, and during the summer we undertook 100 hours of prayer in the Sanctuary. Although momentum took time to build, it became a beautiful and significant period in which many committed intentional time with the Lord. It reinforced our desire to see the Sanctuary increasingly used as a place of encounter and intercession.

Prayer has also been strengthening within our small groups. Following a survey and conversations with leaders in September, it was encouraging to hear of the spiritual vitality, discipleship and friendship taking place across our groups. These remain a central context for pastoral care, growth and belonging within St Chads.

Our preaching series this year have contributed significantly to our depth of discipleship. The series on 1 Corinthians challenged and shaped us early in the year; Proverbs laid wise foundations during the summer; and the autumn series in Daniel felt particularly timely, helping us think biblically about faithful living in complex and polarised times.

Evangelism, Alpha and Signs of Spiritual Openness

We began the year with Alpha, which proved deeply encouraging. While numbers reduced after the first session - particularly among younger attendees - the group that continued represented a rich mix of ages and backgrounds. The Holy Spirit day was especially significant, with several making commitments and choosing to be baptised. As always, Alpha reminds us that fruitfulness is not measured only in numbers but in transformed lives.

Throughout the year we have sensed signs - both locally and more widely - of renewed spiritual openness. While the wider Church of England continues to experience institutional strain and the national safeguarding crisis has created anxiety and uncertainty, we are also hearing increasing accounts of intellectual openness to faith and of individuals encountering God in personal and unexpected ways. We continue to pray that we would steward this season faithfully, keeping our focus on Jesus rather than allowing negative headlines to shape our outlook.

Our outreach into the community has remained strong. Events such as the Neon Disco, Halloween outreach, presence at the Romiley Christmas Market, Café Carols and seasonal LifeCentre activities have built bridges and created space for Jesus-centred conversations. The annual Memorial Service, though smaller in number than some previous years, was deeply meaningful for those who attended.

We added an extra service of baptisms and confirmations in late November, as evidence of ongoing spiritual growth within our church family.

Children, Youth and Families

2025 has been a year of both transition and strengthening in our children's and youth ministries. You can read more detail in later reports so I will share just some headlines.

We appointed Hannah as Young Families Lead earlier in the year, and later appointed Anna as Youth Ministry Co-ordinator following excellent interview processes for both. Both have settled well into the staff team, and it has been encouraging to see renewed clarity and momentum emerging. Dave's priesting in June was another significant moment, and his growing ministry continues to be a gift to us.

Sunday Kids ministry has seen increasing numbers (averaging around 25–30 children weekly in Kids church and a growing number in Minis), alongside God raising up new leaders of real calibre. There is a noticeable hunger among the children to worship, and leaders have embraced this with enthusiasm. Mini Church has experimented creatively, and is bursting with life and numbers.

Youth ministry continues to grow in depth. We said “goodbye” to Zeke in the summer, and we are grateful for how his ministry grew amongst us, and the love the young people had for him. Anna and Dave and their growing team have brought a new season, with a depth of discipleship and it is a joy to see the friendships amongst our young people develop across a wide age range.

Hannah's leadership has brought a fresh direction to Mini Chadders and it continues to thrive under her leadership. We continue to point those who attend to know Jesus, and generate so many relationships and connections through this ministry. We are also building connections into healthcare networks and EarlyLife. Just4Dads has transitioned to a monthly rhythm, which has made it more manageable and sustainable.

Midweek ministries have adapted wisely. BLAST has shifted towards an event-based model, reflecting current volunteer and attendance capacity, while school engagement has increased. Visits from local primary school classes, gospel-centred sessions, and developing reading support teams represent important missional investment.

LifeCentre and Community Engagement

The LifeCentre continues to be a vital missional hub. The prophetic and scriptural wall art has stimulated a noticeable increase in faith conversations, rooted in our priority of prayer and intentional hospitality. Volunteer culture remains strong, evidenced in the well-attended thank-you evening and the generous spirit among the team. Christmas activities were fully booked, and creative events provide relational pathways for deeper engagement.

Cherry Tree projects - Warm Space, Food Provision, Uniform for All and the Hub - remain crucial expressions of our service to the community. Rachel, Jill and their volunteer teams continue to navigate both logistical challenges and pastoral complexities with wisdom. Warm Space, in particular, has become not only practical provision but also a place of testimony, prayer and worship. Harvest generosity and additional donations have strengthened food provision, and partnership working remains a key value.

Oasis continues to provide a warm and welcoming space, with good team support structures and ongoing operational strengthening. The pastoral visiting team maintains regular contact with around 15 individuals, including care home ministry and home communion, ensuring that those unable to attend church remain connected. We want to express special thanks to Ian Dixon, who is stepping down from many years of faithfully serving many with home communion.

Church Life, Leadership and Team

One of the great encouragements this year has been the unity and health of the staff team. With Katie as Associate Vicar, Dave established in St Chads, and the addition of Hannah and Anna, we are developing sustainable rhythms of collaboration and shared leadership.

Our Ministry Leadership Team (MLT) has met regularly for prayer, biblical reflection and strategic discussion. In 2025 we considered: ‘Are we ready for the Quiet Revival?’, giving God space in church life, and the Blended consultation. We chose not only to discuss but to worship, pray and listen together.

Following wide input, we have reshaped Blended services. Renamed ‘All Age’ (for now), they will move to a half-termly rhythm with a broader team, including children and youth, from January. This reflects our conviction that all-age worship remains central to God's vision for us.

September's Reset Sunday in the refurbished Guywood was a joyful time of worship and fellowship. Integrating communion and lunch expressed our desire to connect encountering God with community life.

We have also navigated challenges, including clarifying the purpose of church WhatsApp groups amid wider political polarisation. These realities call us to model biblical faithfulness, gracious disagreement and relational unity.

Wider Partnerships and Formation

Mission partnerships remain important. We welcomed Sam Miller from Open Doors to preach, and the Missions Committee sustains these links. Due to higher income in 2024, the PCC gave a one-off gift to St Barnabas Hattersley, received as a direct answer to prayer.

Eighty-four members attended New Wine Festival, which was impactful across generations, especially for younger families.

I hope you enjoy reading this report and discover more about the life of St Chads.

Richard Pennystan



Wardens' report

It is always a blessing when writing this report to reflect on God's faithfulness. We are so blessed at St Chads to receive great teaching from Richard, Katie and Dave, and to have so many other gifted people who give of their time and gifts to serve God in our community. We want to express our thanks to Jane, Alys and Ian for all the work they do to help the church run legally, smoothly and warm.

As we said last year, part of the Wardens' traditional role is looking after our buildings. This year's larger projects were mainly focussed on the Guywood, installing an amazing new kitchen and dealing with damp and woodworm issues. Huge thanks to the team who organised this, enabling the many groups who meet there to continue to enjoy the fantastic space.

Hannah Bettany joined us as our Young Families lead, and looks after Mini Chadders (formerly Prammys), Baby Buddies and Just 4 dads. She has brought fresh ideas to the groups and relationships continue to be built and strengthened.

Prayer is central to all we do at St Chads; the monthly prayer times are so encouraging. The Sanctuary continues to provide a special place for personal or corporate prayer; a place where members of the public can experience God's presence. During the week there is a morning prayer time, Monday to Thursday 9-9.20, which is a great way to start the day, plus two Zoom prayer meetings - Monday and Thursday at 7am.

The Eco team have continued to look at how we can be good stewards of our environment. We have had new LED lights installed in the Guywood and a new bike rack at the front of church. We held our Great Big Green Day on a lovely sunny day in July. Lots of people from the community came along and we linked with Greave Primary School for a competition which was judged on the day at Guywood.

There has been further outreach into the Village. On Halloween a team blessed people with hot chocolate and the message that Jesus loves them. At Christmas we joined in the Christmas market, with nativity-themed photo opportunities and invitations to the Christmas services and information about Alpha.



Zeke left at the end of July and Anna Macaulay was appointed to take on the role of Youth Ministry Co-ordinator. We are so encouraged to see our young people in church and sharing in the life of the church.

Our two Sunday Services (9.15am Parish Communion and 11am Informal Worship) and our mid-week communion (Wednesday 11am) have continued to flourish, providing our parish with diverse ways to worship and meet together. The 11am service is still live-streamed on YouTube. We had the privilege of two baptism services this year, so powerful to hear and see what God is doing in people's lives.

We are so grateful to everyone who volunteers and serves at St Chads; from welcoming people on a Sunday, serving in the Kids and Youth ministry, sound, projection, leading worship, serving coffee - the list goes on. During the week many serve at Oasis, LifeCentre, Cherry Tree, Early Life, Food Provision, and leading youth and small groups, not forgetting cleaning.

Please read the separate reports to see details of all these ministries. It is sometimes a challenge to fill all of our volunteer spaces and if you feel you can help serve on any of our teams please contact the church office.

Our APCM was held during a joint Sunday morning service in April. The PCC met bi-monthly and held an away morning to pray and think through God's vision for St Chads. The MLT (Ministry Leadership Team) for those who lead ministries attached to St Chads meets four times a year to receive teaching, to share vision and hear from each other about what God is doing. The MLT also joined the PCC away mornings.

In the summer New Wine United returned to Shepton Mallet, it was an opportunity for many of the Church family to spend quality time together, enjoy worshipping with thousands and receive great teaching. Many of our church family served on team. If you're interested in going this year, then speak to anyone who went last year about how amazing it was.

Reports on finances, facilities and other changes are covered elsewhere but we close by thanking God for everyone at St Chads who has furthered God's Kingdom here in Romiley.

Jan Ford & Andrew Goddard



PCC report

Whilst much of the work of the PCC necessarily involves spreadsheets, policies and procedures, there has also been a great deal of joy in our PCC meetings over the past year. Officially, St Chads PCC is a registered charity with responsibility for cooperating with the Incumbent in promoting, within the parish, the whole mission of the Church — pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical (PCC (Powers) Measure 1956). In practice, however, it is much more than this. The PCC is a group of friends, united by a shared love for Jesus and his Church, seeking in prayer, love and unity to keep our focus on our three strategic anchors: glorifying God, loving community, and following Jesus.

The PCC has responsibility for the overall oversight of St Chads, including budgeting and finances; the management of buildings and facilities; health and safety; safeguarding; employment and recruitment; volunteer support; policy matters; and ecumenical and diocesan engagement. PCC members and Deanery Synod Representatives are elected for three-year terms. Officers of the PCC (such as the Treasurer) and members of the Standing Committee are elected annually following the Annual Meeting. The Standing Committee meets regularly and is authorised to make decisions and transact business between PCC meetings where necessary.

St Chads PCC has adopted the Church of England's safeguarding policy, Promoting a Safer Church, and has complied with its duties under Section Five of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016. All staff and volunteers whose roles involve working with children or vulnerable adults are recruited in accordance with the House of Bishops' Safer Recruitment Practice Guidance, and safeguarding training is undertaken in line with Church of England requirements.

Main items of governance and discussion in 2025:

- Recruitment of a Young Families Worker and a Youth Ministry Coordinator.
- Governance and stewardship of St Chads financial resources, including the review and oversight of governance policies and procedures.

- Ongoing oversight of the fabric of our buildings. During 2025, particular focus was given to the Guywood building. Works undertaken included the repair of the wooden floor affected by woodworm; repair and replastering of walls following water damage; replacement of lighting with LED equivalents; and a major refurbishment of the Guywood kitchen.
- Review of the church sound system.
- Governance and stewardship of Chads financial resources.
- A faculty agreement and repair to the two quatrefoils on the south-facing roof of church, removal of the large leylandii in the garden on 21 Guywood Lane and lowering the hedge at the rear of the Guywood.

PCC 2025

Pauls Adshead	
Helen Bray*	Treasurer/Deanery Synod
Robert Bucknall	
George Burghel	Joined 2024
Andrew Cursham	Stepped down
Jan Ford*	Warden
Kirstie Goddard	
Andrew Goddard*	Warden
Pam Greenland	
Marilyn Gregory	Stepped down
Carl Grimsditch	Stepped down
Jane Higginbottom*	Secretary
Dave Hill	Clergy
Kate Kuyt	
Ros Lloyd	Deanery Synod
John Macaulay	
Ruth Otto	Deanery Synod
Richard Pennystan*	Chair
Jeanette Simpson	
Katie Wade	Clergy
Mark Warburton	
Rob Williams	

*Standing Committee Member

Andrew, Marilyn and Carl have stepped down from PCC this year. Thank you for their service to the PCC and to St Chads.

Sidespersons

Church Representation Rules mean Sidespersons are elected by the PCC following the APCM.

Thank you to Malcolm Booker, Frank Moseley, Craig Fairfield and Geoff Walton for their willingness to serve for another year.

Fabric & Facilities

A huge thank you to Ian Otto and for all that he does, seen and unseen, ensuring that our buildings are in good working order.

Ongoing upkeep of our buildings including: PAT testing, fire safety, lightening conductor inspections, piano and organ tuning, gas safety checks, air-conditioning and insurance.

We are working on a programme of building maintenance for Church and The Guywood including in 2025, the church roof and the kitchen floor at the Guywood.

We are still awaiting the report on our five year church building inspection, the Quinquennial, that took place in 2020/21. A new inspection was undertaken in November and we are awaiting the findings.

Deanery Synod

The Deanery Synod is the group of our 10 local Anglican churches that provides an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. Four members of the PCC currently sit on Deanery Synod. The Deanery Synod met three times this year and some of the discussions included the following subjects:

- Growing and sustaining the Church
- Becoming an inviting and welcoming Church

Electoral Roll

The roll was fully revised in 2025 as part of the six-year Church of England cycle and governance. We currently have 207 people on the Electoral Roll of St Chads.

The PCC employs five part time members of staff:

Alys Bassett	Operations Assistant
Hannah Bettany	Young Families Lead
Ernie Cooper	Verger (unpaid)
Jane Higginbottom	Head of Operations
Anna Macaulay	Youth Ministry Coordinator
Ian Otto	Facilities Manager

There are also many, many volunteers across all areas of church life. Thank you to EVERYONE who serves.



Finance Report

We continue to thank God for his ongoing provision to us through the generosity of our church family by way of regular giving, donations and legacies. A summary can be found on the Finance page of this report. Full accounts are available in church or by request to Jane in the church office.

The PCC sets the annual budget in faith and monitor both the budget comparison and cashflow regularly.

We thank Jane Higginbottom, who manages the daily financial affairs of our church and John Simpson, our Independent Examiner.

Helen Bray

Finance

Missional Giving

Each year the PCC sets a Mission budget based on 10% of the full income of the previous account year. This is given to missionary organisations, activities and individuals at home and overseas. The Missions Committee oversees how we distribute these funds, together with PCC.

Most of the Mission Budget is given as regular support to organisations and individuals where there is a link with St Chads. As a rule, we review this regular giving on a two-yearly basis, unless something significant changes.

Each year we retain a smaller part of our Mission budget to be used flexibly during the year. This fund has been used to support members of the church family who are undertaking short term mission trips. The fund also supports local community needs and occasional gifts to other charities.

This year we were delighted to support both local and worldwide charities with gifts at Christmas. Below are the full 2025 details of our regular support and one-off gifts. We have seen people filled with overflowing love in our church family this year, contributing financially to the following Mission Partners:

Mission Partners

YEAR FUND	£2,400
CMS & SAMS	£1,200
MESSAGE TRUST	£1,200
BIBLE SOCIETY	£1,200
ALEXANDRIA LIBRARY	£1,200
NEW WINE	£2,400
THE HAMILTONS	£2,400
OPEN DOORS	£1,200
FUSION	£1,200
CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY	£1,200
NAKED TRUTH	£1,200
NORA STURGES HEALTH CENTRE	£1,200
CHRISTIANS IN SCHOOLS	£2,400
GLO	£1,500
AMAR (KBF)	£2,400
ST BARNABUS HATTERSLEY	£1,500
TOTAL	£ 25,800

We are so grateful for the continuous regular giving from our church family. The vast majority of our missional works and ongoing costs can only happen because of these donations and the gift aid we receive because of them.

Christmas Generosity

Your Christmas generosity was again overwhelming with (after available gift aid) over £4000 given in support of our initiatives.

Your giving enabled us to donate £900 to the Cherry Tree Project Christmas Food Hampers initiative and distribute 55 Christmas food vouchers and gifts to bless both our church family and the wider community, including families highlighted through our three local schools.

Money was more than matched with people's time, generosity and prayer, reaching out to our church family and community through Sundays and mid-week outreach activities, demonstrating Loving Community in action. THANK YOU

One Off Gifts

In addition to the regular support of our Mission Partners the balance of the mission budget was given to support local partners, members of our church on short term mission trips and some one off gifts to specific charities covering a range of our values including emergency response. In 2025 we gave various gifts totalling £14,800.

Headline Figures

Income 2025	
Donations & legacies	£335,172
Other income	£ 21,418
	£356,590
Expenditure 2025	
Grants & world mission	£40,600
Church activities	£145,236
Church maintenance & admin	£210,759
	£402,594
Surplus expenditure over income	£46,004
Cash at bank and short term investments	£174,471



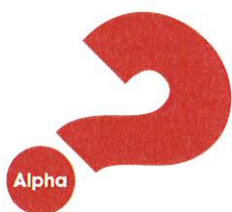
Following Jesus

Alpha

In 2025, we ran two Alpha courses; an evening course in the spring term at the LifeCentre and then another one running up to Christmas in a home.

It is such a privilege and joy to journey with people who are asking questions and searching for Jesus. We had fun, made new friends, ate (probably too much!), and met Jesus together. And then the Holy Spirit came ... Two people were also baptised at the end of November as a result of doing Alpha – fabulous!

Thanks to all who helped – welcoming, running groups, cooking and washing up. We couldn't do it without you.



Kirstie Goddard

TNT & TBN

TNT (Ages 11–15)

It's been a joy to welcome new faces into TNT this year. After a lively (and slightly chaotic!) start, the group has settled into a strong rhythm. We've seen genuine joy and spiritual growth as young people explore what it means to have a faith of their own. Learning to read the Bible, pray, and connect with God in ways they can understand has been incredibly encouraging. Friends have been invited along, joining in the fun and the journey of faith, and we're excited for this to become the norm in 2026. Recently, we've been exploring the Gospel of Mark through our "Lead Like Jesus" series – one session looked at the idea of Jesus being interruptible, and how God can surprise us with new opportunities when life doesn't go to plan – this really struck a cord.

TBN (Ages 15–18)

Across TBN, we've seen young people grow in character, confidence, and leadership. Many are living this out in school and beyond – leading prayer, engaging deeply with Scripture, and contributing thoughtfully to discussions.

Youth Church

This year has been one of growth, transition, and real momentum across our youth community. Following the summer, many of our young people returned full of passion after serving at New Wine and attending Luminosity. Alongside this, we experienced a transition in leadership that opened the door for new voices, fresh ideas, and renewed vision. Across all our youth spaces, we've seen deeper friendships forming and faith being lived out more confidently.

Youth Church has continued to thrive, with increased crossover between Sunday Youth Church and midweek groups. Relationships have been strengthened, building a stronger sense of belonging. One of the highlights of the year was our Youth Takeover Service. It gave young people the opportunity to use their gifts, serve the wider church, and experience what it means to be part of the whole body of Christ. The excitement around planning the next Youth Takeover is already building, and it's clear how empowering these moments are for our young people.

Anna Macaulay

One standout topic requested by the group was "healthy ambition". We hosted a panel with church members working in various spheres of society, giving young people space to ask honest questions and dream about the future. Several youth chose to be baptised in November, publicly declaring their faith. Others have been on or they are preparing for mission trips in the UK and overseas, which has been hugely encouraging for the whole church, as they share testimonies of their experiences.

We are so thankful for our incredible youth teams. Their energy, care, creativity, and faith have shaped every session. Welcoming new team members has brought fresh perspectives and valuable experience, and we're excited to continue building the team – especially within Youth Church on Sundays. With growing links to local church youth groups, OneLife Conference, and plans for a weekend away, we look ahead to 2026 with faith and expectation. God is clearly at work among our young people, and we're excited to see what He has in store next.

Anna Macaulay

Following Jesus

Mini Church & Kids Church

Over the past 12 months, it has been a joy to welcome several new members into our Mini & Kids Church family. Sunday mornings have been filled with fun and meaningful activities, allowing children to explore God's special truths through multi-sensory experiences such as story time, prayer, craft, and games. It has been a privilege to witness the children grow in their knowledge of God and to see them regularly demonstrate their understanding of His love for them. They are truly forming a vibrant community of young Jesus followers.

This year, Mini's & Kid's Church has been a beautiful reminder of how eager children are to grow in their faith and deepen their understanding of God. Week after week, we see His presence in their lives, and it is an incredible blessing to witness their spiritual growth and enthusiasm.

Our group at Chads is remarkable. Each child is on their own journey of getting to know Jesus and discovering who He has made them to be. As leaders, we have the privilege of joining them on this journey for just an hour each week, and it has been deeply rewarding. Through numerous creative activities, the children consistently bring creativity, colour, and energy beyond anything we as leaders could imagine.

The children have demonstrated a profound hunger to know God. They are learning how to wait on Him through stillness and quiet reflection, and some have even shared that they hear from God during these times—an inspiring testament to their openness to His voice.

Kids Church has become an environment where children are not only learning about the Bible but also applying its teachings to their daily lives. Their curiosity is evident in the thoughtful questions they ask and the meaningful discussions they engage in. Many children are reading their Bibles regularly and sharing what they learn with friends. For our younger children in Mini's, we strive to bring Bible stories to life in creative and engaging ways, helping them connect with God's Word in a way that is both fun and meaningful.

As a team, with Katie and Alys encouraging, resourcing, and nurturing the team through meetings and shared leadership, it is a joy-filled environment and a true privilege to be serving together in this ministry.

The following reflection, shared by a member of the Mini Church team, captures a meaningful moment that highlights the heart and impact of our ministry with young children:

"During one Sunday morning in Mini Church, I was particularly struck by the warmth and confidence of the children. As I sat down, one child approached me to say hello of her own accord, and as worship began, another came to proudly show me her toy. Throughout the worship time, several of the girls gathered near the end of our row waving, dancing, and playing with joy and freedom. At the close of the service, my husband remarked, 'You were very popular this morning,' which beautifully captured the spirit of the moment.

God placed strongly on my heart that morning the significance of what is happening within Mini Church. At present, the group is made up entirely of girls — unusual for this age group — and it felt like a clear reminder that we are nurturing and discipling young girls of God. These are girls whom He knows deeply, loves completely, and has plans for, and whom He is faithfully shaping into women who will walk confidently in Him."

As we reflect on this past year, we are filled with gratitude for all that God has done in Mini's & Kid's Church. Yet we believe there is still much more to come. With your continued prayers, support, and perhaps even your involvement, we can continue to make a lasting impact on the lives of these children.

Mini Church & Kids Church Team



Glorifying God

Worship

The worshipping life of our church is about so much more than music, but here's a flavour of that part of it!

We are always trying to keep our music fresh and new, without losing a sense of familiarity, so we all feel at home when singing in worship. Our list of songs is ever-changing – we really appreciate feedback about it! Whilst the Psalms have plenty of examples of songs about 'me', at the time of writing we want to increase the range of songs we sing 'about' and 'to' God, putting the focus back on Him and away from being too preoccupied with ourselves.

9.15

We continue to try new gentle ways to keep the music fresh. Thanks to Ken, Geoff and Bob who have enriched the service with their music-making, we are now relying less on the hymn videos, and have more frequent live music! We are also continuing to try using live music during parts of the Communion prayers, and gradually increasing the range of songs and hymns we use, so there is slightly more crossover with some of the 11am songs. That means when we all gather for joint services, there'll be a greater shared knowledge of the songs. Thanks to Craig for manning the sound desk almost every single week, and Mike Wade for the times he operates the visuals.

11.00

Huge thanks to Kirsty Pitt for navigating the termly rota plan, to the full team on sound desk and visuals, and to the musicians and singers who make up our bands. As I write this it's the depth of winter, and those cold rehearsal nights in church require some resilience – it doesn't go unnoticed! We've welcomed a few new faces to our bands, and always love the chance to find more. So if you're a closet high-standard musician or singer, do let me know!

We try to get the balance right between good quality music, and an attitude of simplicity and humility which doesn't distract anyone else from worshipping freely. Playing and singing is only the half of it – it's equally about having a pastoral heart for our congregation and following the prompts of the Holy Spirit.

A note about the sound system: you'll be aware almost every Sunday there's a glitch or fault. At the time of writing we are looking into a significant upgrade with the aim of addressing this. We hope that by the summer we will have new loudspeakers, in new positions, which will make our worship experience better for everyone. Watch (or listen to) this space!

Mark Warburton





Loving Community

Mini Chadders

I want to begin by thanking the incredible volunteer teams who make everything within Mini Chadders possible. As I stepped into this role, I was very aware that the first months of 2025 (and earlier) were carried by faithful and generous individuals who went above and beyond with their time, resources, and love for our community. I am deeply grateful for their commitment and for the way they continue to serve families so wholeheartedly.

These teams have shown such care and flexibility and have warmly welcomed me into the role of Young Families Lead. I began in May, and it has been a real joy to be part of Mini Chadders and to get to know people across all that we do. My desire - and prayer - is that every child and every family who comes through the doors of any Mini Chadders group would know just how deeply loved they are.

In 2025, we began a clear vision that we will continue to build on. At the heart of Mini Chadders are six biblical affirmations - foundational truths from Scripture that we hope every child will carry with them throughout their lives. These affirmations shape everything we do and underpin our teaching, activities, and the way we build relationships with families:

**I Am Brave. I Am Loved. I Am Light.
I Have Hope. I Have Peace. I Have Joy.**

Throughout the year we have run toddler groups, baby groups, and Just4Dads sessions. Alongside our regular groups, we have enjoyed a Greek summer meal for mums, quiz and curry nights for dads, visits from school children, bouncy castle fun, and movie nights. We have also held glow parties, tea parties, and summer parties - lots of fun.

Alongside this, I would like to thank **Rachel Dixon and Adele Youde** for supporting **BLAST**, particularly as we step into a season of change. BLAST will be moving from a weekly group to termly 'BLAST Specials', with the aim of encouraging and enabling even more children to experience Jesus through this ministry.

It has been a joy to see hundreds of families come through these groups. Alongside this, we have had many meaningful conversations, seen people come along to church from the groups, and had opportunities to offer prayer and support to families.

Christmas was a particular highlight. Mini Chadders families were invited to St Chads for a Nativity Trail around the church, journeying from meeting Mary and Gabriel, to toasting marshmallows at the shepherds' campfire, making a crown with the kings, and finally receiving a gift from the innkeeper - the one who said "yes" to Jesus that first Christmas - alongside an invitation for families to say "yes" to Him this Christmas too.

It was a fun and meaningful way to share the Christmas story together. One grandad commented, "It's brilliant - we usually take them to see Santa, but this is telling them another story... well actually, it's the story of Christmas, isn't it?" It was wonderful to see eyes opening to Jesus, from the youngest to the oldest.

As we look ahead, I continue to pray that the seeds sown this year will take root and grow, and that we will see Jesus moving powerfully among families in Romiley and beyond. Our next affirmation, "I Am Loved," will shape the coming term, and I am praying that it will be a season full of healing as God's love is poured out on children, parents, and carers.

Special Thanks

Finally, I want to express heartfelt thanks to all those who continue to volunteer so faithfully across Mini Chadders. Thank you to the teams who serve at **Baby Buddies**, and especially to our team leader **Sarah Lawrence** for her commitment and leadership.

Thank you also to the **Prammies** team, led by **Jan Ford and Adele Youde**, and to the **Just4Dads** team, led by **Dan Pomfret**. Each of these teams plays a vital role in welcoming families and creating warm, safe spaces where God's love can be shared.

A special thank you to the **Prammies set-up team**, who arrive every Tuesday at 4:15pm to set up the room. This group honestly blows me away each week - it feels like a personal gift to me, as I have a bad back and genuinely couldn't do it without them.

Mini Chadders would not be possible without the time, energy, and faithfulness of these volunteers, and I am deeply thankful for all that they give.

Hannah Bettany



Loving Community



Oasis

January began with mixed weather, but that didn't deter anyone. As people returned to Oasis after Christmas, the atmosphere was filled with cheerful cries of "Happy New Year" and "Oh, it's so good to be back – I really missed Mondays!" People soon began engaging with one another, sharing stories and holiday activities, and happily getting involved in board games, jigsaws, and number and word activities.

Lindsay's exercise group continues to flourish, with up to 29 people now eagerly attending each session. A health visitor was also invited to speak about age-related activities available within the community.

Our yearly day trip to Llandudno on one of the warmest days of the year was a success with a meal in one of the hotels, then a leisurely walk down the promenade.

In August, Oasis closed for about a month while a brand-new kitchen was fitted. All the volunteers agree it now feels brighter and more spacious, with much-needed additional cupboard space – truly "a place for everything and everything in its place."

Pastoral Visiting

As we look back over the last year, there is much that God has done that we praise Him for.

We thank God for –

- The love, commitment and faithfulness of all the Visiting team, who regularly visit some 15 people who are unable to attend church as they once did. We are grateful to every member of the team for what they do (which is often unseen) and to Ian Dixon for giving Communion (when requested).
- The prayers of many being answered. Each week there are pastoral prayers for those in need led by Ros Lloyd in the LifeCentre. And thanks to everyone who prays in response to the requests for the Care Home services – you are such an encouragement!

Our "Thought for the Day" continues to connect people with God and His love for us. For example, Katie spoke about the sunflower, explaining how it turns its head towards the sun, and linked this to turning towards God. Ken spoke about Bear Grylls and his strength in overcoming adversity, relating this to how God helps us through difficult times.

In the autumn, Ken and Stan once again came together to discuss Christmas cards. Stan Frohlich designed modern Christmas cards that were sold at Oasis and the LifeCentre, with a donation sent to Signpost – for Carers (Stockport).

The Christmas party was a roaring success, with quizzes, excellent food, and an amazingly talented group of singers from Rainbow.

With God's help and the dedication of our wonderful volunteers, this ministry continues to thrive. We truly appreciate your prayers and ongoing support.

Janice Hogg & Ken Earith

- Being able to hold monthly services at 2 local Care Homes. Thanks to those (including some from St Barnabas in Bredbury) who faithfully attend, use their gifts and show God's love. The favour shown to us by the staff and the smiling faces of some of the residents who attend are another answer to prayer.
- Our young folk, who again sang Christmas carols to several elderly people at their homes, reminding them that they are not forgotten.
- The active support and engagement of the clergy team, who work with us as they care for God's family here.

Grateful as we are for all God is doing, we are conscious that there is still room for improvement; please pray that God shows us what more we can do to serve Him.

Irene & John Rockley



Loving Community

Early Life

We have had a wonderful year in our lovely new home at number 1.

Referral for baskets have increased and this year we provided 145 baskets full of essential items for Mums and their babies, packed with much love and care.

In our new home we have been able to increase the range of donations we can accept. This year we have been able to provide, prams, cots, changing units, high chairs, toys, baby baths, clothes and shoes for babies and children up to 2 years!

Apart from requests for car seats (which we can't give out because of safety legislation) we have been able to say yes to all requests and referrals.

New people have joined our team and whenever there is a job to be done one of them will always say yes, it's who they are.

We were delighted to meet Bishop Mark when he visited Romiley last year. He greatly encouraged us and prayed before he left using the words from Psalm 139. "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb"

He talked about the fact that knitting is a creative and intentional process needing both hands. That God created and knows each of these babies.

As we continue to pray for each Mum and their baby we know that God hears and that he is working. Such a privilege to do this work for his glory.

Sally King

Cherry Tree

The Cherry Tree Project supports our local community, particularly young people and those experiencing social or financial poverty. We do this from our HUB on Cherry Tree and from the Guywood Centre. All of this happens to show and share the love of Jesus, and though a separate legal entity from St Chads, we are very much partners. Many (though by no means all) of our volunteers are members of St Chads.

Each week we have provided food parcels to 35 households. And on Fridays, served lunch on Cherry Tree to local people who are socially isolated. At Christmas, food hampers or supermarket vouchers were given out to local households and those on Cherry were treated to a full Christmas lunch.

Our weekly young people's sessions continue on Cherry Tree. This year we have welcomed in a number of "cared for" children, which is a beautiful privilege. We continue to run busy school holiday clubs. Christmas included a disco, movie afternoon and visit to the Christmas Eve 4pm service.

Our "Reloved" school uniform recycling project is just over a year old. We took our first referral at Easter, and to date, we have collected, processed and saved over 2 tonnes of re-loveable uniform from landfill (the weight of a white rhino) and supplied uniform packets to 350 young people.

Creating community and pointing people to Jesus are hallmarks of all we do. We welcome your prayers, particularly at this time for continued funding, managing our ever increasing costs and legal responsibilities, and for vision. Thank you to everyone at St Chads for your love, prayer and support – both financially and in hours served!

Warm Spaces

The Warm Space sits alongside the food provision. A beautiful community is now well established, where some of those picking up food bags stay on for hot drinks and a bite to eat.

They are hosted by a wonderful team from St Chads/The Cherry Tree Project who enable conversations and build up relationships. At 11am, we pause for the "God slot", a precious, protected time, where a word about God is shared followed by a response of prayer and worship. We have seen the hungry fed, hearts opened, stories told, friendships built, and the love of God and immense joy outpoured.

We thank our team of volunteers who offer themselves week in, week out.

**Rachel Bresnahan, Inge Challinor
& Jill Hookway**

Loving Community

LifeCentre

The Romiley LifeCentre is a vital part of our ministry and mission to Romiley, established to bless our community. Staffed by over 80 dedicated volunteers, it continues to flourish as a hub of connection and service. Many of our volunteers express how serving here has also been a blessing in their own lives. We extend heartfelt thanks to each one for partnering with us to share God's love in this place.

We have taken a step towards being bolder in declaring our faith and beliefs. With this in mind, we have decorated a wall with a beautiful piece of artwork that declares biblical truth, along with framed scripture in the sofa corner. In this way, each guest is surrounded by reminders of God's love and truth.

