

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WILMSLOW

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Details

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Activities

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

Activities: Worship, Teaching of Christianity, Promotion Christianity and some help to other Charities

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£240,034	£260,338	-	-
2024-12-31	£249,944	£199,909	-	-
2023-12-31	£207,048	£199,943	-	-
2022-12-31	£203,856	£195,809	-	-
2021-12-31	£157,578	£188,696	-	-
2020-12-31	£184,219	£201,356	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANGELA DIANE PHILPOTT		
Barbara Lesley Leader		2025-05-11
CHRISTOPHER JOHN STUBBS		2025-05-11
Caroline Jane Lucas		2019-04-28
Deborah Simpson		2025-05-11
Diana Warmington Smith		2019-04-28
Dr Andrew John Watts		2024-04-14
Heather Ann Hodson		2021-04-25
Heather Margaret Martin		2023-05-14
ISOBEL MARGARET CHETWOOD		2014-04-30
Jonathan Robin Horne		2020-11-11
MRS JACKIE WATTS		
Martin Lowther Kinsey		2020-11-16
Nicola Jane Cathery		2022-06-29
Oliver Ramsden		2023-05-14
Patrick Rufane Tyrrell		2024-04-14
Rev Edward Mark Roberts		2023-04-23
Teresa Anne Allinson		2024-04-14

Accounts



Annual Parochial Church Meeting, 2026

For the Year to 31st December 2025



The Parish of Wilmslow St. Anne's – St Bartholomew's

Two worshipping communities

Two big things in common

✚ **learning how to love God with all our hearts,**

✚ **trying to love our neighbours at least as much as ourselves**



Annual Parochial Church Meeting, 2026

Agenda

1. Annual Meeting of Parishioners (Vestry Meeting)

To elect Churchwardens

Agenda for the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (Vestry Meeting)

1. Welcome and introduction
2. Appointment of clerk to the meeting
3. Apologies for absence
4. Minutes of the 2025 Meeting of Parishioners:
(a) approval (b) matters arising
5. Election of church wardens

2. Annual General Meeting of the 'Friends of the Parish of Wilmslow'

To review the activities and finances of the 'Friends'

Agenda for the AGM of the Friends of the Parish

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the AGM held on 11th May 2025
3. Chair's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Acceptance of Accounts for year ended 31st December 2025
6. Election of Committee Members and Officers
7. Any Other Business

3. Annual Report of the Parish

To report on the aims activities and achievements of the Parish, and to meet mandatory reporting requirements.

Agenda for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

1. Introduction
2. Aims and Purpose
3. Minutes of APCM 2025 and matters arising
4. Proceedings of the PCC
5. Warden's Report
6. Electoral Roll Officer's Report
7. Annual Report of Activities and Achievements
8. Financial Report and Review and Appointment of Independent Examiner
9. Safeguarding Policy Statement and Report.
10. Fabric Report
11. Deanery synod report
12. Elections and appointments



Annual Parochial Church Meeting, 2026

Reports

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ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
SUNDAY 11th May 2025 at 12 noon
St Bartholomew's Parish Church

Present: Eddie Roberts, Jackie Watts, Caroline Lucas, Isobel Chetwood, Phil Gaskell, Wendy and Roger Yates, Heather and Stuart Martin, Andy Watts, Patrick Tyrrell, Jean Parker, Diana and Richard Smith, Rod and Janet Franks, Jill and Christopher Dodson, Martin Kinsey, Ray Oates, Sheila and Geoffrey Barton, George Johnston, Jon and Lynda Horne, Ian Dalglish, Ann and Alan Brown, Audrey Taylor, Marion Nellies, Pam Radford, John Knowles, Jill Palmer, Barbara Leader, Phil Hardy, Susan Cooper, Eileen MacCauley, Pam Radford, Dalene and Rob Moore, David Robinson, Ann Hodson, Sheena Hatton, Angela Philpott, Pamela Sanford, Christine Little, Glenis Butterworth, Jonathan Meadmore, Sue Page, Nicky Cathery, Rosemary Smart, Julian and Penny Bowker, Oliver and Clare Ramsden, Stephanie Byars, Yvonne Warren, Elaine Walker, Chris Stubbs, Susan Brown, Grace Read and Shirley Baulkwill.

Apologies: Teresa Allinson, Joan Orton, Val Hollis, Philip and Melanie Charnley and Georgina Lewis.

Annual Meeting of Parishioners (Vestry Meeting):

1. Eddie welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened with prayer.
2. Clerk for the meeting: Isobel Chetwood was appointed.
3. Minutes of the last Vestry Meeting: The minutes were accepted as a true record.

Proposed: Ann Hodson ***Seconded:*** Martin Kinsey ***Agreed Unanimously***

4. Matters arising: None.
5. Election of Churchwardens:

There were 2 nominations; Jackie Watts and Patrick Tyrrell and they were both therefore duly appointed.

Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Parish:

The Friends of the Parish, whilst they have their own constitution, come under the auspices of the Parish of Wilmslow. Last year, in a change to the pattern of previous years, the Friends AGM has been included in the APCM as they seek to develop a sharper focus for the future. The membership of the Friends has tailed off over the years and therefore it is hoped to broaden the appeal and their reach with less emphasis on fund raising but rather taking advantage of the historic interest, in St Bart's particularly, thereby creating a missional and evangelistic opportunity which links to the wider church growth strategy.

The minutes of the last AGM, the Chair's Report, Financial Summary and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 were noted and accepted.

Appointment of Committee - Isobel Chetwood is willing to continue as Chair and Richard Smith as Treasurer. The committee members were agreed as follows:

Revd Eddie Roberts - President of the Friends.

Isobel Chetwood – Chair Richard Smith – Treasurer

Committee: Ann Hodson, Jill Palmer, Jean Parker, Joel Millett, Phil Gaskell, Shirley Baulkwill and Ray Oates were therefore duly elected.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM):

1. Eddie welcomed everyone to the APCM as an opportunity to reflect on the past year as well as looking ahead.
2. The minutes of the APCM 2024 were noted. The minutes were approved as a correct record.

Proposed: Janet Franks **Seconded:** Ann Hodson

Agreed unanimously, none against and no abstentions

3. Annual Report for the year ended December 2024:

- a. Electoral Roll Officer's Report

The Electoral Roll is renewed every six years and this was completed in 2025. There are 161 on the Electoral Roll of which 112 live in the Parish and 49 outside it.

- b. Proceedings of the PCC 2024

The Reports were accepted and there were no questions or comments.

- c. Financial Report for the year ended 31st December 2024

The Financial Report was noted and accepted. Andy said we have received three very generous bequests and the stewardship campaign had provided a large boost to the regular income. The turnover was just under £250K, thankfully avoiding the charity commission limit whereby a professional audit would have been required. The increased halls income was noted although expenditure will be needed to upgrade the parish hall in particular. The cost of running St Bart's is about £200K. There are no paid employees. Andy explained the basis on which the parish share is calculated.

- d. Buildings and Fabric Report

The SSS team report was noted. There were no questions or comments.

- e. Diocesan and Deanery Synod Reports

The report was noted. There were no questions or comments.

- f. Wardens' Report

The report was noted. There were no questions or comments.

- g. Food Friend Report

The report was noted. There were no questions or comments.

h. Neighbourhood Network Report

The report was noted. There were no questions or comments.

i. Magazine Team Report

The report was noted. There were no questions or comments.

j. Friends of the Parish Report and Financial Summary

Previously discussed in the Friends AGM. There were no questions or comments.

k. Churches Together in Wilmslow

The report was noted. There were no questions or comments.

Acceptance of all reports:

Proposed: Isobel Chetwood **Seconded:** Jackie Watts

4. Safeguarding Policy Statement and Report

The Safeguarding Report was noted. There were no questions or comments.

5. Elections and Appointments

a. Deanery Synod Election

Isobel Chetwood and Angela Philpott continue as Deanery Synod representatives. There are 2 remaining vacancies.

b. Parochial Church Council Elections (14 members)

As proposed last year, PCC members step down each year and may then stand again if they wish. This will provide greater flexibility. Eddie thanked those who had served in the past and welcomed the new members who have stepped forward this year.

Caroline Lucas, Andy Watts, Ann Hodson, Martin Kinsey, Teresa Allinson, Nicky Cathery, Jon Horne, Heather Martin, Oliver Ramsden, Diana Smith, Barbara Leader, Debs Simpson, George Johnston and Chris Stubbs.

Ex-Officio Members – Clergy, Jackie Watts, Patrick Tyrrell, Isobel Chetwood and Angela Philpott.

c. Appointment of Independent Examiner

Ian Smallwood has agreed to act as Independent Examiner.

6. Incumbent's Address

Eddie had particularly chosen Acts 6 and 8 for the morning service readings to highlight the church's role in spreading the gospel.

Eddie continues to be grateful for the welcome he and his family have received in Wilmslow. He outlined the decision regarding the future of Food Friend and thanked everyone involved for the significant difference they have made in the parish of Wilmslow over the past

decade. We plan to become a natural partner with Hope Central and that something new will emerge which will include Wilmslow parish. Letters will be sent to donors and steps taken to ensure that all communication is clear for everyone involved in the project.

Eddie gives thanks daily that he has been called to the Vicar of this parish but stressed that this **our** church and he is just “along for the ride.” He has concerns about the best way to lead the parish in worship and evangelism balancing the tension between honouring tradition at the same time as responding to the needs of Wilmslow with limited resources to grow the church younger. The welcome needs to extend beyond the “front door” by creating additional routes in the worship life of the church as the same time as balancing old and new liturgies.

7. Any other business

Clare Ramsden raised the question mission giving to the wider community. It was agreed the PCC would take this forward.

The meeting closed with the Grace at 1.20 pm

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARISH FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 2025.

Aims and Purpose

Wilmslow Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Eddie Roberts, in promoting the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the four Wilmslow Parish church buildings: St Bartholomew's Church, St Anne's Church, the Parish Hall and St Anne's Church Hall.

The general functions of the PCC are stated with Section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

During 2025 Wilmslow Parish continued to pursue the five marks of mission in line with Chester Diocesan policy:

- To proclaim the good news of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and to sustain the life on earth.

These aims are encapsulated in our objectives:-

Two worshipping communities

Two big things in common

- learning how to love God with all our hearts,

- trying to love our neighbours at least as much as ourselves

In providing leadership to Wilmslow Parish, the incumbent and PCC give consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance to charities concerned with the advancement of religion.

The activities of the PCC are outlined in the next sections of this Annual Report. It is difficult to estimate the total volunteering time offered by many members of Wilmslow Parish but it amounts to well in excess of 150 hours in a typical month. We are grateful to all who do so much to contribute to the life of the church: the Churchwardens, PCC Secretary and Treasurer, the Friend of the Parish and Food Friend; those who help lead services, carry out children's work, play music, do readings, intercessions, flowers, lay assist, act as sidespeople, count the money, garden, clean and provide welcome, hospitality and church sitting – and much more besides.

Minutes of the APCM of 2025 and matters arising.

Report included above.

Proceedings of the PCC 2025

The PCC met 5 times during 2025.

Safeguarding remained a standing item on the PCC Agenda. The Safeguarding action plan is subject to regular review during the year. All PCC members completed the training modules. We are at Level 3 on the dashboard with some amber and red flags to be addressed. It was agreed to use *Safeguarding Sunday* as an opportunity to teach on this. At the March meeting Diana presented a full report to the PCC. This was circulated prior to the meeting in view of the number of documents and detail involved. She highlighted several matters the PCC need to be aware of or which require specific approval. The PCC approved the Safeguarding Report of 6th March 2025 and specifically approved all uses of social media for its activities. The PCC confirmed the list of church and non-church activities is complete and

in the case of non-church activities the PCC confirmed its authorisation of these activities on church premises. At the June meeting the new PCC members were advised of the DBS and training requirements as Trustees. At the September meeting the Safeguarding report and response flowchart were noted. The PCC reviewed and formally agreed to adopt the procedure for dealing with safeguarding concerns and the list of church and non church activities.

The gathered community, worship and discipleship were discussed at each meeting. The congregation numbers were noted for both St Anne's and St Bart's. The numbers have plateaued a bit but are above pre-Covid attendance. There are a lot of new faces as well as irregular worshippers. The midweek services are well attended although often with a "repeat" of attendees from Sundays and in the older bracket. Christmas services were well attended at both churches. In particular the Christmas Eve service with light sticks was well received. At the June meeting Eddie discussed changes to the worship patterns with a mix of services; family and blended worship, non-Eucharistic services, inter-generational and traditional services. He stressed the need to go gently bearing in mind that there are risks but doing nothing is not an option. There was further discussion at the September meeting of the proposed changes to worship patterns. Intergenerational worship at St Bart's is making slow progress with one non-Eucharistic service a month. There have been 3 young family get-together sessions with Life Church where 20 to 30 people eat and worship together. There was agreement that the collection plate will no longer be brought up to the altar just before communion.

A small group of church members attended the OWLs training (occasional worship leaders) with a view to members of the team leading some of the non-Eucharistic parts of the service on Sunday and at midweek services. The course was available both online and in person.

The Connect Groups have continued to meet and spent time looking at *Romans* with the help of Andrew Ollerton's book *A letter that makes sense of life*. The Passion Play was performed in Wilmslow by Saltmine Theatre on Holy Saturday. This was incredibly powerful and large numbers of people followed the story through the streets of Wilmslow to St Bart's for the Resurrection.

The PCC approved various fabric matters during the year. The Fabric Committee continued to meet regularly to consider any issues with regard to both churches, the halls and the grounds. The PCC approved the addition of a memorial bench at St Bart's. It was noted that the memorial stone is cleaned annually when further names are added. Projects which were agreed during the year were the solar panels on the parish hall which are proving to generate savings during the year, AV screens at St Bart's and modifications at St Anne's. There are issues with the parish hall car park with ongoing discussions between ourselves and East Cheshire Council. Refurbishment of the parish hall kitchen facilities was discussed and approved. This work is now complete. The PCC approved the purchase and installation of a speaker system in St Bart's and the purchase and installation of automated fire protection in the Parish Hall. During the year the boiler at St Anne's was condemned and so services were moved to the hall. Electric heaters were used for some events to good effect. More recently following recommendations from a heating engineer services have returned to the church building.

The Finance Report was presented and reviewed at each meeting. The Parish Share was noted, the insurance costs and the DBF fees approved for 2025. The year end accounts were approved by the PCC to go forward to the APCM. Further detail with regard to the finances are available in the Treasurer's accounts and report.

The Friends of the Parish committee met 3 times during 2025. Andy Watts was invited to the January meeting to explain the intention to consolidate the Friends of the Parish accounts with those of the PCC. He stressed there would be no change in the way the funds were used. This will allow Andy to invest money and so the Friends account would be gaining interest. We reviewed the success of the Christmas Market in 2024, looked at the 200 club and general membership numbers. The Friends paid some of the cost of the refurbishment of the clappers for the bells. At the September meeting there was a full discussion regarding the newly consolidated accounts and it was agreed to cease the annual collection of membership fees (due in January 2026 for those who are not life members) and so Isobel emailed all members advising of this as well as the new account details should they wish to make a donation instead. The Christmas Market took place on Saturday 6th December with a number of different stalls, musical entertainment and refreshments. There was agreement to change the day of the 200 club draw from the first Sunday in the month (after worship) to the Saturday morning coffee as this was felt to be more appropriate.

Weddings, baptisms and funerals have regularly taken place. There was an increase in families requesting church involvement in funerals and we have hosted some very large funerals with 250+ attendees. The PCC agreed to there being a communal space available for the cremated remains of babies lost mid-term.

The work with schools continued with good relationships with St Anne's School, Lacey Green, Pownall Hall and Wilmslow Prep.

After a great deal of careful thought and prayer Wilmslow Parish withdrew from the formal Churches Together in Wilmslow group. We felt that it was confusing for us to be part of a network which did not hold Trinitarian beliefs as an important criterion for membership. If any church members wish to understand a little more about our decision please refer to Eddie's article in the February Parish Magazine. We had however stressed that we wished to continue to support the Lent Lunches and the Harvest Appeals and we have done this in 2025. We intend to foster and strengthen the past relationships by working closely together in this way.

Isobel Chetwood is the Knutsford Deanery Lay Chair and reports back from the regular meetings that take place in the Diocese.

Isobel Chetwood PCC Secretary

Rector's Report

Introduction

As I begin to write these notes for the annual meeting in May 2026, giving thanks to God for our place in the church family here as we approach our third anniversary, Peter reminds us (1 Peter 4:10–11) that all ministry is a gift for the purpose of giving glory to God, and that is something that I want to begin with. I am grateful for the many ways that, together, we have been given that opportunity.

A bishop might install, license or induct a rector (I forget which is the correct verb!), but it is a church family which makes ministry possible.

Giving thanks for making that ministry possible (for me personally) is important for me to record. What I am not going to do is list individuals and groups. I would miss people out, and there are too many to list.

Parish ministry and our shared lives are part of the story God is telling through his image-bearers in creation, and so an annual report is nothing like a school report and certainly nothing like a shareholder report at the AGM of a PLC. We are reflecting on our experience of a shared story told for the glory of God.

So, in my few paragraphs here (and elsewhere in the pack), we will reflect on the year just completed, name something of the 'where we are now', and peek into the future laid out before us.

The year behind us

Attempting to report on everything that happened only up to and including 31st December 2025 is extremely difficult, and so if I slip into describing the early part of 2026, please accept my apologies.

Since the last annual church meeting, I think we've seen many positive changes which have brought both joy and hope to the parish and the leadership team. Early in 2025 we committed to play our part in the Wilmslow Passion, which was an incredible success. As I write these notes, we've just had another memorable Easter with hundreds of people in our churches between Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

We might delve into numbers a little bit further down the page, but generally we have seen congregational growth, with some young families and individuals coming and finding a place to worship.

Overall, a positive and hopeful picture.

Worship and spiritual life

I have described to you previously a position we are trying to hold between valuing everything that we have received from our worshipping traditions down the decades, and trying to steer a course towards a more contemporary form of worship. This can be a place for people of all ages and stages to belong and hear the good news of Jesus Christ.

The lifting of congregation numbers over the past three years, anecdotal feedback, and the results of a strategic exercise that we did with the PCC recently would indicate that this has been a sensible strategy, and one which you will see the value in.

That's not to say that you will like everything that we do, say, and sing. That's not the point at all. If we are going to question a strategy (and I think we should), then we need to be asking: does it give glory to God? Are new people coming to experience an authentic Christian worshipping community? And is it in keeping with what we learn from scripture?

We have changed very little in the past 12 months. We will be introducing some more non-eucharistic worship which leans towards informality. We have added a second monthly Book of Common Prayer communion service. Those adjustments are true to the strategy we touched on earlier.

The Connect discipleship groups have been an encouraging part of our ministry in the past year, and 2026 sees us launch our first Alpha course for many years. There are still things to do here in integrating new people into small group settings. We have a sense that people attend on Sundays, but making that transition towards the centre of the church in a more meaningful way is a difficult one.

That steady and deliberate work of encouraging people to walk with Jesus is extremely time-consuming, and finding people with the right combination of gifts and time remains a challenge.

Mission and outreach

Work with schools, care homes, baptism families and funeral directors continues. Funeral ministry has increased year on year, and we can see that we are developing good relationships not just with funeral directors, but with funeral families and the wider community. A time-consuming ministry, but one which will bear much fruit in the years to come.

As far as partnerships go, we have developed good relationships with Life Church over the past year or two and continue to explore how we might serve Wilmslow together for the sake of the gospel. I know that our withdrawal from the Churches Together group in Wilmslow has been well documented, and probably too well talked about, but that has been disappointing and a minor setback.

Major points of engagement with the wider community continue to be around the festivals, mostly Remembrance and Christmas. Again, we broke (recent) records in my time here. Those events have grown year on year.

Most things we do now seem to be better attended than even pre-Covid times.

Pastoral life

The ongoing, often unseen work of caring goes on quietly and unnoticed by many. Pastoral visits and support do happen, but if someone were to ask whether that provision is comprehensive, I would have to say that I am not 100% sure.

People right at the centre of church life often have a very different experience of pastoral care than those who are newer to us. That is natural, as more people know more about you the longer you have been around. The challenge for us is how we extend that care so that everyone in the community experiences it more equally.

Since the last annual meeting, we made the decision to give thanks to God and bring an end to the neighbourhood network system, for exactly the reasons laid out above. There were people who belonged to it and people who didn't, and the approach to it was inconsistent. So far it has not been replaced with anything systematic, and that is something which, if we had the capacity, we would have addressed by now.

Children, young people, and families

With friends from Life Church, we have hosted several Young Families events, most of them at tea time on a Friday or Saturday. Attendance has been patchy, and we are not sure they were as effective as we had hoped, but we are not in a position to offer much else at present.

We are managing to retain a few young families without offering very much at all for young people. We are grateful for them, but developing a ministry for children, young people and their parents feels out of reach right now.

Volunteers and lay leadership

I began with thanksgiving, and of course this is a particular area where gratitude is especially important. There is so much unseen work that goes on in so many different ways. It is led by your churchwardens, facilitated by your PCC, but it is the steady and loving service of volunteers, with and without titles, that really makes a church what it is.

I want to note the commitment of so many people, their faithfulness, and their service in the name of Christ. Thank you, all of you. There are not enough of you, and sometimes the load falls on too few people, but thank you.

A new element of volunteer ministry developed over the past few months is the role of occasional worship leaders. I am grateful to those who attended the training course with officers from Church House, and you will increasingly see individual people leading parts of our worship as the months go by. Please pray for them and encourage them. It is a bold move, standing at the front of a church you may have belonged to for many years. I remember my own knees knocking many years ago.

Looking ahead

In the early months of 2026, your PCC undertook a piece of work, discerning together the underlying values of the parish, our hopes and dreams, and what might emerge as strategic objectives as we seek to engage with the wider community while also developing discipleship within the existing congregation.

I have listed some emerging themes and desires. They were not adopted as a formal strategy, but they give a sense of the direction the last PCC was heading in. If you are thinking about standing for election at the APCM, they might serve as a kind of shared role description.

A. Strengthen welcome, inclusion and everyday hospitality

- A whole-church culture of welcome
- Clearer pathways from visitor → regular → belonging

B. Developing worship that balances tradition and accessibility

- A healthy balance of service styles across the month
- More accessible language and structure
- Increasing participation (including children and families)
- Strengthening services for newcomers

C. Rebuild ministry with children, families and young people

- Re-imagining Sunday provision for children
- Growing and supporting a volunteer team
- Strengthening school links and partnerships
- Supporting parents spiritually, not just practically

D. Build confidence in sharing faith

- Gentle, practical evangelism training
- Testimony workshops
- Small groups focused on real-life questions
- Sermon series that connect faith and everyday life

E. Strengthen capacity: volunteers, leadership and resources

- Developing and recruiting new leaders and staff
- Clear and well-supported volunteer pathways
- Refreshing and resourcing existing teams
- Reviewing buildings, communication and digital capacity

In closing

Much to give thanks for, much to hope for and some things to discern. All done in prayer!

Faithful God,

*we give you thanks for calling us into this church family,
for the story that you are undoubtedly telling among us,
and for every gift of service, care, worship and welcome
that has made life in you possible and life-giving.*

*We thank you for growth where we see it,
for faithfulness where things feel fragile and pressured,
and for your quiet work in the people and the places we might not even spot.*

*Give us grateful hearts for all that has been,
and steadfast trust in you for what is next for us.*

As we look ahead, we want you to shape the church you'd have in Wilmslow...

A people who exhibit your radical hospitality.

A people who worships you in spirit, truth and joyfully.

A people with wisdom, humility and confidence who share the hope we have in Jesus.

Help us to steward and care for all that you have entrusted us with.

*Above all, keep us centred on Christ,
faithful to your word,
and open to the work of your Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

Eddie Roberts - Rector

Warden's Report

This report covers our activities in the year of 2025 during which our churches have been a hive of activity!

We are thankful for Eddie's continuing ministry with us and value the support from Roger and John with assisting at and leading services. More recently, six people have completed a Chester Diocese led course called 'Owls' (occasional worship leaders) and they are beginning to assist with services.

There have been a number of study groups through the year – usually three a week to enable most people to find a suitable time – covering various topics and these have been very worthwhile and thought-provoking. Life Church began using the Parish Hall for Sunday mornings in September and we join together for a number of activities and collaborate on the family provision by holding monthly get togethers with food, activities and praise all included.

Easter, Christmas and Remembrance Day services were busy. St. Anne's School come weekly for a service and there are several other schools who visit especially at Christmas time. We have held many funeral services, several of them with significant congregations, and recently these included those for Alastair King and Barbara Foster (a former church warden) - and some baptisms and weddings through the year. We visited the local care homes at Easter and Christmas and occasionally at other times on request.

We continue monthly evensong services with a loyal band of attendees and alternated the early service between the two churches. (More recently the time has changed to 8.30am and will revert to being just at St. Anne's)

The audio-visual system at St. Bart's was enhanced.

The heating system at St. Anne's failed before Christmas so we had to get the Bishop's permission to hold services in St. Anne's Hall. A temporary fix was made in January 2026 but it was a warning that we also needed to look at the St. Bart's heating system which has been very unreliable. Consequently, with the advice of a heating engineer, In March 2026 we submitted faculty applications to replace our failing boilers. Obviously we have a reprieve with the summer weather approaching and we hope we can make timely progress with this. We are very pleased with the solar panels fitted to the Parish hall roof and (more recently) with the refitted kitchen. We had a successful quinquennial inspection at St. Bart's and this year will be St. Anne's turn.

Huge thanks are offered again to our band of volunteers but we are all ageing and will soon need replacements! What can YOU offer?!

We look forward to the coming year.

Jackie Watts and Patrick Tyrrell - Churchwardens

Electoral Roll Officer's Report

There are currently 162 on the Electoral Roll of which 115 live within the parish and 48 live outside the Parish.

Please continue to encourage any new regular members of the congregation to join the Electoral Roll so that they can be eligible to vote and to be members of the PCC and Sidespersons.

Please also notify me of any alterations to your details which may occur during the year.

Jill Dodson - Electoral Roll Officer

Activities and Achievements

Friends of the Parish of Wilmslow

FRIENDS OF THE PARISH OF WILMSLOW CHAIR'S REPORT 2025

The Friends of the Parish of Wilmslow have held 3 meetings during the year as we continue to look at our approach with a view to raising the profile of the church as a notable historic landmark in the town of Wilmslow. It is our hope that we can broaden the appeal, membership and reach with less emphasis on fund raising but rather to make more of the historic interest in St Bart's thereby creating a missional and evangelistic opportunity which links to the wider church growth strategy.

Andy Watts, the PCC Treasurer, attended our meeting in February to explain that he wished to consolidate the Friends of the Parish accounts with those of the PCC. He stressed there would be no change to the way we use our funds. The new CofE finance system software is very user friendly in that it is accessible to multi-users and so Richard Smith is able to view and manage our account within the software. It has the ability to ring-fence funds so they are still separate and available for our use. The added benefit however is that this account now attracts interest. Richard's accounts demonstrate the interest that has been credited to our new account following the change over.

The change in accounts prompted us to consider membership fees which have remained at £10 per year for those who do not hold life membership. It was agreed to cease collecting these and all members were advised of the new bank account details should they wish to make a donation instead.

The 200 club continues to be a fun way of raising funds for the Friends with the monthly draw and prize of £60.00. Following discussion it was agreed to change the day of the draw from the 1st Sunday in the month, after worship in

St Bart's, to the Saturday morning coffee group. This has been popular with a whole new set of people being available to be photographed for the monthly magazine!

The Christmas Market was held on Saturday 6th December in St Bart's. The fair was scaled down from previous years in the interests of not making too much work for volunteers. We were grateful to everyone who helped or supported us in any way at all. The church was looking lovely and Christmassy and we were fortunate to receive donations for all the different stalls; cakes, bottles, beautiful Christmas wreaths and floral decorations, jams and chutneys, handicrafts and gifts. There was a raffle and 'posh dogs' were served along with tea, coffee, hot chocolate and cakes and mulled wine. Ian and the Choir sang carols for us to help to get us all into the Christmas spirit. The net sum raised, after deduction of expenses, was £749.97. This was a lower sum than in previous years but I think it is fair to say that as it was a more relaxed affair we were better able to enjoy ourselves. I'm not sure those lovely people in the kitchen would agree.

During the year, as the Treasurer's report outlines, our expenses have been associated with our fund raising efforts and the 200 club draw payouts. We did however pay £2,599.20 contribution towards the refurbishment of the clappers for the bells. We continue to work closely with the PCC to identify expenditure that falls within the remit of the Friends.

The committee are always happy to welcome new members; there is still plenty of room on the sofas in Eddie's front room for more committee members! He makes a great cup of swanky coffee too! My thanks go to the committee for all their hard work and commitment which will ensure that we preserve the heritage of our beautiful churches for many years to come.

Isobel Chetwood, Chair – Friends of the Parish of Wilmslow

Committee:- Rev Eddie Roberts (President), Richard Smith (Treasurer), Jean Parker, Jill Palmer, Ann Hodson, Phil Gaskell, Joel Millett, Ray Oates, Shirley Baulkwill

THE FRIENDS OF THE PARISH OF WILMSLOW - FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 2025

This report should be read in conjunction with the Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2025 and the Chair's Report for 2025. This summary contains further explanation of the figures set out in that Account by reference to the notes which appear below.

General

In previous years, the financial information was set out in a traditional Income and Expenditure Account. For this year, and in future years, this account is replaced by the Receipts and Payments Account mentioned above which is in a different format. The main reason for the change is that the PCC Accounts, of which Friends of the Parish are a part now use new finance system software, specifically designed for use by churches and charities, known as My Fund Accounting. This has allowed the Friends accounts to be consolidated with those of the PCC and for the Friends funds and donations to be ringfenced within the PCC accounts so they can continue to be expended in the sympathetic maintenance of the fabric of the church. A further advantage is that the Friends funds can be invested with those of the PCC and the interest allocated and credited.

Overview

The membership subscriptions to the Friends and to 200 Club have continued in 2025 and 200 Club draw has continued each month.

On 6th December, a Christmas Market was held at St Bart's Church which raised a gross sum of £810.73. The net sum raised for the Friends was £749.97 after deduction of expenses.

THE FRIENDS OF THE PARISH OF WILMSLOW - BANK ACCOUNTS AND FUNDS

The Friends have two separate bank accounts with NatWest Bank. They are:

- Wilmslow PCC – Friends, which is the general account into which subscriptions and donations are paid, and expenditure on repairs and maintenance of the fabric of the Church buildings and their furniture and fittings, are paid out. In 2025, the sum of £2,599.20 was paid to repair the bells at St.Bart`s.
- Wilmslow PCC- Friends Festival Account into which the 200 Club subscriptions are paid and from which the monthly prizes are withdrawn.
- As a result of the changes mentioned above, the majority of the funds previously held in the Friends bank account locally have been transferred to the PCC accounts. The combined balances of both Friends funds were £19,884.06 on 31 December,2025.

Receipts

Receipts are divided into those on which a claim for Gift Aid(GA) can be made and those which do not satisfy the required conditions(non-GA) and comprise donations and legacies detailed in the Receipts and Payments Account. By way of further explanation –

- £967 was received under the heading ` Gift Aid – Bank` which was £217 Friends subscriptions, plus a donation of £750 for the St.Bart`s bells repair.
- £1282.00 as voluntary income – non-GA. This was the 200 Club subscriptions
- £225 – this was a GA repayment for 2025
- £810.73 the gross sum raised at the Christmas Market
- £195 was interest apportioned and allocated to Friends from overall PCC investments.

The total receipts for the year were £3,579.73

Payments

- £68.73 for Raising Funds; this was Christmas Market and other expenses
- £780.00 for the 200 Club monthly draw prizes. There were 13 draws this year.
- £21.00 – Licences. This was the cost of obtaining a Temporary Event Notice for the Christmas Market
- £2599.00 was paid to repair the bells at St.Bart`s.

The total payments for the year were £3,468.93

Transfers

£195.00 for the General fund was paid into Friends accounts in error and was transferred out.

Overall

There was an excess of expenditure over income of £110.80 less transfers of £195.00 for 2025. The overall funds held by the Friends thus decreased by £84.20. The closing balance was £19,884.06 on 31 December,2025

St Bartholomew's & St Annes Wilmslow
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Note	From To	01 January 2025 31 December 2025	01 January 2024 31 December 2024
Friends - Friends Of The Parish (Restricted) Fund			
Receipts			
Donations and legacies			
Gift Aid - Bank		967.00	0.00
Other planned giving Bank non-GA		64.00	0.00
Loose plate collections - GASD		36.00	0.00
Voluntary income - non-GA		1,282.00	0.00
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid		225.00	0.00
Total Donations and legacies		2,574.00	0.00
Other trading activities			
Events Fairs and Sales -Objectives		810.73	0.00
Total Other trading activities		810.73	0.00
Investments			
Bank and building society interest		195.00	0.00
Total Investments		195.00	0.00
Total Receipts		3,579.73	0.00
Payments			
Raising funds			
Costs of fetes & other events		68.73	0.00
Friends 200 Club payouts		780.00	0.00
Total Raising funds		848.73	0.00
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Licences		21.00	0.00
Church major repairs - structure		2,599.20	0.00
Total Expenditure on charitable activities		2,620.20	0.00
Total Payments		3,468.93	0.00
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		110.80	0.00
Brought forward balance		19,968.26	19,968.26
Transfers to/(from)		(195.00)	0.00
Adjustments		0.00	19,968.26
Total carried forward balance		19,884.06	19,968.26

Food Friend

With the PCC decision to close our Food Friend project our activity was scaled down during the year. We continued to provide food parcels until around mid-year. Regular donors were asked to stop their standing orders, and purchase of food during the year was from existing funds. We developed a migration programme jointly with Hope Central to ensure that any of our clients who had become dependent on us were properly and sympathetically directed to Hope Central for food, and also other services as provided by that organization. Our operations had virtually ceased during the third quarter of 2025, and the remaining funds transferred to Hope Central at the end of the year.

We continue to work closely with Hope Central and have a food collection point in St Bartholomew's church.

Neighbourhood Network

We had two Neighbourhood Network tea parties in the Parish Hall, just before Easter and just before Christmas, which were enjoyed by those who came, and it was a good time to chat to other members of our congregations.

Neighbourhood Network has been a valuable contribution to our lives at church for many years but our needs have changed. We had a meeting of some of the team with Eddie and concluded that there were better ways of meeting the requirements now with many leaders no longer able to fulfil the role. It was decided to wind the formal group down but to encourage everyone to be a friendly face to people in our churches. Indeed the welcome people receive as they come through our doors, maybe for the first time, is really important and it is pleasing that many visitors remark positively on this. Keep up the good work!

Jackie was really happy to receive a garden centre voucher marking the end of her tenure of the NN group – thank you.

Jackie Watts

Parish Magazine Team

The Parish Magazine continues to be published digitally and this enables us to use much more colour in the magazine so making it more attractive for our readers as well as widening our readership.

There are still those who prefer a printed copy or who cannot access the online issue. Accordingly, we continue to print a number of copies - currently around 125 per month - for them and for visitors to the churches. The Magazine is also published on our Parish website. As the Magazine is a form of Outreach it is freely available to all. Accordingly, there is no charge made for the printed copy of the magazine. The online version, which has more colour than the printed one, will continue to be sent out to everyone as now. Magazine donations are always very welcome.

We thank those who deliver copies of the magazine to members of the congregation who do not have access to the online magazine.

During 2025, in addition to the Clergy Comment and our regular features, we published a series of articles on Religious Pictures and their Artists. There were special articles commemorating the 80th anniversary of VE Day and VJ Day. There were also informative and varied articles received on events, places and churches visited by our readers both in this country and abroad. We featured regular updates from our Churchwardens, music updates and reports from St Anne's School as well as reports and photographs from both our Churches, special Church services, church activity groups, Church events and the Friends. In addition, we printed interesting occasional articles, poems and photographs all generously written or provided by members of the congregations.

Thank you to all our contributors. We love to receive your articles, reports, photographs and drawings and we are lucky to have so many talented artists, photographers and writers in our parish. Do please keep sending us your contributions.

Thank you to Jean Parker who kindly sends out the timely reminders for articles.

Advertising

Isobel Chetwood looks after the ads for us. Having done this job for many years it is a job she will be handing over in 2026. We thank Isobel for her work with the adverts for many years.

Please do support the local businesses who advertise with us.

Distribution

Thanks to Wendy and Roger Yates for co-ordinating the distribution of the magazines.

We would love to hear from you with ideas and suggestions for future magazines – and, of course, articles and pictures too. In particular if you have any Questions for Eddie or any Church officer please do submit these. These can be on any church or church related topic.

