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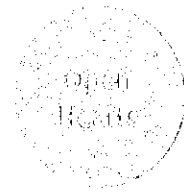
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# Vicar's Report

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.

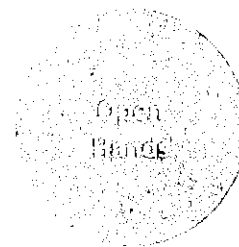
We have also learned what we value through what we've missed. We will each have our lists of things that will never take for granted again. For many of us those lists will include gathering to sing in worship, the joy of chatting over coffee, (hugs will appear on some lists, not others!) Whilst raising 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.

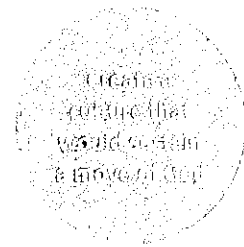
We continue to thank God for Richard's leadership of St Chads, and for Will our Curate, for the way they continue to encourage us and teach us. We are grateful to have had Katie as our Ordinand. We will miss her (and Mike) as they move to take up Katie's curacy at Holy Trinity Gee Cross. We thank God 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

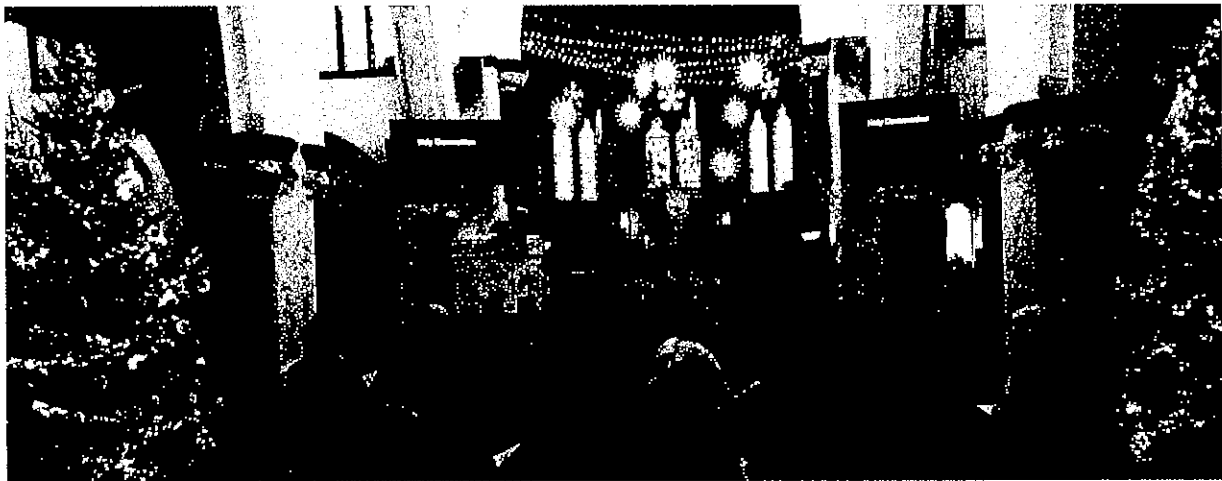
Donations	£251,621
Other income	£3,935
<b>Total</b>	<b>£255,556</b>

### Expenditure 2020

Grants & world mission	£27,540
Church activities	£96,228
Church maintenance & admin	£115,984
<b>Total</b>	<b>£239,752</b>
<b>Surplus Income over Expenditure</b>	<b>£15,804</b>

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 revised. 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 & Young Adults	The Revd Helen Bevan
Head of Operations	Jan Anthony
Church Administrator	Jan Anthony
Facilities Manager	John Simpson
Organist	John Simpson
Pastoral Visitor	John Simpson

There are also many, many volunteers who spend time of church 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
<b>TOTAL Regular support</b>	<b>£23,000</b>

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
<b>TOTAL One off-gifts</b>	<b>£4170</b>

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 raised our annual Christmas fund of £3200 gave us a total of £9900. This is a fantastic achievement for our church family who have given so much to support our community.

Our church family has been able to support our community in a number of ways and we are grateful to all who have supported us.

We are grateful to all who have supported us in 2020 and we look forward to continuing our work in 2021.