Stockport Christian Counselling regularly uses our facilities for counselling sessions and management meetings, as do Christians Against Poverty, who will again run their Money Course at the LifeCentre in 2026. Stockport Credit Union also has access to our meeting rooms when needed.

EarlyLife has found a happy home for its mission to support new mums in No. 1. This volunteer-led initiative provides hampers and essential items to mothers and babies through referrals from healthcare providers, who are deeply grateful for this service.

Stay & Play continues to thrive, offering families a safe and well-equipped environment for play. Our Adoption & Fostering support group meets regularly, providing peer support for those on their family-building journey.



The LifeCentre café remains a warm, welcoming space offering delicious meals and opportunities to connect. The Talking Table has become a crucial part of our ministry, encouraging conversation over a cuppa and offering a place where those who need assistance can ask for it. We remain a Trussell Trust Foodbank location, providing food vouchers to those in need, and the Talking Table helps ensure that those who require this support know that we are here to help.

The bookshop has been restocked this year and hosted three Meet the Author events with Phil Bray, Andy Kind and Katy Hollamby—Christian authors whose books are filled with light and hope. These evenings gave people the opportunity to hear the authors read from their work and share the stories behind their books. They have also proved to be a wonderful way to use the café space in the evening.

Our conference facilities continue to serve local institutions, businesses and St Chad's ministries, while also hosting groups that promote community wellbeing.

Knit & Gather fosters creativity and community, bringing together people of different ages while blessing local groups with items made through their generosity and skill.

At Christmas, we hosted glass decoration workshops and a wreath-making workshop. These events gave us valuable time and space to build connections within our community and extend invitations to church services and Alpha. This was in addition to the Café Carols, which is always a wonderful occasion and was attended by over 50 people. The front door decorations also celebrated Jesus coming to earth as a baby, helping to share more of the heart of the LifeCentre.

Looking ahead, St Chad's will run the Alpha course at the LifeCentre in 2026, offering people the opportunity to explore life's meaning over shared meals. From these gatherings have grown vital small groups that now meet weekly, providing a comfortable and safe environment where people can explore faith surrounded by God's love.

Lesley Cranwell & Katie Wade

Final word...

2025 has not been defined by dramatic change but by steady, faithful growth. We have seen increasing depth in prayer, strengthening in team leadership, wise adaptation in ministry structures, ongoing community engagement, and real stories of transformed lives. We have also enjoyed welcoming new members to St Chads, in particular a number of couples in the 20-30s.

We live in uncertain and often polarised times - both in the Church of England and in wider society. Through these, I am as convinced as ever that our shared goals of: Glorifying God, Loving Community and Following Jesus, give us a clear direction as we pray for and serve together to see More People, More Like Jesus.

May we continue in 2026 with courage, humility and expectancy for all that God will do among us.

Richard Pennystan



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St Chads Romiley (Chadkirk)
In the Diocese of Chester

**Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council
for the Year Ended 31st December 2025**

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES/MEMBERS OF ST CHADS CHURCH ROMILEY
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 2 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and consider that under s144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) an audit is not required and an independent examination is needed.

I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit and is eligible for independent examination. It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;

To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and

To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

to keep accounting records in accordance with s130 of the Charities Act 2011

to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of s132 of the Charities Act 2011 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met; or

To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

John A Simpson
Chartered Accountant
48 Bredbury Green
Romiley
Stockport
SK6 3DN

JA Simpson

Date

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St Chads Parochial Church Council, Romiley
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st December 2025

INCOMING RESOURCES	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Voluntary Income					
Donations and legacies	7	306,355	24,534	330,889	377,887
Generated Income					
Activities for generating funds					
Receipts from Church activities	8	7,870	4,283	12,153	6,055
Other incoming resources	9	13,548		13,548	22,434
		327,773	28,817	356,590	406,376
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Mission Grants	10	40,600		40,600	29,500
Activities directly related to church work	11	132,117	13,119	145,236	158,109
Church maintenance and administration	12	201,003	15,756	216,759	154,796
		373,719	28,875	402,594	342,405
NET INCOMING RESOURCES		-45,946	-58	-46,004	63,971
Total funds brought forward		806,677	6,814	813,491	749,520
Total funds carried forward		760,731	6,756	767,487	813,491

St Chads Parochial Church Council, Romiley
Balance Sheet at 31st December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025	2024
Fixed Assets		£	£	£	£
Tangible Assets	5	589,130		589,130	591,264
Current Assets					
Debtors		3,886		3,886	3,634
Short Term Investments	6	150,366		150,366	92,852
Cash at Bank		20,132	3,973	24,105	126,554
		<u>174,384</u>	<u>3,973</u>	<u>178,357</u>	<u>223,040</u>
Creditors falling due within one year					<u>813</u>
Net Current Assets		174,384	3,973	178,357	222,227
Total Assets less current liabilities		763,514	3,973	767,487	813,491
Creditors falling due after more than one year					
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u><u>763,514</u></u>	<u><u>3,973</u></u>	<u><u>767,487</u></u>	<u><u>813,491</u></u>
FUNDS					
Restricted			3,973	3,973	6,814
Unrestricted		763,514		763,514	806,677
TOTAL FUNDS		<u><u>763,514</u></u>	<u><u>3,973</u></u>	<u><u>767,487</u></u>	<u><u>813,491</u></u>

APPROVED by



Richard Pennystan (PCC Chairman)



Helen Bray (PCC Treasurer)

Date

9/3/26

St Chads Parochial Church Council, Romiley
Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 December 2025

Notes

- 1 The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable UK accounting standards, and the Church Accounting Regulations. The historical cost convention is used. The accruals basis of accounting has been adopted. The principal accounting policies are applied consistently.

	2025	2024
	£0	£0
2 Fees for Financial Statements examination		
3 Staff salaries and expenses		
Gross wages and salaries	£92,019	£80,912
HR Costs	£257	£310
Staff training	£2,227	£1,239
Staff and volunteer expenses	£660	£589
Employer's national insurance costs	£336	£31
Pension contributions	£2,723	£2,243
Total staff costs	£98,222	£85,324

- 4 **Payment to Trustees** - A trustee has been paid £3,600 in respect of external contracted work. Ian Otto, who is the spouse of a trustee is employed by St Chads Church. No other payments have been paid to trustees. These payments are considered to be at a commercial rate.

		Equipment	Land and Buildings	Total
5 Tangible Fixed Assets				
Original Cost	Balance at 1st January 2025	£21,339	£578,461	£599,800
	Additions during the year	£0	£0	£0
	Disposals during the year	£0	£0	£0
	Balance at 31st December 2025	£21,339	£578,461	£599,800
Depreciation	Accumulated balance as at 1st January 2025	£8,536		£8,536
	Charge for the year	£2,134	£0	£2,134
	Balance at 31st December 2025	£10,670		£10,670
Net Book Value	Balance at 31st December 2025	£10,669	£578,461	£589,130
	Balance at 31st December 2024	£12,803	£578,461	£591,264

The visual equipment was purchased in 2020 and cost £21,339. This figure is included in total fixed assets. The equipment is to be depreciated over 10 years

	2025	2024
6 Short Term Investments		
Investment portfolio valuation (CCLA)	£150,366	£92,852

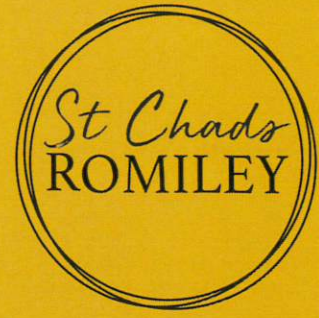
St Chads Parochial Church Council, Romiley
Notes to the Statement of Financial Activities 2025

Note		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income					
7	Donations and legacies				
	Non Gift Aid donations	50,359		50,359	47,743
	Gift Aid donations	189,527	8,909	198,436	185,601
	Open plate collections	2,880		2,880	3,820
	Grants		15,625	15,625	4,906
	Gift Days/One Off Donations	3,246		3,246	6,571
	Tax recovered and recoverable	48,343		48,343	47,426
	Legacies	12,000		12,000	81,820
		306,355	24,534	330,889	377,887
8	Activities for generating funds				
	Other Guywood activities		4,283	4,283	2,528
	Bank & CCLA Deposit fund Interest	7,870		7,870	3,527
		7,870	4,283	12,153	6,055
9	Other Activities				
	Weddings/Funerals	2,948		2,948	4,535
	Hall Lettings and Guywood Lane Rent	9,775		9,775	15,100
	Other Income	825		825	2,799
		13,548		13,548	22,434
	Total Incoming resources	327,773	28,817	356,590	406,376

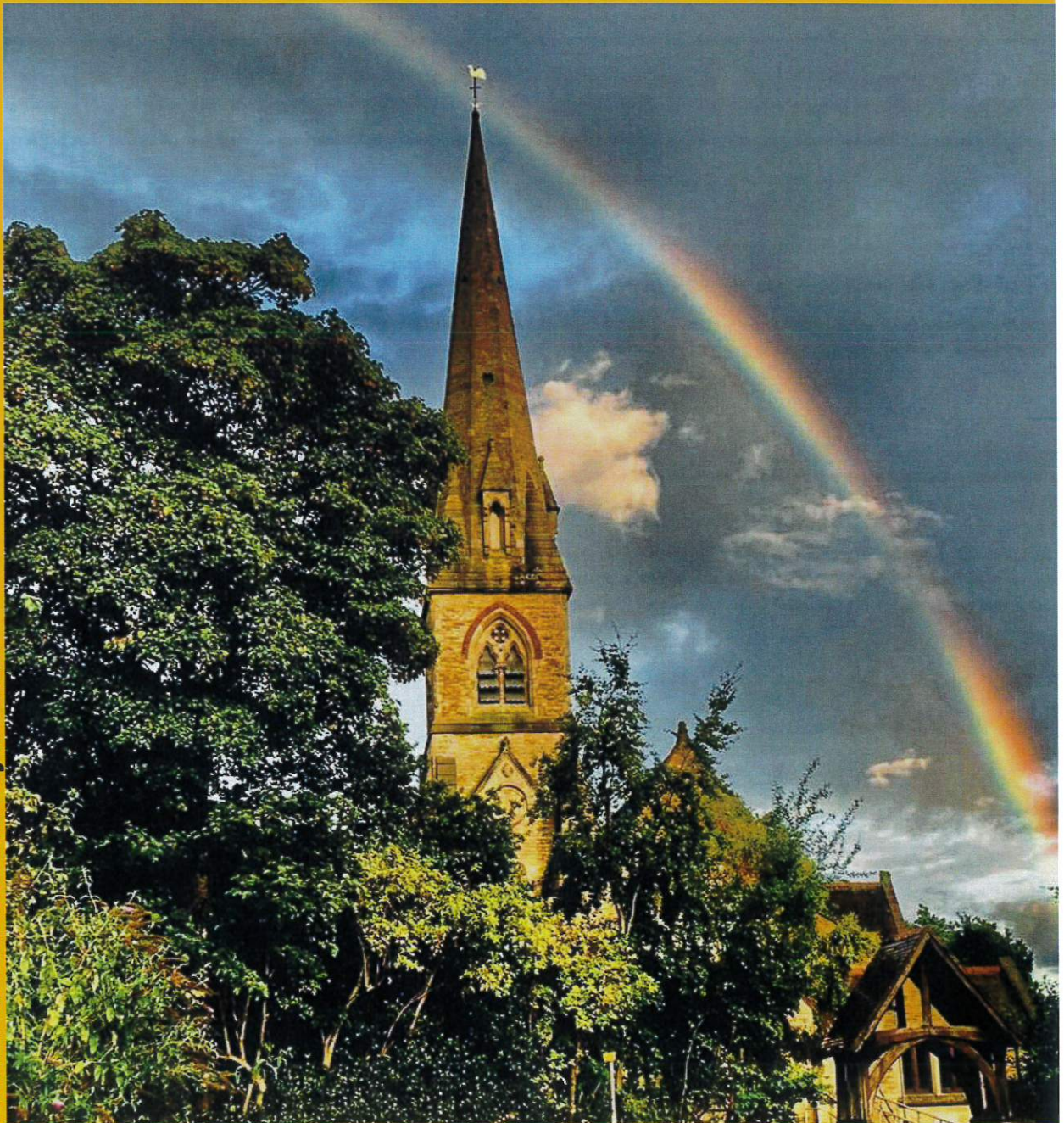
Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Expenditure				
10 Grants				
Missionary and charitable giving	40,600		40,600	29,500
	40,600		40,600	29,500
11 Activities directly related to the work of the Church				
Diocesan Parish Share	108,647		108,647	97,948
Church maintenance	2,210		2,210	26,641
Youth & Children's activities	3,558		3,558	2,383
MiniChadders		6,795	6,795	9,986
Oasis		6,324	6,324	5,086
Training & Church Events	2,700		2,700	3,319
Discipleship, Pastoral, Hospitality	9,423		9,423	7,689
Worship	5,579		5,579	5,057
	132,117	13,119	145,236	158,109
12 Church maintenance and administration				
Clergy expenses	2,011		2,011	1,362
Clergy house running costs (inc housing allowance)	18,429		18,429	12,681
Church buildings running costs	10,198		10,198	11,556
Church Hall running costs	11,865	4,275	16,140	10,766
Building Project	24,361	3,350	27,711	
Depreciation	2,134		2,134	2,134
Insurance	5,490		5,490	5,510
Rent	20,802		20,802	15,202
Boiler Fund		131	131	150
Admin (inc licenses and IT)	11,004		11,004	8,095
Staff salaries and expenses	92,471	8,000	100,471	85,324
Telephone and internet	2,238		2,238	2,016
	201,003	15,756	216,759	154,796
	373,719	28,875	402,594	342,405

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Annual Report 2024



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Letter from the Vicar



In your hand you are holding a report of a year in the life of St Chads church in Romiley, our attempt to capture the key things which happened in 2024. It is good to remember the highlights and honour all those who have poured their lives into our life together. In the following pages you will read about children and older people, worship and outreach, the excitement of fresh initiatives and the fruit of established ministries faithfully serving people for decades. Things aren't perfect at St Chads, we get things wrong, we experience disappointments, a church is made up of imperfect people. But the general picture I see here is encouraging and so I want to commend it to you and invite you to read it with a grateful heart.

2024 was a year of significant change in a number of ways. One highlight was the arrivals of both Katie Wade and Dave Hill. Having made the faith-fuelled decision in 2023 to create two new posts, Katie's arrival in April was a landmark celebration. I wasn't the only one in tears as Katie knelt to be licensed into this leadership role only a few metres away from the spot where nearly thirty years earlier she knelt to commit her life to Jesus. The party afterwards was full of joy and it was wonderful to welcome back so many friends and former members of St Chads from across the years. In the summer Dave was ordained and he, along with Rachel and the family, already feel very much part of the life of St Chads. We celebrate the joy, wisdom, love, faith and much more that Katie and Dave bring to our church and we recognise the huge contribution they are making to growing and strengthening various areas of ministry.

In this report you will read about all our midweek ministries and partnerships as we continue to share the love of God with our local community. We acknowledge the sadness for us, but the win for the kingdom that Vicky Reedy was called by God to move on from her paid role to take on a post at the Hideaway.

We pray for her new ministry there to be hugely fruitful. We also pray that in 2025 we will find the person God is calling to lead that forwards, as we are totally committed to seeing God's love and grace reach the families of Romiley.

Rather than repeating here what you will read in the rest of this report, I'd like to take a step back and look at some of the trends of what I believe we can see here and that God is teaching us and calling us to in the years ahead.

The first trend is growth. We have seen a number of new people come to join the St Chads family and that includes some who gave their lives to Jesus in the past year. Our 9.15am services have grown younger and our 11am services seem to grow fuller and fuller, especially kids church which has seen substantial growth. We rejoice in that.

There have been two other areas of growth in 2024 to celebrate, which are prayer and finances. Our monthly prayer events have found growing momentum and for many of us become a core part of our regular engagement in the life of our church. Charles Spurgeon said "whenever God determines to do a great work, He first sets His people to pray". There is always space for you to join us too, my heart would be for the prayer events to be the biggest event of the month. I believe we'd see so much more new life and lives transformed if that were to happen.

You will see from the financial report that 2024 was a very healthy year financially for St Chads, which is a huge encouragement after the PCC made the decision in late 2023 to stretch out in faith and prayer for financial provision for new posts. We are so grateful to you for your generous giving and investing into God's kingdom. I want to thank Jane for the incredibly hard work she does in managing and communicating the state of our finances, to enable us to steward the church's money carefully. We are not here to store up money, but to sow into God's kingdom. We are also aware that we enjoy the use of excellent facilities due to the sacrificial generosity of previous generations and therefore the PCC is asking what God is calling us to invest into now, for the sake of future generations of worshippers at St Chads. We have set another faith budget for 2025 and thank you for faithfully joining with us in this.

The second trend is our commitment to remain a family amidst the pressure to behave like an institution. As the church we are God's family. The first commandment is to love God, the second to love our neighbour, relationship with God and others comes first.

We are living in a society in which anxiety is rising and trust is falling. One result of this is the tendency to try and find safety and security in institutions and structures. Institutions exist as scaffolding to create a degree of safety and we need structure and law in a fallen world. I notice two things going on in society, an increased distrust and crumbling of over-stretched broken institutions alongside an increase in those institutions trying to fix things with more rules and bureaucracy. This impacts us in many ways as a large church, which is part of a long-established denomination. We need structures and processes, but our heart is to retain a sense of family and relationship and I wanted to share that at the start of this report for three reasons.

Firstly, this report is a document written for both our church family and an official report which is sent to the Chester diocese and Charity Commissioners as part of our governance. (If you're in an office somewhere reading this in a pile of Anglican Church reports - God bless you, may you have a wonderful day and know God's love in your life) So although parts of this report are by nature 'official', we've tried to avoid it being too dry and focused on information, but that's slightly unavoidable.

Secondly, two things we celebrate from last year are our bronze awards for eco-church and accessibility. I'm ambivalent about awards like these, we're not here to get plaques on the wall, but to see God's love change lives. We celebrate these awards as a sign of our commitment to our values of love. They are merely a notable expression of our love for the creation God has given us, a recognition that climate change has catastrophic impact on the global poor. The accessibility award highlights our commitment to show love and value to all God's children and recognise the particular efforts we make together to enable those who have additional needs to encounter his love and grow as disciples of Jesus.

Thirdly, we are part of the Church of England, a denomination which I feel is becoming more institutional as it experiences decline and division.

The additional burden this places on local churches grows ever heavier and I encourage you to pray for the leaders of the CofE for wisdom and faith to prioritise God's mission above propping up the institution. Recent months have been particularly challenging for the CofE, which is all the more challenging when played out in the national news with sensationalist headlines which only give a snapshot of complex situations.

A positive drive for institutionalism we are seeing in these days is a longing to hear the voices of survivors and victims of abuse and to create a safe culture for all, free from abuse in any form. The heart of creating safer churches is lives transformed by the love of Jesus and sharing his commitment to empower and protect the most vulnerable in our communities. We are thoroughly committed to that and are actively embracing both a safeguarding culture and the necessary processes which facilitate it.

A final theme which God was speaking to us about in 2024 was the kingdom priority of engaging in both evangelism and social action. We long to share the good news of salvation in Jesus with those we reach out to every week in our community. We also long to see God's love expressed practically in combating poverty, loneliness and other challenges people in our community face.

I have really wrestled with the question over the past year of which of these is primary? I have come to the conclusion that a biblical understanding of the kingdom of God requires a both/and approach. These two together are far more powerful than holding them against one another, we need more of both. We absolutely want to see people know Jesus now and into eternity, we also know that his love transforms lives and communities and this often starts practically. In this report you will read about both these things and I delight in that, because both are expressions of the love of God for Romiley.

So please read on, with an open grateful heart and as well as finding out more information. Before you read pray and ask God to touch your heart with the things that are on his heart as you read.

Richard



Wardens' report

- Jan Ford & Andrew Goddard

Traditionally, the role of church warden is often seen as being focussed on looking after the building. Accordingly, this year, we're pleased to report that we did our job, and fixed the leaky roof. Actually, Jane (and some specialist builders) did most of the hard work, but Andrew enjoyed a number of site inspections, discussing which grade of lead to use on the south quatre foils.

But our fantastic, dry and (normally!) warm building is just one of many things we are thankful for, so we want to start our report by giving thanks for God's continued faithfulness. We are grateful for Richard and Nells' leadership and hard work in keeping us faithful to God's calling. We are also grateful for our wonderful staff team of Jane, Alys and Ian who keep the lights on in both literal and metaphorical ways.

Vicky Reedy moved on from her role as our Young Families Outreach Worker in September as God called her to an exciting new job opportunity. We are so grateful for all that she did in the role and delighted that she continues to worship as part of our church family. We are also grateful to all those who have stepped up to continue the work with young families; you can read their reports later on. Please pray as we continue to seek God's vision for the right person to lead this important ministry.

Our two Sunday Services (9.15am Parish Communion and 11am Informal Worship) and our mid-week communion (Wednesday 11am) have continued to flourish, providing our parish with diverse ways to worship and meet together. The Sanctuary continues to provide a special place for personal or corporate prayer, a place where members of the public can experience God's presence. We have regular prayer times weekdays from 9.00-9.20 plus 2 Zoom prayer times - Monday and Thursday at 7am.



As the ingress of rain stopped, the floodgates opened in other ways as not one, but two, new clergy joined us. It was a joyful occasion as the returning Katie Wade was licenced to be our Associate Vicar in April, she has been such a blessing and we are excited to see how God leads Richard and Katie to disciple St Chads. Then, in July, Dave Hill joined us as our curate with his family and we are all enjoying his deeply thought-provoking sermons. We are so blessed to have three Spirit filled and inspirational preachers.

As the Anglican Parish Church in Romiley, we welcomed those from our local community and beyond for infant baptisms, weddings and funerals.

We are blessed that so many of our church family serve across the week and on Sundays in order to bless our church and local community through our many varied ministries, and we thank all those who lead and serve week in, week out, to make these happen. Our volunteer evenings have also been a real encouragement to all who came.

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PCC report

Whilst the work of the PCC includes plenty of spreadsheets and policies, there has been a great deal of joy in our PCC meetings in the past year. The official language says that St Chads PCC is a registered charity with the responsibility of cooperating with the Incumbent in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. (The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956). But it is so much more than that, it is a group of friends, with a shared love for Jesus and his church, who are seeking in prayer, love and unity to keep our focus on our three strategic anchors of glorifying God, loving community and following Jesus.

The PCC is responsible for the oversight of St Chads: budgeting and finances, the management of our buildings and facilities, health and safety, safeguarding, employment and recruitment, volunteers, policy matters and ecumenical and diocesan engagement.

PCC members and Deanery Synod Representatives are elected for three year terms. Officers to the PCC (e.g. Treasurer) and the Standing Committee (SC) are elected annually following the annual meeting. The Standing Committee meets regularly and can make decisions and discharge business between PCC meetings where necessary.

St Chads PCC has adopted the Church of England's safeguarding policy, Promoting a Safer Church, and has complied with its duty under Section Five of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016. All staff and volunteers in roles which involve working with children or vulnerable adults are recruited according to the House of Bishops Safer Recruitment Practice Guidance and training is followed under Church of England requirements.

Main items of governance and discussion in 2024:

- Appointment of our new Associate Vicar Katie Wade, in conjunction with the LifeCentre's appointment of Katie as Leader of Ministry of the Life Centre
- Accepting the invitation from Chester diocese for Dave Hill to serve his curacy at St Chads, and supporting him in that role.
- Recruitment of a Young Families worker following Vicky's departure.
- Compliance review of all Chads policies and procedures, including a full GDPR review and the roll out of the new Church of England Parish Safeguarding Dashboard.

- Governance and stewardship of Chads financial resources.
- Ongoing oversight of the fabric of our buildings, including faculty agreement and repair to the two quatrefoils on the south-facing roof of church, removal of the large leylandii in the garden on 21 Guywood Lane, lowering the hedge at the rear of the Guywood and repairing the Guywood kitchen floor which had woodworm.

PCC 2024

Paul Adshead	
Hilary Bentley	Stepped down
Helen Bray *	Deanery Synod Treasurer
Robert Bucknall	
George Burghel	Joined Apr '24
Andrew Cursham	Joined Apr '24
Molly Dow	Stepped down
Craig Fairfield	Stepped down
Jan Ford *	Warden
Kirstie Goddard	
Andrew Goddard *	Warden
Marilyn Gregory	
Carl Grimsditch	
Jane Higginbottom *	Secretary
Dave Hill	Clergy
John Macaulay	
Ruth Otto	Deanery Synod
Richard Pennystan *	Chair
Jeanette Simpson	
Katie Wade	Clergy
Mark Warburton	
Rob Williams	

*Standing Committee Member

Molly, Hilary and Craig have stepped down from the PCC this year. Thank you for their service to the PCC and to St Chads. A special thanks to Molly for her many years of service to the Church of England in her role on various PCCs.

Sidespersons

Church Representation Rules mean Sidespersons are elected by the PCC following the APCM.

Thank you to Malcolm Booker, Frank Moseley, Craig Fairfield and Geoff Walton for their willingness to serve for another year.

Fabric & Facilities

A huge thank you to Ian Otto and for all that he does, seen and unseen, ensuring that our buildings are in good working order.

Ongoing upkeep of our buildings including: PAT testing, fire safety, lightning conductor inspections, piano and organ tuning, gas safety checks, air-conditioning and insurance.

We are working on a programme of building maintenance for Church and The Guywood, including in 2024 the church roof and the kitchen floor at the Guywood.

We are still awaiting the report on our five year church building inspection, the Quinquennial, that took place in 2020/21. All major works highlighted in the last report have been completed and the Diocese is pleased with our stewardship of St Chads.

Deanery Synod

The Deanery Synod is the group of our 10 local Anglican churches that provides an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

The Deanery Synod met four times this year across our Deanery. Four members of the PCC currently sit on Deanery Synod.

Electoral Roll

In 2019 the roll was fully revised. Following our 2024 review, we currently have 253 people on the Electoral Roll of St Chads. The roll is due to be fully revised in 2025 in accordance with Church of England governance.

The PCC employs four part time members of staff:

Head of Operations:	Jane Higginbottom
Facilities Manager:	Ian Otto
Operations Assistant:	Alys Bassett
Youth Worker:	Zeke Watts
Verger:	Ernie Cooper (unpaid)
Cleaner:	Kim Broderick

There are also many, many volunteers across all areas of church life. Thank you to EVERYONE who serves.



Finance Report - Helen Bray

We continue to thank God for his ongoing provision to us through the generosity of our church family by way of regular giving, donations and legacies. A summary can be found on the Finance page of this report. Full accounts are available in church or by request to Jane in the church office.

The PCC sets the annual budget in faith and monitor both the budget comparison and cashflow regularly.

We thank Jane Higginbottom, who manages the daily financial affairs of our church and John Simpson, our Independent Examiner.

Finance

Missional Giving

Each year the PCC sets a mission budget based on 10% of the full income of the previous account year. This is given to missionary organisations, activities and individuals at home and overseas. The Missions Committee makes recommendations to the PCC for balance distribution of these funds as an expression of our shared values.

The majority of the mission budget is given as regular support to organisations and individuals where there is a link with St Chads. As a general rule, we review this regular giving on a two yearly basis, unless something significant changes.

Each year we retain a smaller part of our mission budget to be used flexibly during the year. This fund has been used to support members of the church family who are undertaking short-term mission trips. The fund also supports local community needs and occasional gifts to other charities.

This year we were delighted to support both local and worldwide charities with gifts at Christmas. Below are the details of our regular support and one-off gifts.

We have seen people filled with overflowing love in our church family this year, contributing financially to the following Mission Partners:

Missional Partners

Partner	2024
TEARFUND	£2,000
CMS & SAMS	£1,500
MESSAGE TRUST	£1,000
BIBLE SOCIETY	£1,000
ALEXANDRIA LIBRARY	£1,000
NEW WINE	£2,000
THE HAMILTONS	£2,000
OPEN DOORS	£1,200
FUSION	£1,000
CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY	£1,200
NAKED TRUTH	£1,000
NORA STURGES HEALTH CENTRE	£1,000
CHRISTIANS IN SCHOOLS	£2,500
GLO	£3,000
KBF	£2,000
TOTAL	£ 23,400

We are so grateful for the continuous regular giving from our church family. The vast majority of our missional works and ongoing costs can only happen because of these donations and the Gift Aid we receive because of them. In 2024 we were financially blessed through the remainder of the legacy from Frances Bingham of £5,500 and a legacy from Dorothy Holden of £76,000.

Christmas Generosity

Your Christmas generosity was again overwhelming with (after available gift aid) over £3000 given in support of our initiatives.

Your giving enabled us to donate £700 to the Cherry Tree Project's Christmas Food Hampers initiative and distribute over 50 Christmas food vouchers and gifts to bless both our church family and the wider community, including families highlighted through our three local schools.

Money was more than matched with people's time, generosity and prayer; reaching out to our church family and community through Sundays and mid-week outreach activities, demonstrating Loving Community in action. THANK YOU

One Off Gifts

Romiley Primary School (yr6 residential Feb '24)	£600
Jack Pennystan - Mission Trip	£250
Emma Goddard - Mission Trip	£250
Tearfund	£1,500
Embrace Middle East	£500
IJM	£500
Open Doors (Arise Africa)	£500
Growing Hope	£250
A Rocha	£250
Hideaway	£500
Stockport Refugee	£500
Tree of Life	£200
Embassy Bus	£200
Romiley Primary School (yr6 residential Oct '24)	£600
Total	£6,600

Headline Figures

Income 2024	
Donations & legacies	£377,887
Other income	£ 28,489
	£406, 376
Expenditure 2024	
Grants & world mission	£29,500
Church activities	£158,109
Church maintenance & admin	£154,796
	£342,405
Surplus income over expenditure	£63,791
Cash at bank and short term investments	£219,406

Following Jesus

Alpha - Kirstie Goddard

We ran two Alpha courses in 2024: an evening course in the spring term and a daytime course in the summer term. Both were fabulous times of building relationship, having fun, eating together and learning about Jesus. Journeying with people on Alpha is a huge privilege and seeing Jesus' love becoming a reality in people's hearts and minds is awesome.

We can't wait for the next course to start! Thanks to all those who helped – running groups, washing up and cooking. We couldn't do it without you.

Blast - Zeke Watts

BLAST is our primary school outreach group that meets mid-week in the Guywood Centre. We have a great core group of kids who come every week to play games, have fun and learn more about who Jesus is and what having a faith means for them in their own lives.

Youth Church - Zeke Watts

Youth Church has really gone from strength to strength over the last year. The young people have really found their voice and it's been great to see them ask questions and go deeper in terms of what their faith is. We have also changed the way we run things, in terms of being out 3 out of 4 services instead of 2 out of 4.

We have already seen great results from this change in terms of them having more chance to build community and relationships with one another.

A big highlight was also seeing a few of our young people publicly declare their faith to the rest of the church at Easter by choosing to become baptised. We can't wait to what the next year holds for this group of young people.



TNT & TBN - Zeke Watts

TNT (school years 7-11) has gone from strength to strength over the last year, with our numbers growing with new young people joining and bonds and friendships continuing to grow between them. We had a great trip to Alton Towers in the summer term where the young people had great fun spending the day on roller coasters and other fun rides. Recently we've been doing a series on good news, and we have also done the Onelife Leadership series which was great in growing their leadership. A particular highlight last term was when TBN planned and led a TNT session which was a great opportunity for the two groups to come together and for the younger ones to learn from the older ones.

2024 saw some changes in TBN (school years 11 to 13) with all our year 13 students leaving to go off to university in September. But before that there were many highs, including a group weekend away to London to attend the Onelife Conference which was a fantastic event where the young people were able to meet lots of Christians their age and grow in their faith.

Another youth takeover saw TBN all playing their part brilliantly serving and declaring their faith in front of the rest of the church and then finally culminating in a TBN prom as a great send off for the year 13's. Recently we've been looking into Romans 8 and also doing a series on prayer.

Following Jesus

Mini Church & Kids Church - Mini Church & Kids Church Team

Over the past 12 months, it has been a joy to welcome several new members into our Mini & Kids Church family. Sunday mornings have been filled with fun and meaningful activities, allowing children to explore God's special truths through multi-sensory experiences, including story time, prayer, craft, games. It is a pleasure to witness the children grow in their knowledge of God and to see them regularly demonstrate their understanding of His love for them. They are truly forming a vibrant community of Jesus followers.

This year, Mini's & Kid's Church has been a beautiful reminder of how eager children are to grow in their faith and deepen their understanding of God. Week after week, we see His presence in their lives, and it is an incredible blessing to witness their spiritual growth and enthusiasm.

Each child is on their own journey of getting to know Jesus and discovering who He has made them to be. As leaders, we have the privilege of joining them on this journey for an hour each week, and it has been a rewarding experience. We have engaged in numerous creative activities, such as planting wildflower seeds, crafting Rudolph reindeer from corks and twigs, making Christmas stars from lollipop sticks, and building a nature city inspired by Revelation. The children consistently bring creativity, colour, and energy beyond what we as leaders could imagine!

The children have demonstrated a profound hunger to know God. They are learning how to wait on Him through stillness and quiet reflection. Some have even shared that they hear from God during these times - an inspiring testament to their openness to His voice.

Kids Church has been an environment where children are not only learning about the Bible but also applying its teachings to their daily lives. Their curiosity is evident through the thoughtful questions they ask and the meaningful discussions they engage in. Many children are reading their Bibles regularly and even taking them to school to share with friends. For our younger children in Mini's, we strive to find creative and engaging ways to bring Bible stories to life, ensuring they connect with the messages in a way that is fun and meaningful.

We have made significant progress in improving our registration system, working towards a safer and more structured transition. This remains a work in progress, and we are deeply grateful to all parents for their patience and support in this process.