Magazine Team - Wendy Yates, Diana Smith, Jill Dodson, Isobel Chetwood, Jean Parker, Ann Hodson

Home Communion Team

In 2025 the Team continued to visit The Hawthorns, Long Stone Manor, Wilmslow Manor and Hazelmere House on a regular basis, once a month. We also went to Carrs Court to celebrate a resident's birthday, and he played hymns for us on their keyboard. Eddie took the service and there were members from St Barts present and former members of St Bart's congregation to share the service with us. Eddie has joined us several times during the year. We also have taken Communion to people who have not been able to get to church for whatever reason.

However, continuous changes of their Well Being Staff at all the Homes, made our visits difficult and after careful thought the decision was decided to stop our monthly visits and only go if a resident asked for Holy Communion or we knew of someone from the Church who was in one of the Homes. We will continue to visit people in their own homes.

Janet Franks and The Home Communion Team

St Anne's Church Ladies Group

We had 23 members this year, a few less than last year. Through the year we had talks on various topics including Wild Life in the North West, The Titanic, POWs in Handforth, Making Chutney and Scam Awareness. The majority of the speakers' fees were donated to charities - NW Wildlife, Marie Curie, East Cheshire Hospice, Stroke Association and Age UK.

We had two meals out, in June we went to the Plough and Flail and in December The Stanneylands. Both were well attended.

Our finances remain stable, thank you to Tricia for her excellent book keeping and to Julian for checking the balance sheet.

Thank you to our members for their help and support through the year. For the future we are changing our meetings from Monday evening to Friday afternoon, this was voted for by our members and we are hoping it will encourage more members and visitors.

Ray Oates

The Choir and Music Report

The past year has been a vibrant and fulfilling one for music at St Bartholomew's, where it continues to play a central role in both worship and the wider life of the parish. The church's musical tradition remains a source of inspiration and enrichment, supporting the liturgy with dignity, beauty, and a strong sense of continuity with the Anglican heritage.

Regular services have been consistently well supported, with the choir maintaining a high standard across Sunday worship and Choral Evensong. The Evensong repertoire this year has been particularly rich and varied, ranging from Renaissance masters such as William Byrd and Thomas Morley through to later composers including Herbert Brewer and Charles Villiers Stanford. This breadth of repertoire reflects both the choir's versatility and its commitment to exploring the depth of the choral tradition.

Several musical moments during the year stand out as particular highlights. The Christmas Carol Service was especially memorable, featuring music spanning the 16th to the 20th century, and drawing a large and appreciative congregation. The choir's visit to Blackburn Cathedral in August was another significant occasion. Despite the challenges of a very hot day, the choir sang Choral Evensong with great commitment, joined by a number of excellent supporting singers and accompanied by organist Richard Brocklehurst, whose contribution was greatly valued.

Within the regular round of services, several anthems made a strong impression. Notable among these were a movement from the Vespers by Sergei Rachmaninoff, the much-loved Evening Hymn by Henry Balfour Gardiner, and a deeply moving performance of And I saw a new heaven by Edgar Bainton on Remembrance Sunday. These works demonstrated the choir's growing confidence and expressive range, and contributed powerfully to the atmosphere of worship.

The church has also continued to establish itself as an attractive venue for a wide range of musical events. Organ recitals by visiting artists have been a particular success, including performances by Dr Michal Szostak from Warsaw and Simon Mercer, a highly regarded local organist and teacher. These recitals have added an important dimension to the musical life of the parish and have been well supported.

We have also been delighted to host excellent performances by the Lindow Singers, including a fine account of The Crucifixion by John Stainer. In addition, visits from Prestbury Choral Society have further enriched the programme, strengthening links with the local musical community.

St Bartholomew's continues to thrive as a welcoming and attractive musical venue, supported by a strong and appreciative community. Audiences and congregations alike have responded warmly to the quality and variety of music on offer, and this encouragement remains vital to sustaining and developing our work.

As always, sincere thanks are due to all who contribute to music at St Bart's - the enthusiastic and indefatigable members of the choir, supporting singers, organists, visiting musicians, and those who support concerts and services. Their dedication, generosity, and enthusiasm ensure that music continues to flourish at the heart of parish life.

Looking ahead, there is every reason to be optimistic. With continued commitment and support, we aim to build on this year's achievements, further develop the choir's work, and expand the range of musical opportunities offered within the church.

Ian Dalglish

Halls Committee

Hall management

The Halls Management Committee met approximately quarterly in 2025. Jackie took charge of most of the booking arrangements for both halls, and kept in contact with our customers. A group of 'Hall Helpers' was called on frequently to let potential customers in to the Parish hall, either to show them the facilities or to open and close for parties. Martin did sterling work in regularly programming the heating for parties and once-off events, and Oliver took the lead with 2 major projects.

The resources of the group were stretched to keep pace with the requirements of a large community building. Some initial work was carried out to define a 'Cleaner/Caretaker' role, to be presented to the PCC in 2026. This should allow us to achieve a higher standard of maintenance and provide some fall-back capacity when urgent action is needed.

Hall lettings

The halls both continued to be well-used during 2025, with usage of the Parish Hall at around 26% for the large hall and 73% for the small hall. Use of the large hall is mostly regular hirers, while once-off bookings for a wide variety of occasions amounts to about 20% of usage time. Small hall usage is mostly by Wilmslow Town Council, who rent this space during the working day, as well as the suite of offices.

Usage of St Anne's hall amounts to 35%, due in large part to the Little Bird's Nest pre-school who now use the hall every weekday during term time. There are also several other long-term hirers.

Development and improvements

Two major projects were carried out in 2025.

We were fortunate to obtain 2 grants, from Cheshire East Council and The Benefact Trust, to substantially support the installation of solar panels on the roof of the Parish Hall. This now works well, making the hall self-sufficient in electricity during the Summer months. In future, when a feed-in tariff can be negotiated, we are confident that solar electricity will also generate some income for the parish.

The condition of the Parish Hall kitchen had deteriorated to give a poor impression to hirers, and some of the equipment had failed. We undertook a complete kitchen renovation, including new cupboards and flooring, and replacement of an extractor fan which no longer worked- this was completed in February this year, managed by Oliver. The kitchen now has a clean functional appearance and is a positive benefit to hall users.

Andy Watts

FINANCIAL REVIEW FOR 2025

The summary financial results for the year, for all funds combined, are as follows:-

	2025 £'000	2024 £'000
Income and Expenditure		
Income	240	250
Expenditure	260	200
Net surplus / (deficit)	(20)	50
Balance Sheet		
Net current assets	415	444
Of which - Cash	37	139

During 2025 our income from most sources was sustained or increased, though we did not benefit from the very generous gifts that we enjoyed in 2024. Our spending on normal running of the Parish increased overall, and we devoted major expenditure to renovation and new equipment. The investment portfolio was revised to reduce the cash balance and move more of our resources into term investments at good interest rates.

Unrestricted funds

Income

Total unrestricted income was £215,974 (2024 £241,848). This represents an increase in most categories of income with the exception of bequests and legacies, for which 2024 was an exceptional year.

Our income from both Parish Halls reduced slightly, offset by increases in service fees (mostly from funerals), ticket sales for our major events, and bank interest.

Expenditure

Unrestricted costs in 2025 were £216,095 (2024 £181,497). Most of the difference reflects the major expenditure on renovation of St Anne's transept and kitchen, and on refurbishment of the Parish Hall kitchen. Excluding the project work the basic cost of running the parish was £187,578, a slight increase on the 2024 figure of £181,497. This increase arose in the spending on major events and an increase in the Parish Share (paid to the diocese).

Restricted funds

Food Friend

At the start of the year the Food Friend fund stood at £14,828. With the PCC decision to close the project donors were asked to stop their regular giving, and the income during the year amounted to £2,468 including bank interest and Gift Aid reclaimed. Stocks were run down and any remaining on closure given to Hope Central. The fund was closed at the end of the year, and the balance of £5,220 was donated to Hope Central early in 2026.

Friends of the Parish of Wilmslow

The Friends raised £3,580 in 2025, from donations and receipts at the Fair, including refunds of Gift Aid, bank interest and a generous donation of £750 towards refurbishment of the St Bart's bells

External expenditure of £3,469 included payments to 200 Club winners and some expenses from the Fair but mostly consists of a donation to Parish funds of £2,599 to meet the cost of refurbishment of the St Bart's bells. Additionally £196 was transferred from the Friends fund to the General fund as a means of making direct payment from Friends to the Parish (for instance when 200 Club winnings were directly donated to the Parish).

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wilmslow on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2025

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

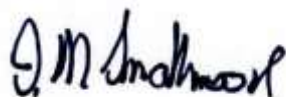
Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

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

Signed



Name Ian Smallwood
Member of Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales

Address Highfield Crescent, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 2JL.

Date 23rd April 2026

PCC approval

This Annual Report and Accounts was presented to the PCC at the meeting of 23rd April 2025 and was approved as an accurate record of the year's activity.

Signed



Name Patrick Tyrell
Role Churchwarden
Date 23rd April 2026

Statement of Financial Activities ('SoFA')

For the year ended 31 December 2025

			Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total all funds £	Prior year total funds £
		Notes					
Income		2					
	Donations and legacies		129,505	22,879	0	152,384	166,459
	Income from charitable activities		8,215	0	0	8,215	3,969
	Other trading activities		66,003	811	0	66,814	68,311
	Investments		12,251	370	0	12,621	11,205
Total income			215,974	24,060	0	240,034	249,944
Expenditure		3					
	Raising funds		5,420	849	0	6,269	2,207
	Expenditure on charitable activities		210,675	43,394	0	254,069	197,703
Total expenditure			216,095	44,243	0	260,338	199,910
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer			(121)	(20,183)	0	(20,304)	50,034
Transfers:							
	Gross transfers between funds - in		937	6,207	0	7,144	0
	Gross transfers between funds - out		(6,207)	(937)	0	(7,144)	0
Other recognised gains / losses							
	Gains/(losses) on revaluation of investments		0	0	(63)	(63)	31
Net movement in funds			(5,391)	(15,077)	(63)	(20,366)	50,065
Reconciliation of funds							
	Total funds brought forward		931,128	34,797	1,319	967,244	
	Total funds carried forward		925,737	19,884	1,256	946,877	967,244

Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2025

			Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total all funds £	Prior year total funds £
		Notes					
Fixed assets		5.1					
	Investment Assets		0	0	1,256	1,256	1,319
	Heritage Assets		530,497	0	0	530,497	521,554
			530,497	0	1,256	531,753	522,873
Current assets							
	Debtors	5.2	13,413	194	0	13,607	11,432
	Investments	5.3	373,012	95	0	373,107	298,602
	Cash At Bank And In Hand	5.4	11,977	25,463	0	37,440	139,427
			398,402	25,752	0	424,154	449,461
Liabilities							
	Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	5.5	3,162	5,868	0	9,030	5,090
			3,162	5,868	0	9,030	5,090
Net current assets less current liabilities			395,240	19,884	0	415,124	444,371
Total net assets less liabilities			925,737	19,884	1,256	946,877	967,244

Cash Flow Statement

For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	Total all funds
Statement of Cash flows		£
Cash flows from operating activities		
Deficit for the year (cash and non-cash transactions)		(20,366)
Adjustment for non cash items		
Add back: Depreciation of furniture and fittings		215
Add back: Loss on revaluation of endowment shares		63
Add; Increase in Creditors	5.5	3,940
Less: Decrease in Debtors	5.2	(2,175)
		2,043
Adjustment for investing activities		
Less: Investment income		(12,621)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		(30,944)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Investment income		12,621
Capital expenditure	5.1	(9,158)
Additional bank funds invested in term deposit accounts	5.3	(74,505)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		(71,042)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(101,986)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		139,427
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		37,441

Notes to the Accounts

1. Accounting Policies

a. Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)
- the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)
- the Charities Act 2011
- Church of England Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions

b. Recognition of income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- it is more likely than not that the Trustees will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

c. Offsetting

There is no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102

d. Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met

e. Legacies

Legacies are included in the SoFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.

f. Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

g. Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the Trustees' Annual Report.

h. Income from interest and dividends

Interest and dividends are included in the accounts when receipt is probable, and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

i. Investment gains and losses

Any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value are recognised at the end of the year.

j. Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

k. Fixed Assets

Investment Assets

Our policy is not to invest in stock markets, bonds or other tradable assets, however we have some permanent endowment investments which were bequeathed to us, and are managed for us by the Churches, Charities and Local Authorities (CCLA) Investment Management Limited. These are shown in the Accounts under the heading Fixed Assets (Investment Assets). These investments are revalued to market value at the end of each year. The increase/decrease in value is shown as Gain/Loss on investment in the SoFA.

Heritage Assets

- Consecrated and benefice property.

In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of "charity" by Section 10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011 such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements. This includes the Parish church buildings (St Bartholomew's and St Anne's). The PCC is responsible for the upkeep of church buildings but does not own them.

- Heritage Fixed Assets for use by the charity.

The PCC owns the Parish Hall and St Anne's Hall, and these are shown under Fixed Assets (Heritage Assets) in the Accounts.

- Fixtures fittings and equipment.

Furniture and office equipment is recognised as a tangible fixed asset when the items have lasting value and cost over £5,000. They are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their expected useful life.

I. Current Assets

Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

Investments

These are the cash amounts held in various deposit accounts and at the bank and shown in the Accounts as Current Assets – Investments and Current Assets – Cash at Bank and In Hand. These monies are held according to the following rules:

- £30k to be available in current accounts as instant access (including NatWest's Business Reserve).
- A similar amount to be available on 30 days notice.
- The remainder to be in term investments, limiting the amounts to fall within the FSCS guarantee, but with no more than 50% on deposit periods of a year or over.
- All Restricted and Designated funds will be held in the main NatWest current account, so that all other bank accounts and all term deposits are categorised as 'General' fund. Income to the current account, including repayment of Gift Aid and deposit interest, will be allocated to the relevant fund on a pro-rata basis.

m. Funds

Restricted funds

These are income funds that can only be spent on the restricted purposes for which they were raised. Our restricted funds during the year were:-

- The 'Friends of the Parish of Wilmslow' (the Friends) operates as a special trust within the PCC under the terms of its Constitution. It was set up to raise funds to pay for the necessary projects of restoration, preservation, maintenance and repair of church buildings, their fittings, furniture and ornaments.
- Charity Appeal. This fund was set up to hold money for other parties as part of a joint programme. In 2025 it collected Harvest Festival donations from 'Churches Together in Wilmslow' prior to sending the full amount collected to the selected charity in Jamaica. It was fully paid out during the year.
- Food Friend. This was wound up in 2025, with a final donation to close the fund paid in 2026 (and thus showing as a creditor).
- Solar. The Solar fund was used to hold the grant money and other project income and expenditure for the Solar project, which installed solar panels on the Parish Hall roof. Creating a restricted fund was a requirement of Cheshire East Council, one of the grant-giving bodies. The other organisation providing grant funding was the Benefact Trust. All expenditure was completed and the fund fully paid out at the end of the year.

Unrestricted funds

These represent the income funds of the PCC that are available for spending fully at the discretion of the PCC. Our Heritage Assets (our church halls) are also classified as Unrestricted. General funds are not allocated to specific purposes, while Designated funds are Unrestricted funds set aside by the Trustees for specific purposes. All gifts and other income was regarded as General (not Designated). During 2025 we had two Designated funds, St Anne's and St Bart's. These were used to be able to analyse certain expenditure, such as church or hall outgoings, to distinguish costs incurred at each location. Expenditure which did not relate solely to one or other Designated fund was regarded as General.

Endowment fund

This is used to hold the asset value of our permanent endowments, in the form of shares. Use of the dividend income is unrestricted (General fund).

n. Reserves

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance of unrestricted reserves which are available to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time and to ensure that we can continue to honour commitments to staff and necessary church running costs. Although the current reserves level is higher than this, the PCC is aware that given the expected major maintenance costs, increased fuel charges, inflation etc having a higher reserves level is a very helpful as a safeguard to ensure we can continue our activities even when income is reduced.

2. Income

For the year to 31 December 2025.

Income		Unrestricted	Friends	Food Friend	Other	Endowment	Total	Prior Year
	Note	funds	funds	funds	Restricted funds	funds	all funds	total funds
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Voluntary Income	2.1							
Planned -Gift Aided		77,055	967	1,819	0	0	79,841	83,499
Planned Not Gift Aided		13,720	64	226	0	0	14,010	13,920
Planned - Tax Recovered		22,568	225	125	0	0	22,918	22,623
Collections		14,829	1,318	123	0	0	16,270	15,417
Donations And Appeals		500	0	0	4,555	0	5,055	
Legacies Bequests And Grants		833	0	0	13,457	0	14,290	31,000
Total for Voluntary Income		129,505	2,574	2,293	18,012	0	152,384	166,459
Charitable Activities								
Service Fees		7,935	0	0	0	0	7,935	3,969
Church+Hall Hire Objectives		280	0	0	0	0	280	
Total for Charitable Activities		8,215	0	0	0	0	8,215	3,969
Other Trading								
Events		2,712	811	0	0	0	3,523	1,971
Magazine Adverts		548	0	0	0	0	548	1,252
Church Hire		2,680	0	0	0	0	2,680	1,160
Hall Hire		60,063	0	0	0	0	60,063	63,928
Total for Other Trading		66,003	811	0	0	0	66,814	68,311
Investments								
Dividends		37	0	0	0	0	37	35
Deposit Interest		12,214	195	175	0	0	12,584	11,170
Total for Investments		12,251	195	175	0	0	12,621	11,205
Total for Income		215,974	3,580	2,468	18,012	0	240,034	249,944

Note 2.1.

Donations and Appeals for 'Other Restricted funds' relates to money collected from Churches Together in Wilmslow. We agreed to hold the various contributions centrally and make a single donation to the selected Harvest charity. Legacies Bequests and Grants for 'Other Restricted funds' relates to the grants from Cheshire East Council and The Benefact Trust towards the installation of solar panels.

3. Expenditure

For the year to 31 December 2025.

Expenditure		Unrestricted funds	Friends funds	Food Friend funds	Other Restricted funds	Total all funds	Prior year total funds
	Note	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost Of Raising Funds	3.1						
Costs Of Fetes & Other Events		5,420	69	0	0	5,489	1,487
Friends 200 Club Payouts		0	780	0	0	780	720
		5,420	849	0	0	6,269	2,207
Church Activities							
Mission Giving And Donations		610	0	5,520	5,157	11,287	7,587
Diocesan Parish Share		95,810	0	0	0	95,810	88,986
Salaries, Wages And Honoraria		8,643	0	8,168	0	16,811	21,969
Clergy And Staff Expenses		6,894	0	0	0	6,894	6,496
Church Running Expenses		48,899	21	3,599	0	52,519	45,198
Hall Running Expenses		19,913	0	0	0	19,913	26,400
		180,769	21	17,287	5,157	203,234	196,636
Material Items Of Expense	3.2						
Major Repairs And Installations - Churches		14,809	2,599	0	0	17,408	0
Major Repairs And Installations - Halls		13,708	0	0	18,330	32,038	0
		28,517	2,599	0	18,330	49,446	0
Other Expenditure							
Bank, Card And E/Payment Charges And Fees		1,173	0	0	0	1,173	852
Depreciation of Equipment		215	0	0	0	215	215
		1,388	0	0	0	1,388	1,067
Total for Expenditure		216,094	3,469	17,287	23,487	260,337	199,910

Note 3.1.

More events were held in 2025, including the Passion Play and a theatrical performance of the Book of Ruth.

Note 3.2

The high expenditure on Material Items of Expense reflects a number of refurbishment projects started in 2025.

Note 3.3

The movement of the Restricted Funds during the year was as follows:-

Fund	Value at end of year £	Value at start of year £
Solar	0	0
Charity Appeal	0	0
Food Friend	0	14,828
The Friends	19,884	19,969
TOTALS	19,884	34,797

4. Staff Costs

At the start of 2025 the PCC employed two people on a part-time basis. One left employment during the year, leaving us with one employee. No analysis of Gross Pay, Pension Contributions or National Insurance costs are presented as this represents sensitive information, given the low number of employees.

5. Balance Sheet (Assets and Liabilities)

Note 5.1

Fixed Assets as at 31 December 2025

Fixed Assets - Investments		2025	2024		
		£	£		
	Opening	1,319	1,288		
	Increase/ (decrease) in market value	(63)	31		
	Closing	1,256	1,319		
Fixed Assets - Heritage Assets		Property	Furniture	AV System	Total
		£	£	£	£
Cost					
	Opening	518,549	57,045	0	575,594
	Additions	0	0	9,158	9,158
	Closing	518,549	57,045	9,158	584,752
Depreciation					
	Opening	0	54,040	0	54,040
	Charge	0	215	0	215
	Closing	0	54,255	0	54,255
Net Book Value					
	Opening	518,549	3,005	0	521,554
	Closing	518,549	2,790	9,158	530,497

Our Investment Assets are shares bequeathed to us in perpetuity, and consists of 65 shares in the Charities Investment Fund. They are managed on our behalf by the Churches, Charities and Local Authorities (CCLA) Investment Management Limited as part of the COIF (Charities Investment Fund).. The shares are revalued to market value at each year end as shown in the Balance Sheet, and we benefit from annual 'Unrestricted' dividends.

Our Heritage Assets comprise our two halls, and some furniture, fittings and office equipment. A purchase of audio-visual equipment for St Bart's was made during 2025, and the Fixed Asset value increased by £9,158.

Note 5.2

Debtors included Gift Aid claims outstanding (£8,218), hall rental owing (£2,340) and cash, cheques and e-commerce settlements not yet banked at the end of the year (£2,450).

Note 5.3

Our investments are held in a number of bank term deposit accounts, with maturity or minimum withdrawal periods ranging from 30 days to two years. We increased the amount invested during the year by £74,505.

Note 5.4

During 2025 we systematically reduced the balance in current accounts paying little or no interest, and moved the funds to term investment accounts at good interest rates.

Note 5.5

The largest 'Liability' is £5,220 representing the balance of the Food Friend fund, which will be paid to Hope Central. The balance includes energy bills invoiced in December (£1,848), hall rentals paid in advance (£930) and other invoices not paid at the end of the year.

6. Related Parties and Trustees

The Trustees of the PCC are involved in other local community organisations which may have transactions with the PCC. These transactions are conducted at “arm's length”.

In 2025 a number of payments were made to Trustees, in all cases to reimburse payments made from personal accounts on PCC business, and in all cases properly authorised and supported by receipts. Those payments were as follows:-

Patrick Tyrrell was reimbursed £1,950 for purchases of refreshment and minor items for the church, and vergers fees

Jackie Watts was reimbursed £1,767 for minor items and vergers fees.

Rev Eddie Roberts was reimbursed £279 for refreshments and office consumables.

Angela Philpott was reimbursed £171 for expenses and vergers fees.

SAFEGUARDING REPORT AND STATEMENT

Safeguarding Report for 2025

The PCC has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Safeguarding means the steps that the Church takes to create and maintain a safe environment for all and, in particular, for children, young people and vulnerable adults. As a Parish we are committed to encouraging an environment where all people, but especially those who may be at risk for any reason, are able to worship and follow their faith journey in safety. A copy of our Parish Safeguarding Policy which was accepted at last year's APCM on 11th May 2025 and adopted by the PCC on 11th June 2025 is attached. This Policy is reviewed on at least an annual basis.

During the year all our activities and procedures were reviewed from a safeguarding point of view to ensure that all documentation and processes are kept up to date in line with guidelines set out by The Church of England and Diocese of Chester. This review is an ongoing process and particularly relevant as new activities may begin.

The Parish Safeguarding Dashboard introduced by Chester Diocese last year has proved to be a useful tool helping us in the way information around safeguarding is collected, monitored and stored. This covers all areas from policies and action plans, necessary training key roles and who holds them to learning and development. Their purpose is to provide a unified approach to safeguarding across the churches and to support the Safeguarding Officer in understanding what actions are required and when these should take place.

There is a good system of communication in place between the Rector and Safeguarding Officer regarding safeguarding matters where information is shared and passed on as appropriate. During the course of the year there have been several safeguarding matters or concerns referred to or requests for advice sought from the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

All PCC members have completed the required Safeguarding Training modules provided by the Diocese. Others have completed Leadership and Safer Recruitment and People Management courses as required. Details have been collated of all members of the Church community who are required to undertake safeguarding training, and an assessment of the level of training required for each individual is being undertaken. This training will then be monitored to ensure that the correct training is undertaken in a timely manner. People in visible roles within the church are encouraged to increase their awareness of Safeguarding matters and procedures by undertaking Basic Safeguarding Training and as a matter of good practice Basic DBS checks may be obtained.

DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) documentation and processes are under ongoing review to ensure that all checks have been made as required and procedures are kept up to date.

Our Safeguarding contact details and safeguarding information is reviewed regularly to ensure that up to date information is displayed on our Parish website and in Parish buildings.

Diana Smith - Parish Safeguarding Officer

The Parish of Wilmslow
SAFEGUARDING POLICY
PROMOTING A SAFER CHURCH

The following policy was agreed at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 11th May 2025 and adopted by the PCC on 11th June 2025.

In accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy our church is committed to:

- Promoting a safer environment and culture.
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church.
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

The Parish will:

- Create a safe and caring place for all.
- Have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to work with the incumbent and the Parochial Church Council (PCC) to implement policy and procedures.
- Safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults to have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse.
- Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the parish.
- Display in church premises and on the Parish website the details of who to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.
- Listen to and take seriously all those who disclose abuse.
- Take steps to protect children and adults when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, following House of Bishops guidance, including notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) and statutory agencies immediately.
- Offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, when or where it occurred.
- Care for and monitor any member of the church community who may pose a risk to children and adults whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties.
- Ensure that health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed annually.
- Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practices at least annually.

Each person who works within this church community will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this church.

This church has appointed **Diana Smith** as the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Incumbent: *Revd Eddie Roberts;*

Churchwardens: *Jackie Watts & Patrick Tyrrell*

FABRIC REPORT

2025 was a busy year for fabric related activities, most significantly:

St Anne's Church

1. Removal of partitioning from the North Transept. This included fitting of a larger radiator, redecorating and carpet replacement. Most significantly this was to provide a comfortable area for socialising after church services.
2. Refurbishment of the church kitchen, including replacement of worktops, flooring and the inclusion of a refrigerator and microwave oven.
3. Boiler problems, confirmed that the church boiler is reaching the end of its life. Work put in hand for suitable replacement, taking into consideration the drive to lower carbon emissions.
4. Improvements to the audiovisual systems in church.
5. Replacement of the wooden gates.
6. Electrical Inspections and Fire Risk Assessments carried out (Church and Hall).

St Bartholomew's Church

1. Improvements to the audiovisual systems in church
2. Quinquennial Inspection carried out, report pending.
3. Servicing of the bells.
4. Boiler problems, confirmed that the church boilers are reaching the end of their lives. Work put in hand for suitable replacement, taking into consideration the drive to lower carbon emissions.
5. Electrical Inspection and Fire Risk Assessment carried out.

Parish Hall

1. Solar panels with battery storage installed and fully operational. Deal being arranged for Utility provider to buy back surplus electricity.
2. Kitchen refurbishment complete including worktops, cupboard doors, redecorating, replacement lighting and replacement floor.
3. Quotations obtained for fireproofing boiler room and installation of fire detection system.
4. Electrical Inspection and Fire Risk Assessment carried out.

St Anne's Hall

1. Main gates replaced
2. Electrical Inspection and Fire Risk Assessment carried out.

Second Saturday Squad

This program has worked well on several occasions during the year at St Anne's, providing hedge cutting and general churchyard tidying, together with extra cleaning and general repairs.

Implementation of the scheme at St Bart's has become more and more difficult due to the number of on-going activities in church and at the hall on Saturday mornings. For the future we may need to consider alternative smaller groups to tackle specific activities such as extra cleaning and running repairs, scheduled for times when the hall/church isn't occupied.

See "Second Saturday Squad Task Tracker" document for a summary of the general maintenance/ repair activities carried out during the year by our dedicated supporters.

Overall condition of the Fabric

A Quinquennial Inspection was carried out for St Bart's in July 2025. The overall outcome was favourable. The Surveyor noted *"The church's condition is generally good, but there are a number of smaller defects which, if left unattended, are likely to become sources of more significant repair liability"*. These smaller defects mostly relate to pointing, which in some areas is in need of repair and in others has been badly carried out and should be replaced.

A major feature of 2025 was the increasing unreliability and cost of maintenance of the main heating boiler. We are fortunate at the moment to have a competent service engineer who has been able to source obsolete parts so far, but clearly this is one area where renewal is vital.

St Anne's church benefitted from several improvement projects. The Quinquennial Inspection will take place in 2026, but we believe the building to be in generally good condition. The boiler in St Anne's is also very old and replacement will be required in the near future.

Both church halls are also in generally good condition.

Jon Horne

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

There were 3 Deanery Synod Meetings in April, June and November. The Rural Dean Rev Paul Deakin provided updates at each of the meetings noting Bishop Mark's visit during holy week and attendance at the Wilmslow Passion Play. He was pleased to report that Loveday Alexander celebrated her 25th Anniversary as a priest in Alderley Edge on 6th July. The statement from the house of Bishops on Gaza was noted and the launch of *Speak Out Stay Safe* initiative from the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

Jon Pocock was the invited speaker in April and provided an update on the Diocesan Vision Process with 4 key streams, the next step in establishing working groups and explained that the outcome of these discussions would go forward to the national church to bid for funding. The key question for each stream will be *what difference does this make the 1.6 million?* This is the estimated number of people in Cheshire who do not know God. Robin Pye gave a short presentation on the Café Church which is growing in Lily and Rosie Café in Alderley Edge. Revd David Twomey from Manchester Airport Chaplaincy attended the June meeting and gave an inspirational talk about the partnership working of the team which includes Manchester Fire and Rescue, North West Ambulance, GM police, the Ministry of Defence, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, UK Government and Home Office/Border Force. Alistair Johnson, The Church Engagement Officer from Christian Aid attended the November meeting and gave an interesting talk about how faith is put into action encouraging generous giving, campaigning to make longer term change and prayer underlying everything they do.

The Treasurer's report is presented at each meeting with the large balance being noted in the account so parishes were given a pro rata reimbursement keeping a working balance of £2,000 (including £500 to cover the restricted children's fund).

The Deanery Lay Chair, Isobel Chetwood, reports at each meeting. The Deanery lay chairs from the local area meet twice a year at +Sam's. We are able to share ideas. Initiatives and suggestions for speakers. The *Start to Stir* organisation will be coming to the April meeting next year acknowledging the growing trend of young people being increasingly interested in the Christian faith and thus exploring church.

News is received from each of the parishes prior to the meeting and it is good to learn of all the activities that are taking place across the Knutsford Deanery.

Isobel Chetwood Knutsford Deanery Lay Chair Deanery Synod Representative

Angela Philpott Deanery Synod Representative

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Wilmslow Parish PCC operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules (2011 and 2022). The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church

Representation Rules. All church members are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC. Risk assessments are carried out as and when required and recorded in the PCC's Risk Register.

Administrative Information

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wilmslow is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales (Charity Registration Number: 1131056). It is part of the Diocese of Chester within the Church of England.

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Incumbent: Revd. Eddie Roberts

PTO: Revd. Canon Professor Roger Yates, Revd. John Knowles

Churchwardens: Jackie Watts, Patrick Tyrrell

Deanery Synod Representatives: Isobel Chetwood (also PCC Secretary), Angela Philpott.

Parish Church Council Membership

Patrick Tyrrell (Chair), Teresa Allinson, Nicky Cathery, Isobel Chetwood, Ann Hodson, Jon Horne, Martin Kinsey, John Knowles, Barbara Leader, Caroline Lucas, Heather Martin, Angela Philpott, Oliver Ramsden, Deborah Simpson, Diana Smith, Chris Stubbs, Andy Watts, Jackie Watts, Roger Yates, Revd Eddie Roberts (ex-officio).

The Standing Committee

The Standing Committee is a sub-committee of the PCC as required by the Church of England. The Rector and Churchwardens are ex-officio. The additional members, elected by the PCC are Nicky Cathery, Isobel Chetwood, Diana Smith and Andy Watts.

Parish Safeguarding Coordinator

Diana Smith

Independent Examiner

Ian Smallwood

Accounts



WILMSLOW PARISH

Annual Parochial Church Meeting, 2025

(Period ending 31st December 2024)

Two worshipping communities

Two big things in common

- learning how to love God with all our hearts,**
- trying to love our neighbours at least as much as ourselves**

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WILMSLOW PARISH
St. Bartholomew's, Wilmslow St. Anne's, Fulshaw
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
Sunday 11th May 2025 at 12.30 pm
St Bartholomew's Church

Agenda for the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (Vestry Meeting)

1. Welcome and introduction
2. Appointment of clerk to the meeting
3. Apologies for absence
4. Minutes of the 2023 Meeting of Parishioners:
(a) approval (b) matters arising
5. Election of church wardens

Agenda for the AGM of the Friends of the Parish

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the AGM held on 14th April 2024
3. Chair's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Acceptance of Accounts for year ended 31st December 2024
6. Election of Committee Members and Officers
7. Any Other Business

Agenda for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

1. Introduction
2. Minutes of APCM 2023 and matters arising
3. Annual Report for the year ended December 2024
4. Electoral Roll Officer's Report
5. Safeguarding Policy Statement and Report.
6. Elections and appointments
7. Overview of policy and procedure for elections/membership
8. Deanery synod election
9. Parochial Church council elections
10. Appointment of independent examiner
11. Incumbent's address
12. AOB

1. Introduction

2. Minutes of the APCM 2024 and matters arising.

WILMSLOW PARISH

St Anne's, Fulshaw and St Bartholomew's, Wilmslow

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

SUNDAY 14th APRIL 2023 AT 11.30 am

St Bartholomew's Parish Church

Present: Eddie Roberts, Jackie Watts, Caroline Lucas, Isobel Chetwood, Phil Gaskell, Wendy Yates, Heather and Stuart Martin, Andy Watts, Patrick Tyrrell, Jean Parker, Diana and Richard Smith, Rod and Janet Franks, Flo Knowles, Jill Dodson, Martin Kinsey, Georgina Lewis, Ray Oates, David Robinson, Sheila and Geoffrey Barton, Joan Orton, Val Hollis, Chris Read, Ann and Alan Brown, Audrey Taylor, June Cooper, Barbara Leader, Eileen Macauley, Phil Hardy, Susan Cooper, Ann Hodson, Susan Wareing, Lou Favager, Jonathan Duff, Angela Philpott, Berry Northen, Pamela Sandford, Glenis Butterworth, Jonathan Meadmore, Sue Page, Shelagh Turner-Jones, Teresa Allinson, Nicky Cathery, Nicky and Donald Steel, Liz Webb, Jenny Partington, Pat Morris-Jones, Eric Hammond, Kathleen Ridings, Denise Forshaw, Andrew Young, Rosemary Smart, Maxine Stott, and Jean Davy.

Apologies: Roger Yates, Julian and Penny Bowker, Oliver and Clare Ramsden, Jon and Lynda Horne, Jill Palmer, Lesley Tasker, Barbara Foster, Grace Reed, Lorraine Smith and Stephanie Byars, Philip and Melanie Charnley and Susan Brown.

Annual Meeting of Parishioners (Vestry Meeting):

1. Eddie welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened with prayer.
2. Clerk for the meeting: Isobel Chetwood was appointed.
3. Minutes of the last Vestry Meeting: The minutes were accepted as a true record.

Proposed: Ann Hodson ***Seconded:*** Martin Kinsey ***Agreed Unanimously***

4. Matters arising: None.
5. Election of Churchwardens:

There were 2 nominations; Jackie Watts and Patrick Tyrrell and they were both therefore duly appointed.

Eddie offered his sincere thanks to Caroline Lucas for her hard work as a Warden for the last three years. There will be a robust team of Deputy Churchwardens in place and the PCC will elect specific roles for them in the life and ministry of the parish. Jackie and Caroline have had complementary and contrasting roles behind the scenes for which we are grateful. Eddie offered Caroline our sincere thanks for all that she has done and stressed that no-one in the parish is decommissioned

and so we look forward to her continued support as a Deputy Warden. She was presented with a gift.

Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Parish:

The Friends of the Parish, whilst they have their own constitution, come under the auspices of the Parish of Wilmslow. In a change to the pattern of previous years the Friends AGM has been included in the APCM as they seek to develop a sharper focus for the future. The membership of the Friends has tailed off over the years with the sense that those who might be attracted and interested in getting involved would be doing so out of a sense of civic identity, historic interest in St Bart's building or just a willingness to maintain the only notable historic landmark in the town. It is our hope that we can broaden the appeal, membership and reach of the Friends with less emphasis on fund raising and progress to make more of the historic interest in St Bart's particularly thus creating a missional and evangelistic opportunity which links to the wider church growth strategy.