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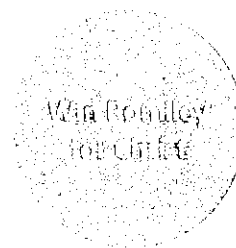
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

# Serving our Community

## Ministries and Mission

*Young families, babies, toddlers, kids and youth*

### 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

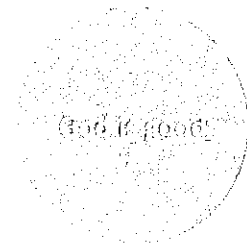


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**Children & Youth—Elle Bird**



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

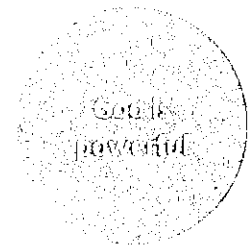
200 families joined in  
Christmas Fire & Food with  
an average of 150 families per week

Through your generosity  
over 60 Christmas gifts were  
delivered to children

40 Christmas Hampers were delivered  
through our community and  
local schools

# Serving our Community

## Ministries and Mission



### 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.

# Serving our Community

## Ministries and Mission



### 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 cost 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



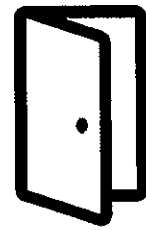
### OPEN HEAVEN

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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**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
		£	£	£	£
<b>Voluntary Income</b>					
Donations and legacies	6	249,985	0	249,985	265,102
<b>Generated Income</b>					
Activities for generating funds					
Receipts from Church activities	7	0	1,934	1,934	4,107
<b>Investment Income</b>		0	0	0	0
<b>Other incoming resources</b>	8	3,637	0	3,637	6,189
		<b>253,622</b>	<b>1,934</b>	<b>255,556</b>	<b>275,398</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
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
		<b>237,263</b>	<b>2,489</b>	<b>239,752</b>	<b>257,905</b>
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>16,359</b>	<b>-555</b>	<b>15,804</b>	<b>17,493</b>
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD 1ST JANUARY 2020/19		<b>644,249</b>	<b>1,899</b>	<b>646,148</b>	<b>628,655</b>
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD 31ST DECEMBER 2020/19		<b>660,608</b>	<b>1,344</b>	<b>661,952</b>	<b>646,148</b>

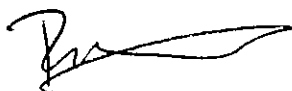
# St Chads Parochial Church Council, Romiley

Balance Sheet at 31st December 2020

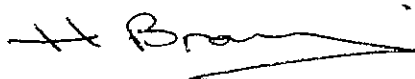
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2020	2019
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible Assets	5	599,800	0	599,800	578,461
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors		9,261	0	9,261	9,176
Cash and Bank		53,272	1,345	54,617	64,244
		62,533	1,345	63,878	73,420
<b>Creditors falling due within one year</b>		1,726	0	1,726	5,733
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		60,807	1,345	62,152	67,687
<b>Total Assets less current liabilities</b>		660,607	1,345	661,952	646,148
<b>Creditors falling due after more than one year</b>		0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		660,607	1,345	661,952	646,148
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Restricted			1,345	1,345	1,899
Unrestricted		660,607		660,607	644,249
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		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
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>				
<b>6 Donations and legacies</b>				
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
	<b>249,985</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>249,985</b>	<b>265,102</b>
<b>7 Activities for generating funds</b>				
Fetes and other fund raising activities		1,934	1,934	4,107
	<b>-</b>	<b>1,934</b>	<b>1,934</b>	<b>4,107</b>
<b>8 Other Activities</b>				
Weddings/Funerals	3,636		3,636	4,863
Hall Lettings	-		-	1,280
New Wine Discipleship Course	-		-	-
Miscellaneous Income	1		1	26
	<b>3,637</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,637</b>	<b>6,169</b>
<b>Total Incoming resources</b>	<b>253,622</b>	<b>1,934</b>	<b>255,556</b>	<b>275,398</b>

**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
			£	£
<b>Payments</b>				
<b>9 Grants</b>				
Missionary and charitable giving				
<b>World Mission</b>				
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
	<b>27,540</b>		<b>27,540</b>	<b>26,333</b>
<b>10 Activities directly related to the work of the Church</b>				
Ministry - Parish Share	67,624		67,624	65,975
Church maintenance	9,633		9,633	16,008
Youth & Childrens' activities	2,209	2,489	4,698	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
	<b>93,739</b>	<b>2,489</b>	<b>96,228</b>	<b>105,817</b>
<b>11 Church maintenance and administration</b>				
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
	<b>115,984</b>		<b>115,984</b>	<b>125,755</b>
	<b>237,263</b>	<b>2,489</b>	<b>239,752</b>	<b>257,905</b>