This year, Katie stepped into an oversight role for the team, which also involved working alongside Vic Stone to develop more inclusive approaches for Mini's & Kid's Church. Their leadership has been invaluable in shaping our vision moving forward.

We also want to extend our heartfelt thanks to Julie and Clare, who have recently stepped down after years of dedicated service to the children's ministry. Their contributions have been deeply impactful, and they will be greatly missed. Clare's beloved puppet, Maisie, has brought joy to so many.

As we reflect on this past year, we are filled with gratitude for all that God has done in Mini's & Kid's Church. However, we believe there is still much more to come! With your continued prayers, support, and possibly even your involvement, we can keep making a lasting impact on the lives of these children.



Glorifying God

Worship - Mark Warburton

It's so wonderful to have the freedom to worship the Father, Son and Spirit when we gather every week. We've overseen a year of gentle change too.

9.15

Our thanks to Audrey Murch and Judith Dixon who have faithfully served the 9.15 service for many years and who have now stepped down from regular playing.

This is also the year that Ken Earith, Bob Crockford and Geoff Thorpe have joined us regularly to lead gentle guitar-based worship songs and hymns. It may feel new for some but it adds a wonderful richness to what we sing and means we don't have to be quite so reliant on the hymn videos.

Over the next year, with Ken, Geoff and Bob's help, we hope to introduce a few more worship songs, still familiar and uplifting to sing. Once more special thanks to Craig for manning the 9.15 sound desk almost every single Sunday.

You'll also have noticed that - when we can - we're introducing gentle music to some of the Communion prayers, and a sung creed. We hope you agree this adds extra richness to our worship.

11.00

We've had a year of personnel changes as several young players have left for university - so you'll spot some weeks we have a stripped down band and no drums. Whilst we love having quieter chilled worship times, if there are any high-standard guitarists and drummers hiding their plectrums and drumsticks under a bushel, come and chat to a member of the team!

It's been great to welcome in new worship leaders John Kuyt and Millie Crosse. They share the role with me (Mark), Paul Dixon and Kirsty & Matt Pitt. Each of us have a slightly different focus and song choices, so across a month we get plenty of variety without feeling lost in unfamiliarity.

Thank you once again to our rota coordinator, Kirsty Pitt, who works out the perfect band line-ups week after week. Thank you also to our stellar crew of soundies Andrew, Chris, Jon and Paul and to our visuals team John, Jim, Mike, Michael & Caleb.

General

We're always on the lookout for new pianists at 9.15 and band members and soundies for 11am. For musicians the standard does need to be high (we're fortunate to be able to say that!). An exploratory chat and/or invitation to a rehearsal always comes first, to see if you feel comfortable in the team. Remember it's not 'performance', it's the leading of others musically and pastorally.

Overall at St Chads our vision is for our music to be of a sufficiently high standard so as not to be a distraction to those who've come to worship. It's deliberate that the musicians are to one side in our church. We're not the focus! We hope and aim just to point the way.

As we continue, we thank God for the worshipping life of St Chad's and pray fervently to see even more signs of the Holy Spirit at work, changing hearts and lives.



Loving Community

Mini Chadders - Katie Wade and team

This year, we celebrated 35 years of St Chad's ministry to young families in Romiley - a remarkable milestone! In July, we marked the occasion with afternoon tea, where we were blessed to reconnect with many of the mums who had attended with their little ones over the years. We are so deeply grateful to everyone who has served faithfully in this ministry across the decades, making such a lasting impact on countless families.

As part of this new season, we brought all our preschool ministries under the new banner of Mini Chadders, which also gave us an exciting opportunity to refresh the branding. Prampushers became Prammies, and the Friday baby group is now known as Baby Buddies. These changes have allowed us to build a clearer, more unified identity while continuing to offer warm and welcoming spaces for families.

In July, we bid farewell to Vicky Reedy, who faithfully served in this ministry and has now stepped into a new role God has called her to. While we miss her, we have been so encouraged by the dedication of our team, who have stepped up wonderfully to carry this ministry forward. From the Tuesday evening setup crew to the Wednesday morning & afternoon, Friday morning and Saturday morning teams, your commitment has been invaluable. Thank you!

Prammies has continued to thrive, regularly welcoming 30-40 families on Wednesday mornings. The children (aged 0-3+) enjoy free play, while parents and carers can relax over a drink and catch up. Each session includes a craft activity, songs and a Bible story. Jan Ford, Heather Hills and Adele Youde have taken the lead during in the second half of the year. Meanwhile, Sarah Lawrence has taken **Baby Buddies** forward and has brought the **Snowdrops** group under their wing, providing vital support for mums facing postnatal depression (PND).

Our **Just for Dads Wednesday**, led by Dave Hill, continues to build relationships between dads and male carers. It's a small and transient group, with most dads taking a few months' parental leave with their babies before heading back to work. There have been valuable times of connection and conversations about Jesus, seeds scattered that we trust God will water in the coming years. Additionally, the two **Just for Dads Saturday** sessions have been well attended, with dads and babies at 9.30 then primary aged children with dads, grandads, and others coming together at 10.30 to enjoy sausages butties, coffee, craft and fun with Heather and Barry Hills leading the team.

Building friendships and sharing the love of Jesus is at the heart of what we do, and our mum's meal and dad's meals have been a fantastic way to build genuine community. Informal Summer meet ups have continued the work of building connection and relationships with those attending.

The Christmas season was another joyful highlight as we welcomed many parents and carers to our Christmas party - complete with Dicken the donkey - and our Scratch Nativity in church. It was wonderful to see families also joining us for other Christmas services at St Chads.

As we reflect on the year, we are filled with gratitude for God's faithfulness and the community we are blessed to serve. We are praying for many more years of touching lives, building connections, and sharing the love of Christ with young families in Romiley!



Loving Community



Oasis - Ken Earith

I am so glad to report that God continues to bless and provide for our wonderful Oasis ministry. We regularly have 70 to 80 people each week coming to share time together, have lunch together but also to experience the loving atmosphere that is Oasis.

We recently asked people to write down one or two words to describe what Oasis means to them and this is what they came up with:

Time to meet & chat Exhilarating
Friendship Laughter Warm feeling
A glow Inclusive Loving & caring
A haven Joyful A good place
Great soup A lifeline Life-saving
Loving people Listening Amazing
Happiness Good company Sociable
Safe space Helpful Warmth Comforting

In August we had our annual trip to the seaside and we had a wonderful lunch in a seafront hotel and a joyful afternoon with glorious sunny weather. We also managed to bring everyone back safely.

We followed up the success of our Oasis calendar that we produced two years ago by having our own Oasis book printed. This was again beautifully illustrated by one of our talented Oasis regulars.

We are supported by an amazing team of volunteers and our week by week sessions are only possible because of their faithful hard work and dedication. Please pray for us as we continue this valuable ministry.

Pastoral Visiting - Irene & John Rockley

St Chads is a church where many people show the love of Jesus by caring for each other in all sorts of ways. The Pastoral Visiting Team faithfully visit some 15 people on a regular basis who are housebound or in care homes. We are grateful to every member of the team for their continuing support, wisdom, ideas and willingness to share experiences.

The team meet every 6 weeks to review and pray for those of our church family who are shut-in - they are not forgotten. Thanks to our young people who sang Christmas carols at Park View Court and the homes of some who are now unable to get to church as once they did. Thanks also to Ian Dixon for taking Communion to them when requested.

God has answered prayer and enabled us to provide monthly services at both Silverdale (with St Barnabas) and Cherry Tree Care Homes; thanks to everyone involved. The well-attended carol services are very special for everyone; one usually non-verbal resident was seen singing every word! This Christmas, we were able to gift every resident and staff member with a knitted angel - thanks knitters!

Grateful as we are for all God is doing through the Visitation Team, we are conscious that there is still room for improvement. Specifically, we are seeking ways of being more joined-up with others who care for God's people at St Chad's.

Loving Community

Early Essentials - Sally King

It has been a busy year for us! We have again provided over 100 baskets for vulnerable Mums and their babies. The health care professionals we work with tell us they make a real difference to the Mums, some of them say they have never received gifts in their life.

Last year we asked you to pray for our premises situation, thank you. We have news! Early in 2025, we are moving out of the cellar into Number 1 Stockport Road, still at The LifeCentre.

We are so grateful to the Trustees and St Chads for making this possible. It will be so good to bring everything upstairs where we feel more connected to everyone.

Our new name, Early Life, reflects the move, and we are now part of The LifeCentre charity.

We are also grateful to Stockport Council who have given us a grant as part of their proactive approach to addressing disadvantage across the borough. This will make a significant difference to the work we are able to do.

The plan is to increase the range of things we can supply to families and respond to increasing needs.

It is a privilege to be involved with this project. We believe in generosity and grace as we seek to show love and support.



Cherry Tree - Rachel Bresnahan & Jill Hookway

The Cherry Tree Project supports our local community, focusing on young people and those in need. We do this from our HUB on Cherry Tree and from the Guywood Centre. All of this happens to show and share the love of Jesus and, though a separate legal entity from St Chads, our work is very much carried out in partnership, and many of our volunteers are members of St Chads!

This year we have provided food parcels to around 35 households every week from the Guywood Centre and have served lunch on Cherry Tree every Friday to local people who are socially isolated. At Christmas, 100 food hampers worth £45 each were given out to local households in need.

Our 4 weekly young people's sessions continue to thrive, a highlight being 2 of our young people being baptised last Easter. We continue to run busy school holiday clubs (using the Guywood has been a real asset particularly in bad weather) and our work to support local families has expanded with the launch of Reloved, which takes in old school uniform, makes it "like new" and gets it back into the hands of those in need.

Warm Spaces - Rachel Bresnahan & Jill Hookway

The Warm Space at The Guywood Centre has continued to go from strength to strength this year. Originally set up alongside the food provision, a beautiful community is now well established, as food bank users stay on to enjoy bacon sandwiches, teas and coffees together, having picked up their food bags!

A wonderful team from St Chads/The Cherry Tree Project "host" the warm space, enabling conversations and building relationships. At 11 o'clock, we pause together for the "God slot" where anybody can share a word about God, followed by an opportunity to pray. The Warm Space forms an important place in people's lives. We have seen the hungry fed, hearts opened, relationships repaired, the love of God and immense joy shared, and belonging created. The Christmas outings to Rainbow, Unplugged and a key member's birthday party, are testament to all of this!

Thank you to our team of volunteers who offer themselves week in, week out.

Loving Community

LifeCentre - Lesley Cranwell & Katie Wade

The Romiley LifeCentre is a vital part of our ministry and mission to Romiley, established to bless our community. Staffed by over 80 dedicated volunteers, it continues to flourish as a hub of connection and service. Many of our volunteers express how serving here has been a blessing in their own lives. We extend heartfelt thanks to each one for partnering with us to share God's love in this place.

This year, the LifeCentre was reconfigured to become a more flexible space. Thanks to a generous donation, we redecorated the Sanctuary, creating a comforting prayer space used by all and home to St Chads prayer groups.

Stockport Christian Counselling regularly uses our space, and plans are underway for a 2025 refresher course to expand the Hear & Now service. Early 2025 will also see Christians Against Poverty running their Money Course at the LifeCentre, alongside ongoing support from Stockport Credit Union. Additionally, we remain a Trussell Trust Foodbank location, providing food vouchers to those in need.

A significant milestone was the reallocation of No. 1 to house EarlyLife, our expanded mission to support new mums. This volunteer-led initiative provides hampers and essential items to mothers and babies, with referrals from healthcare professionals.



The LifeCentre café remains a warm, welcoming space, offering delicious meals and opportunities to connect.

A new "Talking Table" has become a community favourite, encouraging conversations over a cuppa. The café also supports local artists by displaying original works, strengthening our ties to the community.

Our conference facilities continue to serve local institutions, businesses, and St Chads ministries, while hosting groups that promote community wellbeing. This year, we welcomed back Katie Wade as leader of Ministry and we are grateful for her leadership during this season of growth.

Stay & Play continues to thrive, offering families a safe, well-equipped environment for play. Our Adoption & Fostering support group meets regularly, providing peer support for those on their family-building journeys. Knit & Gather fosters creativity and community, uniting diverse age groups and enriching lives with shared skills and support.

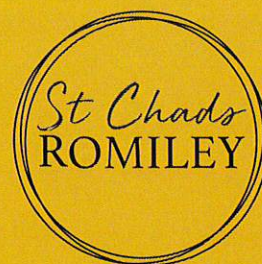
As we look forward, St Chads will run the Alpha course at the LifeCentre in early 2025, offering a chance to explore life's meaning over shared meals.

We are reminded of God's promise in Luke 6:38: "Your gift will return to you in full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over." May this inspire us to continue giving and growing together.

Final word...

Thank you for getting this far and reading this report, and if you are just glancing at the back page before opening the report, then please do open it and read on! This report seeks to inform and encourage. There is a great deal to celebrate in the life of St Chads in 2024, and there are things to learn from and develop. We can only capture the headlines and highlights of the past year. A report can only capture a snapshot of the many stories, friendships, events and prayers of a beautiful, messy, changing, growing community of more than 300 people of all ages, each learning what it means to follow Jesus. What we hope you will find here is signs that, in an imperfect and very human way, 2024 was about glorifying God, loving community and following Jesus. All that we have here comes from God, all that we do is empowered by his Holy Spirit, all that we do is for Jesus and so I want to end with a simple prayer of gratitude.

Loving God, thank you for pouring out your abundant blessings on St Chads over the past year. Thank you for the joy we experience in our life together. Sorry for where we have done things our way, not your way. Help us to stay rooted in your love and may it overflow into our community. We give you all the glory, all this is for you. Amen

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St Chads Romiley (Chadkirk)
In the Diocese of Chester

**Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council
for the Year Ended 31st December 2024**

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES/MEMBERS OF ST CHADS CHURCH ROMILEY
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 2 to 6 .

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and consider that under s144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) an audit is not required and an independent examination is needed.

I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit and is eligible for independent examination. It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with s130 of the Charities Act 2011
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of s132 of the Charities Act 2011 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities
- have not been met; or

To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

John A Simpson
Chartered Accountant
48 Bredbury Green
Romiley
Stockport
SK6 3DN

JA Simpson

Date

27/4/25.

St Chads Parochial Church Council, Romiley
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

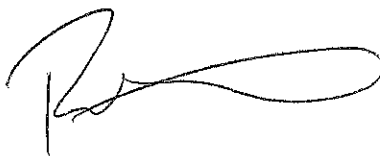
INCOMING RESOURCES	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Voluntary Income					
Donations and legacies	7	362,060	15,827	377,887	306,858
Generated Income					
Activities for generating funds					
Receipts from Church activities	8	3,527	2,528	6,055	2,270
Other Incoming resources	9	22,434	0	22,434	18,137
		388,021	18,355	406,376	327,265
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Mission Grants	10	29,500	0	29,500	26,711
Activities directly related to church work	11	143,037	15,072	158,109	119,667
Church maintenance and administration	12	147,665	7,131	154,796	133,026
		320,202	22,203	342,405	279,404
NET INCOMING RESOURCES		67,819	-3,848	63,971	47,861
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD 1ST JANUARY 2024/23		738,858	10,662	749,520	701,659
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD 31ST DECEMBER 2024/23		806,677	6,814	813,491	749,520

St Chads Parochial Church Council, Romiley
Balance Sheet at 31st December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
Fixed Assets		£	£	£	£
Tangible Assets	5	591,264	0	591,264	593,398
Current Assets					
Debtors		3,634	0	3,634	3,072
Short Term Investments	6	92,852		92,852	
Cash at Bank		119,740	6,814	126,554	153,912
		<u>216,226</u>	<u>6,814</u>	<u>223,040</u>	<u>156,984</u>
Creditors falling due within one year		<u>813</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>813</u>	<u>862</u>
Net Current Assets		215,413	6,814	222,227	156,122
Total Assets less current liabilities		806,677	6,814	813,491	749,520
Creditors falling due after more than one year		0	0	0	0
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>806,677</u>	<u>6,814</u>	<u>813,491</u>	<u>749,520</u>
FUNDS					
Restricted		0	6,814	6,814	10,662
Unrestricted		806,677	0	806,677	738,858
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>806,677</u>	<u>6,814</u>	<u>813,491</u>	<u>749,520</u>

APPROVED by

Richard Pennystan (PCC Chairman)



Helen Bray (PCC Treasurer)



Date 10.3.2024

St Chads Parochial Church Council, Romiley
Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 December 2024

Notes

- 1 The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable UK accounting standards, and the Church Accounting Regulations. The historical cost convention is used. The accruals basis of accounting has been adopted. The principal accounting policies are applied consistently.

	2024	2023
2 Fees for Financial Statements examination	0	0
3 Staff salaries and expenses		
Gross wages and salaries	80,912	63,491
HR Costs	310	256
Staff training	1,239	2,146
New Wine	0	459
Staff and volunteer's expenses	589	863
Employer's national insurance costs	31	-118
Pension contributions	2,243	1,981
Total staff costs	85,324	69,058

- 4 **Payment to Trustees** - A trustee has been paid £3,600 in respect of external contracted work. This is considered to be at a commercial rate. In addition, Ian Otto, who is the spouse of a trustee is employed by St Chads Church. No other payments have been paid to trustees.

		Equipment	Land and Buildings	Total
5 Tangible Fixed Assets				
Cost	Balance at 1st January 2024	21,339	578,461	599,800
	Additions during the year	0	0	0
	Disposals during the year	0	0	0
	Balance at 31st December 2024	21,339	578,461	599,800
Accumulated	Balance at 1st January 2024	6,402	0	6,402
Depreciation	Charge for the year	2,134	0	2,134
	Balance at 31st December 2024	8,536	0	8,536
Net Book	Balance at 31st December 2024	12,803	578,461	591,264
Value	Balance at 31st December 2023	14,937	578,461	593,398

The visual equipment was purchased in 2020 and cost £21,339. This figure is included in total fixed assets. The equipment is to be depreciated over 10 years

	2024	2023
6 Short Term Investments		
Investment portfolio valuation (CCLA)	92,852	0

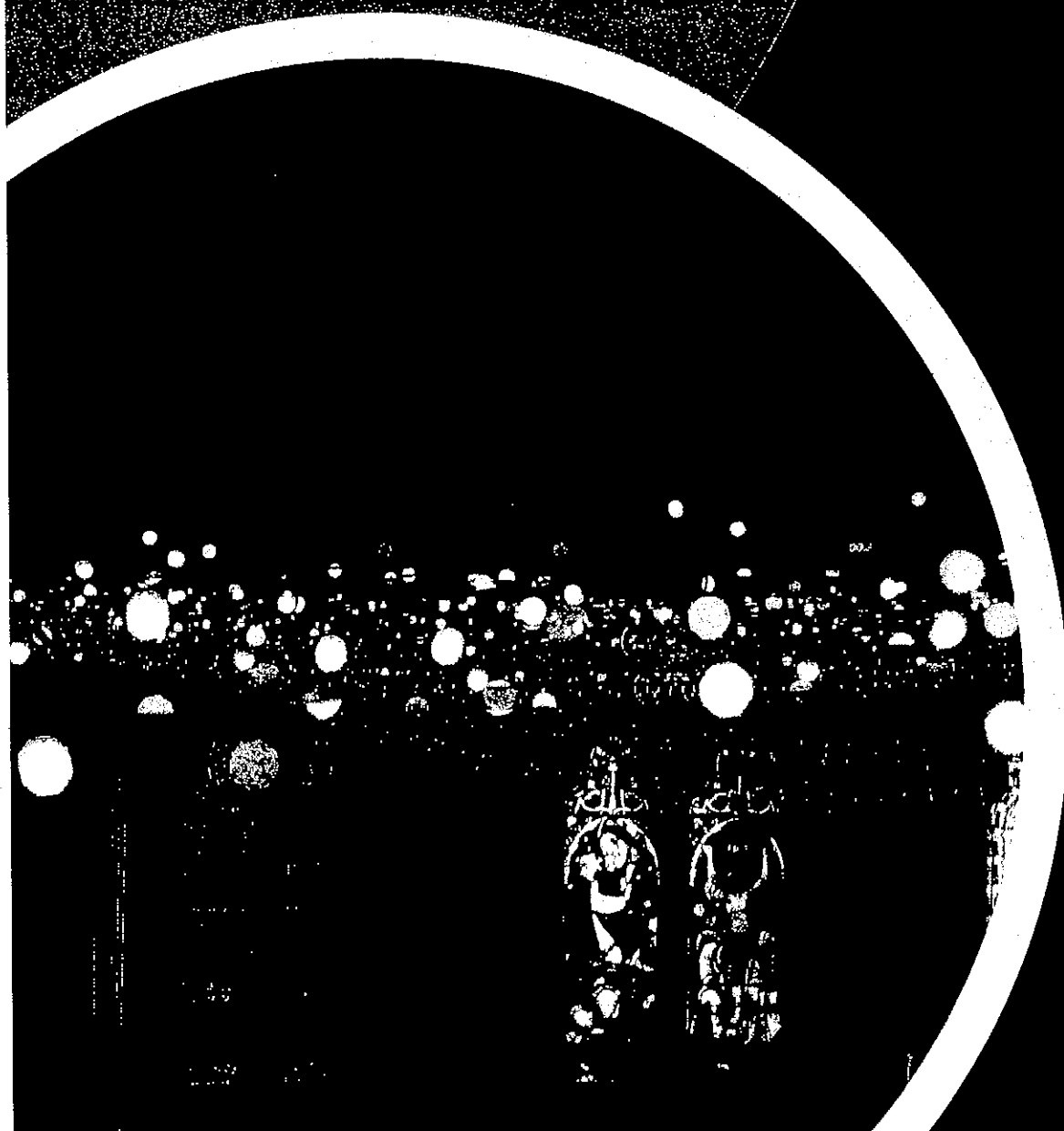
St Chads Parochial Church Council, Romiley
Notes to the Statement of Financial Activities 2024

Note		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income					
7	Donations and legacies				
	Non gift aid	47,743		47,743	40,928
	Gift Aid including Guywood donations	171,774	13,827	185,601	167,539
	Loose Receipts	3,820		3,820	5,025
	Grants	2,906	2,000	4,906	12,252
	Gift Days/One Off Donations	6,571		6,571	19,064
	Tax recovered and recoverable	47,426		47,426	44,861
	Legacies	81,820		81,820	17,190
		362,060	15,827	377,887	306,859
8	Activities for generating funds				
	Other Guywood activities	-	2,528	2,528	2,270
	Bank & Interest	3,527		3,527	
		3,527	2,528	6,055	2,270
9	Other Activities				
	Weddings/Funerals	4,535	-	4,535	4,445
	Hall Lettings and Guywood Lane Rent	15,100	-	15,100	13,692
	Other Income	2,799	-	2,799	
		22,434	-	22,434	18,137
	Total Incoming resources	388,021	18,355	406,376	327,266

Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Expenditure				
10 Grants				
Missionary and charitable giving	29,500		29,500	26,711
	29,500		29,500	26,711
11 Activities directly related to the work of the Church				
Ministry - Parish Share	97,948		97,948	71,756
Church maintenance	26,641		26,641	13,981
Youth & Childrens' activities including Prampushers	2,383	9,986	12,369	13,925
Oasis		5,086	5,086	5,707
Training & Church Events	3,319		3,319	
Discipleship, Pastoral, Hospitality	7,689		7,689	9,542
Worship	5,057		5,057	4,756
	143,037	15,072	158,109	119,667
12 Church maintenance and administration				
Clergy	1,362		1,362	857
Clergy house running costs (inc housing allowance)	12,681		12,681	4,720
Church buildings running costs	11,556		11,556	5,228
Church Hall running costs	7,785	2,981	10,766	7,372
Depreciation	2,134		2,134	2,134
Insurance	5,510		5,510	5,000
Rent	15,202		15,202	
Boiler Fund		150	150	24,094
Admin (inc licenses and IT)	8,095		8,095	9,057
Staff salaries and expenses	81,324	4,000	85,324	73,058
Telephone and internet	2,016		2,016	1,506
	147,665	7,131	154,796	133,026
	320,202	22,203	342,405	279,404

Accounts

Annual Report 2023



Vicar's Report

When I locked up the church on Christmas Day there was a huge smile on my face as I reflected on the joy and beauty of celebrating with our St Chads family. That memory captures something of the whole of 2023, it was a good year of growth and hope in St Chads, surrounded by a world, which seems to have lost its hope. In 2023 there was so much which expressed our goals of glorifying God, loving community and following Jesus.

That isn't to say there weren't challenges, pain and loss. We will always seek to weep with those who weep and rejoice with those who rejoice.

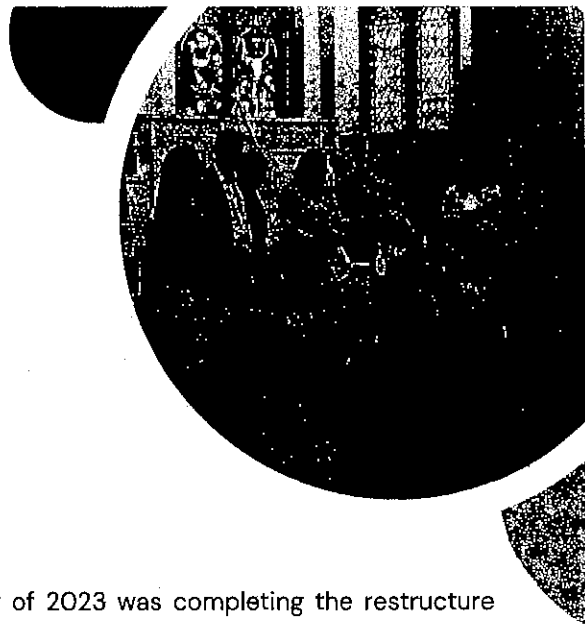
The overall picture of growth and hope is seen weekly on Sundays and in midweek groups, in our welcome lunches, new people joining, Alpha courses running and small groups forming. One highlight which captured the joy and love in our church was ReSet Sunday in September. As we gathered as one church of all generations there was a powerful sense of God's Spirit with us.

Looking back over the year I've realised how many new things we started. Before looking at key moments and new initiatives I want to celebrate the consistency and faithfulness of our regular ministries. Oasis, Prampushers, Just4Dads and the LifeCentre continue to connect with remarkable numbers of people every week, and other ministries you'll read about continue to grow. I am hugely grateful to all our youth and children's teams on Sundays and midweek. After Elle moved in 2022, it has been excellent to see the momentum of our work continue with teams serving so beautifully. In March we held an evening to appreciate and thank our volunteers. The guest list was more than 150 people, (and the LifeCentre includes many more volunteers than that). This is something to be celebrated; your time and investment glorifies God, serving alongside one another builds a loving community and leads to some of our volunteers starting to follow Jesus.

A key part of 2023 was completing the restructure process that we began in January 2022. During 2023 this included forming a "Ministry Leadership Team", taking on Vicky Reedy and Zeke Watts in paid employed roles and revitalising small groups. It also led to the decision to recruit our new Associate Vicar and leader of the Ministry of the LifeCentre and we are delighted that Katie Wade is soon going to take on those two roles. The PCC has made the bold and faith-filled decision to step out in trusting God for the finances for these roles. We value all that you give and invite you to prayerfully consider what God is asking you to contribute financially to support the ongoing growth of St Chads and new opportunities to grow Jesus' kingdom in Romiley.

When praying about revitalising small groups, I decided that this needed doing on a firm shared foundation of Biblical vision for building intentional fellowship. This was done through Chads Central in the autumn, a deep dive into Ephesians and opportunity to discuss building trusting, committed, honest friendships and belonging. I am delighted that we have seen many join groups and new groups form and very grateful to all who put so much time, love and wisdom into leading those.

In the first paragraph of this report I mentioned the growth and life of St Chads in contrast to a wider sense of malaise and decline in the world and the wider Church. There might be all sorts of reasons for this, but I'm convinced it's due to the priority we place on prayer. For the first half of the year we found our regular rhythm of monthly prayer events and daily prayer in the LifeCentre (9am in Sanctuary - all are welcome). We also have weekly pastoral prayers and monthly prayer for healing, as well as prayer being a priority in both services on Sunday and at Wednesday communion.



I believe our prayer life underpins all that we do and encourages us to keep committing to grow in prayer. This was helped through reading and discussing our Lent book for 2023, 'Praying Like Monks, Living like Fools'. We had record numbers of people buying, reading and reflecting on the book. I hope it continues to inspire and resource us to be a praying people.

I want to celebrate a few more highlights here. It's impossible to capture everything here, but we've attempted to share as much as we can through this report.

Zeke led a youth weekend away in May, which was a huge success, enabling our young people to grow deeper in their faith and build friendships. It is a huge joy to see so many young people in our church following Jesus and our midweek discipleship groups are growing and flourishing. We are so grateful to God for calling Zeke to Romiley to take the lead on this as well as serving at Cherry Tree and in other ways.

In late 2022 the PCC made the decision to appoint a young families outreach worker and we were delighted that Vicky Reedy has taken that role on. Being in a paid role gives Vicky more capacity to invest in this ministry and that has been really fruitful. We're seeing some of those connections leading to young families attending on Sundays and doing Alpha and we pray for more. By this move, Vicky vacated her paid role as cafe assistant at the LifeCentre. We were delighted to appoint Natalie to that role and it is brilliant to see them both flourish in their calling.

A new initiative in 2023 was the formation of our Eco-Church group and two Sundays with a focus on our care of creation and climate justice. We are grateful to Clare Warburton and the team for taking the lead on this, as we believe this is a subject God is calling us all to engage with and act upon.

The rise in fuel costs and government grants for Warm Spaces enabled us to use the Guywood as a warm space in the winter months. Rachel and the team have embraced that and the community forming on Thursdays includes opportunities to share Jesus and we look to develop that further, alongside the ongoing work of hosting the food provision at the Guywood.

I hope you are as encouraged as I am as you reflect on 2023 in this report. There has been loss and some things have come to an end and some of our church family have experienced significant difficulties. Our celebration of the encouragements doesn't minimise any of that. It also highlights the immeasurable amount of behind-the-scenes care, love and support which is expressed in the St Chads family. Pastoral care is more than something we form an institutional structure for, it is an expression of loving community which breaks into every generation in every season.

It has brought me real joy to reflect on 2023 and the many times we sensed the joyful, life-giving presence of God with us. We are seeing more people, more like Jesus and as we pray and seek him I believe we'll see even more in 2024.

Richard



PCC Report

PCC

St Chads PCC is a registered charity with the responsibility of cooperating with the Incumbent in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. (The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956).

The PCC is responsible for the oversight of St Chads: budgeting and finances, the management of our buildings and facilities, health and safety, safeguarding, employment and recruitment, volunteers, policy matters and ecumenical and diocesan engagement.

PCC members and Deanery Synod Representatives are elected for three year terms. Officers to the PCC (e.g. Treasurer) and the Standing Committee (SC) are elected annually following the annual meeting. The Standing Committee meets regularly and can make decisions and discharge business between PCC meetings where necessary.

St Chads PCC has adopted the Church of England's Safeguarding policy, Promoting a Safer Church and has complied with its duty under section five of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016. All staff and volunteers in roles which involve working with children or vulnerable adults are recruited according to the House of Bishops Safer Recruitment Practice Guidance and training is followed under Church of England requirements.

Main items of governance and discussion in 2023:

- Recruitment of Associate Vicar and Leader of Ministry, LifeCentre
- Repair and repointing of The Guywood external walls
- Compliance review of all St Chads policies and procedures
- Governance and stewardship of St Chads financial resources
- Ongoing oversight of the fabric of our buildings, including faculty agreement for repair to the two quatrefoils on the south facing roof of church (where the roof has been leaking). To be completed in quarter one of 2024.

2023 PCC

Paul Adshead	2024	Lay	
Hilary Bentley	2025	Lay	
Helen Bray *	2026	Deanery Synod	Treasurer
Robert Bucknall	2025	Lay	
George Burghel	2026	Lay	
Molly Dow		Lay	Reader
Craig Fairfield	2026	Lay	
Jan Ford *	Annual	Deanery Synod	Warden
Kirstie Goddard	2026	Lay	
Andrew Goddard *	Annual		Warden
Marilyn Gregory	2025	Lay	
Carl Grimsditch	2025	Lay	
Jane Higginbottom *	Annual		Secretary
John Macaulay	2026	Lay	
Ruth Otto	2026	Deanery Synod	
Richard Pennystan *		Clergy	
Jeanette Simpson	2026	Lay	
Mark Warburton	2026	Lay	
Rob Williams	2024	Lay	

*Standing Committee Member



Sidespersons

Church Representation Rules mean Sidespersons are elected by the PCC following the APCM.

Thank you to Malcolm Booker, Frank Moseley, Craig Fairfield and Geoff Walton for their service during 2023.

Fabric and Facilities

A huge thank you to Ian Otto for all that he does, seen and unseen, ensuring that our buildings are in good working order.

Ongoing upkeep of our buildings including: PAT testing, fire safety, lightening conductor inspections, piano and organ tuning, gas safety checks, air-conditioning and insurance.

We are working on a programme of building maintenance for Church and the Guywood, including in 2023 fixing the heating in the Guywood and some major repointing and structural works to rectify the damp. Over the summer we also welcomed a charity team led by a dad from Just4Dads who alongside Ian repainted all of the area in the wooden end and gave the kitchen a very deep clean. Thank you to all involved. In church we saw the installation of the new boilers.

We are still awaiting the report on our five year church building inspection, the Quinquennial, that took place in 2020. All major works highlighted in the last report have been completed and the Diocese is pleased with our stewardship of St Chads.

Deanery Synod

The Deanery Synod is the group of our 10 local Anglican churches that provides an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. The Deanery Synod met four times this year across our Deanery. Three members of the PCC currently sit on Deanery Synod.

Electoral Roll

In 2019 the roll was fully revised. Following our 2024 review, we currently have 253 people on the Electoral Roll of St Chads.

During this last year 1 person has died, 2 people have moved away and 11 people have joined the Roll. The roll is due to be revised again next year in 2025.