The minutes of the last AGM, the Chair's Report, Financial Summary and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 were noted and accepted.

Appointment of Committee - Isobel Chetwood is willing to continue as Chair and Richard Smith as Treasurer. The committee members were agreed as follows:

Revd Eddie Roberts - President of the Friends.

Isobel Chetwood – Chair Richard Smith – Treasurer

Committee: Ann Hodson, Jill Palmer, Jean Parker, Joel Millett, Phil Gaskell and Ray Oates were therefore duly elected.

Proposed: Jackie Watts **Seconded:** Angela Philpott - **Agreed Unanimously**

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM):

1. Eddie welcomed everyone to the APCM for all those on the electoral roll.
2. The minutes of the APCM 2023 were noted. The minutes were approved as a correct record.

Proposed: Janet Franks **Seconded:** Ann Hodson

Agreed unanimously, none against and no abstentions

3. Annual Report for the year ended December 2023:

- a) Electoral Roll Officer's Report

There are 219 on the Electoral Roll of which 63 live outside the Parish. 10 were added and 7 have been removed (5 of which are deceased and 2 have left).

- b) Proceedings of the PCC 2023

The Reports were accepted and there were no questions or comments.

- c) Financial Report for the year ended 31st December 2023

The Financial Report was noted and accepted. Martin pointed out that we are fortunate to be financially stable. There were no questions or comments.

d) Buildings and Fabric Report

The SSS team was formed during the year although the fabric and building committee take the lead on most of the building related issues. The aim is to establish teams to work autonomously reporting back to the PCC. There were no questions or comments.

e) Diocesan and Deanery Synod Reports

The report was noted. There were no questions or comments.

f) Wardens' Report

The report was noted. There were no questions or comments.

g) Food Friend Report

The report was noted. There were no questions or comments.

h) Neighbourhood Network Report

The report was noted. There were no questions or comments.

i) Magazine Team Report

The report was noted. There were no questions or comments.

j) Friends of the Parish Report and Financial Summary

Previously discussed in the Friends AGM. There were no questions or comments.

k) Churches Together in Wilmslow

The report was noted. There were no questions or comments.

Acceptance of all reports:

Proposed: Isobel Chetwood ***Seconded:*** Jackie Watts

4. Safeguarding Policy Statement and Report

The Safeguarding Report was noted. There were no questions or comments.

5. Elections and Appointments

a) Deanery Synod Election

Isobel Chetwood and Angela Philpott continue as Deanery Synod representatives. There are 2 remaining vacancies.

b) Parochial Church Council Elections (15 members)

In the past members have been elected for 3 year terms and so Eddie proposed that we simplify the process by carrying out annual elections which it is hoped will create greater flexibility.

Proposed: Phil Gaskell **Seconded:** Martin Kinsey **Agreed Unanimously**

Phil Gaskell has stepped down

Caroline Lucas, Andy Watts, Ray Oates, Ann Hodson and Teresa Allinson were elected for the next year.

Julian Bowker, Martin Kinsey, Georgina Lewis, Wendy Yates, Diana Smith, Nicky Cathery, Jon Horne, Heather Martin, Geoffrey Barton and Oliver Ramsden remain on the PCC.

Ex-Officio Members – Clergy, Jackie Watts, Patrick Tyrrell, Isobel Chetwood and Angela Philpott.

The Standing Committee – It was noted that Diana Smith's name had been omitted in the Administrative Information of the APCM Report.

Caroline Lucas took the opportunity to thank everyone for the lovely gift and said she was overwhelmed. The past 3 years have been very interesting and she has been grateful for the support of her fellow Warden Jackie and said it has been delightful working with Eddie.

c) Appointment of Independent Examiner

Patrick Tyrrell is now a Church Warden and can no longer act as our Independent Examiner. There was agreement that the PCC will take on responsibility for this appointment.

6. Rector's Report – Q&As

Eddie welcomed the opportunity for the congregation to ask him questions. He is very keen to remain accountable and so will always use an APCM as an opportunity to encourage questions around ministry, mission and strategy from the wider congregation.

Eddie is grateful for the welcome he and his family have received. The parish had historical difficulties and he possibly underestimated some of the challenges he would face although some have not been as difficult as anticipated which has been a blessing. He feels we have come a fair distance in the last 12 months, attendance has increased by about 25% and there is a feeling that we are progressing. The small groups and discipleship in particular have been very encouraging. He acknowledged that there is tension between how we become a church where the people of Wilmslow come running and balancing the tradition, at the same time as relating to children and young families. The PCC have been discussing the employment of a children and young families' worker and will take this forward. We do not want to turn full circle with the worshipping tradition and so have tweaked it a little so that it does not damage the fellowship as it is now. We have seen more children and young families and relationships with the schools are improving. He acknowledged that progress will always be slow as this often takes years. Martin emphasised that we are sitting on good reserves so we can comfortably take new initiatives forward even at the risk of slipping into a deficit but using our assets in a focused way. Eddie said it is a challenge to get stewardship right and having a curate in post costs the parish £20K per year. He does not feel there is the work for a curate.

7. Any other business

Liz Webb asked about the rood screen which does block the sound from the choir to the rest of the church. It was noted that this issue has rumbled on for many years and its removal would

be a major undertaking. Pamela Sandford questioned if there was a hearing loop in church. There is a hearing loop which has been tested in the past but does not appear to work for everyone. It was agreed that the PCC will get the system checked. Issues with the microphone were noted as it is not always possible for readers to be heard and Eddie's style of "moving around" can cause problems for some people. Eddie said this would be more difficult for him to alter this aspect of his style but he will certainly do his best to make the technology work. Jean Davey raised an issue with disabled access to the toilets which will be looked into.

There is a team representing the PCC who are looking for an Organist/Choir leader. The advertisement is out and there has been some progress with one expression of interest.

Donald and Nicky Steel were grateful for the Bible study and Lent courses which have created a safe space for people to express and share their beliefs. Sue Page said Eddie has been "like a breath of fresh air" and Eddie was pleased to have made the leap from North Manchester to Wilmslow which he described as "fantastic."

The meeting closed at 12.55 pm

3. Annual Report for year ended December 2024.

a) Aims and Purpose

Wilmslow Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Eddie Roberts, in promoting the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the four Wilmslow Parish church buildings: St Bartholomew's Church, St Anne's Church, the Parish Hall and St Anne's Church Hall.

b) Objectives and Activities

The general functions of the PCC are stated with Section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

During 2023 Wilmslow Parish continued to pursue the five marks of mission in line with Chester Diocesan policy:

- To proclaim the good news of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and to sustain the life on earth.

These aims are encapsulated in our objectives:-

Two worshipping communities

Two big things in common

- learning how to love God with all our hearts,

- trying to love our neighbours at least as much as ourselves

In providing leadership to Wilmslow Parish, the incumbent and PCC give consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance to charities concerned with the advancement of religion.

The activities of the PCC are outlined in the next sections of this Annual Report. It is difficult to estimate the total volunteering time offered by many members of Wilmslow Parish but it amounts to well in excess of 150 hours in a typical month. We are grateful to all who do so much to contribute to the life of the church: the Churchwardens, PCC Secretary and Treasurer, the Friend of the Parish and Food Friend; those who help lead services, carry out children's work, play music, do readings, intercessions, flowers, lay assist, act as sidespeople, count the money, garden, clean and provide welcome, hospitality and church sitting – and much more besides.

c) Achievements and Performance

c.1 PCC report

The PCC met 5 times during 2024.

Safeguarding remained a standing item on the PCC Agenda. The Safeguarding action plan is subject to regular review during the year. Patrick Tyrrell was appointed as the DBS recruiter. The Volunteer Policy and Draft Policy on Recruitment of Offenders were highlighted and the Promoting a Safer Church Policy notes agreed. A review flowchart for referrals was noted and the PCC formally confirmed that currently there are no activities taking place that involve children, young people or vulnerable adults.

The gathered community, worship and discipleship were discussed at each meeting. The congregation numbers were noted for both St Anne's and St Bart's. Attendance at both churches has remained strong and Eddie continues to be sensitive to the fact that inter-generational worship will not be to everyone's taste and he is keen to develop a pattern that connects with people of all ages. Choral Evensong has been well supported and midweek services continue in both churches each week linking with other activities (Food Friend and the Study groups). The prayer list

was re-designed with prompts and individual requests being refreshed every month or so. The PCC agreed to support the costs of developing the children's area and buying resources to make this a welcoming space. The resignation of Tim Harvey was noted in January and advertising and recruitment opportunities explored. St Anne's purchased an electronic piano and Anna Norman, Rosemary Smart and the occasional use of digital music were the main provision there from late spring. We welcomed Ian Dalglish as our organist and this has provided us with the opportunity to look at the patterns of sung worship in both churches.

The Connect Groups started in January moving on to Peter Grieg's book God on Mute during Lent. After Easter we worked through 15 weeks of Jesus Shaped People. We were delighted that four young people had come forward for Confirmation and Eddie worked with them during the summer. Bishop Sam confirmed them and they hoped to stay together as a group on their future Christian journey.

The PCC approved various fabric matters during the year. The Fabric Committee continued to meet regularly to consider any issues with regard to both churches, the halls and the grounds. There continued to be slow progress with the screens for both churches. A drain survey was carried out at St Anne's with a view to installation of a toilet in the church however it was clear that this would not be a viable solution and so a dividing door was installed in the hall to enable one of the toilets to be accessed without disturbing the children's play group. In St Bart's the boiler service and safety check were completed and consideration given to replacing the halogen security lights around the church tower. Enhanced audio visual equipment for both churches continues to be investigated. The gardening team continued their sterling work in St Bart's grounds and the Second Saturday Squad maintain an ongoing list of maintenance jobs for all the buildings and grounds with grateful thanks to all those who come regularly willingly undertaking a wide variety of tasks. It was noted that although as soon as jobs are removed from the list they are replaced by new ones however this is felt to be progress! A request was received for a memorial bench in St Bart's and was considered by the PCC.

The Finance Report was presented and reviewed at each meeting. The Parish Share was noted, the insurance costs and the DBF fees approved for 2024. The year end accounts were approved by the PCC to go forward to the APCM. There was a stewardship campaign and a pleasing response to this. Further detail with regard to the finances are available in the Treasurer's accounts and report.

It had been hoped that we would be able to recruit a children and young families worker however this did not attract any suitable applicants. The temporary contract for the admin role ended on 31st July and there was agreement not to extend this. Admin and communication continues to be effectively managed using ChurchSuite and SharePoint with our grateful thanks to Andy for his help in this regard.

The Friends of the Parish fundraising and events were noted. In particular the Heritage Day had been a fantastic event and also the Christmas Market although somewhat tempered by the weather! The knitted Bible made a return visit and was well received.

Weddings, baptisms and funerals have regularly taken place. The number of funerals averaged 35 to 40 per year possibly due to the number of non-denominational celebrants in the area.

The future direction of Food Friend was reviewed and investigation into the current model showed that it is not felt to be an efficient or a cost-effective way to meet food poverty needs.

The work with schools continued with good relationships with Lacey Green, Pownall Hall and Wilmslow Prep. There are regular assemblies and the Experience Easter trail went well with St Anne's and Wilmslow Prep.

The minutes from Churches Together in Wilmslow meetings were noted and joint activities such as the Lent lunches and the Harvest Appeal had all gone well. Eddie Roberts took up the role of Vice Chair and was able to step in during Ian Smart's absence following surgery. We were pleased to welcome him back at the end of the year having made a full recovery.

Isobel Chetwood PCC Secretary

c.2 Deanery Synod Report 2024

There were 2 Deanery Synod Meetings in March and November. Rev Paul Deakin was installed as Rural Dean in November 2023 and held his first meeting in March. Jon Pocock was the invited speaker and he provided an update on the Diocesan Vision Process. He detailed the 4 key streams, the next step in establishing working groups and explained that the outcome of these discussions would go forward to the national church to bid for funding. The key question for each stream will be what difference does this make the 1.6 million? This is the estimated number of people in Cheshire who do not know God.

Bishop Sam attended the November meeting in Nether Alderley. He touched on the safeguarding issues around the Archbishop of Canterbury's resignation acknowledging the hurt and upset caused by both Justin Welby and Paula Vennells. He stressed the importance of safeguarding training and thanked PCCs who have completed all their online training.

News is received from each of the parishes prior to the meeting and it is good to learn of all the activities that are taking place across the Deanery.

Isobel Chetwood Knutsford Deanery Lay Chair Deanery Synod Representative

Angela Philpott Deanery Synod Representative

c.3 Wardens' Report – May 2025

We have had another busy and eventful year in the Parish and even now are preparing for the passion Play production with local churches but this report is all about 2024.

Eddie continues to be an inspiration and is so full of energy! We are very grateful to the support we receive from Roger and more recently John Knowles in assisting with and leading services. The study groups have been very successful with 4 groups meeting regularly (you can join at any time and attend which ever works timing wise). It's a chance to learn more and enter more deeply into Scripture and get to know other people in our congregations too. We have a collaboration with Life Church and have enjoyed meetings and services with them.

Easter, Christmas and Remembrance Day services have been busy and we have held a number of special school services as well as the weekly St. Anne's School service. Baptisms and funerals are beginning to build up again and it is lovely to see a few more children in our congregations. We continue to visit our local care homes, several of them monthly, and others just at Easter and Christmas and other people at home on request. Many thanks to the team who organize this.

We were pleased to appoint Ian Dalgliesh as our new organist and he has been working hard with the choir. It is good to see other choir members joining us for the regular evensong services. The PCC continue to meet regularly – have a think whether this is something you can be part of and do ask us if you want to know more.

We are enormously grateful to all our volunteers who have a lot to offer – whether it be gardening, coffee making, keeping the churches open, repairing, meeting suppliers, flower arranging and a myriad of other jobs both large and small. We are excited that we will shortly have solar panels on the Parish hall roof. Our Quinquennial is imminent at St. Bart's (the 5 yearly inspection from the diocese). It will be St. Anne's turn next year.

We look forward to the continuing growth of our church in Wilmslow.

Jackie Watts and Patrick Tyrrell

c.4 Food Friend

Below are the figures of users for Tuesdays and Saturdays:-

TUESDAYS: 6, 10, 10, 9, 4, 9, 11, 8, 8, 11, 6, 9, 4, 7, 10, 8, 13, 8, 5, 6, 1, 2, 7, 8, 4, 6, 5, 6, 12, 6, 10, 5, 9, 5, 3, 5, 12, 11, 3, 8, 10, 8, 3, 5, 9, 7, 5, 5, 3, 6, 4, 1, 3, 1

SATURDAYS: 5, 3, 5, 8, 1, 3, 5, 4, 8, 5, 3, 9, 7, 9, 6, 6, 6, 9, 7, 6, 5, 6, 9, 7, 6, 6, 5, 13, 7, 5, 3, 9, 10, 10, 8, 2, 8, 4, 9, 10, 6, 7, 11, 6, 7, 4, 9, 6, 6, 7, 5, 8, 5, 3

Deliveries outside hours: Approx. 26

Sheena Hatton, Ann Hodson, Christine Little and Ray Oates have continued to volunteer, as has a lady called Pam (friend of Sheena's). Flo has been on site too. Saturdays have continued to work well with those on the rota for Open Coffee & Church mucking in too. Some clients are still sitting down to chat over a drink. This has still not been established on Tuesdays.

We lost a volunteer (Maddy) with SEND who collects food from our donation point at Sainsbury's and delivers to church due to the change in FF hours. We continue to shop for extra supplies online from Waitrose. (This was the instruction when the food provision project was established fully in 2014 with a view to keeping it local, for convenience with Waitrose so close to church and due to the funding etc we have received from them on numerous occasions). Food donations are negligible from church congregation members and have declined from local individuals and businesses, although support of local schools and groups e.g. Cubs has continued.

Flo Knowles

c.5 Neighbourhood Network

The Neighbourhood Network has been a fixture in our Parish for many years since it was started by Alison Sparham (wife of Rector Tony Sparham) back in the 90's and it followed on from other systems designed to keep in touch with our congregations. We still have some of the original members and have been joined by others more recently and it has been a good team.

We have had Christmas and Easter tea parties down in the parish hall and it always amazes me that people manage to come even when parking has been a problem – it can be really tricky on a sunny day. But they are always joyous occasions and it's good to be able to perhaps meet and chat with others who we don't normally have a chance to spend time with. I really value the help I get from everyone from welcoming, serving, clearing up and providing musical accompaniments.

We have many visitors to both of our churches and it is really up to all of us to notice and welcome people. It can be quite daunting to come into church for a service, perhaps for the first time. I know that many people are good at doing this – thank you! We had a meeting of the team back in the Autumn and plan another one soon to discuss ways of moving forward to make sure we continue to support the parish.

Jackie Watts

c.6 Magazine Team

The Parish Magazine continues to be published digitally and this enables us to use much more colour in the magazine so making it more attractive for our readers as well as widening our readership.

There are still those who prefer a printed copy or who cannot access the online issue. Accordingly, we continue to print a number of copies - currently around 125 per month - for them and for visitors to the churches. The Magazine is also published on our Parish website. As the Magazine is a form of Outreach it is freely available to all. Accordingly, there is no charge made for the printed copy of the magazine. The online version, which has more colour than the printed one, will continue to be sent out to everyone as now. Magazine donations are always very welcome. We thank those who deliver copies of the magazine to members of the congregation who do not have access to the online magazine.

During 2024, in addition to the Clergy Comment and our regular features, we published a series of articles on Animals in the Bible and Eddie's Interviews with various congregation members. There were also informative and varied articles received on events, places and churches visited by our readers both in this country and abroad. We featured regular updates from our Churchwardens, music updates and reports from St Anne's School as well as reports and photographs from special Church services, church activity groups, Church events and the Friends. We commenced a new series of Questions to Eddie. In addition, we printed interesting occasional articles, poems and photographs all generously written or provided by members of the congregations.

Thank you to all our contributors. We love to receive your articles, reports, photographs and drawings and we are lucky to have so many talented artists, photographers and writers in our parish. Do please keep sending us your contributions. Thank you also to Jean Parker who kindly sends out the timely reminders for articles, and to Isobel Chetwood and Yvonne Warren who print and coordinate the paper copies of the magazine each month.

Advertising

Isobel Chetwood looks after the ads very competently. Having done this job for many years it is a job she would love to hand over to someone else. Is there anyone out there who would like to assist us in this way? It is not an unduly onerous task. And please do support the local businesses who advertise with us.

Distribution

Thanks to Wendy and Roger Yates for co-ordinating the distribution of the magazines.

We would love to hear from you with ideas and suggestions for future magazines – and, of course, articles and pictures too. In particular we would welcome Questions for Eddie or any Church officer as part of our Q & A series. These can be on any church or church related topic.

Magazine Team - Wendy Yates, Diana Smith, Jill Dodson, Isobel Chetwood, Jean Parker, Ann Hodson

c.7 Friends of the Parish of Wilmslow

Chair's Report

The Friends of the Parish of Wilmslow have held 4 meetings during the year and have enjoyed Eddie's hospitality at the Rectory. He has brought a fresh set of eyes to the Friends and encouraged us to shift our approach with a view to raising the profile of the church as a notable historic landmark in the town of Wilmslow. It is our hope that we can broaden the appeal, membership and reach of the Friends with less emphasis on fund raising but rather to make more of the historic interest in St Bart's thereby creating a missional and evangelistic opportunity which links to the wider church growth strategy.

With this vision in mind we had an absolutely splendid Heritage Open Day on Saturday 24th August when we flung open the doors of St Bart's welcoming visitors to immerse themselves in the history of our beautiful building. There were displays of life events, the history of the building and the reordering project as well as some beautiful floral arrangements depicting the different seasons in the church's year. There were crypt and tower tours (70 people climbed the 70 steps!) and the bells rang out to open the day. Tea, coffee and cakes were served and the barbecue did a roaring trade with not one sausage or burger left at the end! There were activities for children with brass rubbing and a detective trail. The event finished with a songs of praise featuring the Top Five favourite hymns voted for by our visitors. The emphasis of the day was on relationships and generosity. There were no price tickets and the final total of £552.18 was raised.

In September St Bartholomew's was transformed into a biblical landscape populated with over 350 hand knitted figures and depicting more than 30 scenes. The display started in the Garden of Eden and journeyed through the Old and New Testaments to the Resurrection. Over the course of the weekend we welcomed a lot of visitors to view the display and enjoy refreshments. One visitor was even inspired to check out the story of Ruth in her Bible when she got home!

Not even Storm Darragh could dampen the spirits of the Friends who held their Christmas Market in St Bart's Church on Saturday 7th December. The weather outside was frightful but the atmosphere inside was delightful. Once again we were overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of our church family and friends with their support for this event. There were plenty of different stalls offering Christmas "delights", music from Perfect Fifth and the choir sang beautifully to put us all in the Christmas spirit. The kitchen had to do double duty as the atrocious weather meant that braving the wind outside for the barbeque wasn't an option. There were hot drinks and cakes available, hot dogs and mulled wine too. They were all delicious and our thanks go to everyone who helped in the kitchen without getting in each other's way (or so I'm told!)

The children's corner was a haven for our little people with a surprise visit from a giant Elf and there were lots of activities for them to do. We raised £701.32 this year which, considering the weather, was still an excellent total. We all enjoyed it too! The 200 club continues to be a fun way of raising funds for the Friends with the monthly draw and prize of £60.00. We have invested in some new red numbers for the New Year so I optimistically bought a pack of 100 – so there are plenty of available ones to go into the monthly draw.

During the year, as the Treasurer's report outlines, our expenses have only been in relation to our fund raising efforts. We do however continue to work closely with the PCC to identify expenditure that falls within the remit of the Friends. The committee is always happy to welcome new members; Shirley Baulkwill joined us this year but there is still plenty of room on the sofas in Eddie's front room for more committee members! He makes a great cup of swanky coffee too! My thanks go to the committee for all their hard work and commitment which will ensure that we preserve the heritage of our beautiful churches for many years to come.

Isobel Chetwood, Chair – Friends of the Parish of Wilmslow

Committee: - Rev Eddie Roberts (President), Richard Smith (Treasurer), Jean Parker, Jill Palmer Ann Hodson, Phil Gaskell, Joel Millett, Ray Oates, Shirley Baulkwill.

Financial Summary

This report should be read in conjunction with the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2024 and the Chair's Report for 2024.

The fundraising events continued in 2024. On Saturday 24th August, a Heritage Day was held at St. Bart's Church. Donations of £552.18 were received and a net sum of £410.18 was raised after deduction of flower expenses to decorate the church. In September, a Knitted Bible event took place at St. Bart's. Donations of £240.62 were received. This sum was shared equally with St. John's Church, Ilkeston, which also participated in the event and thus the net sum raised for The Friends was £120.31. On 7th December, a Christmas Market was held at St. Bart's Church which raised a gross sum of £1,178.26. The net sum raised for The Friends was £701.32 after deduction of expenses.

The membership subscriptions to The Friends and to 200 Club have been maintained and 200 Club draw has continued each month.

The Friends Bank Accounts

The Friends have two separate bank accounts with NatWest Bank in Wilmslow. They are:

- Wilmslow PCC – Friends, which is the general account into which subscriptions and donations are paid, and expenditure on repairs and maintenance of the fabric of the Church buildings and their furniture and fittings, are paid out. In 2024, there was no such expenditure. On 31 December 2024, the balance of the account was £11,769.03, but this sum is subject to an accrued expense of £130.32 for the Christmas Market only paid after the year end.
- Wilmslow PCC- Friends Festival Account into which the 200 Club subscriptions are paid and from which the monthly prizes are withdrawn. On 31 December 2024, the balance of the account was £8,224.55, but this sum should be reduced by £60 because of an unrepresented cheque at the year end.
- The combined balances at the bank were £19,993.58 on 31 December, 2024.

These are both current accounts and do not accrue any interest.

Income

- £1,599.00 received in subscriptions.
- £10.00 received from Flag flying donations.
- £552.18, the gross sum received from donations at Heritage Day
- £240.62, the gross sum received from donations at the Knitted Bible event
- £1,178.26 the gross sum raised at the Christmas Market

The income for the year was £3,580.06

Expenditure

- £720.00 for the 200 Club monthly draw prizes. There were 12 draws this year.
- £142.00 for Heritage Day expenses
- £27.28 for purchase of a banner to advertise the Knitted Bible event
- £120.31 paid to St.John's Ilkeston for the share of the donations from the Knitted Bible event.
- £476.94 for the Christmas Market expenses.

The expenditure for the year was £1,486.53

The surplus of income over expenditure for 2024 was £2,093.53. The overall funds held by the Friends increased by the same amount, from £17,709.73 the opening balance on 1 January 2024, to £19,803.26, the closing balance on 31 December 2024.

Income and Expenditure Account 2024

Wilmslow PCC Friends of the Parish

Income and Expenditure Account 2024

Income			Expenditure		
	2024	2023		2024	2023
Subscriptions	£ 281.00	£ 356.00	St Anne's Decorating costs		£ 5,080.00
Donations		£ 65.00	St Bart's Noticeboard Repairs		
Refund from PCC re St Bart's Boiler			St Anne's Boiler programmer		
Refund PCC Insce claim re boiler			St Anne's Noticeboard Repairs	£ 161.00	
Flag donations	£ 10.00	£ 80.00	200 Club Prizes	£ 720.00	£ 840.00
Fund raising; Christmas Market	£ 1,178.26	£ 1,554.71	Gift		£ 20.69
Fund raising ; Heritage Day	£ 552.18		Heritage Day Flower expenses	£ 142.00	
Fundraising; Knitted Bible event	£ 240.62		Knitted Bible expenses	£ 27.28	
			Christmas market expenses	£ 346.62	£ 105.45
200 Club Subscriptions	£ 1,318.00	£ 1,354.00	Christmas Market Accrued expenses	£ 130.32	
200 Club Donations		£ 34.00	St John's Ilkeston; from Knitted Bible	£ 120.31	
			Purchase of Sum Up machine		£ 107.99
TOTAL INCOME FOR THE YEAR	£ 3,580.06	£ 3,443.71	TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR	£ 1,486.53	£ 6,315.13
YEAR OPENING BALANCES			YEAR CLOSING BALANCES		
Current Account	£ 10,143.18	£ 13,562.60	Current Account	£ 11,638.71	£ 10,143.18
Festival Account	£ 7,566.55	£ 7,018.55	Festival Account	£ 8,164.55	£ 7,566.55
Total	£ 17,709.73	£ 20,581.15	Total	£ 19,803.26	£ 17,709.73
TOTALS	£ 21,289.79	£ 24,024.86	TOTALS	£ 21,289.79	£ 24,024.86

Richard Smith, Treasurer

c.8 Churches Together in Wilmslow

The Churches Together in Wilmslow (CTiW) group met 3 times with members from the Wilmslow churches: St Bart's, St Anne's, the United Reformed Church, Wilmslow Methodist Church, St Teresa's, Norcliffe Chapel, Wilmslow Life Church, Wilmslow Quakers and Dean Row Unitarian Church.

Ian Smart from the Methodist Church continued as the chair and Eddie took on the role of Vice Chair at the May AGM. He unexpectedly had to step in as Ian needed bypass surgery at the end of the year and we were very pleased that made an excellent recovery.

The group discussed a range of issues relating to Wilmslow and the wider community. The Lent Lunches are coordinated through CTiW and, as has become our tradition, we met at Dean Row where each of the churches take their turn in providing the soup. The lunches were the best ever during 2024 raising £1,748.00 including gift aid. There was a street collection, online envelope giving and church collections giving a grand total of £9,304.88. CTiW held a General Election Hustings which was well attended and Mark Owen proved to be an excellent chair. This was a

lot of hard work but greatly appreciated and help to highlight the role of CTiW in secular matters. The Harvest Appeal for 2024 supported Wilmslow Wells for Africa as they celebrated 40 years since they began with the work of one of St Bart's church members - Brenda Mottershead. There were various events throughout 2024 to mark this special occasion and the amazing difference that the charity has made over the last 40 years.

Reports are received from the churches at each meeting and it is pleasing to see closer ties between the churches as we look forward to another year of working together.

Isobel Chetwood, Secretary – Churches Together in Wilmslow

c.9 Home Communion

In 2023 the Church was asked by one of the Residential Homes if they could provide Home Communion for residents, and Angela Philpott, Caroline Lucas and Janet Franks took on the task. In 2024 we were joined by Lou Favager, and we have been able to establish a regular routine.

We started visiting The Hawthorns and Wilmslow Manor and added Hazelmere House later. We give Holy Communion to those residents who would like it on a monthly basis. Some of them are former members of our congregation and others are new to Wilmslow. Numbers vary - from 2 to 12. We are always made very welcome, and our visits are appreciated. We also visit members of the congregation in their homes when they cannot get to church.

Twice a year at Easter and Christmas, Eddie joins us and members of our congregation (to swell the singing) when we sing songs and have a talk from Eddie. Val has stepped in to help us out on occasions. Thank you both very much for your support. In May 2025 we will add Long Stone Manor to the list of Homes visited.

Janet Franks and The Home Communion Team

c.10 Fabric Committee

SSS (Second Saturday Squad)

The SSS team has met up most months either at St Anne's or St Bart's and continued to provide significantly for the repair, maintenance and general upkeep of our buildings. Typically, inside we will:

- Clean areas which are difficult to reach
- Fix shelves etc.
- Clear obsolete materials from store rooms and cupboards etc.
- Deep clean kitchens
- Fix minor plumbing issues
- Change light bulbs
- Re-hang curtains
- Re-align pews (St Bart's)
- Various one-off repairs and enhancements
- Cleaning Brasses

Typically, outside we will:

- Clear grids and gullies
- Check gutters and roof valleys, clearing any build-up of leaves and vegetation
- Checking rodent ingress protection (St Bart's)
- Clearing moss from paths and steps

Significant costs have been saved by the efforts of this team. Equally important is the job satisfaction and banter enjoyed by participants and we always enjoy a cup of tea/ coffee and cakes/ biscuits. If you would be interested in seeing what we do and possibly volunteering, please come and talk to us. Our Second Saturday Squad meetings are usually advertised in the weekly news sheet or please speak to me or a Church Warden.

St Bartholomew's

Some of the more significant activities during the year have included:

- Employing a tree surgeon to carry out work specified by our arboriculturist to remove dead wood and epicormics growth from the large lime tree adjacent to the lychgate. Since this work was completed the gardening team have noticed that no large twigs have fallen and the number of small twigs has significantly reduced. Two juvenile trees which had been specified as dead/ dying by the arboriculturist were felled by the gardening team.
- Major transformation of the Hawthorn Chapel so that it provides a safe, cheerful and comfortable environment for the growing number of children who attend our services – thank you Flo and the SSS
- Failed security lights around the bell tower have been replaced and all are now LED.
- Two failed spot lights which are mounted high to illuminate the staged area have been replaced. This was more challenging than anticipated due to the sophisticated electronic system that controls the lighting in our church!
- Much investigation and preparatory work has been on going in order to install monitor screens to replace the overhead projector and roll up screen. Significantly, the choir will also be able to follow the services without having to refer to pieces of paper. Unfortunately implementation will be delayed into 2025 while the plan is progressed through the Faculty system.
- In the church hall significant reorganisation of the offices and storage space took place to enable the Parish Council to have more space, giving the church the benefit of increased rental income for the future.
- Church Yard – As usual, grass cutting and general maintenance including hedge trimming was carried out by the gardening team which meets for half a day almost every week of the year. Headstone stability checks have continued throughout the year. Most are stable but a few were noted as requiring some remedial action, usually the injection of epoxy cement.

St Anne's

- Some of the more significant activities during the year have included:
- Employing a tree surgeon to carry out work specified by our arboriculturist to trim back the canopy of the large beech tree, reducing the weight and wind loadings carried by the supporting bows.
- Church Toilet Facilities - After significant research and investigation it was concluded that the installation of toilet facilities in the church was impractical due to the unsuitability of the existing drainage system. The decision was made to modify the lobby of the Church Hall such that those in church could use one of the Church Hall toilets without disturbing the pre-school. This work was completed during school holidays.
- During the year the Hall was also redecorated.
- In church, the overhead projector and screen were replaced by a large monitor screen.
- With plans to better utilise the space in church taken up by the “redundant” office, preparations and quotations were made such that a Faculty can be sought.
- Lawn mowing and general garden maintenance has continued to be carried out by the small but dedicated team.
- The Second Saturday Squad have assisted with outside maintenance, hedge cutting and leaf collection during the year and various tasks inside the church and hall.

General

- Boiler servicing/ repairs and inspections carried out in all buildings.
- All activities carried out only after appropriate PCC and Diocesan approvals.

Further information on the various maintenance activities carried out during the year can be found in the SECOND SATURDAY SQUAD - TASK TRACKER, copies of which can be found in the Sharepoint files or by contacting the undersigned.

Jon Horne

c.11 St. Anne's Church Ladies Group

We had 26 members in 2024 with an average of 20 attending the meetings.

We started the year with Eddie giving us an insight of his path to ministry. This was followed by various talks including Blood Bikes, a Shepherdess, a Virtual Tour of Wilmslow and Northern Humour and Song. Over half the speaker's fees were donated to charities. We had two meals out, the first to the Coach and Four in June and a Christmas meal at the Stanneylands. They were both well attended.

In July we hosted a Strawberry Tea, and although it rained 48 people joined us in the hall to enjoy the occasion. We raised £413 which we donated to the Church Hall in thanks for our use of the hall. Our finances are stable with a small profit over the year. Our subscription and visitor's fees will remain the same for the coming year. Thank you to Tricia for her excellent bookkeeping and to Julian for checking the balance sheet.

My thanks to the committee for all their help and to our members for their continuing support.

Ray Oates

c.12 Organist and Choir

Our hardworking and devoted choir singers have continued to enhance worship every Sunday during the past year. We have tackled a great deal of new repertoire and continued to lead singing in the Sunday morning services. This entails leading the hymns and songs and then singing a solo setting of the Agnus Dei and a motet during communion. Our membership has remained reasonably stable, over the year. All the choir are most grateful to Chris Cromar for the work he put into training the choir for several months. I have been very thankful and impressed by the welcome they have given me, along with their wonderful singing, dedication and hard work.

We are fortunate to benefit from talented singers in all parts – soprano, alto, tenor and bass – which has enabled us to build our repertoire whilst maintaining high standards. We are also on the lookout for new singers, and have been delighted to welcome some new singers to both our upper and lower voices. The singers have been working on vocal technique and projection, and tried out some warm-up techniques to help prepare the voice for singing.

The monthly choral evensong remains a very special worship opportunity, combining stillness and meditation with beauty in words and music. We have expanded our repertoire significantly with Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis settings written by, inter alia, Stanford, Walmisley, Byrd and Brewer. We have learned some new settings of preces and responses and performed a range of anthems – one highlight being a movement from Bach's Cantata 'Wachet auf', sung on Advent Sunday. The Choir also contributed to the Church's open day celebrations of St Bartholomew's Day in August and sang at the St Anne's confirmation service.

In the year to come it is hoped that we can continue to make a meaningful contribution to worship and build our repertoire. Possible plans for the future include visits to sing elsewhere and a combined choral evensong with singers from the King's School Macclesfield choir.

Ian Dagleish

c.13 Halls

Both St. Anne's Hall and the Parish Hall continue to be busy places. St. Anne's Hall is used every day for a pre-school, and welcomes several regular groups. The Parish Hall is now home to the Wilmslow Town Council offices. It enjoys around 40% occupancy of the main Hall, including regular groups and one-off bookings (mostly parties).

We now have a group of 'Hall Helpers' (Oliver Ramsden, Martin Kinsey, Heather Martin, Caroline Lucas, Jon Horne and Patrick Tyrrell) who provide an invaluable service in opening and closing the Parish Hall for one-off bookings, and generally keeping an eye open for anything needing attention.

The halls together contributed very strongly to our finances last year, with a net income approaching £40,000. This figure, however, should be seen in the context of a year in which very little apart from normal maintenance was undertaken. The Parish Hall is now looking quite dated in many areas (particularly the kitchen), and significant improvement work will need to be undertaken if we are to maintain the usage of this facility in the longer term.

The financial success of the halls is also due in no small measure to Jackie, who undertakes the administrative work of hall bookings and collection of hire charges on a voluntary basis. We hope during 2025 to be able to recruit a permanent employee to take on the hall administration role and put the future of the halls on a sounder footing.