The PCC employs five part time members of staff:

Head of Operations:	Jane Higginbottom
Facilities Manager:	Ian Otto
Operations Assistant:	Alys Bassett
Youth Ministry Assistant:	Zeke Watts
Families & Preschool	
Outreach Worker:	Vicky Reedy
Verger:	Ernie Cooper (unpaid)

We are looking forward to welcoming Katie Wade onto team as Associate Vicar on 10th April and Dave Hill as our new curate in July this year.

There are also many, many volunteers across all areas of church life. Thank you to EVERYONE who serves.

Financial Report – Helen Bray

We continue to thank God for his ongoing provision to us through the generosity of our church family by way of regular giving, donations and legacies. A summary can be found on the Finance page of this report. Full accounts are available in church or by request to Jane in the church office.

The PCC set the annual budget in faith and monitor both the budget comparison and cashflow regularly.

We thank Jane Higginbottom, who manages the daily financial affairs of our church and John Simpson, our Independent Examiner.

Wardens' Report

As always, we want to start our report by giving thanks for God's faithfulness. Following on from the review we undertook in 2022, this year has been a year of prayer, waiting on God and beginning to implement what we believe God has planned for St Chads. We are grateful for Richard and Nells' leadership and hard work in keeping us faithful to God's calling.

We are thrilled that Vicky Reedy joined the staff team in June in order to concentrate on our work among young families. We are also delighted that Katie Wade has been appointed as Associate Vicar and will be licensed on the 10th April 2024.

Our two Sunday Services (9.15am Parish Communion and 11am Informal Worship) and our mid-week communion (Wednesday 11am) have continued to flourish, providing our parish with diverse ways to worship and meet together. The Sanctuary continues to provide a special place for personal or corporate prayer; a place where members of the public can experience God's presence. We have regular prayer times weekdays from 9.00 – 9.20am plus 2 zoom prayer times – Monday and Thursday at 7am.

As the Anglican Parish Church in Romiley we welcomed those from our local community and beyond for infant baptisms, weddings and funerals.

We are blessed that so many of our church family serve across the week and on Sundays in order to bless our church and local community through our many varied ministries. We thank all those who lead and serve week in, week out, to make these happen. Our volunteer evenings have also been a real encouragement to all who came.



Oasis (Monday lunchtime) continues to meet a real need in our community for those who are lonely. Thank you Ken and team for serving this community. Molly Dow has continued to offer Later Life Issues bi-monthly on Thursday mornings. Kirstie Goddard and team led an Alpha Course after Easter which was partly run by participants from the previous year; a wonderful example of our church family serving and blessing each other.

Our thanks go to Vicky Reedy and her teams for all they do to serve the young families in our community at Prampushers, Snowdrops, baby groups and Just4Dads.

Our thanks also go to Rachel Dixon and team for running Schools Out (reception upwards) on Mondays after school. Zeke and team have overseen TBN (older youth discipleship) on Monday evenings, and our new group TNT (for those in years 7-10) on Thursday evenings.

The Pantry/Food provision, Warm Spaces and The Cherry Tree Project continue to serve the community in wonderful ways.

Please read the separate reports to see details of all these ministries. It is sometimes a challenge to fill all of our volunteer spaces and if you feel you can help serve on any of our teams please contact the church office.

Our APCM was held during a joint Sunday morning service. The PCC met bi monthly and held 2 vision mornings, to pray and think through God's vision for St Chads. We have also started MLT (Ministry Leadership Team) for those who lead ministries attached to St Chads. MLT meets 5 times a year to receive teaching, share vision and hear from each other about what God is doing. The MLT also joined the PCC on one of the away mornings.

In the summer, New Wine United was an opportunity for many of the church family to spend quality time together, enjoy worshipping with thousands and receive great teaching. Many of our church family served on team. In November, a group of mainly young families returned to Bassenfell for a weekend away enjoying fellowship and fun in the beautiful surroundings of the lake district.

The Eco Church group have begun to consider how we can be good stewards as a Church and have led services to help us all think more about how we care for creation. We have set aside part of church yard for a wild flower garden to encourage bees and other wildlife.

Our thanks also go to Jane, Ian and Alys for serving us in so many ways, much of what they do is in the background, but we couldn't operate without them.

Reports on finances, facilities and other changes are covered elsewhere but we close by thanking God for everyone at St Chads who has furthered God's Kingdom here in Romiley.

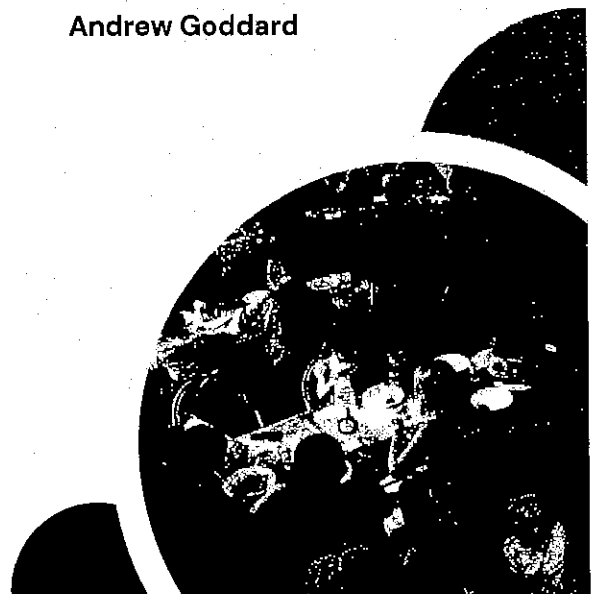
Jan Ford & Andrew Goddard



Jan Ford



Andrew Goddard



Finance

Missional Giving

Each year the PCC sets a Mission budget based on 10% of the full income of the previous account year. This is given to missionary organisations, activities and individuals at home and overseas. The Missions Committee oversees how we distribute these funds, together with PCC.

The majority of the Mission Budget is given as regular support to organisations and individuals where there is a link with St Chads. As a general rule, we review this regular giving on a two yearly basis, unless something significant changes.

Each year we retain a smaller part of our Mission budget to be used flexibly during the year. This fund has been used to support members of the church family who are undertaking short term mission trips. The fund also supports local community needs and occasional gifts to other charities.

This year we were delighted to support both local and worldwide charities with gifts at Christmas. Below are the full 2023 details of our regular support and one-off gifts.

Mission Partners

TEAR FUND	£2,000
CMS & SAMS	£1,500
MESSAGE TRUST	£1,000
BIBLE SOCIETY	£1,000
ALEXANDRIA LIBRARY	£1,000
NEW WINE	£2,000
THE HAMILTONS	£2,000
OPEN DOORS	£1,200
FUSION	£1,000
CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY	£1,200
NAKED TRUTH	£1,000
NORA STURGES HEALTH CENTRE	£1,000
CHRISTIANS IN SCHOOLS	£2,500
GLO	£3,000
AMAR	£2,000
TOTAL	£ 23,400

Christmas Generosity

We have seen people filled with over... our church family this year; contributing abundantly in both money and time.

Your Christmas generosity was again overwhelming with over £3000 given in support of our initiatives.

Your giving enabled us to buy gifts and provide support to bless both our church family and the wider community, including families highlighted through our local schools. Together with the Cherry Tree Project we delivered 146 Christmas hampers.

Money has been more than matched with people's time and prayer on Sundays and so many different mid-week outreach activities. We could not demonstrate Loving Community in action without it.

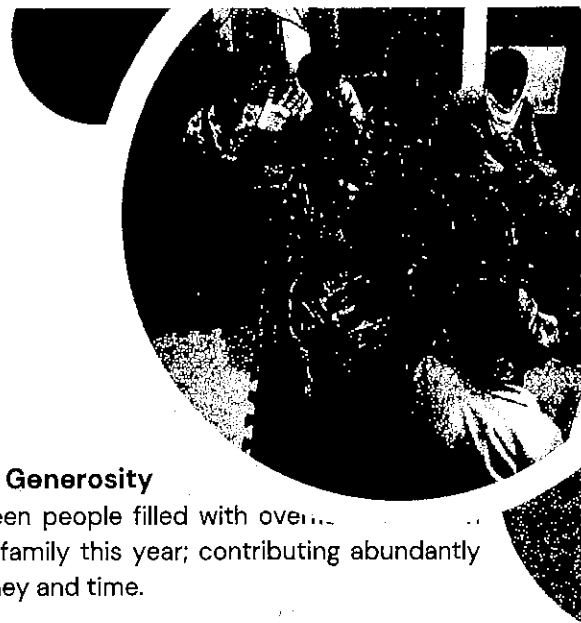
THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

One Off Gifts

Acorn Alternative Provision	£310
Embrace the Middle East	£500
Emma Goddard	£250
Growing Hope	£400
Hamiltons	£500
International Justice Mission	£1,000
Jack Pennyslan	£250
Lebanon school (through CMS)	£500
Mechanics for Africa	£500
Stockport Refugees	£310
	£4,520

Headline Figures

Income 2023	
Donations & Legacies	£ 306,858
Other Income	£ 20,407
	£ 327,265
Expenditure 2023	
Grants & World Mission	£ 26,711
Church Activities	£ 119,867
Church Running Costs	£ 133,026
	£ 279,404
Surplus of Income over Expenditure	£ 47,861



Glorifying God

Mini Church – Jan Ford

We have enjoyed meeting with the mini churchers again this year. They may only be 3-5 but they love to learn about Jesus. We have a cohort of around 4 – 8 children each week with a team of 9 adults (3 for each session). We love finding creative ways to share the Bible and special truths with them through games, craft activities and play. It is fantastic to see them grow in confidence week by week and to listen to all they have to share with us. We encourage them to listen to God and engage with Him in prayer, through relevant activities, and believe that the truth we share with them now will grow and develop with them.

Kids Church – Jan Ford

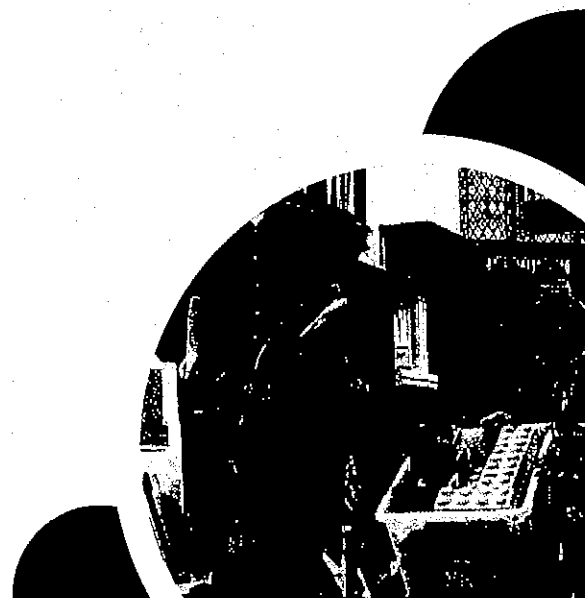
We are so blessed to be able to meet in the LifeCentre. The 3 teams, made up of 3 adults enjoy getting to know the children. We regularly have between ten to eighteen 6-11 year olds. My thanks go to those who help even if for only a term or step in when we are short of team. We couldn't run the sessions without you.

We spend time playing games, listening to each other, learning from God's word, praying together and exploring different crafts. We are grateful to Elle for leaving us a wealth of material which we can use. This year we have used a variety of film clips to help us understand the Gospel stories and look at the Beatitudes. We have also thought about how we can be good stewards of God's world and helped plant the wild garden plant area in church yard.

Youth Church – Zoke Watts

In the summer, several of our older youth felt that it was time for them to move into the main service. As much as it was a shame to see them move on, it has led to the younger youth really finding their voice in the sessions. We are watching the youth Alpha videos and discussing what we believe and what our faith mean to us.

As well as having a few new year 7s join the group in September, we have also had several other newcomers all of whom have joined the group eager to grow in their faith and learn more about Jesus which is just beautiful to watch. Back in May we also held a youth weekend away in Edale, which 16 of our young people attended. We had a brilliant time filled with activities, good food, and lots of opportunities to bond together as a group as well as diving deeper into God's word.



Following Jesus

SchoolsOUT – Zeke Watts

SchoolsOUT, which is our outreach group for primary school kids in reception to Year 3, has continued to grow with more and more kids coming. All of them are full of energy and eager to get involved and explore their faith from such a young age as well.

TNT – Zeke Watts

TNT launched in September as I felt that we needed greater investment in our younger youth and felt that a mid-week discipleship group was the best option. This gives them a chance to form tighter bonds with one another whilst also exploring their faiths. Since starting we have seen so many fruits forming almost immediately with the group really coming together and forming deeper friendships outside of the sessions which has been amazing to watch. We spent most of last term looking at the Lord's Prayer and discussing how we should pray together. We are looking forward to what the future holds for this group and would love to see the group grow in both size and faith.

TBN – Zeke Watts

TBN continues to go from strength to strength. In July the young people planned and ran a youth takeover with Caleb and Luke leading the service, and Joel, Jack, George and Charlie speaking about what it means to have Freedom in Christ, along with others being involved with worship and prayers.

It was a beautiful Sunday where I felt the young people were able to stand up and express their love of Jesus to the rest of the church family. Since then, we have seen a couple of new people come along and have delved into a variety of topics from "guarding your heart" to looking at the five-fold ministries.

Alpha – Kirstie Goddard

We ran the Alpha course again in the spring of 2023. There is nothing more wonderful than being able to share the love of Jesus with people who are hungry for him.

Having fellowship over a meal each week and then learning together about the good news of Jesus is very special. Lives were changed forever and we have welcomed new members to St Chads.

Thank you to all who were involved from setting up, cooking, washing up and leading groups. What a team!

Small Groups and Later Life Issues

Following Chads Central in the autumn of 2023, (see vicar's report) we relaunched Small Groups. Existing groups re-started, other groups welcomed new people and some new groups were formed. We are so grateful for the love and commitment which is poured into these groups by our large team of small group leaders. This relaunch enabled us to discuss creating safe environments and address how our culture of safeguarding is expressed in small groups. We established core criteria for these groups: regular committed pattern of meeting, centred on discipleship, connected with the church leadership and committed to the Bible and prayer.

In addition to our regular Small Groups, we are grateful to Molly Dow, who following Covid, re-started Later Life Issues bi-monthly on Thursday mornings, with a focus on teaching about discipleship in later life. These sessions are greatly valued by those who attend.



Glorifying God

Worship – Mark Warburton

Our freedom to worship and glorify God is a huge privilege. I'm mindful of places in the world where we'd face oppression if we tried. We've a lot to be thankful for.

9.15

Since last year our Hymns Survey has helped us discover what we all enjoy singing. It doesn't mean we're limited to those hymn choices, but the chances of a favourite cropping up are now higher.

We've also introduced some of the hymn-like and gentle worship songs from 11am, to narrow the differences between the two services' music and to aid those times when we gather jointly. We're still experimenting with the 'flow' of music during communion. I hope you agree it helps us fix our eyes on Jesus.

We're so grateful for the ongoing service of Judith and Audrey as pianists & organists, and a special thanks to Craig for manning the 9.15 sound desk most Sundays.

11.00

Our team has flexed – some moved on, others joined! Thanks especially to Adrian and Alys who've taken us on lovely new worship journeys, and to those who periodically pop back from uni. A huge thank you to the young people in the teams who expect to leave for university in the autumn: Joel, George, Jack, Charlie, and Emma. Special mention to Josh Reedy who led our Youth worship band so brilliantly back in July. By the time everyone reads this we'll have had a further youth-led service in March.

Last July we gathered together with worship, sound and visuals teams to share an informal meal, learn new songs, worship and pray together – for the first time in years. It felt good, and we hope to do it again before too long.

We have Youtube & Spotify playlists of all our regular songs, and those we hope to introduce. If you haven't got the playlists already, do drop me a line. And we're always on the lookout for new songs – if you hear a lovely one send it to me, Richard or the worship leaders.

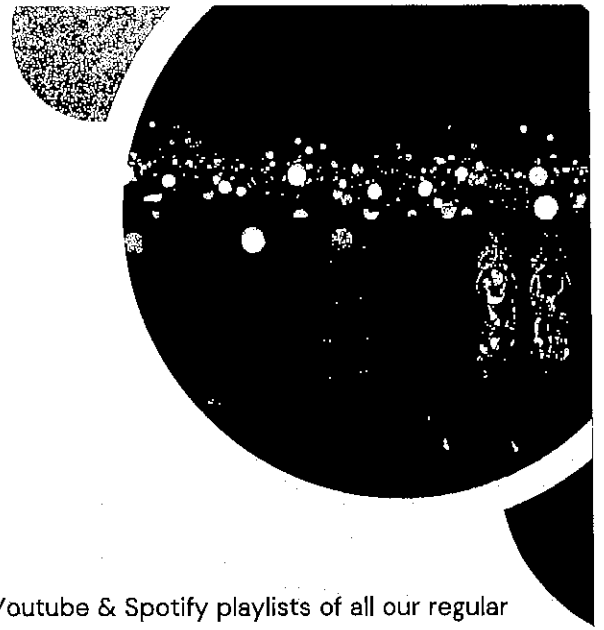
Finally thank you to the amazing Rota Expert that is Kirsty Pitt, who somehow relishes the impossible jigsaw challenge of everyone's dates. We really appreciate it, Kirsty!

General

We replaced the Loop System amplifier recently – my thanks to Geoff Walton for help with testing. If you are a hearing aid user do please let me know if it works for you – we want to refine and improve it.

I'm always on the lookout for new musicians, singers, and sound operators whether 9.15 or 11am. The musical standard (and technical standard for sound) needs to be on the high side, as well as you feeling like you're already a part of the church family. Contact me for an exploratory chat! I'd especially love to find the next generation of young musicians and tech experts. So parents, if you've spotted that passion in your children, let me know!

As we continue through 2024 we thank God for the worshipping life of St Chads and pray fervently to see even more signs of the Holy Spirit at work, changing hearts and lives.



Loving Community

Prampushers – Vicky Reedy

2023 has been another incredible year at Prampushers. Our numbers have remained the same with approx. 40-50 families at each session on a Wednesday morning and 76 mums on a Friday at the baby group. We currently have a waiting list for the baby group for mums who aren't due to give birth until the summer! We are getting lots of mums returning who joined us through covid, so they are able to enjoy being in a proper baby group, where you sit close to each other, the babies can touch each other and they can have a piece of cake rather than a wrapped biscuit!

Our teams at both the Wednesday and Friday group are incredible; Adele does a fantastic job of telling the Bible stories and teaching us new songs, and Heather creates a new craft to link with the story each week. We have had many volunteers join us from the community which we are very thankful for.

We provided an evening for mums near Mothers Day last year – a pamper night where the mums paid for a massage, but we provided free hand massages, or foot spas. It was a lovely evening, with some Grandmas being treated by their daughter for looking after the grandkids!

We also provided the mums meal in summer and winter, which continues to be a successful night. The mums are always so grateful to possibly have their first night out.

The team are always helping in the background with some of the mums they befriend, keeping in contact with WhatsApp, offering practical support, visiting at hospital, meeting up for playdates – all of this is deepening relationships. One highlight for me this year was bringing other church baby and toddler groups in Stockport together for an evening of encouragement. We had 16 churches represented and had a time for sharing, connecting and praying.

A second meeting took place in another church, which reached different groups and was such an encouragement. I also compiled a directory of church groups (with the help of Alys) so families can see what groups are available on certain days, this has worked a bit too well, with a local group saying their attendance increased from 5 families to 21! We are hoping to continue meeting this year to support each other.

Snowdrops – Vicky Reedy

This continues to be an invaluable group for mums who are struggling with their mental health, or anxiety surrounding being a mum. Approximately 5-7 mums attend each week. They are a support to each other through sharing their situations. I am very grateful for a local mum, Bina, who has taken over the running of Snowdrops, as she has lived experience of post natal depression and can really understand the mums.

Just4Dads – Vicky Reedy

Numbers have stayed between 30-50 dads every Saturday. By running the group weekly we have definitely seen dads making stronger friendships as they recognise each other, as do the children. Barry organises a monthly Curry Night, and we have had several social nights in the Guywood, and these have provided opportunities for deeper connection between the dads. Several of them have told me that the group has helped them make some great friendships that continue outside of the group, helping with their mental health and their families.



Loving Community

Phil and Rob ran the Men Behaving Dadly course last year and that was very good. Again the dads who attended the course, have all kept in touch with each other and I know it has helped their relationships with their children. I provided a baby change facility at Marple Carnival last summer which was a big blessing to families.

Phil and Helen hung up their aprons in December, after serving on the team for several years. I would like to give them a big thanks for all their hard work. Phil spoilt the dads by making stuffing to go with their sausage butties!

One activity that was a great success was a dad's hairstyle workshop; a Stockport children's hairdresser taught the dads how to brush their child's hair and put it into a pony tail or plait.

This year we have started a new group for dads with newborn to crawling stage babies, so dads have a quieter space to sit and chat with other dads and the babies are safe to lie on the floor without wobbly toddlers around! We are also helping with a dads festival in Tintwistle called DadFest in July, a weekend where dad and child can enjoy camping and outdoor activities, creating lasting memories, and spending quality time together.

I was invited to share about running dads groups at the Care for the Family playtime conference last September, and I attended a Who Let the Dads Out mini conference at Care for the Family headquarters. Momentum in other churches opening up their doors to dads and their children is growing, and its great to be helping other churches and other leaders.

Oasis - Ken Earith

Oasis continues to be a blessing for so many people. We now regularly have between 70 to 80+ people joining us each week. The piece below was written by one of the ladies who is a regular member of Oasis.

"Oasis is so aptly named! Outside, it may be cold and unfriendly, outside we may be experiencing some of the difficulties that come with older age - loneliness, anxieties and health problems. But once a week we can leave them behind for a few hours. Step inside, and there is our oasis. A refuge, a relief, rest, good food and great company."

There are smiles everywhere, it's warm, it's comfortable and it's welcoming. There are smiles if we choose to play table games, do crosswords, jig saws or colouring - smiles and groans when we work out at the keep fit sessions, there are smiles if we simply listen to the piano playing or choose to sit and chat.

Guywood is such a pleasant place to be, and the lunch is always so delicious, home-made soup, crusty bread, cake and another hot drink. There is always our thought for the day, a quiet reflective time, followed by grace before our meal where we give thanks. We give special thanks for those who care for us and make us feel special, nurtured and valued.

Other people have said -

"Oasis is a lifeline"

"Oasis is something to look forward to at the beginning of each week"

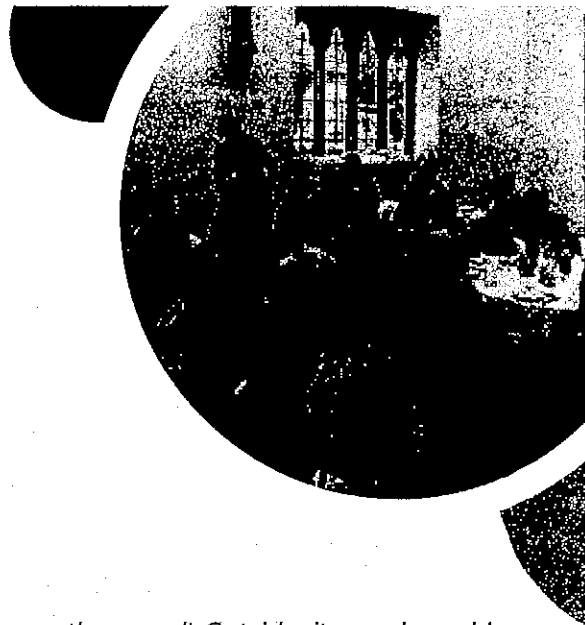
"I live alone and it keeps me going"

"I feel that Oasis has saved my life by meeting other people who are going through the same problems. I know now that I'm not alone"

"It's opened a new door into my life"

"Oasis has given me a new lease of life after losing my husband"

As with so many ministries one of the key elements is the faithfulness and dedication of the wonderful Oasis volunteers who do an amazing job each week. But with increased numbers and some of us beginning to feel our age, it would be good to have new volunteers to join the team.



Loving Community

Pastoral Visiting – Irene & John Rockley

God's love in action

St Chads is a church where many people show the love of Jesus by caring for each other in all sorts of ways. The Pastoral Visiting team faithfully visit some 15 people on a regular basis who are housebound or in care homes. We are grateful to every member of the team for their continuing support, wisdom, ideas and willingness to share experiences.

Being family

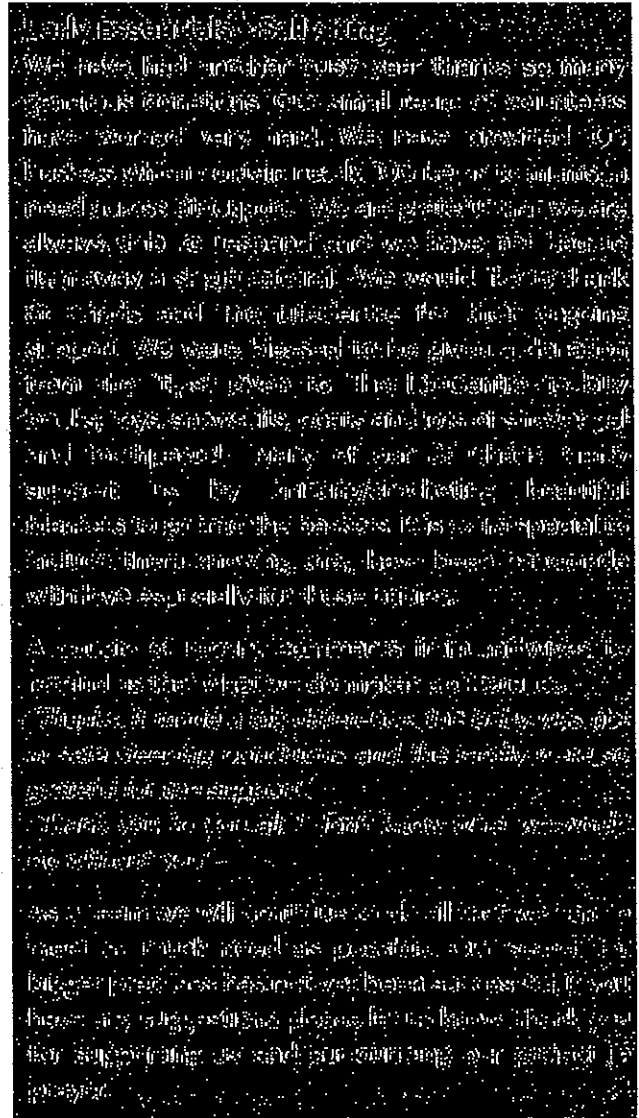
The team have started sending cards on behalf of the church to those who are shut-in to assure them that they are not forgotten. And thanks to our TBN young people who sang Christmas carols at the homes of some who are unable to get to church as frequently as they once did.

Care Home Services

The team have been praying for opportunity to conduct regular services in local care homes and God opened the way for a carol service at Silverdale Care Home in Bredbury; thanks to everyone involved.

The carol service was very special for everyone; *"Carols lift Jesus. Jesus dives into our spirits without us needing our brains."* – Jill Hookway

"It was lovely to see all the residents joining in and singing carols. I was in bits at the back of the room".
– Silverdale staff member



Warm Spaces – Vicky Reedy

We are thankful to Stockport council again for providing us with a grant to provide refreshments and activities for families between November and March. We were able to provide the Wednesday afternoon group free of charge, and we have a run an afternoon group every other Saturday from January to March, providing space to play, refreshments and company for the adults. This saw 15-20 families attend each time, the place is so peaceful, not quiet!! But there was a relaxed feel as children watched short films and played while the adults talked.

Everyone has been very grateful for somewhere to come on a Saturday afternoon to provide play for the children and warmth and company.

Loving Community



Cherry Tree Project & Food provision – Rachel Bresnahan

This year has been a busy one on Cherry Tree. With the loss of our food storage we have had to streamline our services and really focus on what's important – Jesus!

We are still running the food hub from the Guywood, our weekly youth groups and a lunch club. Our school holiday provisions are busier than ever and we've had teenagers from all over Stockport coming to join us. We also fundraised over £10,000 to purchase slow cookers for The Stockport Food Network.

In addition we have started to embrace a call to ministry with a weekly youth church and 2 Warm Spaces, one at the Hub and one at the Guywood where we get to eat breakfast whilst talking about Jesus (please keep praying!).

Thank you to everyone who has supported us, we love our church family and are very grateful!

The LifeCentre – Lesley Cranwell

Although a separate charity, the Romiley LifeCentre is a key part of our ministry and mission to Romiley. Set up to bless our community, the LifeCentre continues to go from strength to strength, staffed almost entirely by a team of over 80 volunteers. Thank you!

The café is busier than ever. The shop is stocked with gifts, cards, Christian books and a range of babywear, so the shop now offers something for every user of the LifeCentre. In 2023 we have begun to research local suppliers of gifts and cards so we can support local businesses and makers.

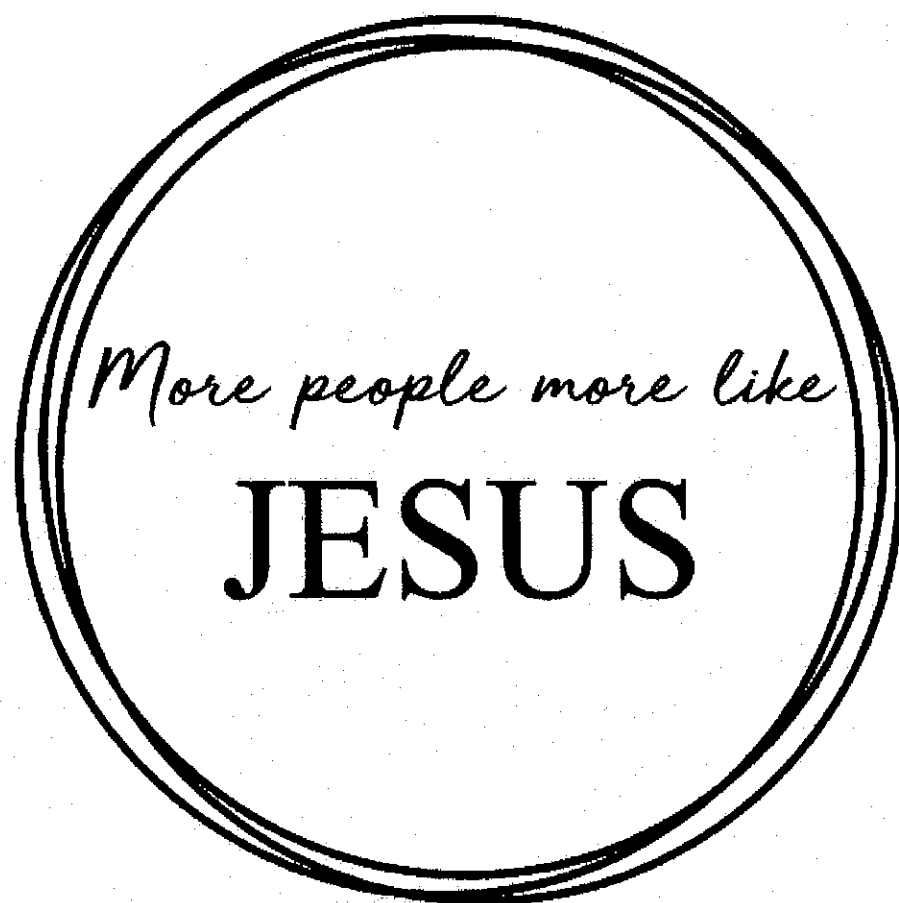
The conference facilities on the upper floor of the LifeCentre continue to be a popular venue for local institutions and businesses, in addition to being a valued asset acting as a home to several St Chads ministries. It also provides a meeting point for local groups that support the wellbeing of our community.

Christians Against Poverty – a Christian Debt Counselling Service – who, together with Stockport Credit Union also make use of these facilities for various meetings bringing valuable support and advice to our community. Other users include Hear & Now – a free listening service – which is now held weekly and run in tandem with Stockport Christian Counselling (SCC) – all our listeners are volunteers who have been trained and who are supported by SCC. SCC have been also granted greater use of the counselling room during 2023 whilst they search for a new home from which to run their counselling services. We support the local Foodbank by collecting & delivering donations and issuing vouchers. We are the HQ of Early Essentials, who work with professionals and volunteers distributing hampers of essential items to new mums and their babies in need within our local community.

Knit & Gather continues to use the LifeCentre as a meeting point and encourages the acquisition of new skills whilst building community. This group encourages diverse age groups, enriching the collective creativity of our community and has been an invaluable support network for the community.

The Sanctuary, our prayer room, is for anyone looking for a quiet space, as well as for St Chads prayer groups who meet there weekly.

Al Anon continue to use the Sanctuary as a meeting space.



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In the Diocese of Chester

**Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council
for the Year Ended 31st December 2023
Charity Number 1130873**

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES/MEMBERS OF ST CHADS CHURCH, ROMILEY, PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 2 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and consider that under s144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) an audit is not required and an independent examination is needed. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;

to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s130 of the Charities Act 2011;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of s132 of the Charities Act 2011 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities;
 - have not been met; or
- 2 To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

John A Simpson
Chartered Accountant
48 Bredbury Green
Romiley
Stockport
SK8 3DN

J.A Simpson

Date

31/3/24

St Chads Parochial Church Council, Romley
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

INCOMING RESOURCES	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds	
				2023 £	2022 £
Voluntary Income					
Donations and legacies	6	281,631	25,227	306,858	295,636
Generated Income					
Receipts from Church activities	7	0	2,270	2,270	1,976
Other Incoming resources	8	18,137	0	18,137	4,610
		299,768	27,497	327,265	302,222
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Grants	9	26,711	0	26,711	25,603
Activities directly related to church work	10	100,509	19,158	119,667	116,092
Church maintenance and administration	11	104,932	28,094	133,026	118,676
		232,152	47,252	279,404	260,371
NET INCOMING RESOURCES		67,616	-19,755	47,861	41,851
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD 1ST JANUARY 2023/22		671,242	30,417	701,659	659,808
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD 31ST DECEMBER 2023/22		738,858	10,662	749,520	701,659

St Chads Parochial Church Council, Romley
Balance Sheet at 31st December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023	2022
Fixed Assets		£	£	£	£
Tangible Assets	5	593,398	0	593,398	595,532
Current Assets					
Debtors		3,072	0	3,072	6,376
Cash and Bank		143,250	10,662	153,912	100,383
		146,322	10,662	156,984	106,758
Creditors falling due within one year		862	0	862	631
Net Current Assets		145,460	10,662	156,122	106,127
Total Assets less current liabilities		738,858	10,662	749,520	701,659
Creditors falling due after more than one year		0	0	0	0
TOTAL NET ASSETS		738,858	10,662	749,520	701,659
FUNDS					
Restricted		0	10,662	10,662	29,376
Unrestricted		738,858	0	738,858	672,281
TOTAL FUNDS		738,858	10,662	749,520	701,659

APPROVED by

Richard Pennystan (PCC Chairman)



Helen Bray (PCC Treasurer)



Date 28.3.2024.

St Chads Parochial Church Council, Romley
Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 December 2023

Notes

- 1 The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable UK accounting standards, and the Church Accounting Regulations. The historical cost convention is used. The accruals basis of accounting has been adopted. The principal accounting policies are applied consistently.

	2023	2022
2 Fees for Financial Statements examination	0	0
3 Staff salaries and expenses		
Gross wages and salaries	63,491	78,720
HR Costs	256	1,292
Staff training	2,146	1,625
NW Discipleship Year	459	779
Staff and volunteer's expenses	863	646
Employer's national insurance costs	-118	1,748
Pension contributions	1,981	2,187
Total staffing costs	69,058	86,997

- 4 **Payment to Trustees** - Mark Warburton, who is a trustee has been paid £3,600 in respect of external contracted work for worship support. This is considered to be at a commercial rate. In addition, Ian Otto, who is the spouse of a trustee is employed by St Chads Church. No other payments been paid to trustees.

		Equipment	Land and Buildings	Total
5 Tangible Fixed Assets				
Cost	Balance at 1st January 2023	21,339	578,461	599,800
	Additions during the year	0	0	0
	Disposals during the year	0	0	0
	Balance at 31st December 2023	21,339	578,461	599,800
Accumulated	Balance at 1st January 2023	4,268	0	4,268
Depreciation	Charge for the year	2,134	0	2,134
	Balance at 31st December 2023	6,402	0	6,402
Net Book	Balance at 31st December 2023	14,937	578,461	593,398
Value	Balance at 31st December 2022	17,071	578,461	595,532

The visual equipment was purchased in 2020 and cost £21,339. This figure is included in total fixed assets. The equipment is to be depreciated over 10 years.

St Chads Parochial Church Council, Romley
Notes to the Statement of Financial Activities 2023

Note		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income					
6	Donations and legacies				
	Donations (not eligible for gift aid)	40,928		40,928	32,300
	Donations eligible for gift aid (inc donations taken at Gwood Centre)	150,811	16,927	167,538	183,408
	Loose Receipts	5,025		5,025	5,215
	Grants	3,952	8,300	12,252	2,448
	Boller donation	0		-	25,000
	Gift Days/One Off Donations	19,064		19,064	10,845
	Tax recovered and recoverable	44,861		44,861	46,424
	Legacies	17,190		17,190	10,000
		281,631	25,227	306,858	295,636
7	Activities for generating funds				
	Other Guywood activities	-	2,270	2,270	1,978
		-	2,270	2,270	1,978
8	Other Activities				
	Weddings/Funerals	4,445		4,445	2,566
	Hall Lettings and Guywood Lane Rent	13,692		13,692	1,510
	Miscellaneous Income	-		-	534
		18,137	-	18,137	4,610
	TOTAL RESOURCES	299,768	27,497	327,265	302,222

Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Expenditure				
9 Grants				
Missionary and charitable giving	26,711		26,711	26,803
	26,711		26,711	26,803
10 Activities directly related to the work of the Church				
Ministry - Parish Share	71,758		71,758	69,867
Church maintenance	13,981		13,981	16,231
Youth & Childrens' activities including PramPushers	1,474	12,451	13,925	18,208
Oasis		5,707	5,707	4,254
Discipleship, Pastoral, Hospitality	8,542	1,000	9,542	5,886
Worship	4,758		4,758	5,188
	100,509	19,158	119,667	118,082
11 Church maintenance and administration				
Clergy	867		867	729
Clergy house running costs	4,720		4,720	6,800
Church buildings running costs	5,228		5,228	5,477
Church Hall running costs	7,372		7,372	7,168
Depreciation	2,134		2,134	2,134
Insurance	5,000		5,000	4,885
Boiler Fund		24,094	24,094	
Admin (Inc Licences and IT)	9,057		9,057	3,218
Staff salaries and expenses	69,058	4,000	73,058	88,997
Telephone and Internet	1,506		1,506	1,480
	104,932	28,094	133,026	118,876
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	232,152	47,252	279,404	280,371

Accounts

Vicar's Report

2022 was a year of a great deal of change, challenges and lots of growth. Every year contains highs and lows, from my perspective the highs in 2022 were particularly wonderful and the lows particularly painful. We set out into the year to grow as disciples of Jesus and over the course of the year I believe that happened in all sorts of ways amongst all generations in St Chads. During the year we adopted the strapline 'more people, more like Jesus', measuring it that way, 2022 was a good year!

The year began with some trepidation, following the multiple 'false starts' in moving on from Covid and the late surge of the Omicron variation of Covid in 2021. We anticipated that the year ahead would be a time of settling, recovery and new beginnings and we believed God was calling us to build on a foundation of discipleship.

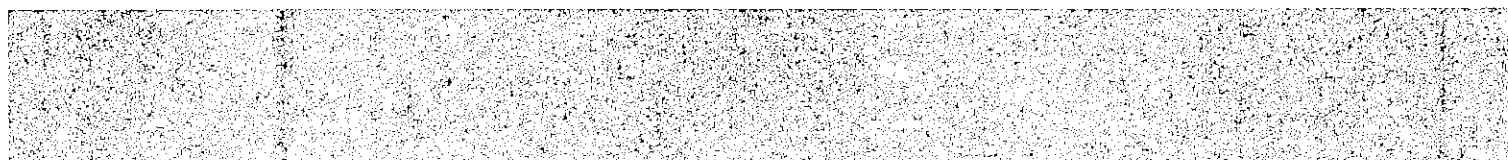
Early in January we welcomed Bishop Sam, Bishop of Stockport, who gave a memorable sermon on the timeline of Peter's life, setting up our series on the life of Peter and then the book of 1 Peter. Peter's life was hardly a glowing flow of achievements and yet with resolute determination to know Jesus and with the power of the Holy Spirit, he changed the world!

January began our review process. Our reviewer Andy Bagwell gave a very thorough review of St Chads, as well as celebrating our strengths he identified what he believed to be areas of weakness for development. Whilst recognising the subjectivity of his report, I am hugely grateful for his insight and the honesty we showed as a church family. It set us off on a fruitful journey, leading to many positive conversations, lots more listening and a shared clarity of vision. The review team adopted an implementation plan to make developments based on Andy's review. The four parts of this plan were: Vision, Team building, re-imagining my role and Admin/Ops. Working on that plan has been the backbone of the ongoing strategic work to restructure how we resource the ministry we are called to.

A key highlight from January to Easter last year was Alpha, the group bonded so well and have made lifelong friendships, the stories of God at work in that course are amazing. Some of those who joined us through that course are so much part of our family its extraordinary to think they've only come to know Jesus and joined St Chads this year. There was a mixed response to our 'whole life discipleship courses', many people were still adjusting to life after Covid and struggled to find the time for short courses. The largest of the courses was the Inner Life Course which I wrote fresh for St Chads and will hopefully repeat and develop.

Easter Sunday was, as always, a joyful occasion, with some stunning baptisms and testimonies and we enjoyed having Bishop Mark Tanner with us for our second visit from a Bishop in 3 months. At Easter we also had the opportunity to thank Jan Anthony for her many years of serving as our church administrator. Following Easter we headed into warmer weather and began our vision review as part of the implementation plan.

It was hugely encouraging process to listen to what we value as a church and the Holy Spirit guided us through the process to find shared themes and to see what we value and believe God is calling us to invest in. The prayer day, suppers consultations and survey resulted in a 30 page document which the PCC and Staff were each given, leading to two Saturday mornings together (1st July and 1st October). At the first of those mornings, we consolidated the data and key themes and then at the second the review team consulted the PCC on our new vision statement. There was such joy and a real sense of the Holy Spirit leading us and unified embracing of our new vision statement. More people more like Jesus, and three vision 'anchors'; Glorifying God, Loving Community and Following Jesus.



Vicar's Report

In May we were delighted when Will was appointed vicar of St Lawrence Biddulph, a job which God had clearly called him to. Before we headed into the summer holidays, we had to say "Goodbye" to Will and his family, and we miss them.

The highlight of the summer for many of us was our time at NewWine United. With groups at both weeks, (most of those at 'A' were serving on team) camping together and encountering God together deepens friendships; we laughed, cried, saw God move and reflected on great talks together. For me a personal highlight which continues to bear fruit is the way God moved amongst our young people. It launched a new seasons for our older youth and they continue to be a vibrant, noisy, confident and most importantly God-pursuing group. They are so full of life and are making life-long friendships. We are loving having our DY student Zeke with us, who has also brought so much to our youth and children's ministries. In the autumn Elle and a team relaunched TBN (To Be Named) which goes from strength to strength. (See Y&C report).

The start of the autumn is typically a very busy time, adjusting from the summer, welcoming new people and launching new initiatives. In addition we were making preparations for Elle moving on from her role, finalising our vision, helping many new people to know they belong, and running both Chadsfest and our comedy night.

Then the Queen died!! A moment of real sadness for our nation, but also an amazing celebration of a life lived with integrity. Her life glorified God as she followed Jesus and grieving her together did highlight the value of a loving community. We made the challenging call to continue with Chadsfest on the weekend after her death, and included a very moving time of memorial for the Queen's life with everyone gathered on the Saturday. We also added a special more formal service on the Sunday morning which was very well received.

Through the autumn we started our 26 week AtoZ of discipleship preaching programme, we found regular patterns of praying together, including our month of prayer and we have continued to welcome new people to St Chads. We said an initial 'Goodbye' to Elle Bird as she stepped down from her staff role as head of youth & children. We then found that she could stay for two and half months as our ordinand, which was a great joy and blessing both to Elle and our church family. Elle threw herself into serving in new ways, specifically learning a great deal through serving at the 9.15am service and Wednesday communion.

In October we are required to count attendance at all our services and submit numbers to the Church of England. I was delighted to hear that attendance in October 2022 was 23% higher than October 2021!

Two different groups from St Chads thoroughly enjoyed time of fellowship at Bassenfell Manor, one at the end of the summer and another in early November. We are so grateful from Liz & Frank Moseley (summer) and Jill Hookway (autumn) who have worked so hard to coordinate these groups. Sadly we haven't found anyone to replace the Moseleys so the August week won't run next year, but we are grateful to the new team who will run the autumn weekend.

In November we celebrated 20 years of the LifeCentre. It was inspiring to remember why we do what we do, and think of all those who's lives are touched by God's love through his church every week. It was a real joy to welcome back Katie Wade as our guest preacher and also to hear from Tim Barlow my predecessor who founded the LifeCentre.

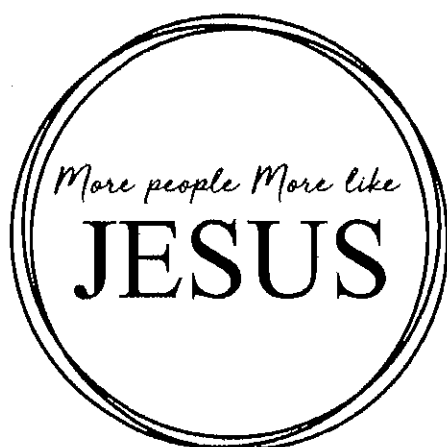
Vicar's Report

As I mentioned at the start, as well as many highs, they were many painful lows amongst us as a church family in 2022. There are great challenges in living in a fast changing, broken world and increasingly secular society. We grieve the situations in Ukraine, in Iran and many other places where war, injustice and persecution of Christians causes great pain. For many in our church late November and December seemed to be a time of real lament and we also felt the pressures of a reduced staff team.

My (very subjective) recollection however was that we experienced a real lift and new found joy in the Holy Spirit in our Christmas services. This was my twelfth St Chads Christmas, they are special every year, but 2022 felt especially full of life, laughter, creativity and joy.

The world around us is in darkness, the news we are fed with incites a sense of anxiety and there is a great deal of injustice. But as I reflect on the year past, the highs for St Chads far outweigh the lows, there is so much love in our community in all generations, there are more people following Jesus than this time last year and I believe those two things really do glorify God.

Richard Pennystan.



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PCC Report

St Chads PCC is a registered charity with the responsibility of cooperating with the Incumbent in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. (The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956).

The PCC is responsible for the oversight of St Chads: budgeting and finances, the management of our buildings and facilities, health and safety, safeguarding, employment and recruitment, volunteers, policy matters and Ecumenical and Diocesan Engagement.

PCC members and Deanery Synod Representatives are elected for three year terms. Officers to the PCC (e.g. Treasurer) and the Standing Committee (SC) are elected annually following the annual meeting. The Standing Committee meets regularly and can make decisions and discharge business between PCC meetings where necessary.

St Chads PCC has adopted the Church of England's Safeguarding policy, Promoting a Safer Church and has complied with its duty under section five of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016. All staff and volunteers in roles which involve working with children or vulnerable adults are recruited according to the House of Bishops Safer Recruitment Practice Guidance and training is followed under Church of England requirements.

Role	Name	Term length	Office held
Incumbent	Richard Pennystan		SC Chair
Curate	William Drain	Left July 22	SC
Wardens	Andrew Goddard	Annual	SC
	Janet Ford	Annual	SC
Elected Reps to Deanery Synod (4)	Helen Bray	2023	SC Treasurer
	Kirstie Goddard	2023	
	Ruth Otto	2023	
Elected & Ex Officio Members	Paul Adshead	2024	
	Alan Bancroft	Reader	
	Hilary Bentley	2023	
	Rob Bucknall	2023	
	Rachel Dixon	2024	SC
	Molly Dow	Reader	
	Craig Fairfield	2023	
	Marilyn Gregory	2023	
	Carl Grimsditch	2023	
	Jeanette Simpson	2023	
	Mark Warburton	2023	
	Rob Williams	2024	
Secretary	Jane Higginbottom	Annual	SC Secretary

Main items discussed at PCC meetings

- 'Whole Church Strategic Review'.
- New vision and strategic anchors.
- Staffing and succession planning with the departure of Jan, Will and Elle this year.
- Appraising finances and stewardship of resources including a change of accounting software and finance system.
- Fabric of our building; including new boilers for church and green options.
- Reviewing Safeguarding.
- Oversight of activities, policies and risk assessments.

Sidespersons

Church Representation Rules mean Sidespersons are elected by the PCC following the APCM.

Thank you to Malcolm Booker, Frank Moseley and Geoff Walton for their willingness to serve for another year.

Wardens' Report

As we reflect on 2022, we give thanks for God's goodness and faithfulness. At times we have wondered how we would cope as treasured members of staff have left and moved on to new adventures, but we recognise how God knows the future and he holds us in his hands.

We started the year with a visit from Andrew Bagwell to help us with the strategic review of all we do at St Chads. He met representatives of all areas of ministry at St Chads, spent a morning with the PCC and staff, and everyone was invited to give their views. The review team have met on numerous occasions and reported to PCC. On the back of this work a new vision statement was introduced, and we continue to reflect on what God is calling us to do. The next part of this journey is finding new staff members to fill some of the gaps left by those who have left us.

Our two Sunday Services (9.15am Parish Communion and 11am Informal Worship) and our mid-week communion (Wednesday 11am) have continued to flourish, providing our parish with diverse ways to worship and meet together. The 11am service is still live-streamed on YouTube. The Sanctuary continues to provide a special place for personal or corporate prayer; a place where members of the public can also experience God's presence. On weekdays, there is a morning prayer time, 9-9.20, which is a great way to start the day. 7am prayers on Zoom also takes place on Monday and Thursday mornings led by Clare Warburton and Sharon Hogg.

As the Anglican Parish Church we welcomed those from our local community and beyond for weddings and funerals. Infant thanksgivings and baptisms for church family usually take place in our 11am service, although, following on from the pandemic, some for non-church family are still carried out on Sunday afternoon, if requested.

Will and a team led an Alpha course in the LifeCentre in the run up to Easter. We continue to see people who attended growing in their relationship with God and becoming key parts of our church family. We are so grateful to God for Will's Curacy and pray for him and his family as they further God's Kingdom in Biddulph.

We continue to bless our church and local community through our many varied ministries and we thank all those who lead and serve week in, week out, to make these happen. (Please see separate reports for some of these.)

Oasis (Monday lunchtime) continues to meet a real need in our community for those who are lonely. Thank you to Ken and team for serving this community.

Prampushers, our ministry to adults with babies/toddlers continues to grow. Our thanks go to Vicky and her teams for all they do to meet this need in our community.

We are blessed that so many of our church family serve across the week in our events and ministries and are involved in leading our Sunday services. It is sometimes a challenge to fill all the spaces, so if you feel you can help serve on any of our teams, please speak to Vicky Reedy, Jan Ford or Jane Higginbottom.

We are so grateful for all the work Elle has done with youth and children over the last 10 years and pray God's blessing over her as she follows God's leading towards Ordination.

Our APCM was held in person for the first time since the Pandemic during a joint Sunday morning service.

The PCC has met bi-monthly and held 2 vision mornings, to pray and think through God's vision for St Chads.

The PCC has recently commissioned the forming of an Eco-Group to look at ways that we might better stewards God's creation as a church, so thanks to Clare Warburton, Kate Pigott and Craig Fairfield for stepping up to lead this new work.

In the summer New Wine United was an opportunity for many of the Church family to spend quality time together, enjoy worshipping with thousands and receive great teaching. ChadsFest in early September was another opportunity to come together as a family. The Saturday fun day was a wonderful day filled with fun, friendship and giant inflatable games, much enjoyed by the vicar and others. Thanks go to the Goddard family for allowing us to use their garden.

Wardens' Report

In late August Liz and Frank Moseley once again organised and led a group (mainly from the 9.15 congregation), where they enjoyed beautiful scenery and good fellowship at Bassenfell Manor in the Lake District. Liz and Frank have decided it's time to retire, so we want to thank them for all the years they have organised these trips, and put their heart and soul into it. In November, another group of around 70 people (mainly from the 11am congregation) returned to Bassenfell for a weekend away again enjoying much fellowship and fun in the beautiful surroundings.

The Pantry/Food provision moved back to the Guywood Centre and continues to provide emergency food parcels for many in our community. On Thursday mornings a warm space has been opened, following funding from the Council, during the winter months, serving tea and toast giving us another way to connect and serve our community at this time. Thank you to all our amazing volunteers.

We delight in our partnership with the Cherry Tree Project which continues to serve the needs of those in our community running kids clubs, holiday groups, youth Alpha and much more. Thank you to Rachel Bresnahan and Jill Hookway for their incredible work.

Our thanks also go to Jane, Ian and Alys for serving us in so many ways. And a special thank you to Jan Antony who retired this year after serving in the St Chads office for a very long time!

We continue to thank God for Richard's ministry at St Chads; we are so grateful for his and Nells' leadership and encouragement.

Reports on finances, facilities and other changes are covered elsewhere but we close by thanking God for everyone at St Chads who has furthered God's Kingdom here in Romiley.

Jan Ford & Andrew Goddard

Treasurer's Report

God continues to bless our finances and we are grateful for his provision during 2022.

We are also grateful for the generosity of our church family.

We thank Jane Higginbottom who manages the daily financial affairs of our church and John Simpson our Examiner.

Helen Bray

Fabric and Facilities

A huge thank you to Ian Otto and for all that he does, seen and unseen, ensuring that our buildings are in good working order. Ongoing upkeep of our buildings includes: PAT testing, fire safety, lightning conductor inspections, piano and organ tuning, gas safety checks, air-conditioning, insurance and much more.

We are working on a programme of building maintenance for Church and The Guywood, including in 2022: new lining of the Guywood car park and installation of new speakers, phone and Wi-Fi system. In early 2023 a major cost has been fixing the heating in the Guywood and reviewing the fabric of the building which has a major damp issue. 2023 Q1 will see major repointing and structural works to try and rectify this. Q2 2023 will also see the installation of new boilers in church and repair to the roof.

We are still awaiting the report on our five year church building inspection (the Quinquennial) that took place in 2020/21. All major works highlighted in the last report have been completed and the Diocese is pleased with our stewardship of St Chads.

Jane Higginbottom

Finance

Income 2022	
Donations	£281,199
Other Income	£21,028
	£302,227
Expenditure 2022	
Grants & World Mission	£25,603
Church Activities	£114,769
Church Maintenance & Admin	£119,999
	£260,371
Surplus Expenditure over Income	£41,851
Cash at Bank	£100,483

Missional Giving

Each year the PCC sets a Mission budget based on 10% of St Chads Income of the previous account year. This is given to missionary organisations, activities and individuals at home and overseas. The Missions Committee oversees how we distribute these funds, together with PCC.

The majority of the Mission Budget is given as regular support to organisations and individuals where there is a link with St Chads. As a general rule, we review this regular giving on a two yearly basis, unless something significant changes. Each year we retain a smaller part of our Mission budget to be used flexibly during the year. This fund has been used to support members of the church family who are undertaking short term mission trips. The fund also supports local community needs and occasional gifts to other charities.

This year we were delighted to support both local and worldwide charities with gifts at Christmas.

We have seen people filled with overflowing love in our church family this year; contributing abundantly in both money and time. Your Christmas generosity was again overwhelming with nearly £4000 given in support of our initiatives. Your giving enabled us to buy gifts for local children most in need and to distribute food hampers. Children's gifts were distributed on both the Cherry Tree Estate through the Cherry Tree Hub and Brinnington via the local Health Workers.

The Christmas hampers enabled us to bless both our church family and the wider community, including families highlighted through our local schools. Over 50 were distributed this year. We have received beautiful and heartfelt thanks from so many who have been blessed by this. Money was more than matched with people's time, food donations and prayer for our church family and community through Sundays and mid week outreach activities losing God's love over our local Romiley community and beyond.

Regular support £ in 2022

Alexandria Library	£1500
Bible Society	£1000
Christians Against Poverty (CAP)	£1000
Christians in Schools Trust	£2500
CMS / Hugo & Techy Vergara	£1500
Fusion	£1000
GLO	£3000
The Hamiltons (CMS)	£2000
Message Trust	£1000
Naked Truth Project	£1000
New Wine	£1000
Norah Sturges Health Centre	£1000
Open Doors	£1000
Sarah	£1125
Tear Fund	£2000
TOTAL Regular support	£22,125

One-off gifts of support £ in 2022

Brinnington Health Centre	£475
SPEAR (Resurgo)	£400
World Vision	£500
Oasis Centre Gorton	£300
Boaz Trust	£400
TOTAL One off gifts	£2075

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Deanery Synod Report

The Deanery Synod is the group of our 10 local Anglican churches that provides an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

The Deanery Synod met four times this year across our Deanery. Four members of the PCC currently sit on Deanery Synod.

Electoral Roll

In 2019 the roll was fully revised. Following our 2023 review, we currently have 245 people on the Electoral Roll of St Chads.

During this last year one person has died, 20 people have moved away and 17 people have joined the Roll.

Staffing

The PCC employs three part time members of staff:
Head of Operations: Jane Higginbottom
Facilities Manager: Ian Otto
Operations Assistant: Alys Bassett
Verger: Ernie Cooper (unpaid)
New Wine DY Student: Zeke Watts

There are also many, many volunteers across all areas of church life. **Thank you to EVERYONE who serves.**

Following Jesus

Mini Church, Kids Church & Youth Church

Mini Church & Kids Church – Jan Ford

What a year. My thanks go to Elle for all the organisation and support she has done for last 10 years. Even if we didn't know until July she was going, she had set up rotas for the year and left us teaching materials we could use to keep Mini and Kids Church running. I am also grateful to our amazing teams who encourage our children and help them as they grow in their faith.

Mini Church – A report from Lorna (one of our volunteers.)

A small but perfectly formed group of usually 6-10 children aged between 3-6 years of age, supported by a team of 9 volunteers (3 per session). This year we have watched our mini churchers grow in confidence as they are starting post-covid to operate as a unique mini Jesus-loving community. A highlight this year has been seeing our little ones grow in their understanding that God knows them, loves them and is with them through sharing special truths each week. Together through fun activities, craft, worship, stories, prayers and play we aim to sow seeds of faith in these little lives ready to be nurtured by God's Holy Spirit and grace.

At **Kids Church**, (upstairs in the LifeCentre) Sunday mornings are a mix of games, sharing and exploring what God is saying to us. We regularly have 12-18 children aged 7-11, (although if everyone on the register turned up at once there would be a lot more). We have a team of 10 volunteers, split over the 3 weeks. This year we have explored our identity using the film *Robots* and how God can use us by exploring Bible Characters. We are regularly encouraged by the children, who share their experiences of how God is working in their lives and in the situations they face.



Youth Church – Zöke Watts

Overall youth church has continued to thrive and grow with the young people becoming more and more eager to learn about God and build on their relationship with him. We are currently looking at freedom in Christ and how we can feel free to be ourselves in this ever-changing world and continue to look to him as our one true God. Moreover the group continue to bond with the older ones becoming great role models for the younger ones in both living for Christ and the way they serve each other and other people.



Following Jesus

Hangout, Break Out & TBN – Zeke Watts

HangOUT!, our place for secondary school kids to come and relax and escape the rigours of school life, continued to thrive and grow with new kids coming every week. Since September we have had great fun creating new relationships with the kids and building on pre-existing ones, whilst also giving them the chance to explore faith and be open about how their lives are going. We are so grateful to the team who continued to run HangOut! after Elle and Paul moved on, there was much encouragement seeing God at work. However by mid-February it became clear to the team that God was bringing this season to an end and calling us to create space for new opportunities. We made the tough decision to stop HangOut! in February. Knowing God loves these teenagers we are seeking him about how best we can help them come to know him.

When it comes to primary school outreach groups (**SchoolsOUT!** and **BreakOUT!**). We have seen both highs and lows this past season.

With BreakOUT we sadly had to close our doors at Christmas due to dwindling numbers of kids and not having the leaders to continue running it.

But we are constantly praying for revival for that group and praying that someone will be able to step in to help. On the other hand, with SchoolsOUT!, the group has continued to thrive and grow, and the kids are so eager to engage and help in so many ways. Which is just incredible to see how servant hearted they all are at such a young age.

Youth Discipleship has continued to grow in both Youth church and TBN, which has just been incredible to see with more new people coming along to both and so many people exploring faith and making it their own. In TBN the numbers have continued to grow. Then with youth church the group continues to thrive and learn more about our great and wonderful God. We are also planning to hold our first youth weekend away post covid, in the coming year, which is very exciting and is sure to be a great opportunity for the young people to grow in their faith.

Worship – Mark Warbuton

In the summer Will Drain moved on, and I have taken over the oversight of the musical side of our worship plus some of the technical operations. At 9.15 we are incredibly grateful to Audrey and Judith who play, and Craig who is on the sound desk most weeks, supported by Ian Otto when needed. At 11am thanks go to all who voluntarily serve as musicians, sound and visuals. We've seen some people move on – such as students going to University and those whose work has taken them away – and other new people have joined us. Adrian and Alys Bassett and Matt Pitt have become regular 11am worship leaders, and Kirsty Pitt re-joins us this springtime after a maternity break.

Thank you to Richard for overseeing the renewed visuals infrastructure. John Rockley now oversees the visuals team – it's brilliant to have his wisdom and knack for a good flowchart! – and his note follows below. Sometimes the technology falters but ultimately our worship shouldn't be reliant on it: on Christmas Morning the 9.15 congregation sang unaccompanied – unplanned but joyful.

It's good to broaden our worshipping horizons – so if a hymn or song you've heard elsewhere has inspired and blessed you, let me know the details.

At 9.15 this year we are aiming, gently, to broaden the musical repertoire to keep it fresh, and to discover what people enjoy singing. At 11am we try out new songs regularly, and add them to the YouTube and Spotify playlists I created last summer – if you'd like to be sent those playlist details, let me know.

An important Psalm for me is 130 – “I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, more than watchmen wait for morning” – an expectant, active waiting. And as we come to church each week, let's be prepared with open hearts, spiritual hunger and expectation. And if you're up for a good sing, that passion will radiate to the people in front, behind and next to you!

John Rockley adds:

Thanks to all those who serve in helping God's people to worship by using the projection equipment to display words and other graphics. The visuals team are seeking to be better aligned to the worship teams each week so that God is glorified as we worship Him without unnecessary distractions. The team are also grateful to the church for investing in new equipment to replace some of the ageing technology. This has been installed by Richard in January and we are now getting to know it better.

Loving Community

Early Essentials is now in its eighth year and referrals to us have increased by 75% over the past year. Our team in Stockport sent out over 116 baskets in 2022. Referrals come mainly from midwives and go to vulnerable mums, including those fleeing domestic violence, young care leavers, refugees, and very low income families.

We don't meet the mums but as a group we serve and love these women, praying over each basket that they will come to know the one who loves them perfectly.

People are so generous and we always have more than enough to fill the baskets, but the need is great and we long to do more.

We are very grateful to St Chads and The LifeCentre for their support and generosity as we use the cellar and they act as our main drop off point, but we are in desperate need of bigger premises. Please pray that the right place becomes available.

Sally King

Prampushers - Vicky Reedy

We have had an incredible year at Prampushers. Our Wednesday group continues to thrive, with 2 sessions and approx 40 families attending each one. We do a mixture of free play, refreshments, craft activity and a short bible story and some nursery rhymes. The wiggle song gathers the families together to begin the story and singing time, Kirstie introduced this song 10+ years ago, and we have had several mums recently have a second baby and return to Prampushers and they were so excited that the wiggle song is still a big part of the group. "I wanna hear the story. It's gonna be fun. Hearing about Jesus is for everyone." Another mum sings the 'wonderfully made' song to her daughter every night. So she is singing these words to her as she closes her eyes. "I am wonderfully made, and I thank you God"

Kirstie ran an Alpha course for the mums, and one lady made a commitment to follow Jesus.

We hosted 2 meals/nights in at The Guywood during the year, for the mums to enjoy a night out by themselves or at the Christmas one a few with very young babies came along too, the team enjoyed cuddling the babies whilst mum ate! The team are fantastic at serving drinks, chatting with the families, setting and clearing away the toys.

The Friday baby group has increased in numbers to the point it is full, and there is a waiting list.

There are currently 100 mums part of these groups on Friday with approx 70 attending each week.

The friendships and support that comes out of these groups is beautiful to see.

They meet up outside of the Friday group, at other groups or the LifeCentre. Word is being spread through the mums and the Health Visitors have made a good connection with us, so much so they are coming along to our group to see how we can help support the mums even better.

We are extremely thankful for the team who make the drinks and homemade cake and serve the mums. Providing a drink and piece of cake makes such a difference to a busy mum.



Loving Community

Just for Dads - Vicky Reedy

This group has grown so much in the past 12 months. January 2022 we had approx 15 dads each week, which was brilliant. January 2023 we are welcoming almost 50 dads each week. The numbers are incredible. The Dads that come have really taken ownership of the group and they invite others into the WhatsApp group; they organise social activities like pool, football, walks, trips to museums etc. It has been wonderful to see so many friendships being formed through the group. Lots of dads often say, I haven't got any dad friends, and after coming to the group for a year local Dad said he was walking around Romiley in December and he shocked himself how many other dads he bumped into and stopped for a chat. He feels such a part of the group now.

We organised a dads football tournament last July. We had teams join us from Liverpool, Wythenshawe and Bury. It was a fun afternoon with families joining us for refreshments and playing. The money raised from that tournament has paid for a bouncy castle, a trip to Castaway Play and the Wild Roadshow where they brought snakes, spiders and insects for the children to look at, and touch when appropriate. We are hoping to run the tournament again this year.

Dad Matters UK work with us, by attending once per month to specifically support new dads, to let them ask questions and offer support with their mental health. This is a great addition, and again the Health Visiting team are hoping to join us once per month to provide extra support for Dads as they often can't make appointments during the week.

We were very excited to be a finalist in the BBC Radio Manchester 'Make a Difference' award. Attending the award night with some of the team was a great night out. We didn't win, but we still received a trophy!

Stockport Council Warm Spaces gave us a grant to provide the midweek group free of charge providing a light lunch and a family fun afternoon on some Saturdays until the end of March.



Loving Community

Pastoral Visiting Team – Irene & John Rockley and Ann Russell

Church family members in Care Homes or who no longer attending church – I have been visiting 4 people in care homes during the last year together with several people who have not returned to church since the pandemic. It was a privilege to visit one lady during her last days of life and to attend her funeral, and also a privilege to remind all those visited that they still belong to our church family. On occasion I have been able to take other church members with me, so that their friendships can be maintained and restored. The families of those in care homes are so grateful that their relatives have not been forgotten by St Chads and they have really appreciated the visits.

Housebound Church family members – I have also been visiting and phoning church family members who are totally housebound. They have been interested to hear about St Chads and receive the newsletters and on occasion sing hymns together. A church member came with me on several occasions and sang a few hymns and this was enormously appreciated.

Practical Visits – Most visits are 'long term' and people are visited on a regular basis but some visits are 'short term' or 'one off' visits if someone needs some practical help. It is good to promote independence as much as possible. However, sometimes people have needed help with shopping, lifts to appointments or other practical help until they can return to being relatively independent again.