On a positive note, we last year started a project to install solar panels on the roof of the Parish Hall, and this came to fruition very recently. We were fortunate to receive grants from both Cheshire East Council and the Benefact Trust to make this project viable.

Andy Watts

d) Safeguarding

e) Electoral Roll Officer's Report

4 Financial Review for 2024

Summary

The summary financial results for the year, for all funds combined, are as follows:-

	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
Income and Expenditure		
Income	250	207
Expenditure	200	200
Net surplus	50	7
Balance Sheet		
Net current assets	444	394
Of which - Cash	186	149

During 2024 there was a large increase in income due to some very generous gifts from members, while expenditure has continued at a similar level to 2023. Cash holdings at the year-end are higher than those at 31 December 2023 by £36,773 primarily as a result of the increased bequests and donations made in the year. The detailed results are discussed below:

Unrestricted funds

Income

Total unrestricted income was £241,848 (versus £198,768 expressed on the same basis for 2023). Much of the increase was due to very generous legacies, amounting to £31,000. Voluntary giving (excluding legacies, but including reclamation of tax from HMRC), increased from £115,000 to £129,000, following a successful stewardship campaign during the year.

Our income from both Parish Halls increased from £57,000 in 2023 to £64,000 in 2024, as a result of a concerted effort on the part of the 'Hall Helpers' to increase bookings.

We earned about £7,000 more in investment income, but raised less on Service fees and concerts tickets by around the same amount.

Expenditure

Unrestricted costs in 2024 were £181,497 (versus £180,349 for 2023). Running costs increased during the year, but we spent less on maintenance.

Restricted funds

Food Friend

Food Friend receipts were slightly down at £4,516 (versus £4,837 in 2023). Costs increased significantly to £16,926 (versus £13,279 in 2023), a result of increased cash expenditure. The Food Friend fund stood at £14,829 compared with £27,238 at the end of 2023.

Friends of the Parish of Wilmslow

The Friends raised slightly more in donations and fund-raising activities, which together generated £3,580 of income (versus £3,443 for 2023). Expenditure during 2024 was solely on the costs of fund-raising activities, so was much reduced at £1,487 (versus £6,315 for 2023) because no Church project work was funded. The Friends fund stood at £19,968 compared with £17,875 at the end of 2023.

Examiner's Report

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wilmslow on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

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

Signed

Name Ian Smallwood
Member of Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales

Address Highfield Crescent, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 2JL.

Date

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 December 2024

					Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	TOTAL	TOTAL
					funds	funds	funds	2024	2023
				Note	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS									
Voluntary income			2 (a)		160,334	6,124	0	166,458	121,516
Charitable activities			2 (b)		3,969	0	0	3,969	12,384
Other trading activities			2 (c)		66,340	1,971	0	68,311	68,978
Income from investments			2 (d)		11,206	0	0	11,206	4,170
TOTAL INCOME					241,849	8,095	0	249,944	207,048
EXPENDITURE									
Costs of generating funds			3(a)		0	1,486	0	1,486	1,921
Charitable activities			3 (b)		181,282	16,926	0	198,208	197,807
Separate item of material expense			3(c)		0	0	0	0	0
Other expenditure			3 (d)		215	0	0	215	215
TOTAL EXPENDITURE					181,497	18,412	0	199,909	199,943
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)									
BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS					60,352	(10,317)	0	50,035	7,105
NET GAINS ON INVESTMENTS					0	0	31	31	108
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					60,352	(10,317)	31	50,066	7,213
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS					0	0	0	0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS					60,352	(10,317)	31	50,066	7,213
Total funds brought forward			8		352,229	45,113	519,837	917,179	909,966
Total Funds carried forward					412,581	34,796	519,868	967,245	917,179

As at 31 December 2024

The notes numbered 2 to 8 form part of these accounts.

Notes to the Accounts

Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)
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- the Charities Act 2011
- Church of England Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions

Recognition of income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Offsetting

There is no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met

Legacies

Legacies are included in the SoFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Donated goods

Donated goods given for Food Friend are not valued in the accounts either as receipts or stocks.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Income from interest and dividends

Interest and dividends are included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

Investment gains and losses

Any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value are recognised at the end of the year.

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated and benefice property

In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of “charity” by Section 10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011 such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements. This includes the Parish church buildings (St Bartholomew’s and St Anne’s).

Fixtures fittings and equipment

Furniture and office equipment is recognised as a tangible fixed asset when they have lasting value and cost over £1,000. They are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their expected useful life. At present we have furniture in St Bart’s which cost £4,300 and is being depreciated over 20 years.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity

In accordance with church legislation, the PCC is responsible for the upkeep of church buildings but does not own them. Accordingly, the value of church buildings is not included in these financial statements. The PCC does own the Parish Hall and St Anne’s Hall and these are shown under Fixed Assets in the Accounts.

Investments

Our policy is not to invest in stock markets, bonds or other tradable assets, however we have some permanent endowment investments which were bequeathed to us, and are managed for us by the Churches, Charities and Local Authorities (CCLA) Investment Management Limited.

These investments are revalued to market value at the end of each year. The increase/ decrease in value is shown as Gain/Loss on investment in the statement of financial affairs.

Short term deposits

These are the cash amounts held in various deposit accounts and at the bank. Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value. These monies are held according to the following rules:

- £30k to be available in current accounts as instant access (including NatWest’s Business Reserve).
- A similar amount to be available on 30 days notice.
- The remainder to be in term investments, limiting the amounts to fall within the FSCS guarantee, but with no more than 50% on deposit periods of a year or over.

Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

Funds

Restricted funds

These are income funds that can only be spent on the restricted purposes for which they were raised.

Unrestricted funds

These represent the remaining income funds of the PCC that are available for spending fully at the discretion of the PCC. Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside by the trustees for specific purposes.

Endowment fund

This is used to hold the income generated from our permanent endowments. Use of this income is unrestricted.

Reserves

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance of unrestricted reserves which are available to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time and to ensure that we can continue to honour commitments to staff and necessary church running costs. Although the current reserves level is higher than this, the PCC is aware that given the expected major maintenance cost, increased fuel charges, inflation etc having a higher reserves level is a very helpful as a safeguard to ensure we can continue our activities even when income is reduced.

Income

2 INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS				Unrestricted	Restricted Funds			TOTAL	TOTAL
				funds	Friends	Food Friend	Total	2024	2023
				£	£	£	£	£	£
2 (a)	Voluntary income								
	Planned giving:	Gift Aid donations		80,779	-	2,720	2,720	83,499	72,387
		Tax recoverable		21,934	-	689	689	22,623	20,894
		Other planned donations		12,059	1,599	262	1,861	13,920	11,959
	Collections			7,085	-	-	-	7,085	9,505
	Donations, appeals, etc			7,477	10	845	855	8,332	8,003
	Bequests and Legacies			31,000	-	-	-	31,000	-
				160,334	1,609	4,516	6,125	166,459	122,748
2 (b)	Charitable activities								
	Service Fees received			3,969	-	-	-	3,969	17,807
	Ticketed concerts			-	-	-	-		1,983
				3,969	-	-	-	3,969	19,790
2 (c)	Other Trading activities								
	Parish Magazine adverts			1,252	-	-	-	1,252	600
	Fundraising income			-	1,971	-	1,971	1,971	1,668
	Church Hire			1,160	-	-	-	1,160	1,385
	Halls hire			63,928	-	-	-	63,928	56,688
				66,340	1,971	-	1,971	68,311	60,341
2 (d)	Income from investments								
	Dividends on COIF fund			35	-	-	-	35	35
	Bank deposit interest			11,170	-	-	-	11,170	4,134
				11,205	-	-	-	11,205	# 4,169
	Total Income			241,848	3,580	4,516	8,096	249,944	# 207,048

Expenditure

EXPENDITURE				Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds			TOTAL 2024	Total 2023
					Friends	Food Friend	Total		
				£	£	£	£	£	£
3(a)	Costs of raising funds								
	Costs of fundraising activities			-	1,487	-	1,487	1,487	1,920
3(b)	Church activities								
	Mission giving and donations			119	-	7,468	7,468	7,587	5,172
	Diocesan parish share contribution			89,706	-	-	-	89,706	85,485
	Salaries, wages and honoraria			12,554	-	9,415	9,415	21,969	21,251
	Clergy and staff expenses			6,453	-	43	43	6,496	8,443
	Churches' running expenses			46,050	-	-	-	46,050	49,143
	Church Halls' running expenses			26,400	-	-	-	26,400	19,676
				181,282	-	16,926	16,926	198,208	189,170
3(c)	Material items of expense								
	Major repairs to the church buildings			-	-	-	-	-	-
	Major repairs to church halls/other			-	-	-	-	-	-
	PCC property including redecoration			-	-	-	-	-	-
	New building work to the churches, church halls, clergy housing or other PCC property			-	-	-	-	-	-
				-	-	-	-	-	-
3 (d)	Other expenditure								
	Service fees								8,638
	Other payments/expenditure not already listed			215	-	-	-	215	215
	TOTAL COSTS			181,497	1,487	16,926	18,413	199,910	199,943
	NET INCOME before investment gains			60,351	2,093	(12,410)	(10,317)	50,034	7,105

Staff Costs

In 2024 the PCC employed two people on a part-time permanent basis (versus one in 2023). No analysis of Gross Pay, Pension Contributions or National Insurance costs are presented as this represents sensitive information, given the low number of employees.

Fixed Assets

5 FIXED ASSETS										
			<u>Freehold land & buildings</u>			<u>Furniture & Office equipment</u>			<u>Grand</u>	
5 (a)	TANGIBLE		St Bart's	St Anne's	Total	St Bart's	St Anne's	Total	<u>Total</u>	
	Cost or valuation	At 1 January 2024	425,000	93,549	518,549	47,045	10,000	57,045	575,594	
		Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Additions at cost	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		At 31 December 2024	425,000	93,549	518,549	47,045	10,000	57,045	575,594	
	Depreciation	At 1 January 2024	-	-	-	43,825	10,000	53,825	53,825	
		Withdrawn on disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Charge for the year	-	-	-	215	-	215	215	
		At 31 December 2024	-	-	-	44,040	10,000	54,040	54,040	
	Net Book Value	At 1 January 2024	425,000	93,549	518,549	3,220	-	3,220	521,769	
		At 31 December 2024	425,000	93,549	518,549	3,005	-	3,005	521,554	
Freehold Land and Buildings are held by the Diocese of Chester on behalf of the parish as a custodian trustee.										

The Freehold land and buildings are for the church halls at the two churches. The gross book value of these properties is based on the insurance valuation at 1 January 1998.

5 (b)	<u>INVESTMENT ASSETS</u>	
COIF	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
At 1 January 2024	1,288	1,180
Disposals		
Additions at cost	-	-
Gain/loss on revaluation in year	31	108
At 31 December 2024	1,319	1,288
COIF - COIF Charities Investment Fund - 65 income shares		

The charity owns 65 shares in the Charities Investment Fund. The shares are revalued to market value at each year end. Our stock market investments were bequeathed to us. They are permanent endowments and we benefit from annual income while showing the value of the investment in the balance sheet. These investments are managed on our behalf by the Churches, Charities and Local Authorities (CCLA) Investment Management Limited as part of the COIF (Charities Investment Fund). They report realised income and gains or losses annually.

Current Assets

6	CURRENT ASSETS				Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds			Total 2024	Total 2023
					£	Friends £	Food Friend £	Total £	£	£
6 (a)	Debtors									
		Tax recoverable			7,169	165	330	495	7,664	6,963
		Other Income accrued			2,729	-	-	-	2,729	1,470
		Other Costs prepaid			1,039	-	-	-	1,039	1,050
					10,937	165	330	495	11,432	9,483
6 (b)	Short-term deposits and Cash at Bank									
		Deposit accounts - United Trust Bank			87,844	-	-	-	87,844	84,210
		Hampshire Bank			87,797	-	-	-	87,797	84,656
		The Kingdom Bank			76,211	-	-	-	76,211	73,939
		Bank accounts - Natwest			151,773	19,803	14,427	34,230	186,003	148,842
		Paypal			102	-	-	-	102	182
		Cash in hand			-	-	72	72	72	72
					403,727	19,803	14,499	34,302	438,029	392,210
	Total Current assets				414,664	19,968	14,829	34,797	449,461	401,693

Current Liabilities

[illegible]

Summary of Fund Movements

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Endowment funds

The PCC holds permanent unrestricted endowments, which are:

- St Barts Parish Hall. This endowment was set up on the introduction of the SORP in 2016 to record the value of the Hall. The income and expenditure arising from operating the hall are shown as unrestricted.
- St Annes Hall. This endowment was set up on the introduction of the SORP in 2016 to record the value of the Hall. The income and expenditure arising from operating the hall are shown as unrestricted.
- Gifts to the Church in the form of investments. There is no restriction on the use of the funds so any income arising is unrestricted.

Designated Funds

The PCC created a Music Scholarship, and at one time funded a music scholar, though the post has been vacant for some time. There is no immediate ambition to refill this post, and so the designated fund is currently closed. Should the PCC decide to make an appointment in future a new designated fund can be created.

Restricted funds

1. The 'Friends of the Parish of Wilmslow' (the Friends) operates as a special trust within the PCC under the terms of its Constitution. It was set up to raise funds to pay for the necessary projects of restoration, preservation, maintenance and repair of Church buildings, their fittings, furniture and ornaments.
2. Food Friend is a PCC project with the objective of alleviating food poverty in the Parish. It accepts donations of money and goods to provide food parcels to needy parishioners. The value of gifts and stocks of donated goods is not included in these accounts.

Related Parties and Trustees

The Trustees of the PCC are involved in other local community organisations which may have transactions with the PCC. These transactions are conducted at "arms length".

In 2024 a number of payments were made to Trustees, in all cases to reimburse payments made from personal accounts on PCC business, and in all cases properly authorised and supported by receipts.

5. Structure, Governance and Management

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Parish Church Council Membership

Patrick Tyrrell (Chair), Teresa Allinson, Geoffrey Barton, Julian Bowker, Nicky Cathery, Isobel Chetwood, Ann Hodson, Val Hollis, Jon Horne, Martin Kinsey, Georgina Lewis, Caroline Lucas, Heather Martin, Ray Oates, Angela Philpott, Oliver Ramsden, Diana Smith, Patrick Tyrrell, Andy Watts, Jackie Watts, Roger Yates, Wendy Yates, Revd Eddie Roberts (ex-officio)

Those who complete their term of office in April 2025:- Julian Bowker, Jon Horne, Martin Kinsey

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Independent Examiner

Ian Smallwood

Accounts



APCM Report 2024

(Period Ending 31st December 2023)

Two worshipping communities

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WILMSLOW PARISH
St. Bartholomew's, Wilmslow **St. Anne's, Fulshaw**
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
Sunday 14th April 2024 at 11.30am
St Bartholomew's Church

Agenda for the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (Vestry Meeting)

1. Welcome and introduction
2. Appointment of clerk to the meeting
3. Apologies for absence
4. Minutes of the 2023 Meeting of Parishioners: (a) approval (b) matters arising
5. Election of church wardens

Annual Meeting Friends of the Parish

Agenda for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

1. Introduction
2. Minutes of APCM 2023 and matters arising
3. Annual Report for the year ended December 2023
 - a. Electoral Roll Officer's Report
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5. Elections and appointments
 - a. Overview of policy and procedure for elections/membership
 - b. Deanery synod election
 - c. Parochial Church Council elections
 - d. Appointment of Independent Examiner
6. Rector's Report – Q&As - invited in advance preferably but can be taken on the day
7. Any other business – need to be submitted in advance

Aims and Purposes

Wilmslow Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Eddie Roberts, in promoting the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the four Wilmslow Parish church buildings: St Bartholomew's Church, St Anne's Church, the Parish Hall and St Anne's Church Hall.

Objectives and Activities

The general functions of the PCC are stated with Section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

During 2023 Wilmslow Parish continued to pursue the five marks of mission in line with Chester Diocesan policy:

1. *To proclaim the good news of the Kingdom*
2. *To teach, baptise and nurture new believers*
3. *To respond to human need by loving service*
4. *To seek to transform unjust structures of society*
5. *To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and to sustain the life on earth.*

The PCC adopted a different way of expressing those aims in 2023.

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In providing leadership to Wilmslow Parish, the incumbent and PCC give consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance to charities concerned with the advancement of religion.

The activities of the PCC are outlined in the report on pages 15-16

It is difficult to estimate the total volunteering time offered by many members of Wilmslow Parish but it amounts to well in excess of 150 hours in a typical month. We are grateful to all who do so much to contribute to the life of the church: the Churchwardens, PCC Secretary and Treasurer, the Friend so the Parish and Food Friend; those who help lead services, carry out children's work, play music, do readings, intercessions, flowers, lay assist, act as sidespeople, count the money, garden, clean and provide welcome, hospitality and church sitting – and much more besides.

Achievements and Performance

See all additional reports

Finance, Giving and Fundraising

These continue to be challenging as our expenditure commitments continue to increase and prices for goods and services rise, with no comparable increase in the size of the membership or the income of the church. Regular giving enables us to meet our obligation to pay the parish share, and covers many of our other costs. The annual accounts have been approved by the PCC and are attached for your inspection.

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Caroline Lucas

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Barbara Foster (*To August 2022*)

Angela Philpott (*From September 2022*)

2 Vacancies until April 2023

Membership

Ex-Officio

Rev Eddie Roberts

Jackie Watts Caroline Lucas

Isobel Chetwood Angela Philpott

Elected members

Complete term of office in April 2024

Angela Philpott Ray Oates Phil Gaskell Ann Hodson

Complete term of office in April 2025

Julian Bowker (Treasurer) Jon Horne Martin Kinsey

Complete term of office in April 2026

Diana Smith Georgina Lewis Wendy Yates Nicky Cathery

Geoffrey Barton Heather Martin Oliver Ramsden

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Bankers NatWest Bank, Wilmslow, Cheshire

Independent Examiner: Patrick Tyrrell

Approved by the PCC:

and signed on their behalf by Jackie Watts Churchwarden

WILMSLOW PARISH

St Anne's, Fulshaw and St Bartholomew's, Wilmslow

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING SUNDAY 24TH MAY 2023 AT 12.30 pm St Bartholomew's Parish Church

Present: Eddie Roberts, Roger Yates, Georgina Watmore, Val Hollis, Jackie Watts, Caroline Lucas, Isobel Chetwood, Phil Gaskell, Wendy Yates, Julian and Penny Bowker, Heather and Stuart Martin, Barbara Foster, Rod and Janet Franks, Flo Knowles, Martin Kinsey, Pamela Mellor, Georgina Lewis, Sue Bell, Ray Oates, Sheena Hatton, Grace Reed, David Robinson, Chris Stubbs, Marion and Sandy Nellies, Chris Read, Bob and Audrey Taylor, June Cooper, Shirley Baulkwill, Barbara Leader, Elaine Walker, Stephanie Byars, Oliver and Clare Ramsden, Geoffrey Barton, David Beton, Anne Aspinall, Susan Cooper, Eileen Macauley, Tim Harvey, Andy Watts, Ann Hodson, Lorraine Smith and Jean Davy.

Apologies: Yvonne Warren, Patrick Tyrrell, Jean Parker, Diana and Richard Smith, Jon and Lynda Horne, Sheila Barton, Ann and Alan Brown and Alison Gosling.

Annual Meeting of Parishioners (Vestry Meeting):

1. Eddie welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened with prayer.
2. Clerk for the meeting: Isobel Chetwood was appointed.
3. Minutes of the last Vestry Meeting: The minutes were accepted as a true record.
4. Matters arising: None.
5. Election of Churchwardens:

There were 2 nominations; Caroline Lucas and Jackie Watts and they were both therefore duly appointed.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM):

1. Eddie welcomed everyone to the APCM for all those on the electoral roll.

Jackie was pleased to take the opportunity of thanking Roger Yates, Georgina Lewis and Val Hollis for their wonderful support during the interregnum. She presented a gift to each of them. Eddie stressed that we look forward to their continued presence and support.

2. The minutes of the APCM 2022 were noted. The minutes were approved as a correct record.

Proposed: Phil Gaskell **Seconded:** Ann Hodson

Agreed unanimously, none against and no abstentions

3. Annual Report for the year ended December 2022:

a) Electoral Roll Officer's Report

There are 216 on the Electoral Roll of which 59 live outside the Parish. 10 were added and 6 have been removed (4 of which are deceased and 2 have left the area).

b) PCC Report (and church life reports)

The Reports were accepted and there were no questions or comments.

c) Financial Report for the year ended 31st December 2022

The Financial Report was noted and accepted. Julian advised that he is hopeful next year will be favourable. Eddie said that he had examined the accounts prior to his appointment and noted that we were "trading" at a loss with expenditure in excess of income in the region of £15K-£30K. We are fortunate to have significant reserves so have been able to balance the books however he feels stewardship does need to be looked at.

d) Buildings and Fabric Report

We are fortunate to have beautiful buildings in a good state of repair. Susan Cooper said there had been 25 visitors on Saturday many of whom had commented on how lovely St Bart's is.

e) Diocesan and Deanery Synod Reports

The report was noted. There were no questions or comments.

Acceptance of all reports:

Proposed: Phil Gaskell ***Seconded:*** Julian Bowker

Agreed unanimously, none against and no abstentions

4. Safeguarding Policy Statement and Report

The Safeguarding Report was noted. Eddie emphasised that safeguarding is a central part of the church as we follow Jesus the Good Shepherd. He encouraged parishioners to look at the further information on <https://www.churchofengland.org/media/11842> and if anyone has any concerns at all they should make them known.

Acceptance of Safeguarding Policy:

Proposed: Jackie Watts ***Seconded:*** Caroline Lucas

Agreed unanimously, none against and no abstentions

5. Incumbent's Address:

As Eddie has only been in the parish for 3 weeks and the APCM covers the period before his arrival, he did not provide an address however he asked church members to consider 3 topics under the headings *Hope, Fear* and *Dreams* for the parish. It was clear that the priority is to grow a younger church and Eddie explained that this is the PCC's job description. Members wish to encourage diversity and outreach. Finances are of course of concern and interestingly Clare Ramsden said that in Uganda she had noticed that people who have very little are happy to give joyfully. Eddie had been attracted to the post in Wilmslow because of challenges it presented and said his first 3 weeks had been "fantastic."

6. Elections and Appointments

a) Deanery Synod Election

There were 2 nominations received for the next 3 years. Isobel Chetwood and Angela Philpott were duly appointed. There are therefore 2 vacancies and Isobel encouraged members to think about stepping forward. After the meeting Anne Aspinall agreed to fill one of the vacancies.

b) Parochial Church Council Elections (15 members)

Grace Reed has stepped down. The following members were elected to serve for the next 3 years: -

Georgina Lewis, Wendy Yates, Diana Smith, Nicky Cathery, Heather Martin, Geoffrey Barton and Oliver Ramsden.

Ex-Officio Members – Eddie Roberts, Jackie Watts, Caroline Lucas, Isobel Chetwood Angela Philpott and Anne Aspinall.

Flo Knowles is due to be licensed as a Lay Pastoral Worker in the autumn and also has a paid role and so Eddie has suggested that she takes a break from the PCC. Roger, Val and Georgina are PTOs (Ministers with Permission to Officiate) and as such are not elected onto the PCC. They can however be invited to be co-opted by the PCC so this will be taken forward at the first meeting.

c) Appointment of Independent Examiner

Patrick Tyrrell is willing to stand as the independent examiner for 2023.

Proposed: Martin Kinsey **Seconded:** Phil Gaskell.

Agreed unanimously, none against and no abstentions

7. Any other business

There were no further items for discussion and the meeting closed with the Grace.

3a Electoral Roll Officer's Report

There are currently **219** on the Electoral Roll of which **63** live outside the Parish.

10 were added

7 have been removed

(5 of which are deceased, and 2 have left)

Please notify me of any alterations to your current details which may occur during the year.

Please continue to encourage any new regular members of the congregation to join the Electoral Roll so that they can be eligible to vote and be members of the PCC and Sidespersons.

Jill Dodson

Electoral Roll Officer

3b PROCEEDINGS OF THE PCC 2023

The PCC met 9 times during 2023. Eddie Roberts was invited to attend the March meeting before his induction on 23rd April. The churchwardens assumed overall responsibility for the parish during the interregnum, supported by 2 representatives Diana Smith and Nicky Cathery. Following Eddie's appointment at the end of 2022 we looked forward very much to him joining us in April. We were very grateful to Roger, Val and Georgina for their support during the interregnum.

Safeguarding remained a standing item on the PCC Agenda. The Diocese safeguarding portal changed, all members updated their profiles and completed the necessary training modules. Following the APCM in April the newly elected PCC members undertook the mandatory training and DBS check were completed. As a matter of good practice Food Friend helpers were encouraged to undertake the basis training. The Safeguarding action plan was progressed and the lone worker policy adopted, subject to regular review.

The worship patterns were discussed at the meetings. Ash Wednesday, Mothering Sunday and the Easter services were covered by Roger and Val. Eddie settled into the parish very quickly and was greatly encouraged by the warm welcome extended to him and his family. He is keen that his "job description" should come out of the parish profile and during the year the PCC supported the development of worship with greater use of the screens in both churches. The hymn books, communion prayer booklet and paper copies of the service complemented the on-screen version so parishioners can follow the service according to their preference. The PCC approved the purchase of additional screens for both churches and this work is ongoing. Since his arrival there has been a strong sense that there is a joyful atmosphere in both churches, a greater footfall generally and a return of those people who had drifted away. Attendance at both churches remained strong, even during August. Feedback was mainly positive although Eddie is sensitive to the fact that inter-generational worship will not be to everyone's taste and he is keen to develop a pattern that connects with people of all ages. He stressed that traditional hymns will always be included in our worship. Choral Evensong has been well supported and midweek services were reinstated at both churches each week linking with other activities (Food Friend and the Connect groups). The prayer list was re-designed with prompts and individual requests being refreshed every month or so. The PCC agreed to support the costs of developing the children's area and buying resources to make this a welcoming space.

The Bible Course started in October with a good attendance. The success of this will be built on with regular courses in 2024; Lent - Peter Grieg's book *God on Mute – Engaging the Silence of Unanswered Prayer* and after Easter moving to *Jesus Shaped People*.

The congregation were able to join in the splendour of the King's Coronation as TV licensing rules relaxed enabled the service to be screened in full. A special CofE liturgy for the Sunday Service was used and prayer booklets were available to cover the period from Easter Monday until Coronation Day.

The PCC approved various fabric matters during the year. The Fabric Committee continued to meet regularly to consider any issues with both churches, the halls and the grounds. The gardening team carried out topsoil testing and problems with the sound system in St Bart's were noted. There had been some complaints about the cleanliness of the parish hall which were addressed. Jon organised the Second Saturday Squad with the first meeting on 8th July managing a list of maintenance jobs for all buildings and grounds. The boilers were serviced and ongoing monitoring of their performance noted. There was discussion about the storage and insurance for the silverware as the bank indicated they will no longer keep these for us. Tree surveys were carried out in both churches, risk assessments done and plans for remedial work outlined. The memorial stone was cleaned and a new application form drawn up with the pricing structure amended to include the ongoing costs of cleaning. There was agreement to purchase a new lawnmower. A new boiler was installed in the Parish Hall.

The Finance Report was presented and reviewed at each meeting. The Parish Share was noted, the insurance costs and the DBF fees approved for 2023. The year end accounts were approved by the PCC to go forward to the APCM. The PCC approved the changes to bank signatories and the Finance Committee welcomed Andy Watts.

The HR contract with SAS Daniels was terminated in January 2023 and recruitment to the vacant office admin post put on hold until Eddie joined us to enable the scope of the job to be established. ChurchSuite, Share Point and Circle Loop were demonstrated and there was agreement to purchase these IT systems. There was discussion about the best and most cost effective way of covering the admin and church administration roles and a job description was drawn up. It was agreed to offer Flo a 12 month fixed term contract as Communications and Support Officer which she accepted. Thanks were expressed to Jackie and Isobel for their hard work in the office and to Caroline for her ongoing practical support since Helen left. All members received training on ChurchSuite which has now become embedded in our church administration function. There was a PCC strategy meeting on 5th August which was well supported and our minds were clearly focused on the important job of future planning by the provision of bacon and sausage sandwiches!

The Friends of the Parish fundraising and social events were noted. It was agreed to have a flag flown all the time at St Bart's.

Weddings, baptisms and funerals were covered by Roger, Georgina and Val until Eddie's arrival. It was noted that in the early part of his ministry there were a large number of baptisms. The PCC fully supported the proposal to ensure that the church is as child friendly as possible for the first important step in a journey. Flo, Caroline and Angela are part of the team welcoming families to baptism. The number of funerals slowed down from the initial number. A new information pack was developed for weddings and enquiries continued during the year.

Food Friend was open regularly with revised opening times running alongside Saturday morning coffee and midweek worship at St Bart's. There were a growing number of clients including Ukrainians and the warm space continued to attract visitors throughout the winter months. A full review of FF was planned and it was hoped this would result in connections with other agencies.

Flo completed her Lay Pastoral Worker Training and we were delighted to celebrate her licensing on 7th October with a Harvest Thanksgiving service and supper.

It was pleasing to note the progress of St Anne's School. The PCC approved the purchase of 25 Bibles for Year 6 pupils. There were a number of school carol services in December and strengthening of relationships with other local schools.

The minutes from Churches Together in Wilmslow meetings were noted and joint activities such as the Lent lunches and the Harvest Appeal had all gone well. Ian Smart was welcomed as the new minister at the Methodist Church and we said a fond farewell to Kirsty Thorpe who retired from the URC.

Eddie, in his first year with our PCC, has encouraged members into a conversation where we rethink ministry and mission together in a very collaborative way. He has been keen to remind us of the job description we gave him in the Parish Profile, to imagine the steps which might be required to grow out congregations younger to see ourselves as agents of change as well as stewards of all that God has given us.

Isobel Chetwood PCC Secretary

3c Financial Review for 2023

The consolidated Parish accounts are presented on the “accruals” basis.

Unrestricted Funds.

Income.

Total unrestricted income was £198,768, a 3% increase from the £192,478 in 2022, despite the earlier year having had the benefit of a one-off donation of £18,750. The main reason why income held up so well was a big increase in Parish Hall bookings (up by £13,455).

The total unrestricted income included some £79,190 from planned voluntary donations through standing orders and envelopes - more or less unchanged from the equivalent figure for 2022. A further £20,169 was obtained from Gift Aid.

Expenditure

Unrestricted costs decreased from £184,511 to £180,349.

This was largely due to the absence of an Administration Manager for the first part of the year, and to the departure of the curate and the Parish Hall caretaker part-way through 2022, neither of who were replaced. Maintenance costs were reduced by an offset of £5,080 – being a donation received from The Friends of the Parish in respect of the redecorating of the exterior of St Anne’s Church in 2022.

The bulk of the £180,349 cost (i.e. £179,287) was spent on Christian ministry, including the contribution to the diocesan parish share of £85,485, which largely provides stipends and housing for the clergy.

As at 31st December 2023 the Parish only had one full-time employee.

Restricted funds.

Grants and donations of £8,280 were received, of which £4,837 related to our Food Friend food bank, and £3,443 related to the activities of the Friends of the Parish (who raise funds for the maintenance of the church buildings, halls and fittings). Expenditure of £19,594 was incurred by these funds, including the £5,080 provided by The Friends for redecorating, mentioned above.

Overall position.

The net movement on Unrestricted Funds was a surplus of £18,419, and on Restricted Funds there was a deficit of £11,314. Taken with a small investment gain of £108, the total fund balances increased to £917,179, of which £352,229 is Unrestricted.

Reserves Policy

The PCC retained £242,805 of its excess cash balances in short-term deposits of up to a year’s duration. These are reviewed on an annual basis.

Parochial Church Council of St. Bartholomew's, Wilmslow

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ending 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Voluntary income	2 (a)	114,790	6,726	-	121,516	141,694
Activities for generating funds	2 (b)	2,696	1,554	-	4,250	5,591
Income from investments	2 (c)	4,170	-	-	4,170	2,526
Church activities	2 (d)	77,112	-	-	77,112	62,588
TOTAL INCOME		198,768	8,280	-	207,048	212,399
EXPENDITURE						
Costs of generating funds	3(a)	847	1,074	-	1,921	1,145
Church activities	3(b)	106,683	13,170	-	119,853	120,213
Church expenses	3 c)	72,604	5,350	-	77,954	82,995
Major capital expenditure	3(d)	-	-	-	-	-
Other expenditure	3 e)	215	-	-	215	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		180,349	19,594	-	199,943	204,352
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS		18,419	(11,314)	-	7,105	8,047
NET GAINS ON INVESTMENTS		-	-	108	108	63
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		18,419	(11,314)	108	7,213	8,110
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS		-	-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		18,419	(11,314)	108	7,213	8,110
Total funds brought forward	8	333,810	56,427	519,728	909,966	901,856
Total Funds carried forward		352,229	45,113	519,836	917,179	909,966

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

		<u>Endowment</u> <u>Reserve</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>			<u>Total</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2022</u>
	Note		£	Friends £	Food Friend £	Total £	£	£
FIXED ASSETS								
Tangible	5 (a)	518,549	3,220	-	-	-	521,769	521,984
Investments	5 (b)	1,288	-	-	-	-	1,288	1,180
		519,837	3,220	-	-	-	523,057	523,164
CURRENT ASSETS								
Stock		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors and prepayments	6 (a)	-	9,121	165	197	362	9,483	10,524
Short-term deposits	6 (b)	-	242,805	-	-	-	242,805	239,270
Cash at bank and in hand	6 (b)	-	104,653	17,710	27,041	44,751	149,404	147,112
		-	356,580	17,875	27,238	45,113	401,693	396,906
LIABILITIES								
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	7	-	7,571	-	-	-	7,571	10,105
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		-	349,009	17,875	27,238	45,113	394,122	386,802
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		519,837	352,229	17,875	27,238	45,113	917,179	909,966
Creditors - amounts falling due after one year		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL NET ASSETS		519,837	352,229	17,875	27,238	45,113	917,179	909,966
PARISH FUNDS								
Endowment reserve	8	519,837	-	-	-	-	519,837	519,729
Unrestricted	8	-	348,608	-	-	-	348,608	330,188
Designated [Music scholarship]	8	-	3,621	-	-	-	3,621	3,621
Restricted [Friends & Food Friend]	8	-	-	17,875	27,238	45,113	45,113	56,427
		519,837	352,229	17,875	27,238	45,113	917,179	909,966

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on and signed on its behalf by:

Mrs. C. Lucas

(Churchwarden)

The notes numbered 2 to 8 form part of these accounts.

Parochial Church Council of St. Bartholomew's, Wilmslow

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Parochial Church Council of St Bartholomew's, Wilmslow (PCC) is a public benefit entity within the meaning of Financial Reporting Standard 102. The Financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church of England Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions. As with last year, they have been prepared under FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by the Charities (SORP(FRS102)).

ASSETS

Consecrated and benefice property

In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of "charity" by Section 10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011 such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements.

Moveable church furnishings

Insufficient cost information is available to capitalise these assets, but, in any case, all items are included in the Church's inventory. The policy for future purchases is to capitalise them at cost and depreciate them over their useful economic life.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity

There are two Anglican churches within the Parish: the Parish Church of St. Bartholomew's and the daughter church of St Anne's. In accordance with church legislation, the PCC is responsible for the upkeep of these buildings but does not own them. Accordingly, these church buildings are not included in these financial statements. The PCC does own the Parish Hall and St Anne's Hall and these are shown under Fixed Assets in the Accounts.

Apart from these buildings, tangible fixed assets have historically been written off in the year of purchase. The policy for the future is to capitalise them if they can be used for more than one year, and cost in excess of £1,000. They will be valued at cost or else, for gifts-in-kind, at a reasonable estimate of their open market value on receipt. Depreciation will be calculated to write off the capitalised cost of fixed assets (less their currently anticipated residual fair value) over their estimated useful lives as follows:

- Land Nil
- Fixtures and fittings 20 years
- Computers 3 years.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange or whose value derives from them are valued at market value at the year end.

Short term deposits

These are the cash held in various deposit accounts and at the bank.

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FUNDS

Restricted Funds

These are income funds that can only be spent on the restricted purposes for which they were raised: the £27,238 held by "Food Friend" can only be used for local food relief, and the £17,876 held by "Friends" can only be used for the replacement or refurbishment of Wilmslow PCC property.