Stepping Down – It has been a privilege to serve as Parish Visitor for 4.5 years, but I am 'stepping down' and handing over to Irene and John Rockley. I will continue to do some visiting as part of the "new" team.

Ann Russell

Ann and Neil (together with many others) have been faithful in caring for and serving the King's "brothers and sisters" in St Chads over many years. We are grateful to everyone for graciously sharing their wisdom and experiences as we commence the task of co-ordinating the Visitation ministry.

The church leadership have asked that we focus on:

- Supporting and co-ordinating the activities of those visiting St Chads' people who are isolated and/or unwell
- Joining up with other church ministries such as Oasis, Pastoral prayer, taking communion into homes etc

Our initial activities have focused around:

- Meeting and building relationships with both those who visit and other church ministries which support and care for those in need (like Oasis, Pastoral prayer)
- Compliance and reporting (especially for Safeguarding requirements)

Please note that the above work may result in a requirement for more people to help out on a short-term basis to help with ferrying to medical appointments, urgent shopping – and in so doing, serve our Lord Jesus Himself as the verse below says!

Irene & John Rockley

"Lord...when did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'"

Matthew 25 v 36-40

Alpha – Kirstie Goddard

It was such a delight to be able to run Alpha again in person in the run up to Easter 2022. A group of about 15 of us met weekly in the LifeCentre; ate together and then did the Alpha videos and discussion groups. The whole group bonded immediately and have since then become very good friends.

Many of the participants encountered Jesus for the first time and have never looked back. It is absolutely wonderful to see them in church on a regular basis and becoming an integral part of the church family. Doing the Alpha course really is life changing. If you have never done it, we highly recommend it!

Glorifying God

Oasis – Ken Earith

Oasis continues to be a blessing to so many people and it's a joy and delight to share the love of Jesus with all those who come week by week.

This year we have started to get back to normal after the disruption of the lockdown and as people get more used to mixing in larger numbers once again. We have seen the numbers grow with on average 70 to 80 folk all enjoying lunch and time together.

Chairobics is now a regular feature and Lindsey does so well in encouraging and guiding 20 to 30 of the group to stretch to move and to keep active.

There have been two highlights that stand out this year. In July, we had a day trip to Southport on a glorious sunny summers day. The coach dropped 57 of us off at The Bold Hotel where we were booked in for lunch. The dining room was amazing. It was for our exclusive use and was set out as if it were for a high class wedding. The food and service was excellent and the afternoon provided free time to stroll, to shop or just to sit outside the hotel with a drink and to watch the world go by. The request on our return journey was 'Can we do it for a week next time'.

The other highlight was the Oasis calendar. We started this project without knowing how it would develop. The initial idea was simply to produce some illustrations that showed the Oasis people doing some of the exciting and adventurous things that they had done when they were younger. We did not know at that time that we had a cartooning genius who joined us week by week. Stan produced a whole range of cartoons for us and lots of our people were involved in adding colour and eventually their memory quotes. Later someone had the bright idea to make it into a calendar. With the help of a talented graphic designer it was formatted and we had 250 printed which were sold in just a few weeks. After some consideration we decided to be generous and to give away the profits rather than to keep them for our own funds. The outcome was that we had a wonderful session in January when Stan, our cartoonist, presented a cheque for £330 to the community and events representative from Age UK. They were delighted with the gift and so impressed with the calendar that they have asked for permission to use the calendar pages in their newsletter each month.

As we look forward, the challenge is that our volunteers are all getting older and there are fewer of us while the demand is still growing. Sadly, this ministry will only continue to flourish if we find new ways to support it.

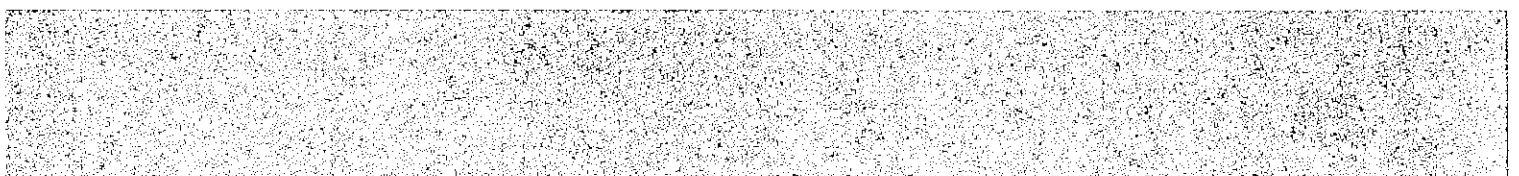
Cherry Tree Project & Food Provision – Jill Hookway

The Cherry Tree Project exists to support our local community, with a particular focus on young people and those in need – whether for food, company, community or a warm space. We do this from our HUB on Cherry Tree, where our young people and older people meet, and through two food provisions based at the HUB and the Guywood Centre.

Funded through the support of several partners including FareShare, Morrisons, St Chads Romiley, and a handful of local individuals who provide regular financial support, together with making regular applications for funding and enabled by the hard work of a mighty band of volunteers.

In 2022 we:

- Provided over 2000 food parcels & 50 slow cookers
- Ran 4 weekly youth groups
- Provided 100 cooked meals a week for young people
- Offered 2000 holiday club places, with 50 children registered each day
- Ran a group to help young people understand identity and relationships
- Ran our first Youth Alpha
- Set up 3 warm spaces, including food and a job/benefits drop in
- Set up a weekly lunch for the elderly, which includes chair-based exercise
- Provided ongoing free fruit & veg
- Set up a pet food bank



Loving Community

The LifeCentre – Lesley Cranwell

Although a separate charity, the Romiley LifeCentre is a key part of our ministry and mission to Romiley. Set up to bless our community, the LifeCentre continues to go from strength to strength, staffed almost entirely by a team of over 80 volunteers. Thank you! Romiley LifeCentre celebrated 20 years of service within the community with a cake competition, free cakes on the anniversary day and a party to thank our volunteers.

The café is busier than ever. The shop is stocked with gifts, cards, Christian books and a new range of babywear; so the shop now offers something for every user of the LifeCentre.

The conference facilities on the upper floor of the LifeCentre continue to be a popular venue for local institutions and businesses, in addition to being a valued asset acting as a home to several St Chads ministries. It also provides a meeting point for local groups that support the wellbeing of our community. Christians Against Poverty – a Christian Debt Counselling Service recently ran a money management course in the LifeCentre and we are hoping to run this course on a more regular basis going forward. Stockport Credit Union also make use of these facilities for various meetings.

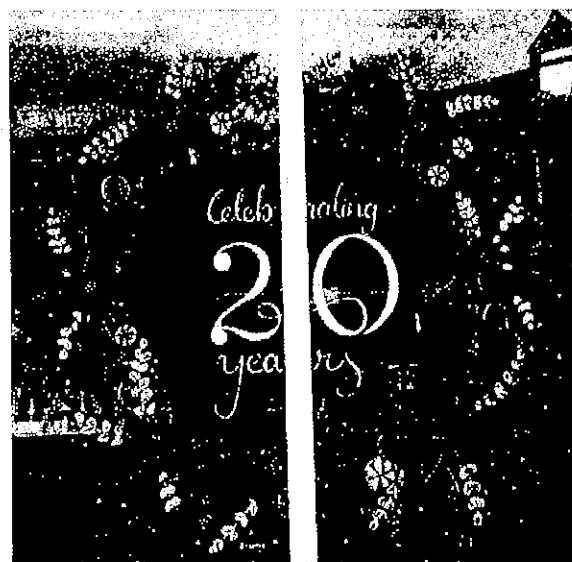
We also support the local Foodbank by collecting & delivering donations and issuing vouchers. We are the HQ of Early Essentials, who work with professionals and volunteers distributing hampers of essential items directly to new mums and their babies in need within our local communities.

Other users include Hear & Now, a bi-weekly free listening service run in tandem with Stockport Christian Counselling (SCC) – all our listeners are volunteers who undertook the Acorn Listening Course in 2019. We hope to resume this weekly service during 2022. SCC have been also granted greater use of the counselling room during 2022 whilst their HQ is refurbished.

Knit & Gather continues to use the LifeCentre as a meeting point and encourages the acquisition of new skills whilst building community. This group encourages diverse age groups, enriching the collective creativity of our community and has been an invaluable support network for the group coming out of lockdown.

The Sanctuary, our prayer room, is for anyone looking for a quiet space, as well as for St Chads prayer groups who meet there each week. It has recently returned to this use after a period of supporting our Pantry community food provision during 2021/22.

Al Anon began using the LifeCentre after lockdown and have recently moved to the Sanctuary, so we can now fully support their need for anonymity with the use of the front door of No. 5.



Warm Spaces – Vicky Reedy & Jan Ford

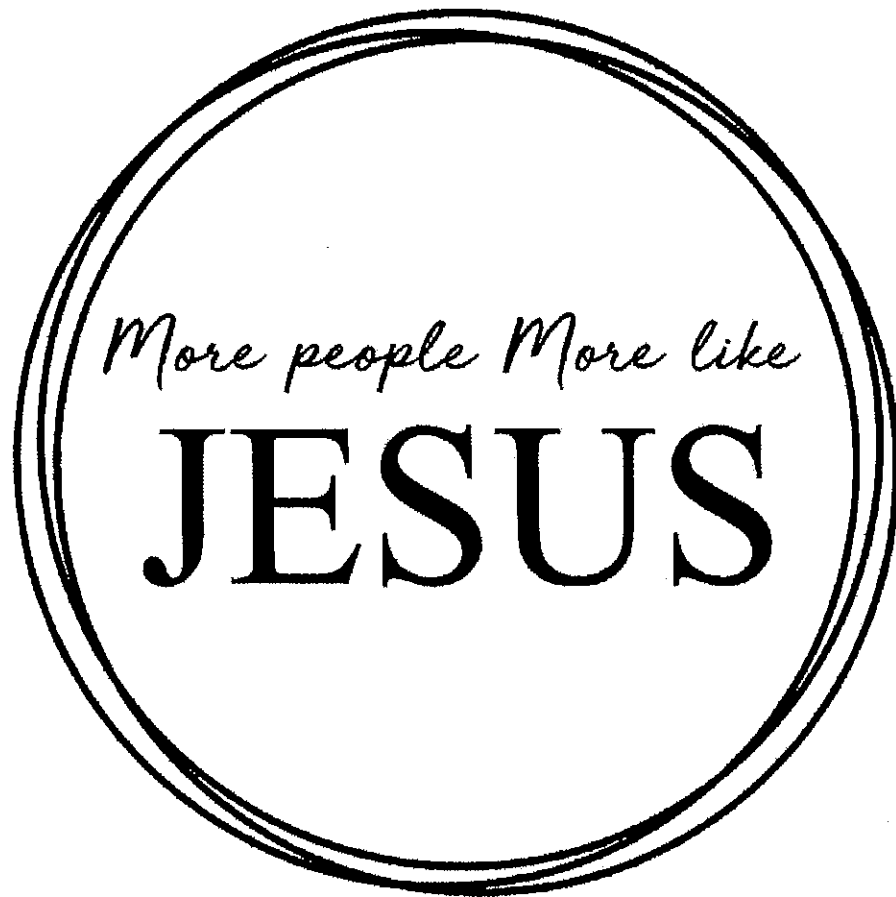
As a church we were able to open 3 Warm Spaces from November – March, in the Guywood. We are thankful to Stockport Council for the grant.

Warm Spaces were on

Wednesday 12.30 – 2.30 – Just 4 Dads included lunch and play

Thursday 10 – 12.30 – for anyone, an opportunity to chat over Tea and Toast

Saturday 12.30 – 3pm – For families and included a film. Our thanks go to all the volunteers who helped over the many weeks.



*Hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come,
Your will be done - Matthew 6. 9-10*

St Chads Romiley (Chadkirk)
In the Diocese of Chester

**Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council
for the Year Ended 31st December 2022**

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES/MEMBERS OF ST CHADS CHURCH, ROMILEY, PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 2 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that under s144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) an audit is not required and an Independent examination is needed. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit and is eligible for Independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;

to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s130 of the Charities Act 2011
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of s132 of the Charities Act 2011 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities
 - have not been met; or
- 2 To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

John A Simpson
Chartered Accountant
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Date *27/3/23*

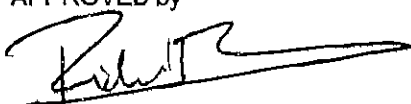
St Chads Parochial Church Council, Romiley
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

INCOMING RESOURCES	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	
		Funds	Funds	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£
Voluntary Income					
Donations and legacies	6	256,199	25,000	281,199	229,130
Generated Income					
Activities for generating funds					
Receipts from Church activities	7	0	16,413	16,413	8,226
Other Incoming resources	8	4,610	0	4,610	6,646
		260,809	41,413	302,222	244,002
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Grants	9	25,603	0	25,603	25,635
Activities directly related to church work	10	99,924	14,845	114,769	101,425
Church maintenance and administration	11	119,999	0	119,999	119,086
		245,526	14,845	260,371	246,146
NET INCOMING RESOURCES		15,283	26,568	41,851	-2,144
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD 1ST JANUARY 2022/21		656,998	2,810	659,808	661,952
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD 31ST DECEMBER 2022/21		672,281	29,378	701,659	659,808

St Chads Parochial Church Council, Romiley
Balance Sheet at 31st December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022	2021
Fixed Assets		£	£	£	£
Tangible Assets	5	595,532	0	595,532	597,666
Current Assets					
Debtors		6,375	0	6,375	10,431
Cash and Bank		71,006	29,378	100,383	64,696
		<u>77,380</u>	<u>29,378</u>	<u>106,758</u>	<u>65,027</u>
Creditors falling due within one year		<u>631</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>631</u>	<u>2,885</u>
Net Current Assets		76,749	29,378	106,127	62,142
Total Assets less current liabilities		672,281	29,378	701,659	659,808
Creditors falling due after more than one year		0	0	0	0
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>672,281</u>	<u>29,378</u>	<u>701,659</u>	<u>659,808</u>
FUNDS					
Restricted		0	29,378	29,378	2,810
Unrestricted		672,281	0	672,281	656,998
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>672,281</u>	<u>29,378</u>	<u>701,659</u>	<u>659,808</u>

APPROVED by



Richard Pennystan (PCC Chairman)



Helen Bray (PCC Treasurer)

Date 13.3.2023

St Chads Parochial Church Council, Romley
Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 December 2022

Notes

- 1 The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable UK accounting standards, and the Church Accounting Regulations. The historical cost convention is used. The accruals basis of accounting has been adopted. The principal accounting policies are applied consistently.

	2022	2021
2 Fees for Financial Statements examination	0	0
3 Paid employees		
Gross wages and salaries	79,522	84,110
Staff training	1,675	983
Staff expenses	573	455
Employer's national insurance costs	1,748	2,395
Pension contributions	2,187	2,415
Total staff costs	<u>85,705</u>	<u>90,358</u>

- 4 Payment to Trustees - no payments other than for church expenses have been paid to trustees.

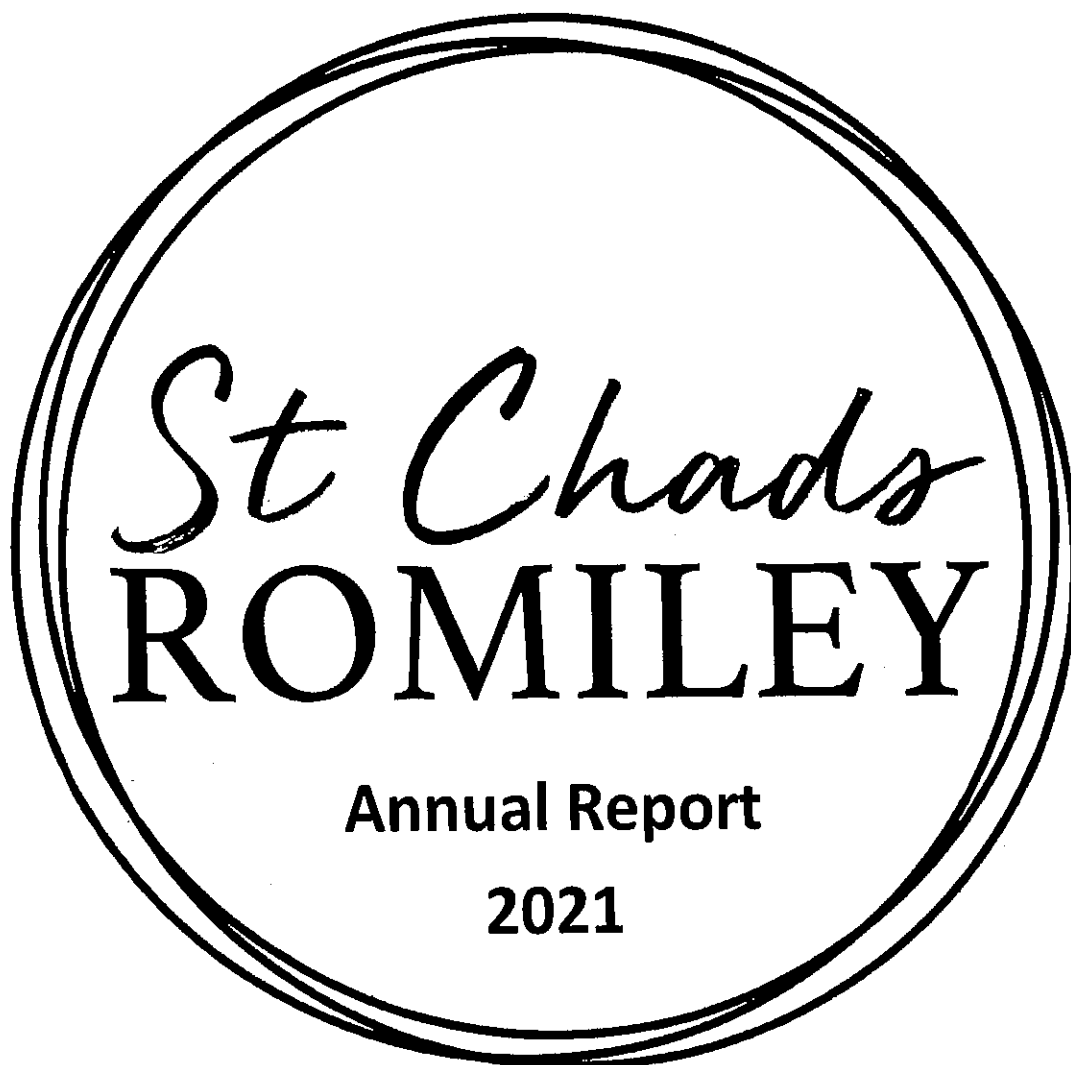
		Equipment	Land and Buildings	
5 Tangible Fixed Assets				
Cost	Balance at 1st January 2022	21,339	578,461	599,800
	Additions during the year	0	0	0
	Disposals during the year	0	0	0
	Balance at 31st December 2022	<u>21,339</u>	<u>578,461</u>	<u>599,800</u>
Accumulated	Balance at 1st January 2022	2,134	0	2,134
Depreciation	Charge for the year	2,134	0	2,134
	Balance at 31st December 2022	<u>4,268</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,268</u>
Net Book	Balance at 31st December 2022	<u>17,071</u>	<u>578,461</u>	<u>595,532</u>
Value	Balance at 31st December 2021	<u>19,205</u>	<u>578,461</u>	<u>597,666</u>

The visualis equipment was purchased in 2020 and cost £21,339. This figure is included in total fixed assets. The equipment is to be depreciated over 10 years

Note		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Income					
6	Donations and legacies				
	Non gift aid	32,300		32,300	38,868
	Gift Aid	148,969		148,969	141,380
	Loose Receipts	5,215		5,215	1,270
	Grants	2,448		2,448	-
	Donation re boiler	0	25,000	25,000	-
	Gift Days/One Off Donations	10,845		10,845	9,926
	Tax recovered and recoverable	48,424		48,424	37,886
	Legacies	10,000		10,000	-
		258,199	25,000	281,199	229,130
7	Activities for generating funds				
	Oasis		4,684	4,684	
	Prampushare		11,719	11,719	8,226
			16,413	16,413	8,226
8	Other Activities				
	Weddings/Funerals	2,566		2,566	5,331
	Hall Lettings	1,510		1,510	1,300
	Miscellaneous Income	534		534	15
		4,610	-	4,610	6,646
	Total Incoming resources	280,809	41,413	302,222	244,002

Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2022	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
			£	£
Expenditure				
9 Grants				
Missionary and charitable giving				
World Mission	25,603		25,603	25,635
	25,603		25,603	25,635
10 Activities directly related to the work of the Church				
Ministry - Parish Share	69,687		69,687	68,132
Church maintenance	15,495		15,495	10,268
Youth & Childrens' activities	4,021	11,897	15,718	8,741
Church societies/General expenses	1,108	3,148	4,254	4,139
Pastoral care	3,979		3,979	5,279
Worship	5,166		5,166	3,706
Teaching Resources	490		490	160
	99,924	14,845	114,769	101,425
11 Church maintenance and administration				
Clergy	729		729	1,051
Clergy house running costs	6,800		6,800	6,861
Church buildings running costs	5,696		5,696	1,887
Church Hall running costs	9,554		9,554	7,817
Depreciation	2,134		2,134	2,134
Insurance	4,885		4,885	4,954
Postage				182
Printing and stationery	3,216		3,216	2,901
Staff salaries and expenses	85,705		85,705	90,368
Telephone and internet	1,480		1,480	941
	119,899		119,899	119,086
	245,526	14,845	260,371	246,146

Accounts



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Vicar's Report

Richard Pennystan



OPEN HEARTS

In years to come we will describe 2021 as 'unforgettable', but in a strange way many of the details of the year are in fact very forgettable. Extended times in lock down, and then so much change, have resulted in last year being a bit of a blur for many of us. That said, I'm delighted to commend these reports to you from our wardens and those leading ministries. I found the reports both helpful and moving, enabling me to reflect and remember 2021, looking back on the journey we went on together. I am grateful to all those who have contributed.

To remember that journey, as I report, I have found it helpful to shape 2021 into three sections: Restricted, regrouping and rebuilding.

Restricted: We began the year going back into lock-down, with Sundays and small groups online. We sensed the Holy Spirit saying to keep January and February fairly simple, at a slower pace, recognising the emotional impact of 2020 and the intensity of the year to come. I'm so glad we obeyed Him in that. Through 2020 we had learned what worked in lock-down and my memories of that final stretch were that we saw the value of regular communication, creative online services and deeper roots to trust God. One highlight of this was Journey to Hope at Easter, such a special and creative way to enable so many to engage with the good news of hope and home.

Regrouping: As restrictions lightened and we saw the amazing results of the vaccine it became possible to start planning to meet in person again and host groups through the week. We recognised this as a crucial time not just to 'go back', but to consider what we had missed, what we were longing for and what we wanted to prioritise in the future. It was a season to experiment, and our 3 service plan in the spring was a really significant time for St Chads, helping us to listen to one another about what helps us worship God and grow in faith. I'll never forget our first Sunday back in the church building together. The sense of God's Presence with us as we worshipped for the first time was so powerful and as we wept together so much was released. A final part of regrouping was United Breaks Out in the summer, which was a

beautiful time of encountering God, building relationships, welcoming new people and partying.

Rebuilding: Our study of Ezra and Nehemiah in the autumn was a profound example of how the Bible can speak afresh into every season. Through it God called us to build an altar before a temple and our month of prayer and the habits built since have been amazing. We recognised that to rebuild, each of us needs to hear and respond to our calling and to play our part. It was also helpful to see that when rebuilding, we experience a strange mixture of joy and grief that helps us be empathetic and gracious with one another. This extends into seeing how major change can be most damaging for the poor. It has helped us embrace God's call for justice, both locally and internationally through climate change and reaching out to those most in need.

Reflections on the year

The details of our various ministries through the year are incorporated further in this report. To avoid repeating what others share later, here I want to give some broader reflections on 2021.

What changed in 2021?

It was a time of unprecedented change for us all, variously described as a winter or wilderness. We know that God uses every season to bring change, so as we review the year, what has changed and what have we learned through 2021 as a church as a whole?

We haven't drastically changed what we do as a church, either on Sundays or through the week. What *has* changed is those who are actively involved, with people stepping down from volunteering, and still others stepping up. We faced a real challenge of volunteering in the middle of 2021 in many areas and seriously considered what needed to stop. But the heart to serve has grown amongst us. In every season we need to ask whether our activities are God's call and be willing to stop what He isn't calling us to, even if we've become very attached to it. Maybe what we were doing before Covid were the very things God is calling us to do as a church?

Vicar's Report

Continued....



We have seen a number of new people join us through 2021 (and in the early weeks of 2022); some through watching online, some through our online Alphas and some since we restarted Sundays. This is a joy. Sadly we have seen some folk not return to worship on Sundays; some through ill health, others through changed habits and others through life circumstances. We miss them and bless them!

I believe we are a humbler church and that is a wider move of the Spirit in other churches too. Part of the winter/wilderness season is a stripping back. I am seeing in many places that the post-Covid church is humbler and more empathetic. That is a beautiful thing.

Through the last two years I believe God gripped many of our hearts with his heart for the poor. We have a deeper connection with His heart in this way, and new practical expressions of that have started and grown through and beyond lockdown, meeting the needs of those around us.

What have we learned?

Through this time God has been teaching us new things. It is wise for us to pay attention to that and learn from this season. I would summarise these as follows:

1. 'Not by might, not by power but by my Spirit' (Zech 4.6) We have become more aware of our deep need for God and the importance in beginning with prayer and underpinning all that we do in prayer. Regularly interceding together in recent months has proved to be fruitful and vital.
2. The connections we have made in our community run deep. We weren't sure whether the many people we connect with locally through midweek ministries would come back, but they have! All our midweek activities are flourishing again in this new season.
3. Value one another. We always did, but being unable to be together in person was sorely missed by so many and it has been such a joy to gather together again. We are more convinced than ever about how damaging isolation can be. Digital

church was better than nothing, but being together in person is so much better! I hope we have learned to value all the more building church family life together.

4. Priorities on Sundays. Online church, 3 service experiment and the survey responses was a really valuable learning experience to reassess what we do together on Sundays. The changes have been subtle, but significant. It's good not to get stuck in patterns without reassessing what we do.

5. God calls us to be deeply rooted disciples. Whether we count 2020-21 a winter, wilderness or storm, we recognise that deeply challenging seasons require us to grow deeper roots into God's love and truth in order to remain strong. I have really noticed that those of us who have invested in knowing God better, working things through more thoroughly and building our lives around Him as his disciples have come through this season stronger. Who knows what the years ahead will hold for any of us? One thing is for sure, it is wise to build our house on the rock and have deep roots into God.

We are presenting this report to you with a great deal of encouragement. We have seen many prayers answered, people loved and friendships built. This is not to say that there weren't challenges and difficulties throughout the year. We want to acknowledge loss as well as gain, joy and lament. One Bible verse which became even more real to us during 2021 was Romans 12.15: *Rejoice with those who rejoice, Weep with those who weep.*

It truly was a very strange year of three parts, each with their own highs and lows. But through it all we have seen God's faithfulness and recognised our need of Him more than ever.

PCC Report

Jane Higginbottom: Secretary



Role	Name	Term length	Office held	
Incumbent	Richard Pennystan		SC Chair	St Chads PCC is a registered charity with the responsibility of cooperating with the Incumbent in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. (The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956).
Curate	William Drain		SC	
Wardens	Andrew Goddard	Annual	SC	The PCC is responsible for the oversight of St Chads: budgeting and finances, the management of our buildings and facilities, health and safety, safeguarding, employment and recruitment, volunteers, policy matters and Ecumenical and Diocesan Engagement.
	Janet Ford	Annual	SC	
Elected Reps to Deanery Synod (4)	(Deanery Synod 2023)			PCC members and Deanery Synod Representatives are elected for three year terms. Officers to the PCC (e.g. Treasurer) and the Standing Committee (SC) are elected annually following the annual meeting. The Standing Committee meets regularly and can make decisions and discharge business between PCC meetings where necessary.
	Helen Bray	2023	SC Treasurer	
	Kirstle Goddard	2023		
Elected & Ex Officio Members	Ruth Otto	2023		St Chads PCC has adopted the Church of England's Safeguarding policy, <i>Promoting a Safer Church</i> and has complied with its duty under section five of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016. All staff and volunteers in roles which involve working with children or vulnerable adults are recruited according to the House of Bishops Safer Recruitment Practice Guidance and training is followed under Church of England requirements.
	Paul Adshead	2024		
	Alan Bancroft	Reader		
	Rachel Dixon	2024	SC	
	Molly Dow	Reader		
	Craig Fairfield	2023		
	Carl Grimsditch	2022		
	Rosie Holden	2023		
	Jeanette Simpson	2023		
	Mark Warburton	2023		
Secretary	Rob Williams	2024		Notes: SC = Member of Standing Committee; Readers are entitled to be PCC members. Years shown indicate end of term of PCC membership. Secretary has no vote.
	Jane Higginbottom	Annual	SC Secretary	

A huge thank you to Katie Wade who stepped down from the PCC year when she took up her curacy at Gee Cross. Katie has been a huge blessing to St Chads serving in this ministry.

Main items discussed at PCC meetings

- ◆ Away Morning in September looking at vision and strategy for our church post lockdown.
- ◆ Three Services trial and review.
- ◆ 'Whole Church Strategic Review'
- ◆ Recruitment of a Short Term contract for an Operations Assistant.
- ◆ Appraising finances and facilities.
- ◆ Journey to Hope at Easter
- ◆ Reviewing Safeguarding.
- ◆ Oversight of activities, policies and risk assessments during and post lockdown.

Sidespersons

Church Representation Rules mean Sidespersons are elected by the PCC following the APCM.

Thank you to Malcolm Booker, Frank Moseley and Geoff Walton for their willingness to serve for another year. David Bomford is stepping down this year and we would like to thank him for all his years of service. It has been hugely appreciated.

Wardens' Report

Andrew Goddard & Jan Ford



When we wrote this report last year we were still worshipping from home; so we are so grateful to be back together as a family in our wonderful buildings. Despite all of the lockdowns and other restrictions of our second year of Pandemic, we want to give thanks for God's faithfulness and goodness throughout 2021.

On that note we want to start this report expressing our gratitude to the staff team, the worship teams, the tech teams and all those who participated in any way over the many months of church online. And thanks too to all who joined in watching. Fortunately, our Church services were limited to YouTube only until May (although we did screen the 9.15 service at 10am in church for those who couldn't access the Internet). Coffee time on Zoom after the service helped many of us stay in touch but it is so nice now to be able to chat with real 3-dimensional people.

We do still live stream the 11 o'clock service for those who are unable to come to church in person but physical attendance figures are now largely back to pre-pandemic levels.

We were encouraged by how many Small Groups continued to meet 'on-line' throughout lockdown and some have developed an ongoing hybrid pattern, continuing to meet online and also in person.

Following on from the success of Journey to the Manger over Christmas 2020, at Easter we opened the church for Journey of Hope. Our thanks go to Jill, Kizzy, Jane and team for producing an amazing experience, and all the volunteers who welcomed and facilitated people on their spiritual journey through the different stages.

The APCM happened virtually for the second year and the PCC continued to meet on Zoom throughout the year until we could meet in person again from October onwards. We had a face-to-face vision morning in September, to consider how God wanted us to be moving forward as a church after this unusual period of distanced and remote church life. One of the actions discussed at this morning was the strategic review that we carried out in January 2022.

At the end of May we returned to meeting in Church. We re-started initially with three-service-Sundays, to allow for social distancing. It was so good to be able to worship in a congregation, even if we couldn't sing until July, and we had to wear masks. The more normal two-service pattern resumed after the summer holidays.

It was a bitter-sweet day at the end of June when Katie and Mike Wade left us for Katie to begin her curacy at Holy Trinity, Gee Cross. We miss them terribly but know she will be a blessing to them.

New Wine at Home, with 50 camping at "AbbotsFest" (in the Goddard's garden) helped the Church family to reconnect. The morning and evening services were streamed in Church with the children going to their own sessions in the LifeCentre. The youth met in the Goddard's 'Shed' for their encounter with God. The Saturday fun day was a wonderful time of fun, friendship and giant inflatable games, much enjoyed by the vicar and others.

Funerals continued throughout lockdown, but we are grateful they are no longer restricted.

We were able to continue to run an Alpha course online and our thanks go to Will and all those who helped lead groups.

Weddings have restarted, and Baptisms of non-church families have mainly been held on Sunday afternoons due to the numbers attending.

Vicky Reedy maintained her support of new mums throughout lockdown and Prampushers and Just 4 Dads restarted in June, once restrictions allowed. She has also continued supporting mums with new babies with groups on a Friday morning. She has also taken over Snowdrops (support for Mums with Post Natal Depression) and this runs on Wednesday afternoon at the same time as Just 4 Dads.

Oasis restarted in summer (with just coffee and cake to begin with) and it has been so good to see so many return and new people enjoying company and fellowship on a Monday lunchtime. Our thanks go to Ken and team who lead and love the people who come.

The Pantry moved from the Guywood to the Sanctuary in the LifeCentre and continues to provide emergency food parcels for many in our community. Rachel Bresnahan and the Cherry Tree Project continue to serve the needs of those in our community through Fit and Fed in the holidays and the Pantry. St Chads generosity helps support this, and at Christmas donations of over £5,000 allowed us to support giving out extra hampers to those who use the pantry, hampers through schools and church connections and other gifts to those in need.

In late August Liz and Frank Moseley once again organised and led a group to Bassenfell (mainly from 9.15 congregation), where they enjoyed the beautiful scenery and good fellowship.

In November, a group of around 70 people (mainly from 11 am congregation) returned to Bassenfell for a weekend away enjoying much fellowship and fun in the beautiful surroundings of the Lake District.

It was wonderful that our Christmas Services could be held in person and a real joy to celebrate Jesus' birth together in so many different ways.