Unrestricted Funds

These represent the remaining income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC

2 INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

		Unrestricted	Restricted Funds			TOTAL	TOTAL
		funds	Friends	Food Friend	Total	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£	£	£
2 (a)	Voluntary income						
	Planned giving:						
	Gift Aid donations	69,487	-	2,900	2,900	72,387	73,848
	Tax recoverable	20,169	-	725	725	20,894	20,771
	Other planned donations	9,703	1,744	512	2,256	11,959	12,081
	Collections	9,605	-	-	-	9,605	7,015
	Gift Days	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Donations, appeals, etc	5,826	145	700	845	6,671	25,380
	Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	2,600
		114,790	1,889	4,837	6,726	121,516	141,694
2 (b)	Activities for generating funds						
	Parish magazine (advertising)	600	-	-	-	600	1,971
	Fundraising	2,096	1,554	-	1,554	3,650	3,620
		2,696	1,554	-	1,554	4,250	5,591
2 (c)	Income from investments						
	Dividends on COIF fund	35	-	-	-	35	35
	Bank deposit interest	4,134	-	-	-	4,134	2,491
		4,170	-	-	-	4,170	2,526
2 (d)	Income from church activities						
	Fees from weddings and funerals	17,807	-	-	-	17,807	17,913
	Church Halls lettings	56,688	-	-	-	56,688	42,820
	Church Hire	1,385	-	-	-	1,385	670
	Bookstall	-	-	-	-	-	104
	Parish magazine (sales)	1,232	-	-	-	1,232	1,082
		77,112	-	-	-	77,112	62,588
	Total Income	198,768	3,443	4,837	8,280	207,048	212,399

EXPENDITURE		Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds			TOTAL	Total
		£	Friends £	Food Friend £	Total £	2023 £	2022 £
3(a)	Costs of generating funds						
	Costs of fundraising activities	847	1,074	-	1,074	1,921	1,145
3(b)	Church activities						
	Mission giving and donations	-	-	5,172	5,172	5,172	1,943
	Diocesan parish share contribution	85,485	-	-	-	85,485	82,996
	Salaries, wages and honoraria	13,099	-	7,999	7,999	21,098	26,426
	Clergy and staff expenses	8,099	-	-	-	8,099	8,847
		106,683	1,074	13,171	13,170	119,853	120,212
3(c)	Church expenses						
	Mission and evangelism costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Service fees payable	8,638	-	-	-	8,638	8,543
	Church running expenses (incl governance)	30,573	5,241	109	5,350	35,923	44,015
	Church utility bills	13,717	-	-	-	13,717	9,199
	Costs of trading	19,676	-	-	-	19,676	21,238
		72,604	5,241	109	5,350	77,954	82,995
3(d)	Major capital expenditure						
	Major repairs to the church buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Major repairs to church halls/other	-	-	-	-	-	-
	PCC property including redecoration	-	-	-	-	-	-
	New building work to the churches, church ha	-	-	-	-	-	-
	clergy housing or other PCC property	-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-
3(e)	Other expenditure						
	Other payments/expenditure not already liste	215	-	-	-	215	-
TOTAL COSTS		180,349	6,315	13,279	19,594	199,943	204,352
NET INCOME		18,419	(2,872)	(8,442)	(11,314)	7,105	8,047

STAFF COSTS

In 2023 the PCC employed one person on a part-time permanent basis (3 in 2022), and also a number of occasional organists and a choir leader, who were paid according to the number of services and practices they officiated at.

The remuneration of the above permanent employees can be analysed as follows –

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gross Pay	11101	20510
Employer Pension Contributions	725	618
National Insurance contributions	NIL	NIL
Totals	<u>11826</u>	<u>21128</u>
These costs are allocated to the following funds –		
Unrestricted funds	3827	13113
Restricted fund (Food Friend)	7999	8015
Totals	<u>11826</u>	<u>21128</u>

5 FIXED ASSETS

5 (a) TANGIBLE	Freehold land & buildings			Furniture & Office equipment			Grand <u>Total</u> £
	St Bart's £	St Anne's £	Total £	St Bart's £	St Anne's £	Total £	
Cost or At 1 January 2023	425,000	93,549	518,549	47,045	10,000	57,045	575,594
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Additions at cost	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
At 31 December 2023	<u>425,000</u>	<u>93,549</u>	<u>518,549</u>	<u>47,045</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>57,045</u>	<u>575,594</u>
Deprec At 1 January 2023	0	0	0	43,610	10,000	53,610	53,610
Withdrawn on disposals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Charge for the year	0	0	0	215	0	215	215
At 31 December 2023	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>43,825</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>53,825</u>	<u>53,825</u>
Net Book At 1 January 2023	425,000	93,549	518,549	3,435	0	3,435	521,984
At 31 December 2023	425,000	93,549	518,549	3,220	0	3,220	521,769

Freehold Land and Buildings are held by the Diocese of Chester on behalf of the parish as a custodian trustee.

INVESTMENT ASSETS

	<u>COIF *</u>
	£
Valuation at 1 January 2023	1,180
Disposals	
Additions at cost	-
Gain/loss on revaluation in year	108
Valuation at 31 December 2023	<u>1,288</u>

* COIF = COIF Charities Investment Fund - 65 income shares

6 CURRENT ASSETS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds			Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	Friends	Food Friend	Total	£	£
6 (a) Debtors		£	£	£		
Tax recoverable	6,601	165	197	362	6,963	5,788
Insurance premiums paid in advance	0			0	0	1,087
Other Income accrued	1,470			0	1,470	2,575
Other Costs prepaid	1,050			0	1,050	1,074
	<u>9,121</u>	<u>165</u>	<u>197</u>	<u>362</u>	<u>9,483</u>	<u>10,524</u>
6 (b) Short-term deposits and Cash at Bank						
Deposit accounts						
United Trust Bank	84,210			0	84,210	83,459
Hampshire Bank	84,656			0	84,656	83,817
The Kingdom Bank	73,939			0	73,939	71,993
Teachers' Bulilding Society	0			0	0	0
Bank accounts -						
Natwest	104,471	17,710	26,661	44,371	148,843	146,543
Paypal	182			0	182	262
Cash in hand	0		380	380	380	307
	<u>347,458</u>	<u>17,710</u>	<u>27,041</u>	<u>44,751</u>	<u>392,210</u>	<u>386,382</u>
Total Current assets	<u>356,580</u>	<u>17,875</u>	<u>27,239</u>	<u>45,113</u>	<u>401,693</u>	<u>396,906</u>

7 CURRENT LIABILITIES

	Total	Restricted Funds			Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	Friends	Food Friend	Total	£	£
7 Creditors						
Costs accrued	7,571			0	7,571	3,461
	<u>7,571</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,571</u>	<u>3,461</u>

8 SUMMARY OF FUND MOVEMENTS

	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	St Bart's & St Anne's Land & Buildings and Investments		Music scholarship	Friends & Food Friend	
	£	£	£	£	£
Balance at 1 January 2023	519,729	330,189	3,621	56,427	909,966
Incoming resources	0	198,768		8,280	207,048
Resources expended		(180,349)		(19,594)	(199,943)
Investment gains	108				108
Balance at 31 December 2023	519,837	348,608	3,621	45,113	917,179

SUMMARY OF ASSETS BY FUND

	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	518,549	3,220			521,769
Investment fixed assets	1,288	0			1,288
Current assets	0	352,959	3,621	45,113	401,693
Current Liabilities	0	(7,571)		0	(7,571)
Totals at 31 December 2023	519,837	348,608	3,621	45,113	917,179

Parochial Church Council of St. Bartholomew's, Wilmslow
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under the Charities Act 2011, s.144(2) (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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



Patrick Tyrrell FRSA FCMA
"Craigmore"
35 Handforth Road
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 2LX

28th March 2024

3e Diocesan and Deanery Synods Report

Diocesan Synod

There were 3 Diocesan Synod Meetings in 2023 in March, June and November. The March meeting noted the challenge of reaching carbon net zero. Nick Rank has retired from his architectural practice and has a new role with the DAC. The new role of Diocesan Safeguarding Officer was noted. +Mark gave an update on *Living in Love and Faith* (LLF) and +Julie the safeguarding update. There are 2.5 new safeguarding posts. The review of the admission to children to communion before confirmation was noted and agreement that this fosters discipleship and encourages families. The lower age limit of 8 in the original guidelines has been removed. The formal process for accepting children must be followed. +Mark reported on the progress of the Vision Process. The Vision cafés had gone well and the results are being collated. At the June meeting congratulations were offered to Ian Bishop following his appointment as Bishop of Thetford. The main business was for the synod to agree the Diocesan Vision following the *Casting the Net Wide* consultation process. +Mark encouraged PCCs to discuss 4 key questions; Is this a step of faith? Is this locally transformative? Where is the hope or joy? What might we imagine together? The overarching question should be ***Does this make a difference to the 1.5 million?*** The November meeting covered progress of the Diocesan Vision and the thorny issues of LLF. The annual budget was noted. There was an update on net zero and the next steps to be taken as the consultation process is complete. A small development team will draw up a strategy to be taken forward.

Deanery Synod

There were 2 Deanery Synod Meetings in March and November. At the meeting in March it was readily acknowledged that LLF is a “hot topic” having been discussed at length over 3 days at the Diocesan Synod. There was discussion how the Deanery Synod now moves forward bearing in mind 5 guiding principles that +Mark had outlined; accuracy, trust, unity, kindness and being fruitful. Parishes were reminded to include their energy footprint information with APCM returns. Unconscious bias training has been delayed but will be rolled out in the summer. The CMS electronic year book training due to start in June and parishes to nominate 3 people to have access. At the November meeting Keith Davies from *Christian Solidarity Worldwide* gave a thought provoking account of Christians throughout the world who are persecuted for their faith. It was noted that online safeguarding training for PTOs is available and must be completed or they will be unable to officiate. There was discussion about whether there is a need for the Diocese to offer training for Church Wardens. Richard Walker has been appointed as the new DDO (Bishop’s advisor to the Diocese). There are fewer people coming forward for lay ministry and only 6 people were ordained the Diocese recently. If parishes have visiting clergy and preachers from outside the Diocese to lead worship they need to obtain permission from the Bishop. Ian Blay thanked all those for their support over the last 7 years as Rural Dean as he handed over to Paul Deakin. Ian will continue as Chapter clerk.

Isobel Chetwood Angela Philpott Deanery Synod Representatives

3f Warden's Report for APCM – April 2024

This time last year we had just welcomed Eddie to Wilmslow. We are so pleased he has joined us and we've had a busy and exciting year. We are thankful for the continuing ministry help from Roger and Val in particular and also Georgina.

We enjoyed the Advent groups which have now become 'Connect Groups', of which there are four meeting regularly. Remembrance Sunday was well attended in church and outside in the Memorial

Gardens. Services at Christmas brought big congregations and there was a great atmosphere for the crib services where a some of us dressed up. There were a number of school services.

We were able to visit 5 local care homes for Christmas services and are planning the same over Easter. The Hawthorns and Wilmslow Manor also have regular monthly visits for Holy Communion, and we visit people at home on request.

We were sorry to lose Tim Harvey at the beginning of the year and have been thankful for the band of organists who have filled the rota. We are advertising for a replacement.

The PCC had some new members and we are very grateful for all the help and support we have had from them. There are some gaps to be filled and we would love some new faces to join the team. Do please consider if you could be a part of us.

The administration is mainly being carried out by Flo and Jackie (with a lot of help from Andy) and with help from Caroline and others. The various roles are being discussed to find the best way to cover them in the future.

There are many volunteers who cover gardening, coffee making, keeping the church open, repairing, flower arranging. We have a band of people who are part of the Second Saturday Squad and a number of small and not-so-small jobs have been tackled in St. Anne's, St. Bart's and in both halls.

A new boiler was installed in the Parish Hall but it is pleasing that a number of smaller jobs have been completed by ourselves.

We have conducted several funerals and baptisms and there are some weddings in the pipeline. It would be lovely to have more help in the baptism team.

We are looking forward to a busy and vibrant future.

Jackie Watts and Caroline Lucas

3g Food Friend APCM Report 2024

Below are the figures since we changed our opening times to an hour on a Tuesday and an hour on a Saturday, commencing January 2024.

TUESDAYS: 4, 8, 5, 8, 4, 3, 10, 3, 5, 9 - **Total 62**

SATURDAYS: 8, 10, 10, 6, 10, 3, 7, 0, 6, 4, 8 - **Total 75**

Deliveries outside hours since January start: **Approx. 10**

The usual regulars have continued to come, unaffected by the change in times, and we have had some newcomers, especially from the Ukraine and via Wilmslow High School and Cheshire East referrals.

We have helped 3 homeless people.

Sheena Hatton, Ann Hodson, Christine Little and Ray Oates continue to volunteer covering the new hours between them. To date, Flo has always been on site too. Saturdays are working well with those on the rota for Open Coffee & Church mucking in too. Some clients are sitting down to chat over a drink too. This has not been established so well on Tuesdays yet.

We also have a volunteer (Maddy) with SEND who collects food from our donation point at Sainsbury's and delivers to church.

We still collect from Waitrose in Alderley Edge too, and continue to shop for extra supplies online from Waitrose. (This was the instruction when the food provision project was established fully in 2014 with a view to keeping it local, for convenience with Waitrose so close to church and due to the funding etc we have received from them on numerous occasions).

Food donations are down from church congregation members, but otherwise remain steady with good support from local individuals and businesses. We have had to shop which is usually the case at this time of year, but supplies will likely be renewed again around Harvest especially with the support of local schools.

Julian will have the figures, but I am guessing monetary donations are also down, especially since the 'high' of Covid.

We continue to share any of our excess stock with other charitable causes.

Flo Knowles

3h Neighbourhood Network Report for APCM April 2024

We currently have 20 people on the Neighbourhood Network team who keep in touch with members of our congregations. Details are currently being updated on Church Suite. We are happy that our congregations are growing and we make sure that new people are included as soon as possible.

We sent parish Christmas and Easter cards which is a good way to keep in touch with those who can't always come to church. I know everyone enjoys being included.

We had our usual Christmas and Easter Tea parties which continue to be well attended and enjoyed by many people. We were entertained by Diana and Rosemary on the piano and it was good to see many conversations taking place – it's a very relaxed time and a good chance to chat to someone you may not have had the opportunity to meet properly before.

It's so encouraging to see new people coming to church. Do remember to notice if this happens – I know some of you are really good at welcoming visitors and we often hear feedback saying how welcomed they have felt.

Saturday mornings at St. Bart's and Thursday mornings at St. Anne's are also seeing new faces which is very encouraging. Thank you to all who help in any way.

Jackie Watts – NN co-ordinator

3i Magazine Team Report 2023

The Parish Magazine continues to be published digitally and this has proved to be a great success. In particular it has enabled us to use much more colour in the magazine so making it more attractive for our readers as well as widening our readership.

There are those who prefer a printed copy or who cannot access the online issue. Accordingly we continue to print a number of copies - currently around 120 per month - for them and for visitors to the churches. The Magazine is also published on our Parish website. During the course of the year it was decided that as the Magazine is a form of Outreach that it should be freely available to all. Accordingly there is no longer a charge made for the printed copy of the magazine. The online version, which has more colour than the printed one, will continue to be sent out to everyone as now. Magazine donations are very welcome.

We thank those who deliver copies of the magazine to members of the congregation who do not have access to the online magazine.

During 2023, in addition to the Clergy Comment and our regular features, we published a series of articles on Food in the Bible. There was also an informative and varied series of articles on interesting churches visited by our readers both in this country and abroad. We also featured regular updates from our Churchwardens, music updates and reports from St Anne's School as well as reports from various church activity groups and the Friends. In addition we printed interesting occasional articles, poems and photographs all generously written or provided by members of the congregations.

Thank you to all our contributors. We love to receive your articles, reports, photographs and drawings and we are lucky to have so many talented artists, photographers and writers in our parish. Do please keep sending us your contributions.

Thank you to Jean Parker who kindly sends out the timely reminders for articles and to Isobel Chetwood and Yvonne Warren who print and coordinate the paper copies of the magazine each month.

Advertising

Isobel Chetwood looks after the ads very competently. Having done this job for many years it is a job she would love to hand over to someone else. Is there anyone out there who would like to assist us in this way? – it is not an unduly onerous task.

As well please do support the local businesses who advertise with us.

Distribution

Thanks to Wendy and Roger Yates for co-ordinating the distribution of the magazines.

We would love to hear from you with ideas and suggestions for future magazines – and, of course, articles and pictures too. In particular we would welcome Questions for Eddie or any Church officer as part of our new Q & A series. These can be on any church or church related topic.

Magazine Team

Wendy Yates, Diana Smith, Jill Dodson, Isobel Chetwood, Jean Parker, Ann Hodson

3j Friends of the Parish of Wilmslow Chair's Report 2023

The Friends of the Parish of Wilmslow have held 4 meetings during the year and were delighted to welcome Eddie Roberts to our AGM in April just 3 days after he was officially inducted as Rector and President of the Friends.

The Friends have put their culinary expertise to good use during the year; catering for Eddie's induction on 23rd April, the Wychcraft Band concert on 8th July and the farewell service for Ian Bishop on 23rd July. We are beginning to get something of a reputation!

Saturday 4th December saw the return of the Friends Christmas Market following the success of last year's event. We were very grateful to everyone who supported this event in any way at all and were overwhelmed with donations for all the different stalls. Our friends and church family were most generous in their support for the raffle and Tim and the choir sang beautifully. The kitchen was a hive of activity with tea, coffee, hot chocolate and cakes at one end and hot dogs and mulled wine at the other. The chocolate fountain was a new addition to our fund raising efforts.

We were delighted to have taken £1,514.71 and with our expenses of only £105.45 we raised the magnificent sum of £1,409.26 which is only £115.00 less than last year. The expenses accounted for only 0.07% of the total money raised and clearly demonstrates how incredibly generous everyone had been in supporting this event.

The 200 club continues to be a fun way of raising funds for the Friends with the monthly draw and prize of £60.00. In 2023 we had two lucky winners for the Coronation and the Christmas draw so paid out £840.00 in prizes.

During the year, as the Treasurer's report outlines, we have paid for the cost of decorating St Anne's and also repairs to their notice board. We are working closely with the PCC to identify expenditure that falls within the remit of the Friends and will be funding projects into 2024.

The committee are always happy to welcome new members as we plan for future events. My thanks go to the committee for all their hard work and commitment which will ensure that we preserve the heritage of our beautiful churches for many years to come.

Isobel Chetwood

Chair – Friends of the Parish of Wilmslow

Committee:

Rev Eddie Roberts (President) Richard Smith (Treasurer)

Jean Parker Jill Palmer Ann Hodson Phil Gaskell Joel Millett Ray Oates

3k The Friends of the Parish of Wilmslow

Financial Summary for 2023

This report should be read in conjunction with the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2023 and the Chair`s Report for 2023.

The fundraising events continued in 2023. On 2nd December 2023, a Christmas Market was held at the Parish Hall which raised a gross sum of £1,514.71. An additional sum of £40 received in January 2023 appears in the accounts which is a delayed payment from the previous Christmas Market in December 2022. The net sum raised for The Friends was £1,409.26 after deduction of expenses. The membership subscriptions to The Friends and to 200 Club have been maintained and 200 Club draw has continued each month.

In February 2023, The Friends paid for the cost of decorating at St Anne`s in the sum of £5,080.

In May 2023, The Friends paid for the cost of repairs to the noticeboard at St. Anne`s in the sum of £161.

These respective payments appear in the Income and Expenditure Account.

The Friends of the Parish of Wilmslow Bank Accounts

The Friends have two separate bank accounts with NatWest Bank in Wilmslow. They are:

- Wilmslow PCC – Friends, which is the general account into which subscriptions are paid. On 31 December 2023 the balance of the account was £10,143.18
- Wilmslow PCC- Friends Festival Account into which the 200 Club subscriptions are paid and from which the monthly prizes are withdrawn. On 31 December 2023 the balance of the account was £7,566.55
- The combined balances were £17,709.73 on 31 December 2023

These are both current accounts and do not accrue any interest.

Income

- £1,744.00 received in subscriptions.
- £80.00 received from Flag flying donations.
- £1,514.71, the gross sum raised at the Christmas Market

The income for the year was £3,443.71.

Expenditure

- £5,080 for the cost of decorating at St Anne`s
- £161 for the repairs to St. Anne`s noticeboard

- £840.00 for the 200 Club monthly draw prizes. There were 14 draws this year. In addition to the usual monthly draws, there was an extra one in May 2023 to celebrate the King`s Coronation and an extra one in December 2023 to celebrate Christmas.
- £105.45 for the Christmas Market expenses.
- £20.69 for a gift to a longstanding member of the Committee, Barbara Foster, to mark her retirement.

The expenditure for the year was £6,315.13.

The deficit of income over expenditure for 2023 was £2,871.42. The main reason for the swing from surplus to deficit during the year was increased expenditure, mainly on the decorating costs at St. Anne`s. The overall funds held by the Friends decreased by the same amount, namely £2,871.42, from £20,581.15, the opening balance on 1 January 2023, to £17,709.73 the closing balance on 31 December 2023.

Richard Smith

Honorary Treasurer

19th January 2024

Wilmslow PCC Friends of the Parish

Account Summary 2023

	2023 Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	2023 Closing Balance £	Change £
Friends Current Account	13562.60	2055.71	5475.13	10143.18	-3419.42
Friends Festival Current Account	7018.55	1388.00	840.00	7566.55	548.00
Gross Assets	20581.15	3443.71	6315.13	17709.73	-2871.42
Liabilities					
Credits	0.00			0.00	
Net Assets	20581.15			17709.73	2871.42

Wilmslow PCC Friends of the Parish

Income and Expenditure Account 2023

Income			Expenditure		
	2023	2022		2023	2022
Subscriptions	£ 356.00	£ 308.00	St Anne's Decorating costs	£ 5,080.00	
Donations	£ 65.00		St Bart's Noticeboard Repairs		£ 171.89
Refund from PCC re St Bart's Boiler			St Anne's Boiler programmer		£ 132.00
Refund PCC Insce claim re boiler			St Anne's Noticeboard Repairs	161	
Flag donations	£ 80.00	£ 40.00	200 Club Prizes	£ 840.00	£ 840.00
Fund raising; Christmas Market	£ 1,554.71	£ 1,610.15	Gift	£ 20.69	£ 49.00
			Book token gift/voucher		
Miscellaneous; Parish Magazine		£ 69.55	Christmas market expenses	£ 105.45	£ 125.02
200 Club Subscriptions	£ 1,354.00	£ 1,313.00	Purchase of SumUp machine	£ 107.99	
200 Club Donations	£ 34.00				
TOTAL INCOME FOR THE YEAR	£ 3,443.71	£ 3,340.70	TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR	£ 6,315.13	£ 1,317.91
YEAR OPENING BALANCES			YEAR CLOSING BALANCES		
Current Account	£ 13,562.60	£ 12,082.36	Current Account	£ 10,143.18	£ 13,562.60
Festival Account	£ 7,018.55	£ 6,476.00	Festival Account	£ 7,566.55	£ 7,018.55
Total	£ 20,581.15	£ 18,558.36	Total	£ 17,709.73	£ 20,581.15
TOTALS	£ 24,024.86	£ 21,899.06		£ 24,024.86	£ 21,899.06

3k CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WILMSLOW – 2023

The CTiW group met 3 times with members from the Wilmslow churches: St Bart's, St Anne's, the United Reformed, Wilmslow Methodist Church, St Teresa's, Norcliffe Chapel, Wilmslow Life Church, Wilmslow Quakers and Dean Row Unitarian Church.

The group discussed a range of issues relating to Wilmslow and the wider community, including support for refugees and asylum seekers. The Lent Lunches are coordinated through CTiW and as has become our tradition we met at Dean Row raising £1,400 for Christian Aid with gift aid added to the total. CTiW supported Christian Aid week in May which focused on Malawi. There was a street collection and a *Just Giving* page. Christian Aid continue to explore different ways of raising money without door to door collections. The Harvest Appeal for 2023 was for Wilmslow Youth. The monies raised were match funded and donated during the *Big Give Week*. A grand total of £18K+ was raised overall and will be used to fund the Drop In Café for young people. This is the front door which helps to build relationships as young people find the surroundings a comfortable and safe environment. Helen Battilana from Wilmslow Wells for Africa was welcomed to the June meeting and was delighted to report that WWfA celebrate 40 years since they began and noted that Saturday 8th June 2024 will see a variety of events to mark this special occasion. It was agreed that we should choose this for our 2024 appeal. There were Christmas carols at the Artisan Market in December.

Reports are received from the churches at each meeting. We said goodbye to Rev Kirsty Thorpe who retired in July with her last service on 30th July. This was well attended and we are most grateful for everything she has done for CTiW down the years. Rev Eddie Roberts was inducted as Rector of Wilmslow Parish in April and was welcomed to the group.

Isobel Chetwood
Secretary – Churches Together in Wilmslow

4 SAFEGUARDING POLICY

PROMOTING A SAFER CHURCH

The following policy was agreed at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 24th May 2023.

In accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy our church is committed to:

- Promoting a safer environment and culture.
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church.
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

The Parish will:

- Create a safe and caring place for all.
- Have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to work with the incumbent and the Parochial Church Council (PCC) to implement policy and procedures.
- Safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults to have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse.
- Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the parish.
- Display in church premises and on the Parish website the details of who to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.
- Listen to and take seriously all those who disclose abuse.
- Take steps to protect children and adults when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, following House of Bishops guidance, including notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) and statutory agencies immediately.
- Offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, when or where it occurred.
- Care for and monitor any member of the church community who may pose a risk to children and adults whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties.
- Ensure that health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed annually.
- Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practices at least annually.

Each person who works within this church community will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this church.

This church has appointed **Diana Smith** as the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Incumbent: *Revd Eddie Roberts*

Churchwardens: *Jackie Watts & Caroline Lucas*

Date: 14 April 2024

Further information and the Parish Safeguarding Handbook can be found at

<https://www.churchofengland.org/media/11842>

Safeguarding Report for 2023

The PCC has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Safeguarding means the steps that the Church takes to create and maintain a safe environment for all and, in particular, for children, young people and vulnerable adults. As a Parish we are committed to encouraging an environment where all people, but especially those who may be at risk for any reason, are able to worship and follow their faith journey in safety. A copy of our Parish Safeguarding Policy which was accepted at last year's APCM on 14th May 2023 is attached. This Policy is reviewed on at least an annual basis.

During the year all our activities and procedures were reviewed from a safeguarding point of view to ensure that all documentation and processes are kept up to date in line with guidelines set out by The Church of England and Diocese of Chester. This review is an ongoing process and particularly relevant as new activities may begin.

During the course of the year two safeguarding concerns were referred to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team which were then handled independently by them. There were also a couple of internal matters of concern recorded where no further action was required.

All PCC members have completed or are in the process of completing or renewing the required Safeguarding Training modules provided by the Diocese comprising Basic Awareness, Foundation and Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse. Others have completed Leadership and Safer Recruitment and People Management courses as required. A Lone Worker Policy was adopted by the PCC during the year. Preparation of a Safeguarding Action Plan is underway.

DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) documentation and processes are under ongoing review to ensure that all checks have been made as required and procedures are kept up to date. During the year people in visible positions within the church - e.g. Food friend helpers and home visitors - were encouraged to increase their awareness of Safeguarding matters and procedures by undertaking Basic Safeguarding Training and as a matter of good practice Basic DBS checks were obtained.

Our Safeguarding contact details and safeguarding information is reviewed regularly to ensure that up to date information is displayed on our Parish website and in Parish buildings.

Diana Smith

6 Rector's Report

Sisters & Brothers

While I was in post for the APCM held in 2023, this one is my first really. The period that we are reflecting on as we meet is the calendar year of 2023, but it is difficult to do that and so much of what I say stray into the first part of 2024. I am sure that's not going to confuse things too much!

Before I go any further, it is important to pause and to give thanks. It is a biblical practice (I Col 1:3-8) and it is right for so many reasons. Firstly, for the welcome, encouragement and friendship that we have received since arriving in Wilmslow, we are grateful. For the ministry that we share together, thankful. For all that the future holds, thankful again. We belong here now, and it would be impossible to name, individually, all of the people who have contributed to making Wilmslow home for us.

Now onto business! Many of you will not have seen the job description for the new Rector but I have plucked a few things out of it to use as a framework to 'report' on. Some of the priorities went straight to the top of list for attention in Year One - some I knew would take us a little longer and perhaps require additional resource. Whilst the job description was originally mine, it is one that I always came to share with you and it might be useful to check see what, under God, we have achieved together. I have gathered some themes under the categories of discipleship, mission & evangelism and stewardship.

Discipleship

- **Nurture our relationships with Jesus**
- **Recover from the pandemic and previous disappointments.**

Sunday mornings are always very important when we attempt to attend to atmosphere and develop an environment where existing people want to spend time together in worship. Even more important as we think about welcoming and encouraging new people.

Working with and within the proper constraints of the traditions we have shared and enjoyed, we think that we detect a mood change. Whilst people still express regrets around things of the past, we see people enjoying each other's company and there is a sense that fellowship is deepening. Personally, I have been blessed by the openness of the people inside the church family and outside of it. You will all be better judges of whether our church congregations are where you would want them to be that I ever could be but it feels as though we have made progress.

What we can say with confidence is that there is hard evidence of congregation growth in numbers. Overall, our attendance statistics are now higher than they were pre-pandemic. We can also say with confidence that encouraging people in their discipleship is happening with a well-formed small group structure – with one long-standing group and four new groups, around 40 people meet regularly to pray, study and discuss.

Mission & Evangelism

- **Grow congregation...and younger!**
- **Engage with all ages – encourage relationships with the school**

In Wilmslow, we have been worshipping in a particular 'central' and Eucharistic style which is quite common in rural and semi-rural areas of the country. In a town like Wilmslow, that is probably not an easy 'landing place' for the young professionals and families who make up the younger end of the demographic. The absence of any significant children's work is also a challenge for growing the church younger. Whilst those are some of the challenges, we have made some progress. We have developed children's areas in both churches. We have made some tweaks to the way we worship to make service a little more contemporary. We have changed the way that we do baptisms and have seen some good progress in our relationships with schools. At St Bart's in particular, we have some younger families who are becoming slightly more regular in attendance. We have a long way to go but we have made some progress and the next PCC voted in at the APCM will pick up conversations about how we spend our money wisely to meet some of these church growth objectives.

Stewardship

- **Organisation and administration**
- **Financial/Stewardship concerns**

This is another area where we did a lot of early work. Administrative and communications systems (SharePoint, ChurchSuite and new website) were early pieces of work. Newsletters and prayer lists were rethought and rolled out. We committed to a part time, fixed term post for communications and administration which is due to be reviewed alongside other priorities and objectives.

Through Spring 2024, we will start to look at stewardship – our time, our treasure and our talents. We will think about all that God has given us and the ways in which we are invited to respond. Financial stewardship is an important concern as we ensure that the mission of the parish is properly supported by our giving to the work but so too are days like the day in Harvest when we celebrated God calling people from our membership (Flo in that case) into different forms of ministry.

There's so much more I could say but for the ways in which you have served and blessed me and each other, I go back to 1 Col 1 and want to say thank you!

Accounts

Wilmslow Parish

APCM Report 2023 (Covering January – December 2022)



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Aims and Purposes

Wilmslow Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Caroline Throup, in promoting the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the four Wilmslow Parish church buildings: St Bartholomew's Church, St Anne's Church, the Parish Hall and St Anne's Church Hall.

Objectives and Activities

The general functions of the PCC are stated with Section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

During 2022/23 Wilmslow Parish continued to pursue the five marks of mission in line with Chester Diocesan policy:

To proclaim the good news of the Kingdom

To teach, baptise and nurture new believers

To respond to human need by loving service

To seek to transform unjust structures of society

To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and to sustain the life on earth.

In providing leadership to Wilmslow Parish, the incumbent and PCC give consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance to charities concerned with the advancement of religion.

The activities of the PCC are outlined in the report on pages 15-16

It is difficult to estimate the total volunteering time offered by many members of Wilmslow Parish but it amounts to well in excess of 150 hours in a typical month. We are grateful to all who do so much to contribute to the life of the church: the Churchwardens, PCC Secretary and Treasurer, the Friend so the Parish and Food Friend; those who help lead services, carry out children's work, play music, do readings, intercessions, flowers, lay assist, act as sidespeople, count the money, garden, clean and provide welcome, hospitality and church sitting – and much more besides.

Achievements and Performance

See all additional reports

Finance, Giving and Fundraising

These continue to be challenging as our expenditure commitments continue to increase and prices for goods and services rise, with no comparable increase in the size of the membership or the income of the church. Regular giving enables us to meet our obligation to pay the parish share, and covers many of our other costs. The annual accounts have been approved by the PCC and are attached for your inspection.

Structure, Governance and Management

Wilmslow Parish PCC operates under the *Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956* and the *Church Representation Rules (2011 and 2022)*. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church members are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC. Risk assessments are carried out as and when required and recorded in the PCC's Risk Register.

Administrative Information

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wilmslow St Bartholomew's and St Anne's is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Charity Registration Number: 1131056

It is part of the Diocese of Chester within the Church of England.

The correspondence address is

Parish Office, Wilmslow Parish Hall, Cliff Road, Wilmslow SK9 4AA

Incumbent: Revd Caroline Throup (*To July 2022*)

Assistant Curate: Revd Jennie Prince (*To May 2022*)

PTO: Revd Canon Profession Roger Yates
Revd Val Hollis
Revd Georgina Watmore

Churchwardens: Jackie Watts
Caroline Lucas

Deanery Synod Reps: Isobel Chetwood (also PCC Secretary)
Barbara Foster (*To August 2022*)
Angela Philpott (*From September 2022*)
2 Vacancies until April 2023

Elected members

Complete term of office in April 2023

Diana Smith Georgina Lewis Wendy Yates Nicky Cathery

Complete term of office in April 2024

Angela Philpott Flo Knowles Ray Oates Phil Gaskell Ann Hodson

Complete term of office in April 2025

Grace Reed Julian Bowker (Treasurer) Jon Horne Martin Kinsey

The Standing Committee

The Standing Committee is a sub-committee of the PCC as required by the Church of England. The Rector and Churchwardens are ex-officio. The additional members, elected by the PCC are Julian Bowker, Isobel Chetwood and Georgina Lewis

Bankers

NatWest Bank, Wilmslow, Cheshire

Independent Examiner: Patrick Tyrrell

Approved by the PCC:
and signed on their behalf by Jackie Watts Churchwarden

Parochial Church Council of St. Bartholomew's, Wilmslow
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under the Charities Act 2011, s.144 (2) (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination,

I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
or

the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or

the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements

concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any

requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Patrick Tyrrell FRSA FCMA

"Craigmore" 35 Handforth Road Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 2LX

Financial Review for 2022

The consolidated Parish accounts are presented on the accruals basis.

Unrestricted Funds

Income

Total unrestricted income was £192,478, a 31% increase from £145,864 in the previous year. This increase was partly due to a big one-off donation of £18,750 (including Gift-Aid) from a kind parishioner, and also the recommencement of lettings (after the lifting of Covid restrictions) at St Anne's Church Hall, and the increase in lettings at the Parish Hall - which together accounted for an extra £16,831.

Of the total unrestricted income of £192,478, some £79,555 was from unrestricted planned voluntary donations through standing orders and envelopes (an increase of some 3.5% from the equivalent figure for 2021). A further £19,105 was obtained from Gift Aid.

Expenditure

Unrestricted costs increased from £174,925 to £184,511.

This was despite a substantial reduction in the salaries bill in 2022, due to the absence of an Administration Manager for a large part of the year, and to the unusually high payroll costs in 2021 when two employees were made redundant.

This reduction in costs was balanced by various increases, including an increase in gas costs and the one-off cost of £5,080 for the redecorating of the exterior of St Anne's (which latter amount was subsequently funded by the Friends of the Parish, but not until 2023).

The bulk of the £184, 511 cost (i.e. £184,380) was spent on Christian ministry, including the contribution to the diocesan parish share of £82,996, which largely provides stipends and housing for the clergy.

As at 31st December 2022 the Parish only had one full-time employee, but she was funded out of the Restricted Funds, below.

Restricted funds

Grants and donations of £11,378 were received, of which £8,037 related to our Food Friend food bank, and £3,341 related to the activities of the Friends of the Parish (who raise funds for the maintenance of the church buildings and fittings). Expenditure of £11,299 was incurred by these funds. (The cost of £5,080 for redecorating St Anne's was funded by the Friends of the Parish in 2023)

Overall position

The net movement on Unrestricted Funds was a surplus of £7,968, and on Restricted Funds the surplus was just £79. Consequently, over the year, the total fund balances increased to £909,966, of which £333,811 is Unrestricted.

Reserves Policy

The PCC retained £239,270 of its excess cash balances in short-term deposits of up to a year's duration. These are reviewed on an annual basis.

Parochial Church Council of St. Bartholomew's, Wilmslow

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ending 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Voluntary income	2 (a)	131,925	9,768	0	141,693	113,514
Activities for generating funds	2 (b)	1,977	0	0	1,977	705
Income from investments	2 (c)	2,526	0	0	2,526	3,258
Church activities	2 (d)	56,050	1,610	0	57,660	33,851
Covid Job Retention Scheme grants	2 (e)	0	0	0	0	6,250
TOTAL INCOME		192,478	11,378	0	203,856	157,578
EXPENDITURE						
Church activities	3 (a)	184,380	10,285	0	194,665	187,761
Raising funds	3 (b)	131	1,014	0	1,145	935
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		184,511	11,299	0	195,809	188,696
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS		7,968	79	0	8,047	(31,118)
NET GAINS ON INVESTMENTS		0	0	63	63	0
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		7,968	79	63	8,110	(31,118)
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS		0	0	0	0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		7,968	79	63	8,110	(31,118)
Total funds brought forward	8	325,843	56,348	519,665	901,856	932,974
Total Funds carried forward		333,810	56,427	519,728	909,966	901,856

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	Endowment Reserve and Unrestricted Funds			Restricted Funds			Total	Total
		St Bart's £	St Anne's £	Total £	Friends £	Food Friend £	Total £	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS									
Tangible	5 (a)	428,435	93,549	521,984	0	0	0	521,984	522,199
Investments	5 (b)	1,180		1,180	0	0	0	1,180	1,117
		429,615	93,549	523,164	0	0	0	523,164	523,316
CURRENT ASSETS									
Stock		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Investments		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Debtors and prepayments	6 (a)	8,729	1,273	10,002	165	358	523	10,524	8,689
Short-term deposits	6 (b)	239,270	0	239,270	0	0	0	239,270	236,892
Cash at bank and in hand	6 (b)	66,765	24,443	91,208	20,581	35,323	55,904	147,112	136,420
		314,764	25,716	340,479	20,746	35,681	56,427	396,906	382,001
LIABILITIES									
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	7	8,755	1,350	10,105	0	0	0	10,105	3,461
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		306,009	24,366	330,375	20,746	35,681	56,427	386,802	378,540
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		735,624	117,915	853,539	20,746	35,681	56,427	909,966	901,856
Creditors - amounts falling due after one year		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL NET ASSETS		735,624	117,915	853,539	20,746	35,681	56,427	909,966	901,856
PARISH FUNDS									
Endowment reserve	8	426,180	93,549	519,729	0	0	0	519,729	519,666
Unrestricted	8	305,823	24,366	330,188	0	0	0	330,188	322,221
Designated [Music scholarship]	8	3,621		3,621	0	0	0	3,621	3,621
Restricted [Friends & Food Friend]	8			0	20,747	35,680	56,427	56,427	56,348
		735,624	117,915	853,538	20,747	35,680	56,427	909,966	901,856

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on xxxxxxx and signed on its behalf by:

Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wilmslow

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31st December 2022

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a public benefit entity within the meaning of Financial Reporting Standard 102. The Financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church of England Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions. As with last year, they have been prepared under FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by the Charities (SORP (FRS102)).

ASSETS

Consecrated and benefice property

In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of "charity" by Section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011 such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements.

Moveable church furnishings

Insufficient cost information is available to capitalise these assets, but in any case, all items are included in the Church's inventory. The policy for future purchases is to capitalise them at cost and depreciate them over their useful economic life.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity

These have historically been written off in the year of purchase. The policy for the future is to capitalise them if they can be used for more than one year, and cost in excess of £1,000. They will be valued at cost or else, for gifts-in-kind, at a reasonable estimate of their open market value on receipt. Depreciation will be calculated to write off the capitalised cost of the fixed assets (less their currently anticipated residual fair value) over their estimated useful lives as follows: *Land:* Nil *Fixtures and fittings:* 20 years *Computers:* 3 years
No depreciation is provided on buildings as the currently estimated residual value of the properties is not less than their carrying value and the remaining useful life of these assets currently exceeds 50 years, so any depreciation charges would be immaterial.

INVESTMENTS

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange or whose value derives from them are valued at market value at the year end.

Short term deposits. These are the cash held in various deposit accounts and at the bank.

FUNDS

Restricted Funds

These are income funds that can only be spend on the restricted purposes for which they were raised: the £35,680 held by Food Friend can only be used for local food relief and the £20,747 held by the Friends of the Parish can only be used for the replacement or refurbishment of Wilmslow PCC property.

Unrestricted Funds

These represent the remaining income funds of the PCC, of £330,188, that available for spending on its general purposes. Included in the PCC's broader definition of unrestricted funds is an Endowment Reserve, valued at £519,729, which represents the historical (1998) value of the PCC's fixed assets and the current value of its pre-1988 investments.

2 INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

		<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			<u>Restricted Funds</u>			<u>Total</u>	Total
		St Bart's	St Anne's	Total	Friends	Food Friend	Total	<u>2022</u>	2021
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
2 (a)	Voluntary income								
	Planned giving:								
	Gift Aid donations	53,691	15,787	69,477	0	4,370	4,370	73,847	71,435
	Tax recoverable	14,895	4,210	19,105	0	1,666	1,666	20,771	17,552
	Other planned donations	7,649	2,429	10,078	1,731	272	2,003	12,080	12,703
	Collections	5,673	1,342	7,015			0	7,015	2,781
	Gift Days			0			0	0	0
	Donations, appeals, etc	23,210	440	23,650		1,730	1,730	25,380	9,043
	Legacies	2,600		2,600			0	2,600	0
		107,718	24,207	131,925	1,731	8,037	9,768	141,693	113,514
2 (b)	Activities for generating funds								
	Parish magazine (advertising)	1,971		1,971			0	1,971	612
	Fundraising	6		6		0	0	6	93
		1,977	0	1,977	0	0	0	1,977	705
2 (c)	Income from investments								
	Dividends on COIF fund	35		35			0	35	34
	Bank deposit interest	2,491		2,491			0	2,491	3,224
		2,526	0	2,526	0	0	0	2,526	3,258
2 (d)	Income from church activities								
	Fees from weddings and funerals	9,370	0	9,370			0	9,370	5,829
	Church Hall lettings	28,785	14,035	42,820			0	42,820	25,989
	Fundraising income	1,794	210	2,004	1,610		1,610	3,614	0
	Church Hire	645	25	670			0	670	1,771
	Bookstall	104		104			0	104	0
	Parish magazine (sales)	1,082		1,082			0	1,082	262
		41,780	14,270	56,050	1,610	0	1,610	57,660	33,851
2 (e)	Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme grants	0	0	0			0	0	6,250
	TOTAL INCOME	154,001	38,477	192,478	3,341	8,037	11,378	203,856	157,578

3 EXPENDITURE

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			<u>Restricted Funds</u>			<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
	St Bart's £	St Anne's £	Total £	Friends £	Food Friend £	Total £	<u>2022</u> £	<u>2021</u> £
3 (a) Church activities								
Mission and charitable giving:								
Church Overseas	0	0	0			0	0	48
Christian Relief & Development Agencies			0		1,639	1,639	1,639	453
Christian Home Missions			0			0	0	0
Secular Charities			0			0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	1,639	1,639	1,639	501
Ministry: diocesan share	67,238	15,758	82,996			0	82,996	81169
Other ministry costs	8,847		8,847			0	8,847	11476
Church running & maintenance -								
Heat, light, cleaning, insurance	21,203	5,059	26,262			0	26,262	18915
Church maintenance	2,966	7,859	10,825	304		304	11,129	4673
Upkeep of services	1,645	90	1,735			0	1,735	2189
Church salaries, & honoraria	5,165	2,685	7,850			0	7,850	6792
Licences	330	128	459			0	459	0
Administrative costs -								
Administration manager	10,561		10,561		8,015	8,015	18,576	29710
Office expenses	7,691	726	8,417		327	327	8,744	5822
Professional Services	3,600		3,600			0	3,600	1836
Major repairs			0			0	0	0
Depreciation	215		215			0	215	215
Parish magazine costs	0		0			0	0	13
Churchyard upkeep	416	100	516			0	516	2356
Hall running costs	16,993	4,245	21,238	0		0	21,238	21311
Bank charges	857		857		0	0	857	783
	147,729	36,651	184,380	304	9,981	10,285	194,665	187761
3 (b) Raising funds								
Stewardship costs	0		0	0		0	0	105
General fundraising costs	131		131	1,014	0	1,014	1,145	830
Bookstall costs			0			0	0	0
	131	0	131	1,014	0	1,014	1,145	935
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	147,860	36,651	184,511	1,318	9,981	11,299	195,809	188696
NET INCOME	6,142	1,826	7,968	2,023	(1,944)	79	8,047	-31119

4. STAFF COSTS

In 2022 the PCC employed an average 3 people on a part-time permanent basis (4 in 2021), and also a number of occasional organists and a choir leader, who were paid according to the number of services and practices they officiated at.

The remuneration of the above permanent employees can be analysed as follows –

	2022	2021
	£	£
Gross Pay	20510	42217
Employer Pension Contributions	618	813
National Insurance contributions	NIL	NIL
Totals	<u>21128</u>	<u>43030</u>

These costs are allocated to the following funds –

Unrestricted funds	13113	29822
Restricted fund (Food Friend)	8015	13208
Totals	<u>21128</u>	<u>43030</u>

5 FIXED ASSETS

		<u>Freehold land & buildings</u>			<u>Furniture & Office equipment</u>			<u>Grand</u>
5 (a) TANGIBLE		St Bart's	St Anne's	Total	St Bart's	St Anne's	Total	<u>Total</u>
Cost at valuation	At 1 January 2022	425,000	93,549	518,549	47,045	10,000	57,045	575,594
	Disposals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Additions at cost	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	At 31 December 2022	<u>425,000</u>	<u>93,549</u>	<u>518,549</u>	<u>47,045</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>57,045</u>	<u>575,594</u>
Depreciation	At 1 January 2022	0	0	0	43,395	10,000	53,395	53,395
	Withdrawn on disposals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Charge for the year	0	0	0	215	0	215	215
	At 31 December 2022	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>43,610</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>53,610</u>	<u>53,610</u>
Net Book Value	At 1 January 2022	425,000	93,549	518,549	3,650	0	3,650	522,199
	At 31 December 2022	425,000	93,549	518,549	3,435	0	3,435	521,984

Freehold Land and Buildings are held by the Diocese of Chester on behalf of the parish as a custodian trustee.

The gross book value of the properties is based on the insurance valuations at 1 January 1998 and is considered to be a fair estimate of the current value of the properties. The current insurance value of the churches of St. Bartholomew's and St. Anne's, and their respective Halls, is £16.18m.

6 CURRENT ASSETS

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			<u>Restricted Funds</u>			<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
	St Bart's	St Anne's	Total	Friends	Food Friend	Total	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
6 (a) Debtors								
Tax recoverable	4,143	1,123	5,266	165	358	523	5,788	5,051
Insurance premiums paid in advance	1,087		1,087			0	1,087	954
Hall rental income accrued	2,060		2,060			0	2,060	0
Income accrued	515		515			0	515	0
Costs prepaid	924	150	1,074			0	1,074	2,684
Payment refunded later						0	0	0
	8,729	1,273	10,002	165	358	523	10,524	8,689
6 (b) Short-term deposits and Cash at Bank								
Deposit accounts - United Trust Bank	83,459		83,459			0	83,459	82,715
Hampshire Bank	83,817		83,817			0	83,817	82,657
The Kingdom Bank	71,993		71,993			0	71,993	71,520
Teachers' Bullding Society	0		0			0	0	0
Bank accounts - Natwest	66,728	24,218	90,946	20,581	35,016	55,597	146,543	135,675
Paypal	37	225	262			0	262	479
Cash in hand			0		307	307	307	266
	306,035	24,443	330,478	20,581	35,323	55,904	386,382	373,312
Total Current assets	314,764	25,716	340,479	20,746	35,681	56,427	396,906	382,001

7 CURRENT LIABILITIES

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			<u>Restricted Funds</u>			<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
	St Bart's	St Anne's	Total	Friends	Food Friend	Total	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
7 Creditors								
Costs accrued	8,755	1,350	10,105			0	10,105	3,461
	8,755	1,350	10,105	0	0	0	10,105	3,461

8 SUMMARY OF FUND MOVEMENTS

	<u>Endowment</u> St Bart's & St Anne's Land & Buildings	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u> Music scholarship	<u>Restricted</u> Friends & Food Friend	<u>TOTAL</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Balance at 1 January 2021	519,666	322,221	3,621	56,348	901,856
Incoming resources	0	192,478		11,378	203,856
Resources expended		(184,511)		(11,299)	(195,809)
Investment gains	63				63
Balance at 31 December 2021	519,729	330,188	3,621	56,427	909,966

SUMMARY OF ASSETS BY FUND

	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	518,549	3,435			521,984
Investment fixed assets	1,180	0			1,180
Current assets	0	336,858	3,621	56,427	396,906
Current Liabilities	0	(10,105)		0	(10,105)
Totals at 31 December 2021	519,729	330,189	3,621	56,427	909,966

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PCC 2022

The PCC met 8 times during 2022 via zoom and in person. As the parish came out of Covid restrictions the PCC considered progress in this regard. Mid-week attendance at services had been variable and there was a feeling that the church lacked “atmosphere.” Some links with families had been lost and youth leaders had all moved on. Future plans for 2022 and beyond were discussed. There was a clear focus on young people and the feeling this is where the future lies. There was discussion about different ways of engaging with young people and the possible appointment of a youth leader.

Throughout the year the PCC reviewed the relaxation of Covid restrictions with reintroduction of the common cup on Easter Sunday, the offertory hymn and the sung liturgy. With due regard to safety there was agreement with regard to distancing, mask wearing, the collection plate, use of pigeon holes and catering etc. The death of the Queen was marked with CofE liturgy. St Bart’s was open and attracting more visitors, many of whom commented on how glad they were that they were able to come into a quiet place and sign the book of condolence.

As the parish moved into the interregnum the churchwardens assumed overall responsibility, supported by 2 representatives. The PCC developed the parish fact sheet and the parish profile and the appointed Diana and Nicky as representatives for the recruitment process. The practical matters relating to the Rectory were dealt with. Services and clergy cover were arranged particularly for Remembrance Day, Christmas 2022 and Easter 2023. Evensong was moved to St Anne’s during the winter months. We were pleased to welcome a number of local schools into St Bart’s for their annual carol services. Martin reviewed and summarised the Covenant for Clergy Care. There were joint services at St Bart’s and St Anne’s for their respective Saints’ Days.

Safeguarding remained a standing item on the PCC Agenda. During the year all members completed basic awareness training and there were no safeguarding issues to report. Two further modules came online during the year and these were completed by all members. A new portal was established which enabled Diana to more easily access training records. The Safeguarding Past Case Review was noted.

The PCC approved various fabric matters during the year. All engineer’s visits were completed and certificates for insurance were provided. Quotes for St Anne’s painting were obtained and DAC application made. The annual closing of St Bart’s church was agreed, the topple testing was undertaken and parking problems noted. Repairs to the gate posts and roof tiles were undertaken by Streets. The noticeboard next to the lychgate at St Bart’s was refurbished and funded by the Friends. The Town Council asked to site a flare from the tower for the Jubilee. The insurance was checked and the PCC agreed to this.

The Finance Report was presented and reviewed at each meeting. The Parish Share increase noted and also the cost of insurance. Following discussion it was agreed to take 3 year option with current provider for the insurance. There was agreement not to purchase giving envelopes for the forthcoming year. The year-end accounts were approved by the PCC to go forward to the APCM.

The HR contract with SAS Daniels was renewed for a further year to January 2023. Helen Grout left in August and the admin and office function was kept under regular review by the PCC. Support was provided by Jackie, Isobel and Yvonne. The new contract for the photocopier was agreed and there was approval for the cost of the magazine to increase. The booking forms for the Parish Hall, St Bart’s Church and St Anne’s Hall were standardised and the charges reviewed to reflect the increased costs for running the halls.

The Friends of the Parish fundraising and social events were noted. There was a general discussion about fundraising and ideas were shared. Tim Harvey organised the Twelve Days of Christmas event with a variety of activities all of which were well received.

A review of baptisms was done by Jennie and future arrangements were discussed. The PCC fees for occasional offices were noted and accepted. There was a suggestion to include an additional charge for heating during the winter months.

Food friend resumed in 2022 with some new people although numbers varied and donations were slightly down initially. There was a steady increase including some Ukrainians. The harvest gifts were received from the schools. Flo kept a close eye on food stocks and liaised with Manchester and Hope Central in the event food needed to be diverted. A warm space was introduced in St Bart's to coincide with FF opening times. Opening of FF on the 1st Saturday of the month restarted towards the end of the year.

Barbara Foster stepped down as Deanery Synod rep and there was PCC agreement that Angela Philpott would fill one of the vacancies.

Flo continues with her Lay Pastoral Worker Training. She undertook a 2 months placement at all Hallows in Cheadle and advised that her licensing will take place next year.

St Anne's School is a regular agenda item and it was pleasing to note their progress throughout the year as the disruption from Covid became less. Angela Fitton was appointed as a foundation governor. The PCC bought the Bibles for Year 6 pupils during their service at the end of the summer term.

The minutes from Churches Together in Wilmslow meetings were noted and joint activities such as the Lent lunches and the Harvest Appeal had all gone well. Envelopes were provided for Christian Aid week and there was a street collection at Barclays Bank. A refugee event was held in October.

The Energy Footprint Tool for Route Map to Net Zero was completed and will be submitted to the Diocese after 2023 APCM.

Isobel Chetwood
PCC Secretary

Electoral Roll Officer's Report

There are currently **216** on the Electoral Roll of which **59** live outside the Parish.

10 were added

6 have been removed

(4 of which are deceased, and 2 have left the area)

Please notify me of any alterations to your current details which may occur during the year.

Please continue to encourage any new regular members of the congregation to join the Electoral Roll so that they can be eligible to vote and be members of the PCC and Sidespersons.

Jill Dodson
Electoral Roll Officer

Warden's Report APCM May 2023

We have survived another year, this time with an interregnum, which we certainly didn't envisage! With great excitement we have welcomed Eddie Roberts to be our new Rector and do hope he will soon be well settled in our midst, along with Shelley and the children.

During the interregnum we were so grateful for the support of Roger, Georgina and Val who between them covered many of our services – we only had to rely on outside help on a few occasions. The support of the PCC has also been invaluable – there are two or three spaces on the PCC and also for Deanery reps. Perhaps you might consider if this would be something you could volunteer for. We would be happy to speak to you if you require any more information. Thanks are due to the many who help with church sitting, coffee and cake making, flower arranging, gardening and general odd-jobbing.

Helen Grout left us at the end of July to move to a similar position at her own church and we are very grateful to Isobel, Yvonne and Jackie who took up the mantle of the administration. We were also very sorry for the sad death of Martin Hitchen who had for many years been a caretaker at the Parish Hall and did many jobs for us around the parish. We are pleased to report that Flo is nearing the completion of her training to become a Lay Pastoral Worker.

The past year had a somewhat Royal slant as we celebrated the Queen's Platinum jubilee with a concert and tea party and a special evensong. Both churches planted Jubilee trees and St. Anne's also installed a bench. The blossom is out and the crab apple in St. Bart's is enhanced by the tulips our gardeners planted at the base. In fact all the gardens are looking very floriferous this spring with the extra bulb planting.

Then, of course, in September we had the more solemn occasion of the death of the Queen. We opened up St. Bart's for the 10 days of mourning and about 750 people came by, many signing the book of remembrance. It was very much appreciated. Thanks to all who helped to keep the church open.

The outdoor services on Remembrance Day and Christmas Eve in the Memorial gardens were very well attended and we were lucky with the weather. The outdoor carol service at St. Anne's had to relocate inside but was still a great occasion. More recently our Sunday morning numbers have started to grow which bodes well for the future. We have restarted taking communion to two local care homes – The Hawthorns and the recently opened Wilmslow Manor. Thanks to Caroline, Angela and Janet who are organising this.

On the fabric side of things St. Anne's church was repainted and looks wonderful and at St. Bart's the gate posts at the bottom of the drive were repointed and reset and a number of roof tiles replaced.

We are beginning to have more wedding and baptism requests – in fact there are already several baptisms lined up for Eddie.

We are looking forward to the future!

Jackie Watts and Caroline Lucas

FABRIC COMMITTEE REPORT SUMMARY – YEAR ENDING 31ST DEC 2022
ST BART'S AND ST ANNE'S CHURCHES AND HALLS

St Bart's Church Exterior and Churchyard

- Tree Survey Report received in January which condemned the old crab apple tree 006 and small oak 085. Subsequently, following approval from Cheshire East Conservation team. Trees taken down by the Gardening Team.
- Replacement "jubilee" crab apple tree planted surrounded by a circle of tulips. (All funded by members of the congregation). Diocesan approval.
- Diocesan approval received for painting (Hammerite black) of the iron gates (church porch and back driveway). Work carried out.
- Capping stone assemblies on rear gateposts jacked back into position and re-cemented using diocesan defined mix. (Street's Builders). Faculty obtained
- Grass cutting and general maintenance carried out by the gardening team. This included cutting back brambles along the river bank.
- Following an appeal to the church family, many extra daffodil and tulip bulbs planted.

St Bart's Church

- Following remedial work by Street's Builders in 2021 the vestry is now declared "dry". Limited remedial work carried out inside the vestry.
- 10 roof tiles replaced on porch roof. Faculty obtained
- The rear door to the extension has been treated.
- There is a blockage in the extension heating pipework - recommended we leave it and use the portable heater. This is a persistent problem, believed to be a problem with the original system design.
- The sound system has been serviced.
- First Aid kits have been topped up.
- The dishwasher has been repaired but still appears to leak occasionally
- The 20 year old Potterton boiler which provides water to the radiators in church has been a problem for some years and is now almost impossible to coax into life. A solution needs to be developed before winter 23/24.

St Bart's Hall

- On-going requirement to clear gutters due to overhanging trees.
- Gutters and downpipes cleared Nov 22 (Jon Russell)

St Anne's Church

- Clearing out and cleaning the porch area and the storage area behind the organ.
- Following diocese approval, new "jubilee" dwarf fruit trees planted on the North side of the church in the wilder area. These funded by donations from the congregation.
- Damage to the lead valley to the left side (East End of the church) discovered. Contractor brought in to rectify the problem.
- Woodwork and gutters (outside of church) repainted after appropriate approvals.
- Gutters on church (and Hall) cleared. This is an ongoing requirement resulting from the close proximity of the large beech tree.

St Anne' Hall

- New outside light fitted.
- Woodwork and gutters (outside of hall) repainted after appropriate approvals.
- Noted that notice board requires repair and repaint

General

- Annual boiler services and inspections carried out in all buildings. (Since the boiler service is being carried out by a suitably qualified "Gas Safe" Engineer, the relevance of the inspections carried out at significant cost by "British Engineering Services" is under review).
- All activities carried out only after appropriate PCC and Diocesan approvals.
- Tightening loose screws etc.

Jon Horne

Safeguarding Report for 2022

The PCC has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Safeguarding means the steps that the Church takes to create and maintain a safe environment for all and, in particular, for children, young people and vulnerable adults. As a Parish we are committed to encouraging an environment where all people, but especially those who may be at risk for any reason, are able to worship and follow their faith journey in safety. I attach a copy of our Parish Safeguarding Policy which was accepted at last year's APCM on 24th April 2022. This Policy is reviewed on at least an annual basis.

During the year all our activities and procedures were reviewed from a safeguarding point of view to ensure that all documentation and processes are kept up to date in line with guidelines set out by The Church of England and Diocese of Chester. This review is an ongoing process and particularly relevant as new activities may begin.

There was one formal safeguarding report made to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team during the year.

All PCC members have completed the required Safeguarding Training modules provided by the Diocese comprising Basic Awareness, Foundation and Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse. Others have completed Leadership and Safer Recruitment and People Management courses as required.

DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) documentation and processes are under ongoing review to ensure that all checks have been made as required and procedures are kept up to date. Similarly our Safeguarding contact details and safeguarding information is reviewed regularly to ensure that up to date information is displayed on our Parish website and in Parish buildings.

Diana Smith
Parish Safeguarding Officer

**The Parish of Wilmslow
SAFEGUARDING POLICY
PROMOTING A SAFER CHURCH**

The following policy was agreed at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 24th April 2022.

In accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy our church is committed to:

- Promoting a safer environment and culture.
 - Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church.
 - Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.
 - Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.
 - Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.
 - Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.
- The Parish will:
- Create a safe and caring place for all.
 - Have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to work with the incumbent and the Parochial Church Council (PCC) to implement policy and procedures.
 - Safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults to have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse.
 - Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the parish.
 - Display in church premises and on the Parish website the details of who to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.
 - Listen to and take seriously all those who disclose abuse.
 - Take steps to protect children and adults when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, following House of Bishops guidance, including notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) and statutory agencies immediately.
 - Offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, when or where it occurred.
 - Care for and monitor any member of the church community who may pose a risk to children and adults whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties.
 - Ensure that health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed annually.
 - Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practices at least annually.

Each person who works within this church community will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this church.

This church has appointed **Diana Smith** as the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Incumbent: *Revd Caroline Throup;*

Churchwardens: *Jackie Watts & Caroline Lucas*

Date: 24/04/2022

Further information and the Parish Safeguarding Handbook can be found at

<https://www.churchofengland.org/media/11842>

Diocesan and Deanery Synods Report

Diocesan Synod

There were 2 Diocesan Synod Meetings in 2022 in March and November. They were both well attended. The March meeting covered the budget estimates for 2022, stipends and salaries. Ian Bishop reported back from the November 2021 and February 2022 General Synod meetings with progress on clergy remuneration. The diocesan Advisory Committee gave an update on *Living in Love and Faith* with wide engagement in the dioceses and many having completed the LLF course. At the November meeting there was report from the General Synod meeting which covered a wide range of topics including the route map to net zero by 2030. There were motions on Ukraine, assisted suicide and pornography. There was a presentation on Vision and Strategy. Vision Cafes were launched across the diocese and the process should be finished by the end of March when a final report will be taken to General Synod. PCR2 (Publication of past cases review) was noted. Help towards heating costs will be made available from the church commissioners based on the parish share formula. There was an excellent presentation from Diocesan Youth Speak urging parishes to take action to protect the environment for future generations.

Deanery Synod

There were 3 Deanery Synod Meetings in 2022 in March, July and November. Ian Blay reported back from the Diocesan Synod and the focus mainly on LLF. There had been discussion and accepted of the pastoral principles but the feedback process is unclear. There were issues around old housing and the employment status of clear and PCCs were encouraged to consider this as part of the *Clergy Covenant* discussions. The changes to the faculty process have been eased to enable carbon zero installations. A new post of Director of Development has been appointed with a post-covid remit. Unconscious bias training will be rolled out for PCCs in the near future. At the July meeting there was discussion Diocesan Initiatives – *Everyday Faith and Vision Development and Transforming Lives Together – Growing Good Toolkit*. At the November meeting there was a presentation from *Knutsford Together* a charity launched in 2022 which aims to connect people with available help and support for a wide range of issues. Ian Bishop outlined the CofE target to be carbon zero by 2023. There were details of *Casting the Net* – an envisioning exercise aimed at capturing the views of the widest number of people in churches and the community to help shape the strategy for how the dioceses works and grows together in the future.

The Diocesan Year book will be issued online in future. Training for clergy and others who require access will be rolled out from January.

Isobel Chetwood Barbara Foster Angela Philpott
Deanery Synod Representatives

ADDITIONAL REPORTS

Bell Ringers' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2022

Our main duty is to ring the bells for Sunday services, and as required by the Rector for other important services. We ring from 10:15 am to 10:45 am each Sunday. Occasionally we ring for other services and for weddings when requested. In 2022 we rang for 6 weddings. We practise on Wednesday evenings from 8:00 to 9:30 pm.

Sadly, we have to record that during the year we lost one of our longest serving ringers, Roger Bugler although he had been living with his daughter in South Wales for several years due to frailty. He was 98. Roger learned to ring in the 1970s when he was 50 and became a very regular, enthusiastic and competent ringer. A memorial service was held for Roger last June at St Bartholomew's.

We now have fifteen members in our band but of those only ten are available to ring on Sundays.

In June, we rang for the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee and in September tolled half muffled bells on Her Majesty's death and subsequent funeral. This seemed to be much appreciated by members of the public who were passing by and some calling in to sign the Book of Remembrance.

For many years our tower captain, Neil Lomas, has maintained our bells but due to age and infirmity he is no longer able to climb the stairs let alone climb among the bells and work on them. It will be necessary in the near future to have a full report on them and some remedial work will need to be carried out by a professional bell hanger.

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers has been seeking 10,000 new ringers to "Ring for the King" so that all the country's bells can be rung for HM King Charles III Coronation in May 2023 and as I write, I can say that one lady has recently approached us to learn to ring, and she has also encouraged one of her friends, a former ringer here Katherine Jackson to return to ringing. Katherine left us about thirty years ago to raise her family and we are delighted to have her back.

R D Keen
Tower Correspondent

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WILMSLOW – 2022

The CTiW group met 3 times with members from the Wilmslow churches: St Bart's, St Anne's, the United Reformed, Wilmslow Methodist Church, St Teresa's, Norcliffe Chapel, Wilmslow Life Church, Wilmslow Quakers and Dean Row Unitarian Church.

The group discuss a range of issues relating to Wilmslow and the wider community. We looked at the needs of asylum seekers and refugees holding a very successful event in October 2022. The Lent Lunches are coordinated through CTiW and it was good to return to our venue at Dean Row raising a grand total of £1,185.00 for Christian Aid. CTiW support Christian Aid week which focused on the impact of climate change in Zimbabwe. There was a street collection outside Barclays Bank. The annual Harvest Appeal is supported by CTiW, apart from the Roman Catholic Church who have their own appeal. In 2022 *Money for Madagascar* and *Hope Central* received monies from the churches.

Reports are received from the churches at each meeting. Rev Caroline Throup and Rev Jennie Prince both left Wilmslow during 2022 and CTiW assured them of our good wishes as they each begin their new adventure. Rev Ian Smart was appointed as Superintendent Minister at the Methodist Church and his induction took place on 11th September. Life Church have relocated to the Revolution bar, Paul Briars left during the year and Chris Whiteley took over the role of Leader. The URC Rock Café and well-being sessions at the High School continued to flourish. Services in the churches were slowly beginning to recover to their pre-covid levels. The URC live stream and record their services.

Churches Together in Wilmslow continue to buck the national trend in terms of their strength and numbers. It is not about *how* we worship but far more about *who* we worship.

Isobel Chetwood

Secretary – Churches Together in Wilmslow

Friends of the Parish of Wilmslow Chair's Report 2022

The Friends of the Parish of Wilmslow held their first in-person meeting on 16th March 2022 after 2 years of inactivity we began to plan for future events with renewed vigour. The Friends provided the refreshments for the Cheshire Constabulary Band concert on 30th April when the sum of £1,660.00 was raised for church funds.

The Friends held a German Christmas Market on Saturday 17th December. We were fortunate to receive lots of donations for all the different stalls; cakes, mince pies, bottles, plants, jams and chutneys, crafts, wrapping paper and decorations. Our friends and church family were most generous in their support for the raffle. Tim organised the music and the choir sang beautifully to get us all in the Christmas spirit. The kitchen was a hive of activity with tea, coffee, hot chocolate, cakes at one end and hot dogs and mulled wine at the other – a very hot place to be for 4 hours! It was certainly worth all the effort and we were absolutely delighted to have raised £1,485.13.

We held our AGM via Zoom on 19th May 2022 when Liz Satterley and Kath Ridings stepped down from the committee. Our grateful thanks go to them both for their hard work and commitment to the Friends. Following Caroline's departure we were pleased to welcome Roger Yates to the Committee.

Isobel Chetwood - Chair – Friends of the Parish of Wilmslow

Friends of the Parish of Wilmslow Financial Summary 2022

The activities of The Friends were curtailed in 2020 and 2021 because of Covid and its associated restrictions of varying degrees. It is therefore very pleasing to report that fundraising events resumed in 2022. The Christmas Market was held raised a gross sum of £1,610.15 and a net sum for The Friends of £1,485.13 after deduction of expenses. The membership subscriptions to The Friends and to 200 Club have been maintained and 200 Club draw has continued each month. In April 2022 The Friends paid for the cost of a programmer for the boiler at St Annes' in the sum of £132. In December 2022 The Friends paid for the cost of repairs to the Noticeboards at St Bart's in the sum of £171.89 with grateful thanks to Phil Gaskell for carrying out this work with a colleague.

The Friends of the Parish of Wilmslow Bank Accounts

The Friends have two separate bank accounts with NatWest Bank in Wilmslow. They are:

- Wilmslow PCC – Friends. Balance as at 31-12-22 £13,562.60
- Wilmslow PCC- 200 Club Balance as at 31-12-22 £7,018.55
- The combined balances were £20,581.15 on 31 December 2022

Income

- £1,621.00 received in subscriptions.
- £40.00 received from Flag flying donations plus donations included the Christmas Market.
- £1,610.15 being the gross sum raised at the Christmas Market
- £69.55 miscellaneous receipt

Therefore, the income for the year was £3,340.70.

Expenditure

- £132.00 for the boiler programmer at St Anne's
- £171.89 for the repairs to St Bart's Noticeboard
- £840.00 for the 200 Club monthly draw prizes. Two prizes £60 each donated back
- £125.02 for the Christmas Fair expenses
- £49.00 gift to a, Kathleen Ridings, to mark her retirement.

Therefore, the expenditure for the year was £1,317.91.

The excess of income over expenditure for 2022 was £2,022.79 and the overall funds held by the Friends increased from £18,558.36, the figure on 31 December 2021, to £20,581.15, the closing balance on 31 December, 2022.

Richard Smith – Honorary Treasurer

Food Friend 2022

- We continued to open for two sessions a week (Monday mornings and Thursday afternoons) and agreed to start opening on the first Saturday morning of the month again in January 2023.
- On average, we gave out 25 food parcels each week. This is about twice as much as the previous year (when after the initial crisis of the pandemic eased, numbers dropped due to the improvement of other food bank services who received significant support like us and 'Covid' funding). The cost-of-living crisis has clearly contributed to the increase in numbers as has the war in Ukraine, with locally housed refugees using Food Friend.
- Having abandoned the card stamp system etc during Covid, we started again to register people in a non-contact way. It was agreed that this is not time efficient and needs improvement.
- We continued to liaise with Hope Centre in Handforth. (Working together is an ethos we have always valued despite trying to be increasingly aware of the parish boundaries. Food Friend continued to give excess food supplies to Handforth, and we used our judgement regarding clients' needs re locality and any valid exceptions to the general rule).
- The excess food supplies following the generosity of people during Covid has also been passed on to other food banks and hostels in the Manchester area e.g., The Mustard Tree in Ancoats.
- Food supplies diminished considerably towards the end of the year, and we have had to start shopping regularly for basics again.
- We have developed a new relationship with the Co-Op in Wilmslow who deliver fresh food to us as part of the FareShare scheme (and a similar project has been discussed with Gail's Bakery due to open in Wilmslow in January 2023). Other pre Covid FareShare relationships have still not been resumed.
- Donations of food have declined generally, although we have had new support from local businesses etc. who have done food collections for us in their offices. And piano teacher Tony Hughes and co. have continued to hold fundraising concerts in aid of Food Friend.
- In the autumn we dove tailed Food Friend with a Warm Space initiative. While this hasn't been particularly well attended, seeing friendships and support develop between those who have has been a pleasure and privilege to observe.
- We are indebted to regular volunteers - Christine Little, Sheena Hatton, Ann Hodson and Ray Oates, Maddy Dixon, Tom Shapland and Stuart Regard.

Flo Knowles April 2023

Magazine Team Report 2022

The Parish Magazine continues to be published digitally and this has proved to be a great success. In particular it has enabled us to use much more colour in the magazine so making it more attractive for our readers as well as widening our readership. In January 2022 we resumed printing the Magazine following Covid. We print sufficient for those who cannot access the online issue or would prefer to pay for a printed copy – currently 120 per month. Due to rising costs the cost for the printed Magazine has recently increased to £10 per year. The online version, which has more colour than the printed one, will continue to be sent out to everyone as now and no charge will be made, although donations are very welcome. The Magazine is also published on our Parish website.

We thank those who deliver copies of the magazine to members of the congregation who do not have access to the online magazine.