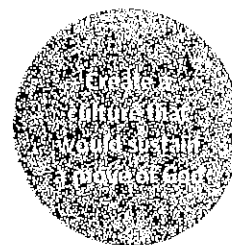
We continue to thank God for Richard's leadership of St Chads, for Will our Curate, and for the way they continue to encourage us and teach us. We are grateful that Will's Curacy was extended for this year but we will miss him when he moves on to wherever God is leading. We thank God for Elle and her work with our children and young people. Children's work in person restarted in September.

Our thanks also go to Jane, Jan, Ian and Alys (who joined the admin staff in September) for serving us in these unprecedented times and for "keeping the lights" on both literally and metaphorically.

Reports on finances, facilities and other changes are covered elsewhere but we close by thanking God for everyone at St Chads who has helped and served and given so generously this year.

Financial Report

Helen Bray: Treasurer



We thank God for his ongoing provision to us through the generosity of his people and despite the many challenges caused by Covid 19 we have been able to bless our community during 2021.

The PCC sets the annual budget in faith and monitors both the budget comparison and cashflow regularly.

We thank Jan Anthony who manages the daily financial affairs of our church and John Simpson our Examiner.



Headline figures 2021

Income 2021

Donations	£229,130
Other income	£18,312
	£247,442

Expenditure 2021

Grants & World Mission	£25,635
Church Activities	£105,840
Church Maintenance & Admin	£118,111
	£249,586
Surplus Expenditure over Income	-£2,144
Cash at Bank	£54,596

Fabric and Facilities Report - Jane Higginbottom

- ◆ A huge thank you to Ian Otto for all that he does, seen and unseen, ensuring that our buildings are in good working order.
- ◆ We pray for Ian's recovery following a hip replacement operation and thank all of the volunteers who have stepped in to help during this period.
- ◆ Improvements to the Internet service in the Guywood with installation of Wifi in December.
- ◆ We are still awaiting the report on our five year church building inspection, the Quinquennial, that took place in 2020/21. All major works highlighted in the last report have been completed and the Diocese is pleased with our stewardship of St Chads.
- ◆ We are working on a programme of building maintenance for Church and The Guywood, including in 2021; Church electrics, carpet cleaning, smart water application and revamp of the Welcome area. At the Guywood we have updated the urnials, undertaken major tree surgery and relined the carpark.
- ◆ Ongoing upkeep of our buildings including: PAT testing, fire safety, lightning conductor inspections, piano and organ tuning, gas safety checks, air-conditioning and insurance.

Deanery Synod Report

The Deanery Synod is the elected council of the Deanery of Southwark. It provides an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the Church.

The Deanery Synod met in June and July 2021. The Deanery Synod is made up of members of the Deanery Synod.

Electoral Roll

In 2021 the following were elected to the Electoral Roll. The Electoral Roll is made up of members of the Deanery Synod.

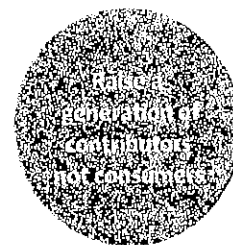
Staffing

The following are the staff of the Deanery Synod. The staff are made up of members of the Deanery Synod.

There are many, many volunteers who help to run the Deanery Synod. Thank you to all who have helped.

Missional Giving

Generous Giving



Each year the PCC sets a Mission budget based on 10% of the full income of the previous account year. This is given to missionary organisations, activities and individuals at home and overseas. The Missions Committee oversees how we distribute these funds, together with PCC.

The majority of the Mission Budget is given as regular support to organisations and individuals where there is a link with St Chads. As a general rule, we review this regular giving on a two yearly basis, unless something significant changes.

Each year we retain a smaller part of our Mission budget

to be used flexibly during the year. This fund is used to support members of the church family who are undertaking short term mission trips. (This year due to the Pandemic these haven't taken place). The fund also supports local community needs and occasional gifts to other charities.

In 2021 we were delighted to support Joe and Cat Plenaar in their new work; planting a church in Vancouver Canada.

Below are the full 2021 details of our regular support and one-off gifts.

Regular support	£ in 2021
Alexandria Library	£1,500
Bible Society	£1,000
Christians Against Poverty (CAP)	£1,000
Christians in Schools Trust	£2,500
CMS / Hugo & Techy Vergara	£2,500
Fusion	£1,000
GLO	£3,000
The Hamiltons (CMS)	£2,000
Message Trust	£1,000
Naked Truth Project	£1,000
New Wine	£1,000
Norah Sturges Health Centre	£1,000
Open Doors	£1,000
Sarah	£1,500
Tear Fund	£2,500
TOTAL Regular support	£23,000

At St Chads we are privileged to have a growing list of regular donors who are contributing generously in both money and time.

Your Christmas generosity was a real overwhelming gift over £1,000 given in support of our initiatives.

You have enabled us to pay gifts for local children, meals for the elderly and to distribute food hampers.

Over two cars full of children's gifts were distributed and all the money has been used through the charity to support and fund the local health workers.

One-off gifts of support	£ in 2021
Joe and Cat Plenaar	£1,000
Ann Russell's trip to Kolkata Funds for the works at Aymar's hospice	£1,053
Romiley Primary Residential trip	£300
TOTAL One off-gifts	£2,353



Project works at Amar's Hospice.

The Christmas season is a time to bless our church family and the wider community including families, children, the elderly and the vulnerable. Money was more than matched with people's time and prayer.

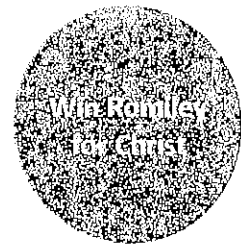
Money was more than matched with people's time and prayer. Shopping for those isolating and vulnerable food for those in financial hardship and a huge amount of prayer, fasting, songs, love and love.

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Ministries and Mission

Young families, babies, toddlers, kids and youth

Prampushers - Vicky Reedy



Prampushers was able to continue throughout lockdowns in a smaller capacity, and a socially distanced way for new mums. Lots of friendships were made, and it has been wonderful to see the mums come to the cafe with the friends they've made and for their children to play in the playroom.

Based on the success of the groups for new mums when restrictions lifted, we have increased Prampushers from the baby and toddler group on Wednesdays, to 3 groups on Fridays for new mums with non mobile babies to come and meet other mums, in a quiet and safe environment focussing on building relationships with the mums, as we can sit and listen to them. Approx. 54 mums attend on a Friday.

Our Wednesday group meets for 2 x 1 hour sessions, 40 families attend each group. It's been wonderful to welcome the families to our group. We have seen old faces return as well as lots of new mums, grandmas and childminders.

We had an amazing turn out for the Christmas meal 80 mums attended and 90% were mums who had joined us through lockdown or just after. They were blown away by the free evening, this is always such a beautiful way to bless the ladies.

Our scratch nativity in church brought 50 families into our building, many of them for the first time, and 5 of them came to the Christmas Eve service.

We have a small team of amazing volunteers, but I'd love for more people to join the Prampushers team, especially to sit, listen, pray with any of the families attending.



Prampushers Scratch Nativity



Having fun at the Guywood

40 families attended each of the Wednesday sessions	80 mums attended our Christmas meal
Over 50 mums attended our Nave Mums Group on a Friday	90 families attended the Prampushers Nativity in Church

Early Essentials - Sally King

Members of St Chads Church family have been volunteering with Early Essentials - a charity providing essential items to new and vulnerable mums and their babies. This last year they have delivered over 91

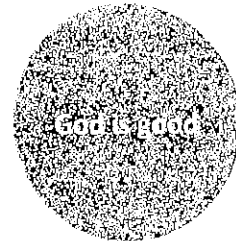
baskets, 127 Christmas gifts and 232 Mother's Day gifts. Our very own Life Centre is one of the main bases for collecting and storing these incredible supplies for mums in need. Thank you!

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Children & Youth - Elle Bird



What an incredible ride 2021 has been! We have travelled from lockdown, to church and schools opening up, to now having all of our mid-week and Sunday groups up and running.

Already it's strange to think that this time last year I was still writing postcards and doing youth discipleship on zoom. Life is definitely different now and for the most part – a lot better!

Youth discipleship grew over lockdown, but it was still a fantastic sight to see the youth pouring back into Youth church, Youth socials and TBN (discipleship mid week for Years 10 to 13). We have a lot of young people with major exams this year and so to be back praying in person together and living life more intentionally as a church is just what everyone needs!

HangOUT!, our place of belonging and sharing faith for secondary school children in our community, is thriving. In September we didn't have enough leaders to be able to start back up, but God's family stepped up and by October we were up and running and have seen our numbers double from our pre-covid norm and are seeing our relationships with these amazing young people grow week to week. Inviting God into every area of our life is the culture we have grown and to hear unchurched young people being so raw and honest about where they need God is a humbling and exciting experience. God is definitely moving!

For Kids Church and Mini Church the return to the building and meeting in groups has been a welcome blessing too. With 2 years in lockdown we have had the unique challenge that no members returned to Mini Church, and Kids church is significantly smaller (they all grew up!) and so we have been re-establishing ministry from almost scratch. The team have done an amazing job and the momentum of our Sunday ministries is building. One three year old recently came out of Mini Church and shared this with their parents "[God] said he loves me and is proud of me, and loves all my nursery friends too! [He] wants all my nursery friends to go to 'that place' the

place where God is." We are seeing God's children, of all ages, connect with his heart, be equipped to follow him, and grasp the vision to bring their friends along too!

When it comes to our outreach groups for primary school aged kids (SchoolsOUT!) and BreakOUT! we have seen them jump back to life after lockdown. They are thriving and growing, with new friends being brought every week. Again we have found that with such a big gap we are needing to build from what feels like scratch – but God is proving to be fantastic at developing and equipping our foundations and we are seeing young people hear about who he is for the first time and watching his love impact their hearts. There really is nothing better!

When it comes to our presence in Romiley Primary School, as you would expect assemblies and mass gatherings aren't yet possible – but I have been able to give an afternoon a week to hanging out, hearing readers and generally getting to know KS1. I still have many of the older children who know me and St Chads from our pre covid world – but it has been great to start to get to know the youngest end of the school and start to build up those connections.

And finally, our vital statistics! Right now we have meaningful contact with 139 young people from within our community. We have 27 primary and 41 secondary aged children engaged in Sunday morning discipleship, and a further 32 primary and 39 secondary aged children we see in our weekly OUT! Groups.

Each one of these young people is supported, loved and known by name thanks to the incredible teams we have running each ministry group. We have 32 adults and 2 teenagers serving and sharing their gifts with our young people, and I couldn't be more proud to serve alongside them, and more thankful that I get to!

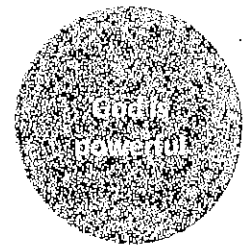
Thank you to everyone who makes these ministries possible – through prayer and practical help – God is using you mightily!

Through our discipleship,
over 70 Christmas cards were
delivered to children.

35 Christmas Hampers were
delivered through our community
and local schools.

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Just 4 Dads - Vicky Reedy

Following on from the success of the dads non mobile baby group through lockdown, when restrictions lifted, we invited back dads with older children, and continued with meeting weekly during term time. The dads have made it part of their week, and have said they really appreciate a weekly group, as they know we are always here, rather than remembering which Saturday once per month. We welcome 15 dads most weeks.

The dads organise a weekly 5 aside football group each Wednesday. In July we organised a dads football

tournament, inviting teams of dads from other churches, dads groups or just groups of dad friends. It was a brilliant success with 8 teams taking part, and raising over £1000 for the charity Dad Matters UK.

We hosted a dads Christmas curry night in the Guywood, which was enjoyed by 10 dads plus 4 members of the just 4 dads team from church.

If anyone would like to join this fantastic team, we would love to have you join us.



Worship - Will Drain

As I look back over the past 12 months since the last APCM worship report it feels like there is so much that we have been through as a church in our worship. After the last report we were still having online services and our worship consisted of the videos put together by the team. I am grateful to everyone that was involved in putting those together to enable us to worship in our homes within the online services!

It was wonderful when we were able to return to live services, although for a while at first no one was able to sing along in worship, which while strange it was still amazing to be together again. The very first words that were sung in our first 11am service were 'Holy are you Lord God Almighty'. This has been our cry in worship throughout and continues to be so as we lift our praise to God for who He is, everything He has done and will do.

We have been sad to say goodbye to some within the group, whether they have moved on to other churches and other things, or those that have left for university.

We have been grateful for their faithful service and the gifts they have brought and blessed us with. We are also thankful for the new members that have joined the worship/visual/audio team in the past 12 months. I would encourage you that if you would like to consider being involved then to have a chat with me.

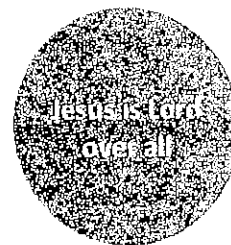
It is amazing to be together consistently week after week as we gather in worship again at all our services. It is also wonderful that we are having some live worship at the 9:15am service again and I am very grateful to Audrey, Judith and Mark for their service. We are truly blessed with amazing musicians, singers, visual and audio operators and I am so grateful for the way everyone serves with a beautiful worshipping heart together. However, most of all I want to encourage you as we worship together and in private in our daily lives with the words of Psalm 103:1 - 'Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name'

May we continue to praise God together from the depths of our hearts as an offering to Him.



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Oasis - Ken Earith

I am so pleased to report that Oasis continues to be blessed and a place of blessing for so many.

Lockdown meant that for 16 months we were not able to come together to provide that good place of oasis in the desert of isolation. We did manage to make limited supportive telephone calls and it was good to hear of those who had made friends through Oasis supporting each other with phone calls.

26th June was our first meeting as the restrictions were eased and there was a real sense of joy from those who were so eager to get together again.

Some people were understandably nervous about returning at first but on 6th September most people had returned, plus some new faces, and we had our 'Grand re-opening' and our 4th Birthday' celebration. 65 people had quizzes, games and lunch together and the party atmosphere was amazing.

The build up to Christmas gave us the opportunity for 2 special events, an entertainment and carol singing celebration and our annual Christmas party. These were

great events and also provided a chance to share something of the message of Christmas.

The team of volunteers continue to be amazing (but we would always welcome more) and they work so hard to provide a genuinely loving, caring atmosphere where all who come are valued. The truly wonderful thing is that those who come recognise the love, the joy and the care as well as appreciating the really great food!

Here are some comments we received recently –

- *Oasis is the highlight of my week.*
- *The best answer to loneliness.*
- *Oasis has brought me new friends and great joy.*
- *Oasis is a lifeline. What a joy to arrive on a Monday morning and see smiling faces.*
- *It's a place to feel safe and cared for.*
- *It's so good to arrive feeling down but to go home with a smile.*
- *A lovely place with such lovely people.*
- *The love of Jesus shines on us every Monday.*

Pastoral Visiting - Ann Russell

The last 12 months have been very challenging for pastoral visiting. Lockdown meant many restrictions on visiting our members of the church family in care homes and those of our church family still living at home but frail. We compromised by doing 'door step' visits where possible and keeping contact with phone calls.

Another major challenge occurred after Neil was badly injured when on his way to do a visit (on foot) and was hit and knocked down by a car. Because of the extent of his injuries and the care he needed once discharged from hospital we had a break from pastoral visiting for 6 months.

However, the visiting and phone calls continued as the people we visit were distributed among members of the

church family who so kindly took over their care while we were 'out of service'.

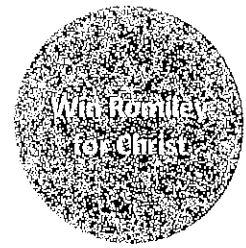
During this time, Neil and I were recipients of pastoral care ourselves and we were overwhelmed with the love and care we received from St Chad's. It was enormously appreciated. I resumed on a small scale in July and as Neil's health and mobility has gradually improved, I have been able to gradually increase the scale of the pastoral visits.

Care homes have particularly struggled during the pandemic. We would like to increase contacts with staff and residents in local care homes and be available to visit if requested.

Oasis re-opened post lockdown, celebrating their 4th birthday, with 65 people for quizzes, games and lunch together.

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LifeCentre - Lesley Cranwell

Although a separate charity, the Romiley LifeCentre is a key part of our ministry and mission to Romiley. Set up to bless our community, the LifeCentre continues to go from strength to strength, staffed almost entirely by a team of over 80 volunteers. Thank you!

The café is busier than ever. The shop is stocked with gifts, cards, Christian books and a new range of babywear; so the shop now offers something for every user of the LifeCentre.

The conference facilities on the upper floor of the LifeCentre continue to be a popular venue for local institutions and businesses, in addition to being a valued asset acting as a home to several St Chads ministries. It also provides a meeting point for local groups that support the wellbeing of our community. Christians Against Poverty – a Christian Debt Counselling Service recently ran a money management course in the LifeCentre and we are hoping to run this course on a more regular basis going forward. Stockport Credit Union also make use of these facilities for various meetings.

We also support the local Foodbank by collecting & delivering donations and issuing vouchers. We are the HQ of Early Essentials, who work with professionals and volunteers distributing hampers of essential items directly to new mums and their babies in need within our local communities.

This summer the LifeCentre will support the Romiley celebrations of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in the park, run by the Friends of Romiley Park.

Other users include Hear & Now, a bi-weekly free listening service run in tandem with Stockport Christian

Counselling (SCC) – all our listeners are volunteers who undertook the Acorn Listening Course in 2019. We hope to resume this weekly service during 2022. SCC have been also granted greater use of the counselling room during 2022 whilst their HQ is refurbished.

Knit & Gather continues to use the LifeCentre as a meeting point and encourages the acquisition of new skills whilst building community. This group encourages diverse age groups, enriching the collective creativity of our community and has been an invaluable support network for the group coming out of lockdown.

The *Stay and Play* room for parents/babies and toddlers is often full to the seams and users are travelling from outside Romiley, widening our support of families in the Stockport area.

The *Sanctuary*, our prayer room, is for anyone looking for a quiet space, as well as for St Chads prayer groups who meet there each week. It has recently returned to this use after a period of supporting our Pantry community food provision during 2021/22.

Al Anon began using the LifeCentre after lockdown and have recently moved to the Sanctuary, so we can now fully support their need for anonymity with the use of the front door of No. 5.

The *Friends of Romiley LifeCentre*, the group who supports the vision and work of the Centre, is open to staff and all volunteers. *Friends* meetings are social times, enabling people to get to know one another and share ideas.

If you would like to be part of this please email Lesley Cranwell at centremanager@romileylifecentre.co.uk.

The Cherry Tree Project - Jill Hookway

The Cherry Tree Project was set up to provide a safe space for young people in our community but during COVID we expanded our services to support their families, their neighbours and the wider community. Two years on, we have a HUB on Cherry Tree. We are now home to over 50 young people, we run 8 weekly youth groups, 2 food provisions (from the HUB and the

Guywood Centre) - feeding 35 households each week and 150 in school holidays - and are now home to ActiviTea, a group for the socially isolated. With the support of Fareshare, Morrisons and our amazing church family, we are excited for an even bigger 2022!

Who we are!

Dreams, goals and truths in Jesus



FOUR DREAMS



OPEN HEARTS

A loving family growing in maturity through healthy relationships



OPEN HEAVEN

To encounter God's presence, see his supernatural power and experience his gifts



OPEN HANDS

To live out the generosity of heaven and bless others in all we do



OPEN DOORS

To seek to connect with our community and colleagues, to give them the chance to know God's love

THREE GOALS

CREATE A CULTURE THAT WOULD SUSTAIN A MOVE OF GOD

A pursuit of God's restoration so that we live less selfishly

RAISE A GENERATION OF CONTRIBUTORS NOT CONSUMERS

Fill our children and young people with love so they are equipped to overflow

WIN ROMILEY FOR CHRIST

Take every opportunity to share the good news of Jesus in Romiley

TWO TRUTHS

GOD IS GOOD GOD IS POWERFUL

ONE LORD

JESUS IS LORD OVER ALL

We live to serve and obey him

St Chads Romiley (Chadkirk)
In the Diocese of Chester

Financial Statements
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES/MEMBERS OF ST CHADS CHURCH, ROMILEY, PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 2 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that under s144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) an audit is not required and an independent examination is needed. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit and is eligible for independent examination. It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;

to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s 130 of the Charities Act 2011
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of s 132 of the Charities Act 2011 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities
 - have not been met; or
- 2 To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

John A Simpson
Chartered Accountant
48 Bredbury Green
Romiley
Stockport
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JA Simpson

Date 21/3/22

St Chads Parochial Church Council, Romiley
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

INCOMING RESOURCES	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	
		Funds	Funds	2021	2020
		£	£	£	£
Voluntary Income					
Donations and legacies	6	229,130	0	229,130	249,985
Generated Income					
Activities for generating funds					
Receipts from Church activities	7	0	8,226	8,226	1,934
Investment Income		0	0	0	0
Other Incoming resources	8	10,086	0	10,086	3,637
		239,216	8,226	247,442	255,556
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Grants	9	25,635	0	25,635	27,540
Activities directly related to church work	10	99,079	6,761	105,840	96,228
Church management and administration	11	118,111	0	118,111	115,984
		242,825	6,761	249,586	239,752
NET INCOMING RESOURCES		-3,609	1,465	-2,144	15,804
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD 1ST JANUARY 2021/20		660,608	1,344	661,952	646,148
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD 31ST DECEMBER 2021/20		656,999	2,809	659,808	661,952

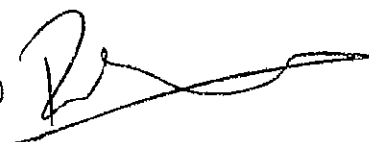
St Chads Parochial Church Council, Romley

Balance Sheet at 31st December 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2021	2020
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	5	597,666	0	597,666	599,800
Current Assets					
Debtors		10,431	0	10,431	9,261
Cash and Bank		51,786	2,810	54,596	54,617
		<u>62,217</u>	<u>2,810</u>	<u>65,027</u>	<u>63,878</u>
Creditors falling due within one year		<u>2,885</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,885</u>	<u>1,726</u>
Net Current Assets		59,332	2,810	62,142	62,152
Total Assets less current liabilities		656,998	2,810	659,808	661,952
Creditors falling due after more than one year		0	0	0	0
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>656,998</u>	<u>2,810</u>	<u>659,808</u>	<u>661,952</u>
FUNDS					
Restricted		0	2,810	2,810	1,345
Unrestricted		656,998	0	656,998	660,607
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>656,998</u>	<u>2,810</u>	<u>659,808</u>	<u>661,952</u>

APPROVED by

Richard Pennystan (PCC Chairman)



Helen Bray (PCC Treasurer)



Date

28/2/22

St Chads Parochial Church Council, Romley
Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 December 2021

Notes

- 1 The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable UK accounting standards, and the Church Accounting Regulations. The historical cost convention is used. The accruals basis of accounting has been adopted. The principal accounting policies are applied consistently.

	2021	2020
2 Fees for Financial Statements examination	0	0
3 Paid employees		
Gross wages and salaries	85,548	84,605
Employer's national Insurance costs	2,395	2,045
Pension contributions	2,415	2,364
Total staff costs	<u>90,358</u>	<u>89,014</u>

- 4 Payment to Trustees - no payments other than for church expenses have been paid to trustees.

		Equipment	Land and Buildings	
5 Tangible Fixed Assets				
Cost	Balance at 1st January 2021	21,339	578,461	599,800
	Additions during the year	0	0	0
	Disposals during the year	0	0	0
	Balance at 31st December 2021	<u>21,339</u>	<u>578,461</u>	<u>599,800</u>
Accumulated	Balance at 1st January 2021	0	0	0
Depreciation	Charge for the year	2,134	0	2,134
	Balance at 31st December 2021	<u>2,134</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,134</u>
Net Book	Balance at 31st December 2021	<u>19,205</u>	<u>578,461</u>	<u>597,666</u>
Value	Balance at 31st December 2020	<u>21,339</u>	<u>578,461</u>	<u>599,800</u>

The visuals equipment was purchased in 2020 and cost £21,339. This figure is included in total fixed assets. The equipment is to be depreciated over 10 years

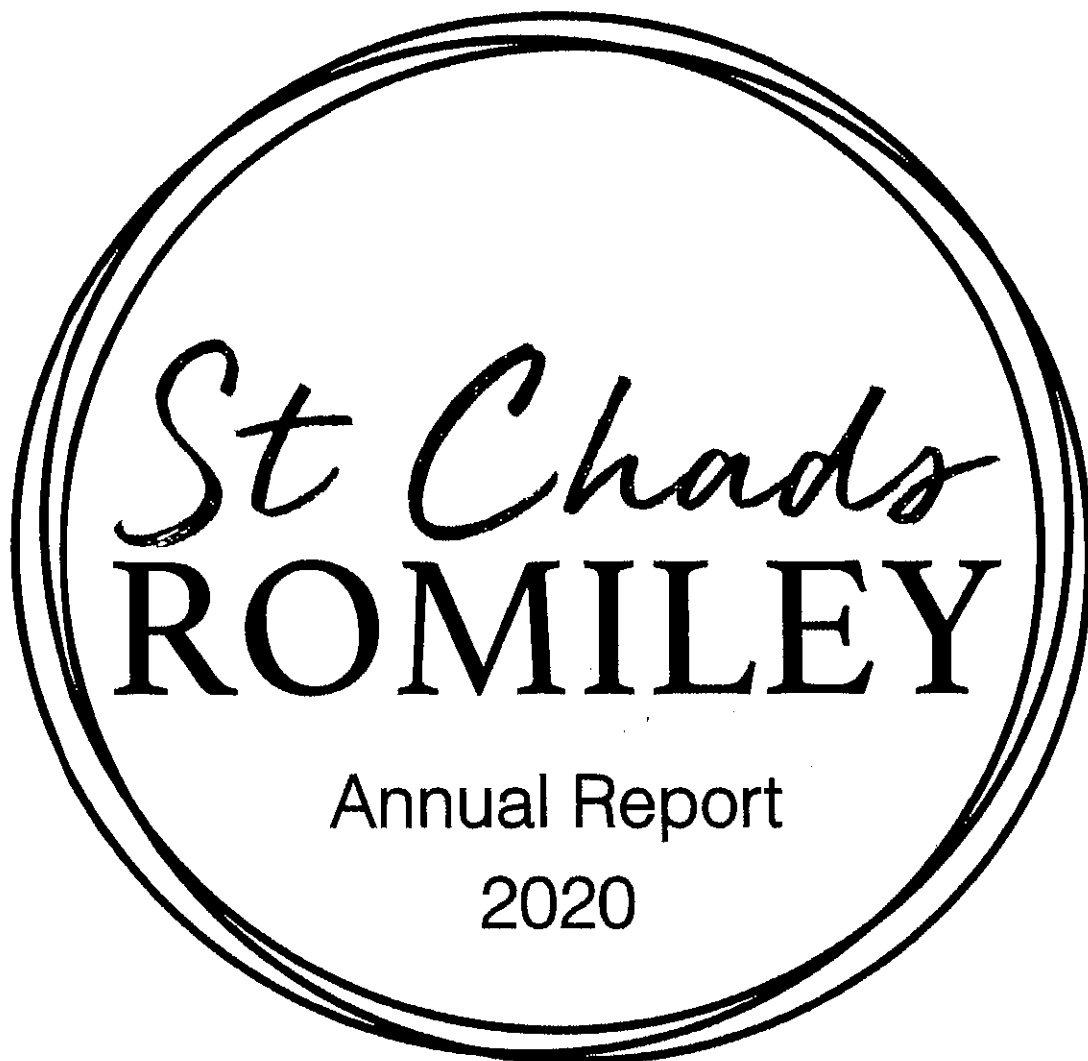
St Chads Parochial Church Council, Romley
Notes to the Statement of Financial Activities 2021

Note		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Income					
6	Donations and legacies				
	Non gift aid	38,668		38,668	38,391
	Gift Aid	141,380		141,380	148,505
	Loose Receipts	1,270		1,270	523
	Grant	0		-	2,000
	Gift Days/One Off Donations	9,926	-	9,926	21,296
	Tax recovered and recoverable	37,886		37,886	39,270
	Legacies	-		-	-
		229,130	-	229,130	249,985
7	Activities for generating funds				
	Prampushers		8,226	8,226	1,934
		-	8,226	8,226	1,934
8	Other Activities				
	Weddings/Funerals	8,771		8,771	3,636
	Hall Lettings	1,300		1,300	-
	New Wine Discipleship Course	-		-	-
	Miscellaneous Income	15		15	1
		10,086	-	10,086	3,637
	Total Incoming resources	239,216	8,226	247,442	255,556

St Chads Parochial Church Council, Romiley
Notes to the Statement of Financial Activities 2021

Note		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2021	TOTAL FUNDS 2020
				£	£
	Expenditure				
9	Grants				
	Missionary and charitable giving				
	World Mission				
	Relief and development agencies	4,000		4,000	4,000
	Home mission and other church societies	21,353		21,353	23,170
	Evangelistic and pastoral services	282		282	370
		25,635		25,635	27,540
10	Activities directly related to the work of the Church				
	Ministry - Parish Share	68,132		68,132	67,624
	Church maintenance	10,268		10,268	9,633
	Youth & Childrens' activities	2,980	6,761	9,741	4,698
	Church societies/General expenses	7,479		7,479	6,089
	Pastoral care	5,439		5,439	5,264
	Worship	4,781		4,781	2,920
		99,079	6,761	105,840	96,228
11	Church maintenance and administration				
	Clergy	1,051		1,051	1,041
	Clergy house running costs	6,861		6,861	7,014
	Church buildings running costs	812		812	564
	Churchyard	-10		-10	-10
	Church Hall running costs	7,927		7,927	8,370
	Depreciation	2,134		2,134	
	Insurance	4,954		4,954	5,538
	Postage	182		182	174
	Printing and stationery	2,901		2,901	2,744
	Staff salaries and expenses	90,358		90,358	89,014
	Telephone	941		941	1,535
		118,111		118,111	115,984
		242,825	6,761	249,586	239,752

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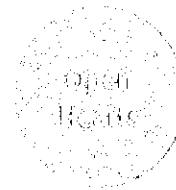
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Vicar's Report

Richard Pennystan



We will remember 2020 for the rest of our lives.

We began with lots of vision for our 'Year of Invitation'. After some major changes of staff in 2019, we were ready for an exciting year ahead. The focus of the year was to be growing in evangelism, integrating a greater desire to see people come to know Jesus and confidence to share him into our many wonderful activities in our community. Our Sundays at the start of the year were based on Luke 10, the instructions Jesus gave to his followers as he sent them to preach the good news. Our 'Year of Invitation' started brilliantly with our comedy night in January.

We also felt called to blessing the wider church, through Temple Days, our first 'Living Free' conference for May and a major New-Wine Leaders' day in June. We benefitted hugely from Stephen Backhouse's Tent Theology weekend and hosted a short Leading Into Freedom course for church leaders. Then March struck!

It seems amazing now that we were initially preoccupied with how to serve communion and sanitise hands. It soon became clear that this pandemic was a much bigger deal. We cancelled everything in the diary, suspended our weekly activities and then began to completely rethink how to be church and what to focus on.

We built our initial planning around 5 areas:

Youth & Children, Pastoral, Community outreach, Discipleship & Communications, a different member of our ministry staff team taking a lead in each. We quickly learned how to film services, how to keep connections and to do what we could do, rather than being too anxious about what we couldn't. It was a rollercoaster year, we realised we needed to go with the flow, respond not react, build up and not critique and find ways to keep loving God and one another.

Part of the rollercoaster ride was the changing regulations: the first lock-down, limited opportunities in the summer and autumn, tiers and then a second wave resulting in further lock-downs.

Throughout this annual report, we share the story of how things have changed over the year.

What we stopped

A church is a tapestry of relationships with the common focus of Jesus. Not meeting in person meant stopping so much of what we do.

The following things stopped:

All services in the church building, the work of the Lifecentre, Oasis, Later Life issues, SchoolsOut, BreakOut, HangOut, Prampushers, Just4Dads. Our planned invitation events, Temple days, Living Free conference. Our hubs and small groups.

What we adapted

Everything we were doing before Covid was for a reason, so we adapted and found new ways to live out our values.

We continued to worship, providing services online and telephone line recordings. I know that these have been a huge blessing to so many and a place where new folk have come to join with us to worship Jesus. Our relationships never stopped, we continue to be a church who loves one another and we found new friendships through phone calls, walks and Zoom.

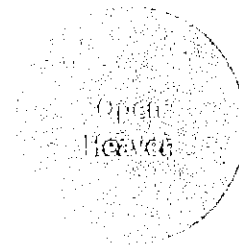
We continued to pray, learning more deeply that God is with us wherever we are and learning to be more reliant upon him not others. We have tried various initiatives through Covid to encourage one another in prayer and pray together. In this annual report you will read more about how we adapted: Prampushers, Youth & Children's ministry, caring for the lonely, connecting with our community, Alpha and much more.

What started

Many ways of connecting online began and also God germinated within us more of his heart for those facing poverty, particularly locally. Working with the LifeCentre and Cherry Tree project as one family, we provided food through the Pantry and Fit & Fed. We moved from the larger gatherings as hubs, to re-embrace the value of small groups for growing as disciples.

Vicar's Report

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The change has given us a chance to experiment and try new things. We tried 'Going Deeper' teaching videos and discussions, prayer meetings, Facebook Live and the Church coffee time after Sunday services. We have had various seasons of regular daily Bible reflections. We began a pastoral team, who have both looked to support people with practical and emotional needs. We have made many phone calls too, doing what we can to keep connections and we've developed WhatsApp groups for both 9.15am and 11am congregations, which have been such a valuable way to share prayer requests, practical request and joy.

What we have lost

We can't deny that there has been loss this year, we won't fully know what God is calling us to re-start until we are able to gather again, but with major change we need to grieve and let go. We also sadly said "goodbye" to some much loved members of our church family: Pat Shaw, Veronica Gadd, Rodney Critchlow, Denis Mulligan, Howard Bentley, Paul Jones, Barrie Heys and Natallie Elgebede.