During 2022, in addition to the Clergy Comment and our regular features, we published a series of articles on Places in the Bible. Our interesting and varied 'Birthday' series of articles on famous people who have the same birthday as a member of our church family continued and there was a series where church family members shared their Favourite Bible Passages. We also featured regular updates from our Churchwardens, music updates and reports from St Anne's School as well as reports from various church activity groups and the Friends. In addition we printed interesting occasional articles, poems and photographs all generously written or provided by members of the congregations.

Thank you to all our contributors. We love to receive your articles, reports, photographs and drawings and we are lucky to have so many talented artists, photographers and writers in our parish. Thank you to Jean Parker who kindly sends out the timely reminders for articles and to Isabel Chetwood and Yvonne Warren who print and coordinate the paper copies of the magazine each month.

Do please keep sending us your contributions.

Advertising

Isobel Chetwood looks after the ads very competently. Having done this job for many years it is a job she would love to hand over to someone else. Is there anyone out there who would like to assist us in this way? – It is not an unduly onerous task.

As well please do support the local businesses who advertise with us.

Distribution

Thanks to Wendy and Roger Yates for co-ordinating both the distribution and the banking of subscriptions

We would love to hear from you with ideas and suggestions for future magazines – and, of course, articles and pictures too.

Magazine Team

Wendy Yates, Diana Smith, Jill Dodson, Isobel Chetwood, Jean Parker, Ann Hodson

Neighbourhood Network Report

The last year has been a definite improvement since more stringent Covid times and we have been able to host our Christmas and Easter gatherings in the Parish Hall which have been a delight.

Everyone enjoys the relaxed atmosphere and it is always a good time to meet new people or at least get to chat to someone you may have only said hello to before. As always, we had wonderful musical accompaniments from Diana and Rosemary.

Christmas and Easter cards were again sent out to our parish and it is an excellent way to keep in touch with those who can't always make it to church. It has been good to welcome more people to the team, replacing those who have moved or are not able to help at the moment. Many thanks to all those and also for the way you look out for newcomers in our churches, of which there have been a good number recently. Long may that continue!

Several newcomers have remarked upon the great welcome they have received and how friendly our churches are so keep up the good work. Don't forget that a good way of chatting to visitors is by helping out on the church sitting rota in St. Bart's!

Jackie Watts Neighbourhood Network Co-ordinator

St Anne's Ladies Group

In 2022 we were able to return to a full year of meetings. This year our membership was slightly down at 28 with an average of 18 attending meetings, we also had 4 visitors.

We had a varied programme of speakers and activities, the first our attempts at 'keeping fit' and the last 'making Christmas table decorations' both causing much laughter. £140 of our speaker's fees were donated to the following charities: Mary Wood Trust, Alzheimer's Society, Cancer Research UK and a donation to St Anne's Church Flowers.

Our meals out were once again very well attended. In June we visited Wilmslow Garden Centre and in November the Coach and Four. Thank you to all who offered lifts on both occasions.

My thanks to the committee for all their help and to our members for their support. Thank you to Doreen for ensuring we all receive a birthday card; I know it is much appreciated.

We would welcome new members and visitors.

The accounts show we made a small profit this year so the annual subs. will remain at £20 and the visitor's fee £4.

Thanks to Tricia for her excellent work as Treasurer.

2023 is our 50th anniversary year and we are celebrating with a meal in the Hall on 7th June.

Ray Oates

Music Report

2022 was another busy year showing development in most areas especially after the lifting of Covid restrictions. As a parish we hosted:

- 10 organ recitals – all in front of live audiences.
- 7 Lunchtime Concerts – including Jill Crossland (piano) <https://youtu.be/o-dlY4F73jA>
Adam Parrish (piano) <https://youtu.be/trdnHosCDh8> ,
Ethan Mitchell (piano) <https://youtu.be/aGBBwKJSZms> ,
Berry northern (poetry reading) <https://youtu.be/Oguzfm-hsmA> ,
Tim Harvey (music and poetry), Tim Harvey and Friends concert.
- 5 evening concerts – including:
Cheshire Constabulary Band Concert (150 people +) <https://youtu.be/3YN8aoAFAHM>
Prestbury Choral Society.
Lindow Singers (two evening concerts).
The Lindow Ensemble (string orchestra).
- Perfect 5th Jazz Quartet <https://youtu.be/G10qWYTIU-I>

In addition to the usual Sunday services the robed Parish Choir have sung for:

- 7 evensong services at St Bart's. <https://youtu.be/pHVjUypCDe0>
- 4 evensong services at St Anne's.
- Remembrance Sunday.
- Caroline's leaving service.
- Advent Carol Service. https://youtu.be/i1IdlVKTm_Y
- Carols by Candlelight Service. <https://youtu.be/Yp5UzpClwWk>
- Jubilee Evensong. <https://youtu.be/fZOX12JdXAw>
- Hymns of Praise.
- Some funerals and weddings.

The monthly evensong services have a regular following and average about 25 people per service. I think going down to St Anne's for the winter months (October to March) worked very well and we attracted new people from that part of the parish. I would like to thank the readers, sidespeople and intercessors who support our evensong services.

Via the internet (YouTube and Facebook) I regularly post concerts, recitals and sung choir items and we have a growing number of followers especially in America. We are looking forward to hosting Dr Emma Whitten (California) for her organ recital on the 22nd July at 1300. The Parish Choir has 14 permanent members on our register who support our singing and services with cheerful determination and enthusiasm. Annie returned and Isabel left to work towards her doctorate. I would like to thank all our members for their continuing support. Ideally, I would like to recruit more singers (especially male voices) to take our numbers to around 20 persons. This would allow greater flexibility for holiday cover. The electronic Allen organ at St Anne's continues to give good service with limited maintenance.

The organ at St Bart's is tuned twice a year and serviced at the same time. I assist Geoffrey Coffin to tune the organ as this saves the charge for a paid assistant. Numerous organists have had opportunities to play our wonderful instrument and many continue to watch our regular recital videos. Our reputation is spreading throughout the world.

In the 2022 APCM report I identified the following areas for development:

- To provide a wider range of musical concerts and activities.
- To develop the Saturday opening of the church for greater footfall.

I am pleased to report that we have included jazz, big band, string orchestra, poetry, sacred choral events and will shortly include recorder / flute music as well.

Moving the organ recitals to Saturday lunchtimes and also holding regular monthly coffee mornings has also increased footfall.

Tim Harvey – Director of Music

Accounts

Wilmslow Parish

APCM Report 2022 (covering January—December 2021)



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Aims & Purposes

Wilmslow Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Caroline Throup, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the the four Wilmslow Parish church buildings: St Bartholomew's Church, St Anne's Church, the Parish Hall and St Anne's Church Hall.

Objectives & Activities

The general functions of the PCC are stated within section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

During 2021/2, Wilmslow Parish continued to pursue the five marks of mission in line with Chester diocesan policy:

To proclaim the good news of the Kingdom

To teach, baptise and nurture new believers

To respond to human need by loving service

To seek to transform unjust structures of society

To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and to sustain the life of the earth

In providing leadership to Wilmslow Parish, the incumbent and PCC give consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance to charities concerned with the advancement of religion.

The activities of the PCC are outlined in the report on pages 18-24.

It is difficult to estimate the total volunteering time offered by many members of Wilmslow Parish but it amounts to well in excess of 150 hours in a typical month.

We are grateful to all who do so much to contribute to the life of the church: the churchwardens, the PCC secretary and treasurer, the Friends of the Parish, and Food Friend; those who help lead services, do children's work, play music, do readings, intercessions, flowers, lay assist, act as sidespeople, count the money, garden, clean and provide welcome, hospitality and church sitting - and much more besides.

Achievements and Performance

See all additional reports

.

Church buildings

The Church buildings have all been maintained to keep them Covid compliant and fulfilling RA requirements throughout 2021

Thank you to all volunteers and paid staff who have helped enable the buildings to reopen in line with Governmental guidelines.

Finance, giving and fundraising

...continue to be challenging as our expenditure commitments continue to increase and prices for goods and services continue to rise, with no comparable increase in the size of the membership or the income of the church.

Regular giving enables us to meet our obligation to pay parish share, and covers many of our other costs..

The annual accounts have been approved by the PCC and are attached for your inspection.

Structure, Governance & Management

Wilmslow Parish PCC operates under the *Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956* and the *Church Representation Rules (2011 & 2020)*.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church members are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Risk assessments are carried out as and when required and recorded in the PCC's Risk Register.

Administrative Information

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wilmslow St Bartholomew and St Anne is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Charity registration number: 1131056

It is part of the Diocese of Chester within the Church of England.

The correspondence address is:

Parish Office, Wilmslow Parish Hall, Cliiff Road, Wilmslow SK9 4AA

Incumbent	Revd Caroline Throup
Assistant Curate	Revd Jennie Prince
PTO	Revd Canon Professor Roger Yates Revd Val Hollis Rev Georgina Watmore
Churchwardens	Jackie Watts (also Lay Chair) Caroline Lucas
Deanery Synod Reps	Isobel Chetwood (also PCC Secretary) Barbara Foster (2 vacancies until April 2023)

Elected members

Complete term of office in April 2022

Grace Reed	Julian Bowker (Treasurer)
Jon Horne	Martin Kinsey
(5 vacancies for April 2022-April 2025)	

Complete term of office in April 2023

Diana Smith	Georgina Lewis
Wendy Yates	
(2 vacancies for April 2022-April 2023)	

Complete term of office in April 2024

Angela Philpott	Flo Knowles
Ray Oates	Phil Gaskell
Ann Hodson	

The Standing Committee

The Standing Committee is a sub-committee of the PCC as required by the Church of England. The Rector and Churchwardens are ex-officio.

The additional members, elected by the PCC are:

Julian Bowker

Isobel Chetwood

Georgina Lewis

Bankers

NatWest Bank

Wilmslow, Cheshire

Independent Examiner

Patrick Tyrrell

Approved by the PCC :

and signed on their behalf by the Reverend Caroline Throup (PCC chairman)

Parochial Church Council of St. Bartholomew's, Wilmslow

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under the Charities Act 2011, s.144(2) (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or

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

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



Patrick Tyrrell FRSA FCMA

"Craigmore" 35 Handforth Road Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 2LX

Financial Review for 2021

The consolidated Parish accounts are presented on the accruals basis.

Unrestricted Funds.

Income.

Total income was £145,864, a slight reduction from £148,274 in 2020.

Of this, some £76,825 was from unrestricted planned voluntary donations through standing orders and envelopes (a decrease of some 10% from the equivalent figure for 2020). A further £16,829 was obtained from Gift Aid, a reduction from the previous year due to extra amounts being brought into account in 2020 to reflect the adoption of accruals accounting.

Income continued to be adversely affected by the coronavirus pandemic, as the two church halls were subject to closures and/or restrictions for part of the year. However, £10,289 was received from Cheshire East Council in the form of Additional Restrictions Grants, for the easing of the financial burden on our halls caused by the Covid restrictions.

Expenditure

Cost reductions arose as a result of the decreased usage of the churches and halls.

The salaries bill was increased due to redundancy pay for two employees and a back-pay award to another employee. These amounts totalled £7,973. However, these extra costs were ameliorated by the receipt of £6,250 of Coronavirus JRS (furlough) grants (reported under Income).

£174,820 was spent from unrestricted funds to provide for Christian ministry, including the contribution to the diocesan parish share of a net £81,169, which largely provides stipends and housing for the clergy.

Restricted funds.

Grants and donations of £11,714 were received, of which £10,600 related to our Food Friend food bank, and £1,114 related to the activities of the Friends of the Parish, who raise funds for the maintenance of the church buildings and fittings.

Overall position.

The net movement on Unrestricted Funds was a deficit of £29,061, and on Restricted Funds the deficit was £2,057. Consequently, over the year, the total fund balances decreased to £901,856, of which £325,843 is Unrestricted. At this level of Unrestricted Funds the PCC has no immediate concerns about the financial impact of any further Covid constraints over the medium term.

Reserves Policy

The PCC retained £236,892 of its excess cash balances in short-term deposits of up to a year's duration. These are reviewed on an annual basis.

Parochial Church Council of St. Bartholomew's, Wilmslow

Finances

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ending 31 December 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Voluntary income	2 (a)	101,800	11,714	0	113,514	152,603
Activities for generating funds	2 (b)	705	0	0	705	2,911
Income from investments	2 (c)	3,258	0	0	3,258	3,432
Church activities	2 (d)	33,851	0	0	33,851	19,850
Covid Job Retention Scheme grants	2 (e)	6,250	0	0	6,250	5,423
TOTAL INCOME		<u>145,864</u>	<u>11,714</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>157,578</u>	<u>184,219</u>
EXPENDITURE						
Church activities	3 (a)	174,820	12,941	0	187,761	199,368
Raising funds	3 (b)	105	830	0	935	1,989
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>174,925</u>	<u>13,771</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>188,696</u>	<u>201,356</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS		(29,061)	(2,057)	0	(31,118)	(17,137)
NET LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS		0	0	0	0	(2,551)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		<u>(29,061)</u>	<u>(2,057)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(31,118)</u>	<u>(19,688)</u>
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS		0	0	0	0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>(29,061)</u>	<u>(2,057)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(31,118)</u>	<u>(19,688)</u>
Total funds brought forward	8	354,904	58,405	519,665	932,974	952,663
Total Funds carried forward		<u>325,843</u>	<u>56,348</u>	<u>519,665</u>	<u>901,856</u>	<u>932,974</u>

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	St Bart's		Unrestricted Funds		Friends	Restricted Funds		Total	Total
		£	£	St Anne's	Total	£	Food	Friend		
				£	£	£	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS										
Tangible Investments	5 (a) 5 (b)	428,650 1,117	93,549 521,199				0	0	522,199	522,414
		429,767	93,549	521,199			0	0	1,117	1,117
				521,316			0	0	523,335	523,531
CURRENT ASSETS										
Stock Investments		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Debtors and prepayments	6 (a)	5,172	3,128	8,209			0	0	0	0
Short term deposits	6 (b)	236,892	0	236,892			165	225	390	8,689
Cash at bank and in hand	6 (b)	60,390	20,072	80,462			0	0	236,892	231,676
		302,654	23,195	325,653			18,558	37,400	136,420	171,562
LIABILITIES										
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	7	2,801	660	3,461			0	0	3,461	12,796
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		299,652	21,539	322,192			18,723	37,624	378,540	409,444
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		729,419	116,088	845,508			18,723	37,624	901,856	932,975
Creditors - amounts falling due after one year		0	0	0			0	0	0	0
TOTAL NET ASSETS		729,419	116,088	845,508			18,723	37,624	901,856	932,975
PARISH FUNDS										
Endowment reserve	8	426,117	93,549	519,666			0	0	519,666	519,666
Unrestricted	8	299,681	21,540	322,221			0	0	322,221	351,283
Designated [Music scholarship]	8	3,621		3,621			0	0	3,621	3,621
Restricted [Friends & Food Friend]	8			0			18,724	37,624	56,348	58,405
		729,419	116,089	845,508			18,724	37,624	901,856	932,975

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 30th March 2022 and signed on its behalf by:
The Reverend Caroline Throup (Rector and PCC clerk)

Caroline Throup
(CAROLINE THROUP)

The notes numbered 2 to 8 form part of these accounts.

Parochial Church Council of St. Bartholomew's, Wilmslow

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2021

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Parochial Church Council of St Bartholomew's, Wilmslow (PCC) is a public benefit entity within the meaning of Financial Reporting Standard 102. The Financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church of England Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions. As with last year, they have been prepared under FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by the Charities (SORP(FRS102)).

ASSETS

Consecrated and benefice property

In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of "charity" by Section 10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011 such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements.

Moveable church furnishings

Insufficient cost information is available to capitalise these assets, but in any case all items are included in the Church's inventory. The policy for future purchases is to capitalise them at cost and depreciate them over their useful economic life.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity

These have historically been written off in the year of purchase. The policy for the future is to capitalise them if they can be used for more than one year, and cost in excess of £1,000. They will be valued at cost or else, for gifts-in-kind, at a reasonable estimate of their open market value on receipt. Depreciation will be calculated to write off the capitalised cost of fixed assets (less their currently anticipated residual fair value) over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Land	Nil
Fixtures and fittings	20 years
Computers	3 years.

No depreciation is provided on buildings as the currently estimated residual value of the properties is not less than their carrying value and the remaining useful life of these assets currently exceeds 50 years, so that any depreciation charges would be immaterial.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange or whose value derives from them are valued at market value at the year end.

Short term deposits

These are the cash held in various deposit accounts and at the bank.

FUNDS

Restricted Funds

These are income funds that can only be spent on the restricted purposes for which they were raised: the £37,624 held by “Food Friend” can only be used for local food relief, and the £18,724 held by “Friends” can only be used for the replacement or refurbishment of Wilmslow PCC property.

Unrestricted Funds

These represent the remaining income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC

Proposal: The PCC accept the 2021 accounts for the APCM.

Proposed: Martin Kinsey

Seconded: Jon Horne

Unanimously agreed

2 INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted Funds			Total 2021	Total 2020
	St Bart's £	St Anne's		Friends £	Food Friend		£	£
		£	Total £		£	Total £		
2 (a) Voluntary income								
Planned giving:								
Gift Aid donations	51,335	15,460	66,795	0	4,640	4,640	71,435	82,525
Tax recoverable	12,839	3,990	16,829	(437)	1,160	723	17,552	22,925
Other planned donations	8,095	1,935	10,030	1,551	1,122	2,673	12,703	34,780
Collections	2,293	489	2,781	0	0	0	2,781	4,850
Gift Days			0	0			0	0
Donations, appeals, etc	5,290	75	5,365		3,678	3,678	9,043	5,523
Legacies	0		0				0	2,000
	79,851	21,949	101,800	1,114	10,600	11,714	113,514	152,603
2 (b) Activities for generating funds								
Parish magazine (advertising)	612		612			0	612	1,185
Fundraising	93		93			0	93	1,726
	705	0	705	0	0	0	705	2,911
2 (c) Income from investments								
Dividends on COIF fund	34		34			0	34	58
Bank deposit interest	3,224		3,224			0	3,224	3,374
	3,258	0	3,258	0	0	0	3,258	3,432
2 (d) Income from church activities								
Fees from weddings and funerals	5,829	0	5,829			0	5,829	1,887
Church Hall lettings	23,627	2,362	25,989			0	25,989	16,139
Church Hire	1,771		1,771			0	1,771	90
Bookstall	0		0			0	0	430
Parish magazine (sales)	262		262			0	262	1,304
	31,489	2,362	33,851	0	0	0	33,851	19,850
2 (e) Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme grants								
	3,860	2,390	6,250			0	6,250	5,423
TOTAL INCOME	119,163	26,701	145,864	1,114	10,600	11,714	157,578	184,219

3 EXPENDITURE

3 (a)

Church activities

Mission and charitable giving:

Church Overseas

Christian Relief & Development Agencies

Christian Home Missions

Secular Charities

Ministry: diocesan share

Other ministry costs

Church running & maintenance -

Heat, light, cleaning, insurance

Church maintenance

Upkeep of services

Church salaries, & honoraria

Administrative costs -

Administration manager

Office expenses

Professional Services

Major repairs

Depreciation

Parish magazine costs

Churchyard upkeep

Hall running costs

Bank charges

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total 2021	Total 2020
	St Bart's £	St Anne's £	Friends £	Food Friend £		
48	0	48			48	49
58,617	22,552	81,169			453	107
11,476		11,476			0	0
15,694	3,222	18,915			0	0
4,832	6,163				501	156
2,026	162	2,189			81,169	78,790
4,315	2,477	6,792			0	23,476
					11,476	
					0	
					18,915	17,962
					0	5,392
					(1,490)	4,673
					0	2,189
					0	6,792
					18,915	17,962
					0	5,392
					0	1,708
					6,792	3,617
					0	
					13,208	21,321
					770	6,339
					0	1,836
					0	0
					0	0
					215	215
					0	13
					0	1,030
					0	7,240
					0	31,397
					21,311	725
					783	199,368
					0	
					14,431	12,941
					187,761	
					0	0
					830	1,514
					0	474
					830	1,989
					935	
					188,696	
					13,771	
					188,696	

3 (b)

Raising funds

Stewardship costs

General fundraising costs

Book-stall costs

TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

NET INCOME

137,676	37,249	174,925	(660)	14,431	13,771	188,696
(18,513)	(10,548)	(29,061)	1,774	(3,831)	(2,057)	(17,137)

4. STAFF COSTS

In 2021 the PCC employed an average 4 people on a part-time permanent basis (5 in 2020), and also a number of occasional organists and a choir leader, who were paid according to the number of services and practices they officiated at.

The remuneration of the above permanent employees can be analysed as follows –

	2021	2020
	£	£
Gross Pay	42217	35971
Employer Pension Contributions	813	658
National Insurance contributions	NIL	NIL
Totals	<u>43030</u>	<u>36629</u>

These costs are allocated to the following funds –

Unrestricted funds	29822	31229
Restricted fund (Food Friend)	13208	5400
Totals	<u>43030</u>	<u>36629</u>

5 FIXED ASSETS

5 (a) TANGIBLE		Freehold land & buildings			Furniture & Office equipment		
		St Bart's	St Anne's	Total	St Bart's	St Anne's	Total
Cost at valuation	At 1 January 2021	425,000	93,549	518,549	47,045	10,000	57,045
	Disposals	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Additions at cost	0	0	0	0	0	0
	At 31 December 2021	425,000	93,549	518,549	47,045	10,000	57,045
Depreciation	At 1 January 2021	0	0	0	43,180	10,000	53,180
	Withdrawn on disposals	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Charge for the year	0	0	0	215	0	215
	At 31 December 2021	0	0	0	43,395	10,000	53,395
Net Book Value	At 1 January 2021	425,000	93,549	518,549	3,865	0	3,865
	At 31 December 2021	425,000	93,549	518,549	3,650	0	3,650

Freehold Land and Buildings are held by the Diocese of Chester on behalf of the parish as a custodian trustee.

The gross book value of the properties is based on the insurance valuations at 1 January 1998 and is considered to be a fair estimate of the current value of the properties. The current insurance value of the churches of St. Bartholomew's and St. Anne's, and their respective Halls, is £16.18m.

5 (b) INVESTMENT ASSETS

	COIF
At 1 January 2021	1,117
Disposals	-
Additions at cost	-
Gain/loss on revaluation in year	-
At 31 December 2021	1,117

COIF - COIF Charities Investment Fund - 65 income shares

6 CURRENT ASSETS

	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted Funds			Total	Total
	St Bart's	St Anne's	Total	Friends	Food Friend	Total	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
6 (a) Debtors								
Tax recoverable	3,653	1,009	4,662	165	225	390	5,051	11,841
Insurance premiums paid in advance	760	194	954			0	954	2,743
Hall rental income accrued			0			0	0	0
Income accrued			0			0	0	0
Costs prepaid	759	1,925	2,684			0	2,684	917
Payment refunded later						0	0	1,500
	5,172	3,128	8,299	165	225	390	8,689	17,001
6 (b) Short-term deposits and Cash at Bank								
Deposit accounts: United Trust Bank	82,715		82,715			0	82,715	81,532
Hampshire Bank	82,657		82,657			0	82,657	81,516
The Kingdom Bank	71,520		71,520			0	71,520	70,627
Teachers' Building Society	0		0			0	0	0
Bank accounts - Natwest	60,136	19,847	79,983	18,558	37,134	55,692	135,675	171,160
Paypal	254	225	479			0	479	193
Cash in hand			0		266	266	266	210
	297,282	20,072	317,354	18,558	37,400	55,958	373,312	405,239
Total Current assets	302,454	23,199	325,653	18,723	37,624	56,348	382,001	422,239

7 CURRENT LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted Funds			Total	Total
	St Bart's	St Anne's	Total	Friends	Food Friend	Total	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
7 Creditors								
Charitable giving			0			0	0	0
Costs accrued	2,801	660	3,461			0	3,461	11,296
Receipt refunded later			0			0	0	1,500
	2,801	660	3,461	0	0	0	3,461	12,796

NB in 2020 we accrued £5k tree work, £2k service fees (DBF)

8 SUMMARY OF FUND MOVEMENTS

	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	St Bart's & St Anne's Land & Buildings		Music scholarship	Friends & Food Friend	
	£	£	£	£	£
Balance at 1 January 2021	519,666	351,283	3,621	58,405	932,975
Incoming resources		145,864		11,714	157,578
Resources expended		(174,926)		(13,771)	(188,697)
Investment losses					0
Balance at 31 December 2021	519,666	322,221	3,621	56,348	901,856

SUMMARY OF ASSETS BY FUND

	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	518,549	3,650			522,199
Investment fixed assets	1,117	0			1,117
Current assets	0	322,032	3,621	56,348	382,001
Current Liabilities	0	(3,461)		0	(3,461)
Totals at 31 December 2021	519,666	322,221	3,621	56,348	901,856

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PCC 2021

The PCC met 8 times during 2021 via zoom *and in person*.

20th January 2021 (16 Members) – Via Zoom

Christmas booking system worked well – no one turned away.

Resolution to suspend services until 14th February agreed by email with a majority vote.

Rev Georgina Watmore applied for PTO status. Would like period rest and reflection so will take occasional services rather than regular commitment. Wishes to cover parish vacancies across the deanery.

Email agreement by majority to amend bank signatories.

Service pattern and ministry team staffing 2021 discussed and all members expressed their views. Plan for all-age service at 4 pm on 3rd Sunday in the month.

Jennie still an ordinand until May/June but will be joining us as curate. Discussion about online services and possible live streaming.

Housing allowance and office space for Jennie discussed.

PCC ground rules – draft code of conduct noted. Avoid confusion between church representative rules and this document. Comments to Martin.

Diana Smith taken over role of Safeguarding Lead. All members to complete basic online training by Easter.

Friends of the Parish met via Zoom – annual and finance reports noted. Proposal to broaden the remit to appeal to wider town of Wilmslow.

St Anne's school more children in school than during first lockdown so more pressure.

CTiW – Jackie liaising with Cathy Fozard re: Lent lunches and Christian Aid week.

Isobel agreed to stand as Deanery Lay Chair. Visit from Bishop Mark later this year.

HR Support proposal noted. 3 quotes to be obtained and email approval once a preferred firm is chosen.

22nd February 2021 (17 Members)

Caroline has contacted Kirsty Thorpe (URC) re: live streaming services but not heard back. She has tried OBS software but it does take time.

Noted that some church members have chosen to move to other churches. Caroline discussed with Robin at St Philip's.

Members encouraged to think of people who may have lay ministry gifts.

Lent Lunches planned as a zoom meeting at 12 pm on Tuesdays in March.

SAS Daniels now on board re: HR issues and matters are progressing.

Financial summary noted with thanks to Julian

PCC ground rules noted and Martin will send out final version soon.

Agreement for curate's office to be the parish hall in the room which currently houses the copier and TV. To be re-sited, painting, decorating and carpeting to be organised.

Proposal for pre-recorded recital series by Tim Harvey noted.

Discussion re: donations and split between performers and church funds.

Rota and pattern of services noted for 2021/22.

APCM preparation highlighted particularly the Church Warden posts.

Members to consider who may be suited to the role.

Electoral roll revision notice to be out by 28th February.

Carpets and lighting at St Anne's – ongoing.

30th March 2021 (15 Members) – Via Zoom

Final draft of ground rules noted but discussion with new PCC.

Plan of action needed to curate's office. Restrictions on singing remain for review after 21st June. Food Friend opening on Thursdays from 8th April.

PCC and Church Warden vacancies noted. 2 Deanery synod places available but suggest PCC places filled first.

2020 Financial Report approved for Annual Meeting.

Discussion re: post covid recovery plans including changes to overall church membership and reduced staffing. New all-age service on 4th Sunday in the month. Discussion about service patterns for May/June to enable 2 HC services on Sundays. Agreement for St Anne's at 9.30am and St Bart's 11.00am. Other issues to consider are accumulated loss, grief, financial losses and psychological impact of the pandemic. Flo and Alison willing to support recovery. Diana suggested appropriate services would be welcome. Careful ministry of rescheduling weddings and baptisms. Regular members gone from church family as well as groups and activities stopping. Foundation Governor needed for St Anne's School. Should be practising Christian and worshipping member of a church congregation.

Most members have completed safeguarding training. Diana can help with any problems.

Phil and Jon looking at down pipe at St Bart's. One quote received, 2 more to be obtained. Flooring and electrics at St Anne's in hand. Friends will be holding AGM shortly and need new Treasurer as Phil Hardy wishes to step down.

Zoom Lent lunches great success with generous donations.

Deanery Synod meeting notes received. Isobel has taken on role of Deanery Lay Chair.

Changes to wedding registration procedures noted.

Progress with HR/SAS Daniels noted.

Thanks expressed to Alison as she will not be standing again but is always willing to help.

27th April 2021 (16 Members) – Via Zoom

Members welcomed to first meeting of the new PCC and particularly to Ann Hodson. Warm welcome to 2 new churchwardens Caroline and Jackie.

Caroline is aware of possible Foundation Governor – nomination to be offered at May meeting.

Appointments were agreed as follows; Standing Committee, Lay Chair, PCC Secretary, PCC Treasurer, Sidespeople, Electoral Roll Officer and Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Changes to marriage registration procedures come into effect nationally on 4th May.

Jackie to collate list of key holders and full sets to be made available for those who need them.

Finance and Fabric sub-committees to be agreed as a priority at next meeting.

19th May 2021 (13 Members) – Via Zoom

Ground Rules discussion deferred to next meeting.

Two further sidespeople added to the list and formally accepted.

Ongoing work at St Anne's but deadlock with regard to carpet so will raise at the Quinquennial. Prices being obtained for porch lighting and changing outside light to a sensor one.

Leaking drain pipe at St Bart's causing damp and mould in choir vestry. Quotes being obtained and once scope and cost established faculty may be needed. Damage to the lych-gate noted. Friends happy to support cost of remedial work.

Discussion about small working groups for fabric and finance.

Confirm membership and terms of reference initially.

Jennie Prince nominated for foundation governor.

Unanimously agreed.

DBS checks complete for majority of PCC members.

Posters updated. Diana Smith covered to do shopping for people as she has relevant DBS check.
Richard Smith volunteered to take on role of Treasurer for Friends.
Zoom AGM to present annual report and accounts as well as formally electing Richard and the committee.
CTiW pleasing Lent lunch total. Details of the harvest appeal for 2021 and 2022 noted.
Flo returning to Lay Pastoral Worker training in September.
Foundations for Ministry due to start again in September.
Clergy Covenant passed by General Synod with implications for churches and clergy. Discussion document for PCCs to follow.
Isobel to circulate the report as well as *The Living in Love and Faith* documents.
New service patterns noted and feedback invited. Ray asked if midweek service at St Anne's could be on a Thursday. Caroline will consider but may cause logistical problems.
Legislation/Guidance about singing in church noted with reduction to maximum number of 6. Discussion and mixed views expressed.
Over £1K raised from Lent lunches and similar amount from envelopes. Just Giving £2,289 to date and water walk raised £300.

27th July 2021 (16 members)

St Anne's quinquennial done on 14th June, issue with carpet clarified so proceed to estimates.

Discussion re: Harvest Charity.

Deanery/Diocesan Synod – Clergy Covenant and Living in Faith and Love to be discussed at Deanery and parish level.

Ground rules agreed – thanks to Martin

Full discussion re: Covid H&S, timing of services, Sundays and midweek. Discussion about maximum numbers and agreement.

PCC agreed to proceed with caution in lifting restrictions.

Discussion about Fabric and Finance TORs.

PCC unanimously accepted.

Financial summary – mid year report to 30-06-21 noted.

Reports received – Safeguarding, Food Friend, Friends of the Parish, CTiW and Deanery Diocesan synod.

Parish magazine to start printing copies from October. Work ongoing to check with distributors and subscribers how they would like to receive magazine. Costs noted and income from paper copies with the suggestion of a voluntary donation for online ones.

Agreement to sell speakers from the parish hall which were donated by Manchester Airport but not used.

Postcards and leaflets to be sorted and put back in church.

5th October 2021 (15 members)

Mid-week services moved to Thursdays alternating between the churches.

Discussion re post Covid services, groups, activities and mission.

Spacing – more pews in centre of nave + plenty of chairs. Continue to remain socially responsible. *Mask wearing* – most people do but noticeably different for occasional offices. Agreed to continue as we are. Caroline and Jennie to manage occasional offices on case by case basis. *Singing* – Maximum in choir increased to 15 and desire for more congregational singing. General consensus for more singing so agreement for opening hymn, *Gloria* and closing hymn. All to stand for this and passing the peace. *Refreshments* – Various comments received. Noted it would be easier to restart this in St Anne's. Sing-up sheet for St Bart's ready and dishwasher tested and working. There do remain concerns so proceed with caution. *Services* – Mid-week at St Bart's in Jesus chapel would be viable as numbers between 6 and 10. Evensong worked well there.

Home Communion/Neighbourhood Network – Consideration to be given to restarting Home Communion taking into account need to reserve wafers and hygiene issues. NN continues to work well with mixture of visiting and telephone contact. *Capacity* – Lindow Singers concert agreed audience to wear masks and limit of 100 (30 choir and 70 audience). *Remembrance/All Souls* – Caroline meeting with Town Council and will liaise with British Legion. Suggests starting in memorial garden followed by service of the word in church. Caroline's practice in sending church and she wishes to establish this pattern for future years. Discussion with mixed views and show to hands to proposal permanent change;

6 for, 2 against and 2 abstentions.

All Souls normally CTiW but no plans for this year. Acknowledged that this is greatly appreciated. Caroline and Jennie to discuss options. *Christmas* – brief discussion about Christingle and St Anne's Crib Service well attended but large numbers. Last year 2 Christmas Eve services 9 pm and midnight so need to think about this year. Important to consider our own congregation and possible ticketing for Christingle. Boxing Day on Sunday so one said HC service at St Bart's.

Mission – Open discussion – good publicity and raising awareness important. Wish to open church more on Saturday between 10 am and 4 pm. Choir practice moved to Saturdays so opportunity for cleaning also. Barbara would like to see coffee and cakes return. Ann felt church needed deep clean.

Georgina would like more involvement from young families.
Agreement that it would be helpful for church members to commit to being at all-age service to act as friendly hosts.

Clergy well-being Covenant circulated and read by everyone.

Martin has summarised and happy to take the lead, liaising with Jackie and Isobel.

Reports received – Safeguarding, Fabric, Finance, Food Friend, CTiW, St Anne's School, Deanery and Diocesan Synod.

Problems with car parking at St Bart's noted.

24th November 2021 (16 members)

All DBS checks completed and almost all training undertaken.

Remembrance Day service worked well, parade cancelled and 54 in church. Positive feedback for outdoor service.

Deanery visits went well. +Mark attended St Anne's School and

+Sam and +Julie looked at work of food friend. Greater chapter meeting held in chapter meeting held in St Bart's.

Full discussion re: mission and outreach. Focus for future and need to encourage young people. Need to consider what we are going to say to newcomers. Jon suggested having a worship committee to develop ideas. Mission and Outreach officer at the diocese who is happy to come to PCC meetings.

Lay Pastoral Worker project approved.

Discussion re: covid safety; masks, distancing, numbers, catering and Christmas service.

St Anne's coffee to restart in the New Year and St Bart's to be reviewed then.

Details of the Christmas Services noted.

Safeguarding report noted.

Fabric report noted and agreement for lights to be replaced at St Anne's.

Finance report noted including income and expenditure figures.

Projected deficit of -£30K noted.

Approval for Julian to set up an online banking account.

Isobel attended webinar about fund raising and invite Martin Smith, Diocesan Giving Officer, to a Friends meeting in the near future.

She briefly outlined various suggestions for fund raising and a parish outing.

St Anne's School has much less disruption from Covid.

CTiW - £482.51 sent to *Money for Madagascar* from Harvest Appeal
Correspondence re: children's services noted and need to establish something different to encourage young families.

Agreement to only allow working dogs into the church building.
Request from toddler group for space in the parish hall noted. For further consideration after Christmas.

Electoral Roll Officer's Report

There are currently **212** on the Electoral Roll of which **57** live outside the Parish.

2 were added

12 have been removed

(**5** of which are deceased, **1** left the area **1** was ordained and **5** requested to be removed as no longer worshipping in our Parish)

Please notify me of any alterations to your current details which may occur during the year.

Please continue to encourage any new regular members of the congregation to join the Electoral Roll so that they can be eligible to vote and be members of the PCC and Sidespersons.

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(Administration Manager)

Fabric Report including Parish Hall

Fabric Committee Report

The Fabric committee was set up with Caroline Throup (Rector), Jackie Watts (ChurchWarden), Flo Knowles , Jon Horne, Ray Oates , Georgina Lewis and Grace Reed with each member looking after a section of the Parish.