Thanks

I want to thank you for all you have done this year as part of St Chads. As you will see from our finance report, the generosity of our church family is amazing and enables us to continue in all of this, along with the time, love and energy in contributing to online worship, volunteering with food parcels, keeping in contact with the lonely, praying and in many other ways.

What have we learned?

The way of wisdom is to remain humble and teachable in every season, we are life-long learners and we overcome the challenges we face by seeking God for meaning in them. There has been a lot to lament and the need for real honesty with God over the past year. Compounded grief, loneliness and frustration aren't easy, they might not be what we choose, but we aren't consumers, we are disciples and we grow through learning rather than complaining

Here are some brief highlights of what I believe we've learned this year:

Faith, hope and love really do outlast everything. The beauty, encouragement and life through this wilderness have come from everything rooted in these three. Our faith grows stronger when tested and when daily comforts are stripped away. Our hope grows brighter as we focus not on the next treat but on the longer term joy of God's rule and eternity with him. Our love grows deeper as we realise how much we value one another, and I believe we've seen more clearly this year the joy that comes from living to serve and support one another.

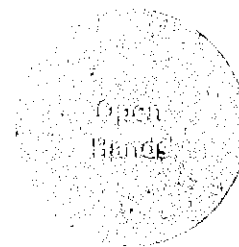
We have also learned what we value through what we've missed. We will each have our lists of things that will never take for granted again. For many of us those lists will include gathering to sing in worship, the joy of chatting over coffee, (hugs will appear on some lists, not others!) Whilst raising our children in faith begins in the home, we have learned the huge value of them growing in discipleship through what we offer as a church and also through special events like Temple Days and NewWine United.

Thirdly, we've learned to love our community more intentionally and care for the poor and justice. Covid has exposed injustices in our world and the vulnerability of the poor. God has captured our hearts with a new love for those in poverty and has poured out his Holy Spirit on our initiatives to meet their needs. He has also awakened us to divisions in our society and made us more aware that racism, prejudice and self-serving political policies are far from his kingdom values.

Finally, this report is about a church, a wonderful church, a church we love, but we've learned to put our roots more deeply into God and not into church. We have learned how we can survive without church, but we can't survive without God. I hope and pray that our homes have become more deeply places of encountering him in worship, prayer and reading the Bible. Church creates a lot of activity, (that's what this report is about) this year a lot of that has been stripped away and that's given us a season to get to know God better.

PCC Report

Jane Higginbottom: Secretary



Role	Name	Term length	Office held
Incumbent	Richard Pennystan		SC Chair
Curate	William Drain		SC
Wardens	Andrew Goddard	Annual	SC
	Janet Ford	Annual	SC
Elected Reps to Deanery Synod (3)	Helen Bray	2023	SC Treasurer
	Kirstie Goddard	2023	
	Ruth Otto	2023	
Elected & Ex Officio Members	Paul Adshead	2021	
	Alan Bancroft	Reader	
	Rachel Dixon	2021	
	Molly Dow	Reader	
	Craig Fairfield	2023	
	Carl Grimsditch	2022	
	Rosie Holden	2023	
	Jeanette Simpson	2023	
	Kathryn Wade	2022	SC
	Mark Warburton	2023	
Secretary	Jane Higginbottom	Annual	SC Secretary

St Chads PCC is a registered charity with the responsibility of cooperating with the Incumbent in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. (The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956).

The PCC is responsible for the oversight of St Chads: budgeting and finances, the management of our buildings and facilities, health and safety, safeguarding, employment and recruitment, volunteers, policy matters and Ecumenical and Diocesan Engagement.

PCC members and Deanery Synod Representatives are elected for three year terms. Officers to the PCC (e.g. Treasurer) and the Standing Committee (SC) are elected annually following the annual meeting. The Standing Committee meets regularly and can make decisions and discharge business between PCC meetings where necessary.

St Chads PCC has adopted the Church of England's Safeguarding policy, *Promoting a Safer Church* and has complied with its duty under section five of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016. All staff and volunteers in roles which involve working with children or vulnerable adults are recruited according to the House of Bishops Safer Recruitment Practice Guidance and training is followed under Church of England requirements.

A huge thank you to Paul Maxim, Ann Padkin and Kathy Silvester who stepped down from the PCC year. All have been a blessing to St Chads serving in this ministry.

Notes: SC = Member of Standing Committee; Readers are entitled to be PCC members. Years shown indicate end of term of PCC membership. Secretary has no vote.

Main items discussed at PCC meetings

- ♦ Vision and strategy for our church during lockdown.
- ♦ Completion of the visual system before lockdown and internet and live streaming in the church building post lockdown.
- ♦ Listening to updates from ministry leaders.
- ♦ Appraising finances and facilities.
- ♦ Reviewing Safeguarding.
- ♦ Oversight of activities, policies and risk assessments during lockdown.

Sidespersons

Church Representation Rules mean Sidespersons are elected by the PCC following the APCM.

We especially thank John Austin as he steps down in 2021, for his faithful service to St Chads over the years.

Thank you to David Bomford, Malcolm Booker, Frank Moseley and Geoff Walton for their willingness to serve for another year.

Wardens' Report

Andrew Goddard & Jan Ford



This is the first time we have had to write a report in a pandemic. 2020 has certainly been a very different year for St Chads, but we thank God for His faithfulness throughout these uncertain times. It is helpful to remember that we may not know what the future holds, but we know who holds the future.

All services in the church building stopped in March and the 9.15am and 11am services moved online. The staff team have done an amazing job with support from many in the congregation to teach, encourage and lead us in worship throughout this year. The church has reopened for private prayer when it has been safe, and we have shown the 9.15am service in church at 10am (again when safe) to support those who are unable to access the virtual services. As a church family we adapted to praying and 'Going Deeper' online, with many small groups continuing to meet via Zoom. Many of those groups joined together to do the Prayer and Bible courses. Midweek communion restarted once Government restrictions allowed after the first lockdown, but again had to stop in November. Coffee time (12 o'clock on a Sunday), originally via Facebook Live and now on Zoom, gives an opportunity for those who want to catch up and share what has been happening in the week.

The theme for 2020 was to be a year of invitation. We started in January with a visit from the comedian Andy Kind and it was a privilege to see the church packed with visitors and members of St Chads for a fun filled evening. The Quiz in aid of Tearfund moved online, and those who took part showed their competitive spirit. We were all getting used to Zoom. Our usual ways of blessing our community may have been put on hold, but we have still been able to be a presence in our community. Funerals have continued with limited numbers being able to be present in the church, but other ways of showing respect

have been discovered. We may not have been able to meet in person but Alpha went online and more are planned. Prampushers was unable to meet, however we want to thank Vicky Reedy who started support groups for mums and dads with non-mobile babies, and this has been such a blessing to many. Before Christmas, Jeanette Simpson and Judith Dixon ran a four-week support group for those who had lost a loved one or who were unable to access groups on the internet.

The Cherry Tree Project and Pantry gained momentum during the lockdowns. Fit and Fed on a Friday has fed over 150 families. We have provided food to families in need, and have created new connections in the village through the church's generosity. During the summer New Wine online was also a new experience. It was a real shame that the one hundred or so of us who normally move in to tents for a week were not able to do so this year. The virtual conference was still excellent though, and blessed many who watched the online broadcasts.

The Christmas Trail allowed our community to experience the Christmas story in a different way. It was an amazing event, and our thanks go to Jill, Lorna, Vic, Katie, Richard, Ian, Jane and team who put the whole thing together, and to all the volunteers who enabled the building to be open and kept everyone safe. Our Christmas services, although online, were a source of encouragement to many.

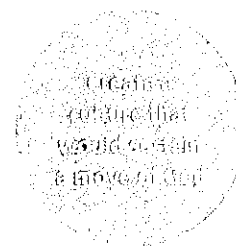
We continue to thank God for Richard's leadership of St Chads, and for Will our Curate, for the way they continue to encourage us and teach us. We are grateful to have had Katie as our Ordinand. We will miss her (and Mike) as they move to take up Katie's curacy at Holy Trinity Gee Cross. We thank God for Elle and for her recovery from surgery. Our thanks also go to Jane, Jan and Ian for serving us in these unprecedented times.

Fabric and Facilities Report—Jane Higginbottom

- ◆ A huge thank you to Ian Otto and for all that he does, seen and unseen, ensuring that our buildings are in good working order.
- ◆ Our five year church building inspection, the Quinquennial, took place. All major works highlighted in the last report have been completed and the Diocese is pleased with our stewardship of St Chads.
- ◆ Facilities and work have been completed for the Visuals System in church and a handrail to the church boiler room.
- ◆ We are working on a programme of building maintenance for Church and The Guywood, including in 2020; tree surgery at the Guywood, five yearly electrical reports for Church and Guywood. In January 2021 the Guywood urinals were updated and improved.
- ◆ Improvements to the internet service in the church offices and the Lifecentre were completed in September.
- ◆ Ongoing upkeep of our buildings including: PAT testing, fire safety, lightning conductor inspections, piano and organ tuning, gas safety checks, air-conditioning and insurance.
- ◆ Three-yearly first aid and food safety training for volunteers.

Financial Report

Helen Bray: Treasurer



Headline figures 2020

We thank God for his ongoing provision to us through the generosity of his people and despite the many challenges caused by Covid 19, the Gift Day to support our Pastoral Fund raised an incredible £6796. We also received just over £3000 for our Christmas Generosity Appeal.

The PCC sets the annual budget in faith and monitors both the budget comparison and cashflow regularly. We were pleased to complete the Visual System Upgrade during 2020. We thank Jan Anthony who manages the daily financial affairs of our church and John Simpson our Examiner.

Income 2020

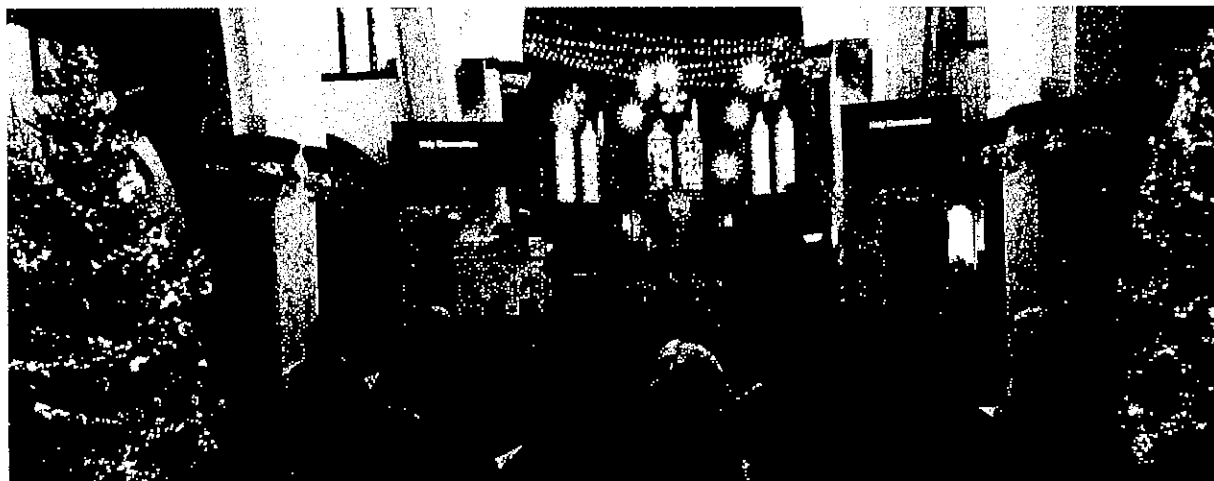
Donations	£251,621
Other income	£3,935
Total	£255,556

Expenditure 2020

Grants & world mission	£27,540
Church activities	£96,228
Church maintenance & admin	£115,984
Total	£239,752
Surplus Income over Expenditure	£15,804

Balance at bank 31.12.2020 **£54,617**

New Audio Visual System



Deanery Synod Report

The Deanery Synod is the group of all 40 Anglican churches that provides an interface between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

The Deanery Synod met four times this year across our Deanery. There are members of the PCC currently sitting on Deanery Synod.

Electoral Roll

In 2017 the roll was fully reviewed. Following our 2021 review we currently have 228 people on the Electoral Roll in our Church.

During this last year five people have died, two people have moved away and three people have joined the roll.

Staffing

The PCC employs six staff:

Team of Youth Youth	The Rev
Head of Operations	Jan Anthony
Church Administrator	Jan Anthony
Facilities Manager	Jan Anthony
Organist	Jan Anthony
Pastoral Visitor	Jan Anthony

There are also many, many volunteers who spend time of their life. Thank you to EVERYONE who serves.

Missional Giving

Generous Giving



Each year the PCC sets a Mission budget based on 10% of the full income of the previous account year. This is given to missionary organisations, activities and individuals at home and overseas. The Missions Committee oversees how we distribute these funds, together with PCC.

The majority of the Mission Budget is given as regular support to organisations and individuals where there is a link with St Chads. As a general rule, we review this regular giving on a two yearly basis, unless something significant changes.

Regular support	£ in 2020
Alexandria Library	£1500
Bible Society	£1000
Christians Against Poverty (CAP)	£1000
Christians in Schools Trust	£2500
CMS / Hugo & Techy Vergara	£2500
Fusion	£1000
GLO	£3000
The Hamiltons (CMS)	£2000
Message Trust	£1000
Naked Truth Project	£1000
New Wine	£1000
Norah Sturges Health Centre	£1000
Open Doors	£1000
Sarah	£1500
Tear Fund	£2500
TOTAL Regular support	£23,000

Each year we retain a smaller part of our Mission budget to be used flexibly during the year. This fund is used to support members of the church family who are undertaking short term mission trips. (This year due to the Pandemic these haven't taken place). The fund also supports local community needs and occasional gifts to other charities.

In 2020 we were delighted to support Joe and Cat Pienaar in their new work; planting a church in Vancouver Canada.

Below are the full 2020 details of our regular support and one-off gifts

One-off gifts of support	£ in 2020
24/7 Prayer	£250
Amar in Kolkata	£250
Christians in Media	£250
Hamiltons	£1000
Hooper Mercy Ships	£100
Mechanics for Africa	£250
Joe and Cat Pienaar	£1570
Sarah	£500
TOTAL One off-gifts	£4170

We have been really blessed with over 1000 gifts in 2020 which is up this year. It is a testament to the generosity of our church family.

The Sunday Gift Day raised £6700 and when we received our annual Christmas card £3225 came in. This does show that our church family are generous and we are really grateful for their support.

Our church family are also able to buy gifts for local and overseas missions and to distribute them.

We thank the church family for their support and for their generosity. We are really grateful for their support.

Many were made then supported with people's time and phone calls to church family and individuals. To the church family, thank you for their support and generosity. God is with you and we are really grateful for your support.

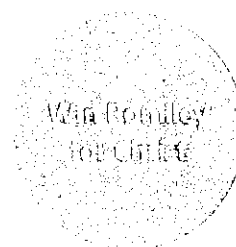
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

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Prampushers—Vicky Reedy



As we went into the lockdown in March my first thoughts were, how are new mums going to connect with others? I remember the feeling well, despite it being 17 years since I went to my first baby group with Josh. But the feeling I felt afterwards of knowing it wasn't just me going through sleepless nights, not knowing how to soothe him, etc made me feel connected with other mums, and lasting friendships were made at that first group.

With everyone being told to stay at home, how were mums going to get that support from others? I realised if I set up a WhatsApp group it would allow mums to connect and chat and support each other. So I advertised on Prampushers Facebook page and the group grew instantly. In those early days there were some very dark times of emotions running high, fear, lack of support from family and friends, but these messages on WhatsApp really helped. There are currently 130 mums in the group.

I would message the mums privately to check in on them, and many were going through some terrible situations. I was able to pray for them and keep checking in on them. Eventually we had zoom chats, then when restrictions allowed the mums started meeting up for walks, this really helped them as being face to face is so much better than being online.

Then I was able (within the Covid Regulations) to start hosting a small group of six mums and babies in the Guywood centre. This made the mums beam with joy, they were so happy that they were experiencing their first baby groups and being able to chat face to face was fantastic, friendships grew deeper very quickly. More mums kept joining, through Facebook or I'd introduce myself when in the supermarket or street, and other mums would start doing the same and introducing them to the group.

In September I decided to set up a more organised session so got the sessions set up on Eventbrite and I used the time I would normally be at Prampushers. We currently host eight sessions per week for 12 mums in each session.

These mums have said what a lifeline it has been to them, and they are very grateful that the church has allowed me to facilitate the group.

Mums have come along and discovered they live round the corner from each other and have formed great relationships, lots of them meet up for walks be-

tween the groups. Lots have endured heart-breaking births and recovery, and when the health professionals haven't been there, we have been able to support them. Many don't have family close by, so the friendships have meant so much more to them. The furthest away is the mum of twins who is from New Zealand, her parents haven't been able to visit yet.

I feel so privileged that I've been able to meet our church families' babies; Zach, Arthur and Joseph and Emily this year when not even their grandparents have seen them that much. I absolutely love connecting, facilitating and being with these mums, it is what makes my heart sing for joy. I've been able to share the love of Jesus with them, and prayed and asked the church to pray for those who have been ill or their babies.

In addition to the baby group, I have tried to stay connected with families who were attending before Covid and those with older children.

I've found the best way of keeping in touch has been to organise trails and craft activity packs. We delivered sunflower seeds last May for the children to watch their sunflowers grow. It was also great to check in on families to see how they are and gave them a Father's day craft pack. We organised a very popular teddy bear trail through Romiley, even with rain all day, families still took part. Then we did a Harvest Chalk Prayer Trail around the church grounds. Those that took part really did enjoy it. We gave out Christmas packs and an invitation to the Journey to the Manger. So many families came along, and loved it, many entering St Chads church for the very first time. Our next packs will be for Mother's day, and it will be nice to catch up with the families. I wish we could do more for them, but when we are allowed we will.

So even though Prampushers baby and toddler group isn't happening as we knew it, we are still connecting with our community.

I'm very thankful for the team of volunteers, Jan Ford, Vic Stone, Sue Stone, Adele Youde, Sue Hayward, Marjorie Stafford, Kate Castree, Paula Sutherland and Nicola Ward's mum Carol. All have helped behind the scenes at the trails, and most importantly praying for the families.

I would love you as a church to pray for the families especially those who are struggling at home with lively toddlers and trying to keep them occupied!!

We have welcomed
120 new parents &
182 new babies in person
at our toddler groups

We are supporting over 130 new parents
connect through WhatsApp
50 of whom can not attend a
session in person

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Children & Youth—Elle Bird



What a year 2020 was for our Kids and Youth ministry. I can remember taking Year Four RE lessons in Romiley Primary School back in March where before the first one I was telling the children that I was sure BreakOut! would be on next week and by the end of the second lesson we knew it was going to need to be cancelled! Lockdown has had a massive effect on our Kids and Youth Ministries – but throughout we have tried to minimise the effect it had on the relationships we have with each child and their families.

In February we were regularly ministering to around 75 children (aged 2 to 11) and 65 youth (aged 11 to 18) over all of our different activities and groups and 50% of these are from families that don't regularly attend church. It's such a privilege to be both helping young people discover church, faith and a community that loves God (and them!) for the first time, as well as enabling young people to deepen their faith and engage in discipleship too. Lockdown may have stopped our usual ways of achieving these aims, but we have carried on in new and creative ways.

Investing in our Schools/Break/HangOUT! Young people quickly turned into a ReachOUT! Mini-series with weekly YouTube videos, competitions and opportunities to join in. We also started sending post cards (about 140 at a time) to keep in contact with each young person individually. We have seen lots of fruit from this, especially the postcards, as we continued to send encouragements to them over and over again.

Our Youth discipleship was easy to transfer onto zoom

with two large discipleship courses taken by over 40 young people, our best uptake of a course ever! For our younger youth they spent the summer doing Youth Alpha, whilst the older teens worked their way through a book by Soul Survivor called Everyday Supernatural. Both courses saw God move in the lives of our young people and also helped to fuse us as an even tighter knit youth family. Social events like Mafia games nights, quizzes and lots of chocolate delivered to houses has kept everyone's spirits up and the lines of communication and support open.

Children's ministry and discipleship has proven to be the hardest part to find a good online expression way of doing. A big part of the strategy was to equip and encourage parents in their new roles of home-schoolers and home church leaders. With weekly and then monthly parents' letters, through investing extra time in making sure our 11am online services keep a blended approach and some pre-church kids zooms we have tried to support and love our church families and children well. The online light party in October and the advent calendar packs have been big highlights of the year with lots of fun and giggles generated.

This year has been a great reminder of what is important – God! Our methods may have changed dramatically but our heart for young people to meet, know and encounter God has not. And because of that we have seen fruit in our community and testimonies of God's goodness in every area of our Kids and Youth Ministry.

680 people came along to
The Journey to the manger

Over 150 Church Family joined a virtual
group to do 100 Prayers Course of
The Bible Course together

In 2020 H&Fod
delivered 2734 independent packs
41 days saw over 31 meals cooked

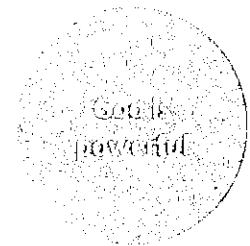
200 families joined in
Christmas Fire & Food with
an average of 150 families per week

Through your generosity
over 60 Christmas gifts were
delivered to children

40 Christmas Hampers were delivered
through our community and
local schools

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Just 4 Dads—Vicky Reedy

Just 4 Dads finished last March just the week before the country went into lockdown number one. It was a great last session with Mother's Day crafts and lots of opportunities for conversations. Just a few weeks before, we had started our course for dad's called '*Men Behaving Dadly*', run by Phil Bray and Rob Williams. Fifteen dads signed up to join, many of them from the wider community, with a few from our church family. It was going really well before it had to stop. This had to be put on hold, as we felt it's easier to talk face to face than over zoom. We are looking forward to starting it again when allowed.

The dads have come along to Teddy Bear Trail and Harvest Prayer Trail and a one off meeting in the park for a game of football for six dads when we were allowed to meet in larger groups!

Becoming a dad during Covid has been extremely difficult for them. They haven't been allowed to scans, they have only been allowed to come to be with mum once she was in established labour, with some almost missing the birth of their child. There have been plus points of working from home and

being around the house to spend more quality time with baby. But on the flip side some relationships are really struggling, with everyone being at home together 24/7.

We didn't think we would be able to meet for a long time. However, after chatting with a mum at the baby group one morning and she told me how her husband was struggling to bond with their son. It made me realise we can facilitate a dad's and non-moving baby group as well as the mums' ones. Rob Williams and Eden Sutherland came on board and we have been able to run a session each Saturday morning, for dads to support each other, and enjoy some quality time with their baby.

This group has gone from strength to strength and this week the dads came up to me after the group to give me ideas of how they could support dads to be. This is peer support at its best seeing the dads come up with ideas of how to support other new dads. Approximately nine dads attend each week.

Once again I am so thankful that we can provide this support for the dads.

Worship—Will Drain

As I write this report I am struck that this is like no other worship report I have ever written before, with nearly 12 months of 11am church services being suspended and also no 'live' services for 9:15am. With 'no singing' allowed in churches across the country, worship has had to take a very different shape over the previous 12 months for us as a church. Worship is an offering of our whole lives and is so much more than singing. It has been amazing to hear stories from so many people in the church expressing how they have worshipped God throughout the past 12 months, and our prayer is that in this season you may encounter God even more. **James 4:8 says 'Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.'** And so I want to encourage you in the coming season to continue to draw near to God in worship.

I want to give some special thanks for those that have enabled us to produce online worship over the previous 12 months. Ben Allen did an amazing job while he was interning with us and we were sad to see him go in the summer. He got us started with our online worship for the 11am service by coordi-

nating it and editing it all together and I'm so grateful for everything he did, and we continue to pray for him and Kirsten.

I want to give a special thanks to Mark Warburton for everything he has done and the countless hours he has spent recording and producing worship content for us all to engage with. The quality of what he has produced in hymns for the 9:15am service is superb and I know they have been greatly appreciated by many. I am also so grateful to Mark and the whole Warburton family for all the work they put into Carols Unplugged, which for many of us has been a real highlight of the year. I am also tremendously grateful to Paul Dixon and Kirsty Pitt and the whole team for all the work they have done in putting new songs together for us to use in worship.

As we look to the year ahead, we don't know what it will entail, we don't know when we will be able to gather together again to sing and worship, but what I do know is that as we draw near to God, He will draw near to us.

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Practical Pastoral Team– Katie Wade

When we found ourselves in the lockdown situation, we wanted to make sure that everyone was contacted (from our church records), to check how they were and if they had a support system or could provide support for others. Working together with the Lifecentre staff team, Prampushers, Ann & Neil Russell and Cherry Tree Project we were able to form a practical pastoral team, this required flexibility as we were working with the constant changing situation.

While Ann and Neil Russell continued their work to care and shop for our church community with their doorstep visits taking gifts cards and sometimes cake to those shielding or vulnerable. On occasions others joined them to sing happy birthday and bless those isolated.

A group were able to write Christmas cards to residents of the care homes in our area and we also took the chocolate bars (from our Mother's Day activity) for the staff earlier in the year to encourage them and let them know they were being thought of.

The Guywood Centre, closed to all kids and youth work, was repurposed. As we were finding people were in need of support with food parcels we applied for local funding and along with the generous donations from the church family we created a pastoral fund working alongside the Cherry Tree Project, Lifecentre, Morrisons, Allied Bakery and fair share. We have been able to meet the need of up to 150 families some weeks.

We have also been able to purchase a new cooker for a lady who was without cooking facilities and linked in with Christmas generosity, provide gifts and hampers to many alongside providing lunches during school holidays for children and families

who would normally receive free school meals but as school were closed this wasn't possible.

The Cherry Tree projects 'fit and fed' initiative has been funded separately and provided a community to cook each week online, helping young people learn a new skill and cook for their family.

Many volunteers from the church and community have worked together on all projects to provide practical and pastoral support where needed. We have been able to link with the community in this time with God opening many new doors.

Ruth shared a story with us of connection as an example.

At New Wine three years ago a chance conversation in a coffee queue was remembered by a lady in Oxford. Her elderly father & sister live in Romiley & at the beginning of the first lockdown were both vulnerable & isolating so unable to get shopping. She remembered that the person she had conversation with came from Romiley so she contacted the office & we were able to help the family out with weekly shopping & now have a relationship with them & know that there will be an opportunity to invite them to the Church once open again.

With something that started off as an emergency support system we have continued for nearly twelve months developing and changing as we go but we are very thankful to the team and the volunteers for all they have done at this time. We are sure that we will see many stories of lives touched and blessed in the coming months or years. My personal thanks to Jan, Jane, Ruth, Lesley, Ann, Neil, Rachel & Nigel as the core team but also to all the many many volunteers who have served their hearts out.

During the first lockdown
37 volunteers and staff made over 300 pastoral phone calls

Throughout lockdown over 125 members of church initially have been contacted regularly and supported during isolation and need

over 100 families have been supported with food parcel work through The Parity and Cherry Tree Projects

Who we are!

Dreams, goals and truths in Jesus



FOUR DREAMS



OPEN HEARTS

A loving family growing in maturity through healthy relationships



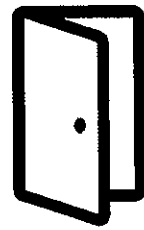
OPEN HEAVEN

To encounter God's presence, see his supernatural power and experience his gifts



OPEN HANDS

To live out the generosity of heaven and bless others in all we do



OPEN DOORS

To seek to connect with our community and colleagues, to give them the chance to know God's love

THREE GOALS

CREATE A CULTURE THAT WOULD SUSTAIN A MOVE OF GOD

A pursuit of God's restoration so that we live less selfishly

RAISE A GENERATION OF CONTRIBUTORS NOT CONSUMERS

Fill our children and young people with love so they are equipped to overflow

WIN ROMILEY FOR CHRIST

Take every opportunity to share the good news of Jesus in Romiley

TWO TRUTHS

GOD IS GOOD GOD IS POWERFUL

ONE LORD

JESUS IS LORD OVER ALL

We live to serve and obey him

St Chads Romiley (Chadkirk)
In the Diocese of Chester

**Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council
for the Year Ended 31st December 2020**

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Email: office@stchadsromiley.co.uk**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES/MEMBERS OF ST CHADS CHURCH, ROMILEY, PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 2 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that under s144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) an audit is not required and an independent examination is needed.

I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit and is eligible for Independent examination. It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;

to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charly Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charly Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

to keep accounting records in accordance with s 130 of the Charities Act 2011

to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of s 132 of the Charities Act 2011 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

- 2 To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

John A Simpson
Chartered Accountant
48 Bredbury Green
Romiley
Stockport
SK6 3DN

JA Simpson

Date 24.3.21

St Chads Parochial Church Council, Romiley
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

INCOMING RESOURCES	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	
		Funds	Funds	2020	2019
		£	£	£	£
Voluntary Income					
Donations and legacies	6	249,985	0	249,985	265,102
Generated Income					
Activities for generating funds					
Receipts from Church activities	7	0	1,934	1,934	4,107
Investment Income		0	0	0	0
Other incoming resources	8	3,637	0	3,637	6,189
		253,622	1,934	255,556	275,398
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Grants	9	27,540	0	27,540	26,333
Activities directly related to church work	10	93,739	2,489	96,228	105,817
Church management and administration	11	115,984	0	115,984	125,755
		237,263	2,489	239,752	257,905
NET INCOMING RESOURCES		16,359	-555	15,804	17,493
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD 1ST JANUARY 2020/19		644,249	1,899	646,148	628,655
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD 31ST DECEMBER 2020/19		660,608	1,344	661,952	646,148

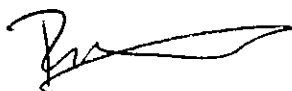
St Chads Parochial Church Council, Romiley

Balance Sheet at 31st December 2020

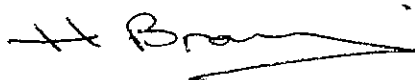
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2020	2019
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	5	599,800	0	599,800	578,461
Current Assets					
Debtors		9,261	0	9,261	9,176
Cash and Bank		53,272	1,345	54,617	64,244
		62,533	1,345	63,878	73,420
Creditors falling due within one year		1,726	0	1,726	5,733
Net Current Assets		60,807	1,345	62,152	67,687
Total Assets less current liabilities		660,607	1,345	661,952	646,148
Creditors falling due after more than one year		0	0	0	0
TOTAL NET ASSETS		660,607	1,345	661,952	646,148
FUNDS					
Restricted			1,345	1,345	1,899
Unrestricted		660,607		660,607	644,249
TOTAL FUNDS		660,607	1,345	661,952	646,148

APPROVED by

Richard Pennystan (PCC Chairman)



Helen Bray (PCC Treasurer)



Date

22/3/21

St Chads Parochial Church Council, Romley
Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 December 2020

Notes

- 1 The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable UK accounting standards, and the Church Accounting Regulations. The historical cost convention is used. The accruals basis of accounting has been adopted. The principal accounting policies are applied consistently.

	2020	2019
2 Fees for Financial Statements examination	0	0
3 Paid employees		
Gross wages and salaries	84,605	91,458
Employer's national insurance costs	2,045	2,780
Pension contributions	2,364	2,263
Total staff costs	<u>89,014</u>	<u>96,501</u>

- 4 Payment to Trustees - no payments other than for church expenses have been paid to trustees.

5 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost	Balance at 1st January 2020	578,461
	Additions during the year	21,339
	Disposals during the year	0
	Balance at 31st December 2020	<u>599,800</u>
Accumulated	Balance at 1st January 2020	0
Depreciation	Charge for the year	0
	Balance at 31st December 2020	<u>0</u>

St Chads Parochial Church Council, Romiley
Notes to the Statement of Financial Activities 2020

Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Income				
6 Donations and legacies				
Non gift aid	38,391		38,391	35,334
Gift Aid	148,505		148,505	153,763
Loose Receipts	523		523	2,617
Grant	2,000		2,000	-
Gift Days/One Off Donations	21,296	-	21,296	24,324
Tax recovered and recoverable	39,270		39,270	43,559
Legacies	-		-	5,506
	249,985	-	249,985	265,102
7 Activities for generating funds				
Fetes and other fund raising activities		1,934	1,934	4,107
	-	1,934	1,934	4,107
8 Other Activities				
Weddings/Funerals	3,636		3,636	4,863
Hall Lettings	-		-	1,280
New Wine Discipleship Course	-		-	-
Miscellaneous Income	1		1	26
	3,637	-	3,637	6,169
Total Incoming resources	253,622	1,934	255,556	275,398

St Chads Parochial Church Council, Romiley
Notes to the Statement of Financial Activities 2020

Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2020	TOTAL FUNDS 2019
			£	£
	Payments			
9	Grants			
	Missionary and charitable giving			
	World Mission			
	Relief and development agencies	4,000	4,000	4,600
	Home mission and other church societies	23,170	23,170	19,760
	Evangelistic and pastoral services	370	370	1,973
		27,540	27,540	26,333
10	Activities directly related to the work of the Church			
	Ministry - Parish Share	67,624	67,624	65,975
	Church maintenance	9,633	9,633	16,008
	Youth & Childrens' activities	2,209	2,489	8,810
	Church societies/General expenses	6,089	6,089	7,900
	Education	5,264	5,264	1,267
	Worship	2,920	2,920	5,862
		93,739	2,489	96,228
11	Church maintenance and administration			
	Clergy	1,041	1,041	1,635
	Clergy house running costs	7,014	7,014	6,114
	Church building running costs	564	564	481
	Churchyard	-10	-10	210
	Church Hall running costs	8,370	8,370	8,500
	Guywood Lane			810
	Insurance	5,538	5,538	5,465
	Postage	174	174	448
	Printing and stationery	2,744	2,744	4,398
	Staff salaries and expenses	89,014	89,014	96,501
	Telephone	1,535	1,535	1,193
		115,984	115,984	125,755
		237,263	2,489	239,752
				257,905