Parish Hall

Jackie began by organising the sorting and clearing the storage area in the main hall of the Parish Hall . We then investigated the damp on the walls. A leak was found behind panelling in the Ladies toilets. Grace purchased a dehumidifier which we ran for 6 months and the problem was solved . The machine then went to the costume wardrobe at the Wilmslow Guild. Jackie, assisted by Grace and Angela, cleared the toy cupboard and washed and dried all of the toys; some were sold and the damaged ones disposed of and the walls painted . The good toys were put back.

St Bart's Exterior

Repairs to Gutters and downspouts all around the church including old exterior toilet roof repair

- significant work (costing £1,650) completed.

Lychgate roof

- emergency repairs to displaced/ broken tiles and broken stone ridge replaced (cost c. £300).

Wrought ironwork

–agreed that permission for this would be sought with a view to starting work in spring, 2022.

Security lights

- repairs to three (outside extension and around pathway).

Contractor undertaking gutter and downspout repairs

- reported a total of 10 cracked/ broken roof tiles.

Quoted £675 for rectification. He deemed the work not particularly urgent but we should budget for this work to be carried out during 2022.

St Bart's Interior

Bell tower step and doorway at top of stairs

– checked and considered safe and secure following concerns raised.

The door could do with some maintenance work but this was not deemed a priority.

It was agreed that the bird proofing would be checked when the pinnacles were.

Choir vestry

- spring cleaned after the work causing the damp was complete.

Kitchen

– emergency repair to strip light.

Clergy vestry

– spring cleaned (as well as various cupboards around the building).

St Anne's Church

- Small tree taken down in the wild area after tree report condemned (no cost)

- New Globe light fitted inside the porch (from donation)

- Sensor light fitted above the front side door (from donation)

- Quinquennial inspection received

St Anne's Hall

- New gas boiler fitted with funds kindly donated by Friends of the Parish

St Bart's Churchyard

A small team of volunteers meet every Monday morning throughout the year, usually, only missing on Bank Holidays or if the weather is very bad. This year our activity was also hindered by lock downs. The mild, wet spring encouraged early growth and with lock downs there was a period when we struggled to keep pace with nature!

Apart from lawn mowing and leaf gathering, a wide range of less obvious tasks are undertaken. The pruning of shoots around the base of many of our mature trees is a tedious and perennial task. Trimming of the pyracantha hedge which deters intruders at the rear of the extension for example. There are also more enjoyable aspects such as encouraging bulbs and primroses which provide a glorious display during the spring. Most importantly the team enjoy working together in God's acre. While not obvious to the eye, there are in fact more than a hundred numbered and logged trees in St Bart's churchyard. For the safety of everyone using the churchyard, every three years a full survey of the trees must be undertaken by a qualified arborist. This survey had previously highlighted several trees which needed to be removed and following approvals relating to Tree Preservation Orders, the work was completed by a specialist contractor. Approximately 30 trees have been highlighted as having health issues and these require inspection annually.

The coordination of these inspections and any consequential tree surgery is quite challenging and we have appreciated the support from Helen in the Parish Office.

During the autumn a major clearance of the brambles and general jungle on the lower plateau adjacent to the river was initiated. This will provide an improved view of the river and enhance the general appearance of the churchyard.

During this year we were asked if we could tackle the hedge between the garden of remembrance and Chancel Lane. With the help of a string of extension cables the team managed to achieve this task and thus save contractors costs.

Annual maintenance of the machinery can be expensive but thanks to the generous donation of three relatively new mowers we were able to avoid all workshop charges this year. However it is unlikely that we will be able to repeat this in 2022 and suggest that a budget of £250 should be allowed for. While working we must always be cognisant of safety issues, environmental issues and wider also enjoy engaging with visitors as they pass through the churchyard.

Grace Reed & Jon Horne
Fabric Committee

Fabric Report (Warden's Report)

This time last year we didn't know what was in store for us as wardens! It has been a steep learning curve but here we are at the APCM with many things accomplished.

Because of the disruption over the past two years there were a number of outstanding jobs to be done and I'm pleased to say many are now sorted. From a long term leak in the Parish Hall (resulting in follow on jobs with drying out the building and damp cupboards and contents), to roof repairs in all of our four buildings, other repairs that had been highlighted in the Quinquennial and various tree works in the churchyards. Many thanks to all who stepped in to help.

It has been great to have a team on the PCC and others from the congregation who can help when needed. If you notice something that needs doing, however small, don't wait to be asked - just volunteer!

We have said goodbye to David Bush and Louise Pipping, who for many years have helped us in all our buildings with cleaning and repairs and general maintenance – thank you to them for all their hard work.

We have moved from online to real life services once again and have gradually introduced old ways of doing things, but it must be noted that we are still not at the end of the pandemic and we need to continue to take care.

Covid led to the decision to have outdoor services for Remembrance Sunday and then the Christingles at both churches. These were a great success and maybe something to continue – especially the use of the Memorial garden when so many could come together.

Earlier in the year Jennie was ordained Curate at Chester – most of us could only watch online which was a new experience. Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals are now happening with greater numbers being able to attend for which we are thankful.

We were able to continue with our Friday afternoon Parish Zoom sessions – thanks to Caroline L for facilitating these – a good way to keep up with each other when we couldn't always meet in person.

Recently we have planted trees for the Jubilee in both churchyards and plan Jubilee parties.

We have a time of great change ahead as we say goodbye to Caroline and Jennie – we wish them well in their new places of work and thank them for their time with us.

We are thankful too for Roger, Val and Georgina who will be helping us during the interregnum.

Jackie Watts and Caroline Lucas

31/3/22

Safeguarding Report

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Safeguarding means the steps that the Church takes to create and maintain a safe environment for all and in particular for children, young people and vulnerable adults. As a Parish we are committed to encouraging an environment where all people, but especially those who may be at risk for any reason, are able to worship and follow their faith journey in safety.

I attach a copy of our Parish Safeguarding Policy which was accepted at last year's APCM. This Policy is reviewed on at least an annual basis.

As a result of the continuing Covid pandemic 2021 was a year when, due to Government restrictions, there were no church services in our Parish from the second week in January until Palm Sunday, 28th March. During these months our other usual church activities such as children's activities, home visits and social events were also suspended. Over the course of the year a review of our activities from a Safeguarding point of view has taken place and documentation and processes updated as necessary in line with guidelines set out by The Church of England and Diocese of Chester. This review is an ongoing process and particularly as our activities recommence and new activities begin.

There were no formal safeguarding reports made to the Chester Diocesan Safeguarding Team during the year.

Over the course of the year PCC members completed the Safeguarding Basic Awareness Course and most have also completed the Safeguarding Foundation Course provided by the Diocese.

DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) documentation and processes are under ongoing review to ensure that all procedures are kept up to date. Similarly our Safeguarding contact details and safeguarding information is reviewed regularly to ensure that up to date information is displayed on our Parish website and in Parish buildings.

Diana Smith
Parish Safeguarding Officer

Parish Safeguarding Handbook Model Parish Safeguarding Policy Church of England

The Parish of Wilmslow SAFEGUARDING POLICY PROMOTING A SAFER CHURCH

The following policy was agreed at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 25th April 2021.

In accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy our church is committed to:

- Promoting a safer environment and culture.
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church.
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

The Parish will:

- Create a safe and caring place for all.
- Have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to work with the incumbent and the Parochial Church Council (PCC) to implement policy and procedures.
- Safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults to have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse.
- Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the parish.
- Display in church premises and on the Parish website the details of who to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.
- Listen to and take seriously all those who disclose abuse.
- Take steps to protect children and adults when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, following House of Bishops guidance, including notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) and statutory agencies immediately.

- Offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, when or where it occurred.
- Care for and monitor any member of the church community who may pose a risk to children and adults whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties.
- Ensure that health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed annually.
- Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practices at least annually.
- Each person who works within this church community will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this church.

This church has appointed **Diana Smith** as the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Incumbent: *Revd Caroline Throup;*

Churchwardens: *Jackie Watts & Caroline Lucas*

Date: 25/04/2021

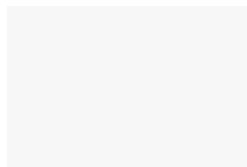
Diocesan & Deanery Synods Report

Deanery Synod

There were 3 meetings during the year; 22nd March, 28th June and 18th November. There was a Coronavirus update at each meeting looking at the lessons learnt through lockdown and the areas of concern as churches re-open. Three main areas were highlighted; re-establishing groups and welcoming volunteers, what will 'normal' look like – will it continue as a mixed economy with streamed and live services and finances as income has fallen dramatically. There were discussions about *Living in Love and Faith*, *Thy Kingdom Come* and *The Clergy Covenant*. +Mark carried out Deanery visits in October. The changes to wedding registration requirements were noted. Bishops Sam and Julie have been recently appointed and were grateful for the welcome they received in churches across the deanery. The Diocesan Lay Conference (cancelled from May 2020) has been rescheduled for March 2022.

Isobel Chetwood was elected as Diocesan Lay Chair at the March meeting.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS



Bellringers' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2021

Well, it has been another unusual year due to the COVID pandemic.

Our main duty is to ring the bells for Sunday services, and as required by the Rector for other important services.

Due to COVID and the need to operate with social distancing, practices were suspended and Sunday ringing restricted. Our ropes are too close together to be able to ring all six bells due to a two-metre ruling. We rang four bells on Easter Day and continued with only four for Sunday services. We were required to ring in masks with the west doors open for ventilation but that proved very difficult in cold and windy weather. We had to ring early and vacate the ringing area before the congregation arrived but we do know from comments from some members of the congregation and passers-by that the return to ringing, although restricted, was appreciated, after such a long absence.

From July, following relaxation of the two-metre rule, we have been able to ring all six bells. However, the long absence has had its toll on us both physically and mentally. Muscles that had not been used for a long time proved reluctant to recover, and the methods that we had previously rung with little difficulty have been slow to get back into the repertoire. Practice has been essential but this has been hampered by continuing COVID cases affecting family members and acquaintances causing ringers to be absent.

Our tower captain, Neil Lomas did a wonderful job telephoning all our ringers every Wednesday evening throughout the lockdown to check on our wellbeing and to keep us together as a band so that we have not lost any ringers during the period.

As a group, we have communicated through a 'Whats app'.

R D Keen

Tower Correspondent

11 April, 2022

Churches Together in Wilmslow 2021

The CTiW group met 3 times with members from the Wilmslow churches: St Bartholomew's, St Anne's, the United Reformed Church, Wilmslow Methodist Church, St Teresa's RC Church, Norcliffe Chapel, Wilmslow Life Church, Wilmslow Quakers and Dean Row Unitarian Church.

Tuesday 12th January 2021 - Via Zoom (15 members)

Andrew welcomed members and Isobel gave a reflection on Philippians 4: 5-9.

Community car service closed. Surplus funds of £170 to CTiW.
Current balance £3,320. Agreement to suspend contributions for 2021.
Agreement for Bill Deverill to act as independent examiner.
Christmas card not produced as the distribution costs too high.
Thanks to Carole's daughter for the artwork which will hopefully be used this year.

Wilmslow Wells correspondence received suggesting different ways of raising money in current circumstances.

Advent and Christmas events for each church noted with inventive online services and outdoor socially distanced carol service.
Greater emphasis on decorating outside churches also.

World Day of Prayer focusing on Vanuatu and hopefully online resources will be available.

Plans for Lent will be different with suggested online groups and Zoom lent lunches.

Christian Aid Week difficult to plan ahead. Cathy attending meeting re: fund raising platforms. House to house collections may be coming to an end with CA moving more towards digital donations. Nationally £3.7m raised, just under half the previous year's total.
Emphasis on raising money for Covid19 support.

Nightstop Harvest appeal well supported as it local and benefitted young people. Suggestions for this year's appeal discussed including *Christians Against Poverty* group in Wythenshawe. Discussion re: possible greater liaison with churches together in Handforth, Lacey Green and Alderley Edge. Transition Wilmslow proposal to set up community market in Colshaw noted.

Suggestion that *In Together* be dropped from the CTiW agenda and no longer our "responsibility". We will of course continue to support it.

Methodist Church – Video services, Zoom and WhatsApp group.
Katy announced she will be moving in the summer to a post as Chaplain at Kingswood Foundation School in Bath.

St Bartholomew's and St Anne's – Kirsty Allan finished her curacy on Christmas Day and settled in Brancaster, North Norfolk. Licensing in January. New curate in June details to follow. Isobel to send a card.

St Teresa's – Continue to hold mass following Covid guidelines and managing numbers.

URC – Live streaming of services without congregation. Larger “invisible” numbers. Not been able to sing hymns but comments that people listen more and reading the words to understand theology. Meals at home services suspended and café stopped. Online Burns Night planned. Volunteers supporting the medical centre stewarding the car park which feels like a new ministry.

Dean Row Chapel – Live streamed funerals at Slacks which felt intimate and personal. Particularly good for those who cannot travel.

Friends – Online services continuing. Joy Anderson now representing Friends in a wider churches together group. Isobel to send thank you gift.

Monday 19th April 2021 - Via Zoom (10 members)

Andrew welcomed members and Paul Briers led the opening devotions from Proverbs 19.

World day of prayer did not take place but national service available online.

The annual accounts were accepted. Thanks to Peter and Bill Deverell for acting as Independent Examiner.

Vice Chair appointment vacant and members to consider who might wish to take on the role.

Peter appointed as Treasurer and Isobel as Secretary. Thanks to both.

Annual report accepted.

Zoom Lent lunches well attended with about 20 people at each. £980 raised so far without gift aid. St Bart's and St Anne's had online Lent courses using Hannah Steele's book *Living his story*. Katy and Kirsty did 5 week online course exploring spirituality. In future it would be nice to have course across all churches.

Discussion about Harvest Appeal – suggestion to have 2 charities for 2021 and 2022 splitting the monies evenly between them.

Money for Madagascar and *Hope Central* were proposed.

Cathy delighted with Lent lunch monies. She outlined Christian Aid week fund raising options.

Transition Wilmslow planning event on weekend of Hallowe'en and suggested CTiW could do something to support this with a joint event. Details of Methodist Zero Carbon Group webinar with Bill McKibben shared.

Farewell to Katy planned for 17th July hosted by Andrew with bring and share party.

St Bart's and St Anne's – Vacancy for foundation governor at St Anne's school. All age service at 4 pm on 4th Sunday of each month due to start in May.

St Teresa's – Continue to hold mass following Covid guidelines and managing numbers.

Norcliffe Chapel – Alex Bradley stepped down last June and it is hoped a new minister will be appointed soon.

Methodist Church – No appointment to follow Katy as yet but cover the next year. Links with URC will continue. Services to resume at church on 23rd May with video until then.

URC – Re-opening on 21st May. Live streamed services well attended. Halls re-open on 23rd May. *In Together* meeting in large hall. Using re-opening as opportunity to do things differently. Large role with vaccination programme with Health Centre providing mission and ministry.

Life Church – Meetings held in the Carrs. Decision not to return to Revolution Bar as lockdown has meant growth and changes with live groups and streaming online.

Friends – Zoom services continue.

Monday 13th September 2021 - Via Zoom (11 members)

Andrew welcomed members particularly Jennie Prince curate St Bart's and St Anne's. Kirsty led opening devotions from *John 1 v1-5*.

Rob Larkman reported on refugees accommodated at Manchester Airport Stanley Hotel (formerly Belfry). Discussion re ways CTiW can help especially if there is anyone qualified to teach English as a second language. Toiletries would also be welcome.

Christian Aid Week raised £10,685. Thanks to everyone who worked hard to help raise this sum and to Cathy for her hard work.

Suggestions for helping to promote COP26 were noted.

The two charities *Money for Madagascar and Debt Relief* noted. Further information to follow. Churches to decide to support one or both of these charities as they see fit.

No plans to hold a service to remember those who have died this year. Kirsty to discuss with worship team at URC if they can offer something on 31st October.

Logistical issues around sending Christmas cards noted. Agreed to make a good show of singing carols at the Artisan market and consider advertising services on wilmslow.co.uk.

Jennie Prince settling in as new curate at St Bart's.

Messy Church at URC has started again. They had a successful Big Picnic recently and Wilmslow Youth back in the building with education sessions and the after school café.

Isobel Chetwood – Secretary Churches Together in Wilmslow

Friends of the Parish Chair's Report 2021

The Friends of the Parish of Wilmslow have had a fallow year in that we have not held regular meetings or organised any fund raising activities. We did however hold our AGM via Zoom in July 2021 and it was lovely to be able to welcome so many people who could join from all parts of the country without the need to travel! We did however miss our usual splendid lunch and the planned 30 year anniversary afternoon tea was but a distant memory by the time we had the AGM.

During 2021 we continued to have income from membership subscriptions and the 200 club. We tried very hard to spend money for the boiler at St Bart's but this was refunded following a successful insurance claim. The Friends however were able to pay for the cost of the new combi heating boiler for St Anne's. Our total income for the year was £6,911.00 (which included the refunds) and our expenditure was £3,200.00. We have a healthy balance to take forward for any future parish needs.

After many years as our Treasurer, Phil Hardy stepped down and we were pleased that Richard Smith agreed to take on the role. We are very grateful to Phil for all his hard work for the Friends and wish Richard all the best as our new Treasurer.

We are looking forward to 2022 with plans to start fund raising once again. The focus of this may well change, as the needs of the parish have certainly done over the last two years, but rest assured the Friends will be here to support St Bart's and St Anne's churches for many years to come.

Isobel Chetwood Chair - The Friends of the Parish of Wilmslow

Friends of the Parish Financial Summary for 2021

I took over the role of Treasurer of The Friends of the Parish of Wilmslow after the annual meeting held by Zoom on 8 July 2021. This report should be read in conjunction with the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2021 and the Chair's Report for 2021.

As was the case in 2020, the activities of The Friends were again curtailed in 2021 because of the coronavirus pandemic and its associated restrictions of varying degrees and it was not possible to organise any fund-raising events. Nevertheless, the membership subscriptions to The Friends and to 200 Club have been maintained and 200 Club draw has continued each month.

In February 2021, The Friends paid for the cost of the new combi heating boiler at St. Anne's in the sum of £2,250.00. In the 2020 Accounts, the additional sum of £5,340.00 was paid by The Friends for the boiler for St. Barts underfloor heating, but this was the subject of an insurance claim by the PCC as a result of which the sum of £5,240.00 (£5,340.00 less the excess of £100.00) was refunded in March/April 2021 by two separate payments of £1,500.00 and £3740.00 respectively. These respective payments and refunds appear in the Income and Expenditure Account.

The Friends of the Parish of Wilmslow Bank Accounts

The Friends have two separate bank accounts with NatWest Bank in Wilmslow. They are:

- Wilmslow PCC – Friends, which is the general account into which subscriptions are paid. On 31 December, 2021 the balance of the account was £12,082.36

- Wilmslow PCC- Friends Festival Account into which the 200 Club subscriptions are paid and from which the monthly prizes are withdrawn. On 31 December, 2021 the balance of the account was £6476.00.

The combined balances were £18,558.36 on 31 December, 2021
These are both current accounts and do not accrue any interest.

Income

£1,501.00 received in subscriptions.

£170.00 received as donations

£5,240.00 as a net refund following the insurance claim
mentioned above

Therefore, the income for the year was £6,911.00

Expenditure

£2,250.00 for the boiler at St Anne`s mentioned above
£900.00 as monthly draw prizes distributed from the 200 Club
£50.00 paid for a book token as a gift for Phil Hardy,
the outgoing Treasurer.

Therefore, the expenditure for the year was £3,200.

The excess of income over expenditure for 2021 was £3,711.00 and the overall funds held by the Friends increased from £ 14,847.36, the figure at 31 December 2020, to £18,558.36, the closing balance at 31 December, 2021.

Richard Smith
Honorary Treasurer
15 March, 2022

Lay Pastoral Assistants

Alison Gosling, Flo Knowles and Julian Bowker did not meet in 2021.

Bereavement Care

Home Communion

Covid restrictions disallowed.

Courses

Styal Prison

Food Friend

We opened for just one morning a week (as we did when lockdown was initially eased in 2020) all year until September when started operating as we continue to do now; for two sessions a week (Monday mornings and Thursday afternoons).

On average, we gave out 12 food parcels each week.

Although we welcomed a few newcomers, numbers were down generally since the start of the pandemic. This is undoubtedly due to the improvement of other food bank services who have received significant support, like us, and 'Covid' funding.

FK met with Barney Howard (the 'new' Hope Centre Handforth Debt Centre Manager - North-East Cheshire Christians Against Poverty) in August in the hope that we would forward our clients their way. Working together is an ethos we have always valued despite trying to be increasingly aware of the parish boundaries. Food Friend continued to give excess food supplies to Handforth and used our judgement regarding clients' needs re locality and any valid exceptions to the general rule. Certainly, during Covid, our combined aim has been to simply make sure the hungry are fed.

Community support was again overwhelming during the year and Food Friend received a significant number of food and monetary donations. This has resulted in excess food supplies which we have passed on to other food banks and hostels in the Manchester area, as well as Hope Central (many thanks to Phil Gaskell especially who has helped transport supplies to The Mustard Tree in Ancoats).

Also thanks to Andy Daniels, from what was C19 Styal (pop-up food bank), who continued to help us deliver food parcels to those unable to collect e.g. if isolating.

We remain indebted to regular volunteers; Christine Little, Sheena Hatton and Ann Hodson who between them collected stock, made up food parcels, manned the doors (track and trace) and ensured social distancing measures etc. were adhered to.

Also thanks to Ray Oates for helping sort stock and date check.

It was a great success for the Food Friend team to witness the homing of 'Billy' (well known in the community) in assisted accommodation after supporting him living rough - and refusing any long term help - for many years.

Flo Knowles March 2022

Magazine Team

We are pleased to report that the magazine continued without a break throughout 2021 despite a further lockdown. Since March 2020 the magazine has been published digitally and this has proved to be a great success. In particular this has enabled us to use much more colour in the magazine which has made it more attractive for our readers. Preparations have been made to restart printing the magazine in January 2022. However, we are planning to print only the number required for those who cannot access the online issue or would prefer to pay for a printed copy. The cost for the printed copy will remain at £7 per year. The online version, which will have more colour than the printed one, will continue to be sent to everyone as now and no charge will be made, although donations are very welcome.

We thank those who, during lockdown and over the past year, have printed and delivered copies of the magazine to members of the congregation who do not have access to the online magazine.

During 2021, in addition to the Rector's letter and our regular features, we published a series of articles on the Apostles. There was an interesting and varied 'Birthday' series of articles on famous people who have the same birthday as a member of our church family and members of the choir shared their favourite pieces of Sacred Music. We also featured regular updates from our Churchwardens, music updates and reports from St Anne's School as well as reports from various church activity groups and the Friends. In addition we printed interesting occasional articles, poems and photographs all generously written or provided by members of the congregations.

Thank you to all our contributors. We love to receive your articles, reports, photographs and drawings and we are lucky to have so many talented artists, photographers and writers in our parish.

Thank you to Jean Parker who kindly sends out the timely reminders for articles and to Helen Grout who sends the magazine out.

Do please keep sending us your contributions.

During the year Chris Murray retired as one of our editors. We take this opportunity of thanking him very much for his commitment and all his hard work for the magazine over many years.

If there is anyone out there who would like to join our Magazine Team, particularly from St Anne's, please do get in touch.

Advertising

Isobel Chetwood looks after the ads very competently, ably assisted by Liz Parris.

Please do support these local businesses.

Distribution

Thanks to Wendy and Roger Yates for co-ordinating both the distribution and the banking of subscriptions

We would love to hear from you with ideas and suggestions for future magazines – and, of course, articles and pictures too.

Magazine Team Wendy Yates, Jill Dodson, Diana Smith, Isobel Chetwood, Jean Parker, Ann Hodson, Christopher Dodson

Neighbourhood Network

2021 was a little improved from the previous year as some Covid restrictions eased. Our team of around 20 people did a marvellous job in keeping in touch with members of our Parish, either by phoning, some visits and when possible giving lifts to services as they happened.

We produced Parish Cards for both Easter and Christmas (thanks to Stuart Martin and Helen Grout for help with these) and we were able to host our Christmas Tea party in the Parish Hall having not been able to for two years! That was a great success and we included a sales table (including beautiful Christmas cards of the church painted by Shelagh Turner-Smith) which raised valuable funds for church.

It has been lovely to welcome some new members to our churches and we look forward to getting to know them better as we are able to meet up more easily.

Jackie Watts

NN co-ordinator

14/03/22

Organist, Choir and Church Music

2021 was certainly a busy year for music within our parish even with the imposed restrictions.

As a parish we hosted:

- 10 organ recitals (4 online only)

- 1 trumpet and organ recital

- 8 Tundra Concerts (online)

- Tundra Revisited Concert with Andrew and Jan.

- The Lindow Singers.

- Matt Brown Concert (clarinet).

- Sale Choral Society Concert (Messiah)

In addition to the usual Sunday services the robed choir have sung for:

- 2 Choral Evensongs (October and November)

- Remembrance Sunday

- Advent Carol Service

- Christmas Carol Service.

The monthly evensong services we introduced later in the year and were attended by an average of 24 people. Several congregation and choir seating arrangements have been tried in response to the feedback given after services. The best balance comes from bringing the choir forward in front of the screen and reducing the volume of the organ. The numbers are growing and 150 people view each service online during the weeks in between the monthly services.

The Advent Carol service was a wonderful Advent journey in words and music accompanied by glimmering candlelight. The choir sang beautifully, and all their hard work paid off. If you wish to enjoy the majesty of the Advent Carol Service please follow this link: <https://youtu.be/EZ7S7qGBw8Y>

The musical year was rounded off with the Parish Carol service by candlelight. The event was well attended and the choir sang well. The service can be viewed via this link: https://youtu.be/hoVwSD7_QKg

The choir currently has 16 members and rehearses on Saturday mornings from 0930 – 1045. We are looking for new adult members to cover for absences and holidays. I would like to thank the choir members for their hard work and loyalty during the COVID restrictions.

The organ is being well maintained and minor faults have been addressed at the tuning visits twice a year. We have a significant number of online viewers for organ recitals and evensong services throughout the world. This number continues to grow. People also have the opportunity to listen to the organ online (via YouTube) and there is also a history of the organ on the Parish Website.

Looking ahead to 2022, covid restrictions permitting, we hope to provide a wider range of musical concerts and music activities for our congregation and wider community. We are currently developing the Saturday church opening sessions to encourage more community footfall.

Tim Harvey. Director of Music.

St. Anne's Church Ladies Group

AGM Monday February 14th 2022

Our last AGM was 2 years ago in 2020 followed by 2 further meetings before lockdown.

We didn't meet again until July 2021 when we had an afternoon tea outdoors, it was good to meet again after so long.

In September 2021 we restarted our meetings and have continued.

We had 3 interesting talks on various topics with the speakers fees being donated to:

The Children's Adventure Farm Trust

The Talking Newspaper and

The Macclesfield Scouts Holiday Fund.

In December we had a very enjoyable Christmas lunch at The Pinewood attended by 24 members.

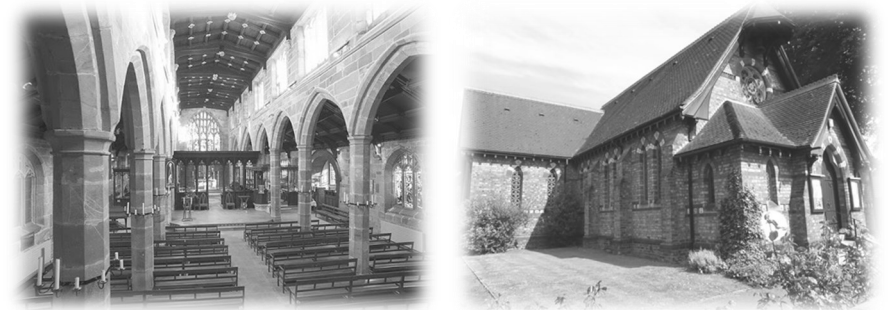
We look forward to our future meetings.

Ray Oates

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Wilmslow Parish

APCM Report 2021
(covering January—December 2020
the year of lockdown)



When the church opened to worship on the 23rd August the COVID protocol / risk assessment directed that the west doors were to be opened for ventilation and for all subsequent services causing the temperature to drop in the church. The poor organ felt this in its tuning as the core temperature was much lower than planned for between August and December. (The organ is to be tuned on the 11th March 2021 to an unheated church. This will ensure the tuning remains in pitch for longer). On the 29th August I met with Kirsty to put the finishing touches to the 'Risk Assessment for the Safe Return to Singing' which mapped out the safe return to choral singing (choir only). This was duly agreed and between the 6th September and 25th October I was permitted to have two singers singing as cantor during the distribution at the 10.45 services. It was a total joy to have a few singers again for services, but choir rehearsals were still not allowed. My thanks go to our cantors Diana, Jonathan, Ian, Phil, Julian and Katy for their assistance.

On the 29th October we held our first choir practice for just 8 permitted singers with social distancing and COVID protocols strictly followed. The 8 singers sang for just one service and then Lockdown No 2 came into enforcement. Sadly, we missed Remembrance Sunday and Advent Sunday where I had planned special music and the organ fell silent again.

With joy the 8 singers returned on the 6th December and covered all services until the 25th December after which Lockdown No 3 started.

I would like to thank them for their hard work, patience and professionalism through these difficult times.

During December we managed to record a Parish Carol Service which was available online from the 20th December. I was so pleased with their performance and hard work. This service is still available online (on YouTube).

Sadly, we had to cancel four of our planned organ recitals between April and August 2020 but I am pleased to report we have planned for 11 organ recitals commencing on the 12th March 2021 with Paul Parsons. The first three recitals will be pre-recorded and then streamed via the internet on the recital dates.

In conclusion I feel very positive about 2021 and look forward to working in partnership with the clergy, PCC, choir and congregation to promote music within our parish.

Tim Harvey organist and choirmaster

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Aims & Purposes

Wilmslow Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Caroline Throup, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the the four Wilmslow Parish church buildings: St Bartholomew's Church, St Anne's Church, the Parish Hall and St Anne's Church Hall.

Objectives & Activities

The general functions of the PCC are stated within section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

During 2021, Wilmslow Parish continued to pursue the five marks of mission in line with Chester diocesan policy:

To proclaim the good news of the Kingdom

To teach, baptise and nurture new believers

To respond to human need by loving service

To seek to transform unjust structures of society

To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and to sustain the life of the earth

In providing leadership to Wilmslow Parish, the incumbent and PCC give consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance to charities concerned with the advancement of religion.

The activities of the PCC are outlined in the report on pages 19-23.

It is difficult to estimate the total volunteering time offered by many members of Wilmslow Parish but it amounts to well in excess of 150 hours in a typical month.

We are grateful to all who do so much to contribute to the life of the church:

churchwarden, the PCC secretary and treasurer and treasurer of St Anne's, the Friends of the Parish, and Food Friend; those who help lead services, do children's work, play music, do readings, intercessions, flowers, lay assist, act as sidespeople, count the money, garden, clean and provide welcome, hospitality and church sitting - and much more besides.

Achievements and Performance

See all additional reports

Organist, Choir and Church Music

For the first four months of the year the parish choir was directed by Katy Allan with assistance from a team of organists and our singers sang for the 10.45am Communion services.

To our total surprise and sadness, the COVID pandemic led to a National Lockdown and the closure of our churches on the 18th March where services moved online and all choral singing ceased. Katy Allan had a wonderful opportunity to move to Buxton and thereby gave her notice as Choir Director and her last official day of duty was the 26th April. As both churches were closed and subject to COVID restrictions, we were not able to mark this moment to show our thanks and gratitude. To our joy Katy came back to sing with the choir as a soloist on the 20th December and we were able to shower her with our gifts and best wishes at the end of the service.

When I was aware that Katy would be leaving, I offered to cover the organist and choir training posts on a self-employed basis. I felt a strong calling from a higher authority for this challenge which I readily accepted. The musical challenge was how to maintain and develop our rich musical heritage with both churches closed and a ban on singing. Well, I do readily accept a challenge and through working closely with Caroline and Kirsty we gradually discovered what was musically possible within the national restrictions.

During May, June, July I provided the following:

Weekly online tutorials for the choir.

Weekly emails to choir members updating them on news etc.

Monthly checks on the organ to ensure there were no issues.

Pre-recorded hymns for use in Kirsty's streamed services.

Playing the organ for Kirsty's 10.30 streamed services.

A review of the choir repertoire and music library.

Items for the parish Facebook page.

New choral arrangements and 'Harvey' compositions for the choir to

The Risk Assessment for the Safe Return of the Choir. sing.

On the 9th August St Bart's opened to Private Prayer and I provided some gentle organ music for the two hour session. The organ was tuned on the 7th August on the hottest day of the year which would hopefully see us through to Christmas and the busy season when the church would be very warm for many weeks.

Neighbourhood Network

We are a team of 23 people who between us keep in touch with the members of our two congregations and act as a link with our clergy if necessary.

2020 started as any other year and by February we were beginning to plan our Easter tea party but the best laid plans....

So instead we spent the rest of the year phoning or emailing and occasionally visiting when permitted, so that everyone was kept in the loop, especially in the case of those who have no digital connection. Some of us were able to print out copies of the magazine and letters from Rev Caroline to keep them all up to date. I'm grateful too, for the many other church members who did phone calls and checked up on those alone.

Many thanks to Diana Smith who ably co-ordinated help for people needing prescriptions collecting or shopping doing.

Personally, I think I've been in touch with nearly all of our congregation and had some really interesting conversations and got to know people a lot better.

In December, Helen Grout helped me make a Christmas card which we sent out to everyone as we obviously still couldn't arrange a coffee morning.

I was also able to deliver Christmas Puddings, kindly donated by Wilmslow Town Council, to a number of people who were greatly appreciative.

2021? – Here's hoping for great things!

Jackie Watts – Neighbourhood Network co-ordinator

Church buildings

The Church buildings have all been maintained to keep them C19 compliant and fulfilling RA requirements throughout 2020.

Please see the Fabric Report for details but note should be made of the new boiler at St Anne's and the Parish Hall floor resurfacing all paid for by the Friends of the Parish with thanks.

Thank you to all volunteers and paid staff who have helped enable the buildings to reopen in line with Governmental guidelines and have facilitated the buildings standing safely, and cleaned while they have been locked.

Finance, giving and fundraising

...continue to be challenging as our expenditure commitments continue to increase and prices for goods and services continue to rise, with no comparable increase in the size of the membership or the income of the church.

Regular giving enables us to meet our obligation to pay parish share, and covers many of our other costs..

The annual accounts have been approved by the PCC and are attached for your inspection.

Structure, Governance & Management

Wilmslow Parish PCC operates under the *Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956* and the *Church Representation Rules (2011 & 2020)*.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church members are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Risk assessments are carried out as and when required and recorded in the PCC's Risk Register.

Administrative Information

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wilmslow St Bartholomew and St Anne is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Charity registration number: 1131056

It is part of the Diocese of Chester within the Church of England.

The correspondence address is:

Parish Office, Wilmslow Parish Hall, Cliiff Road, Wilmslow SK9 4AA

Incumbent	Revd Caroline Throup
NSM Assistant Priest /PTO	Revd Canon Professor Roger Yates (from November 2020)
PTO	Revd Val Hollis (from April 2020)
Assistant Curate	Rev Kirsty Allan (until December 2020)
Churchwardens	Phil Gaskell Tim Marshall (January — October 2020)
Deanery Synod Reps	Barbara Foster Isobel Chetwood (PCC Secretary) Kate Downes (January — July 2020) Alan Brown (January — October 2020)
Elected members	Julian Bowker David Bush (until October 2020) Isobel Chetwood (now ex-officio) Rupert Downes (until September 2020) Alison Gosling (until April 2021) Jon Horne Martin Kinsey Flo Knowles (until April 2021) Georgina Lewis Caroline Lucas (until April 2021) Heather Martin (until October 2020) Ray Oates (until April 2021) Angela Philpott (until April 2021)

Magazine Team

We are pleased to report that the magazine has continued without a break throughout the year. Throughout the lockdown it has been published digitally and we have even increased our readership.

In 2020, in addition to the Rector's letter, we published a series of articles on parables and on hymn writers, as well as interesting occasional articles, including fascinating accounts of past events in the parish, all generously written by members of the congregation.

Thanks to all of our contributors. We love to receive your articles, photographs drawings etc, and we are lucky to have so many talented artists and writers in our parish. Thank you to Jean Parker who kindly sends out the timely reminders for articles. Do please keep sending us your contributions.

Thanks to Helen Grout who sends the magazine out.

Thanks to our proof readers Christopher Dodson and Isobel Chetwood. We are very pleased to welcome Ann Hodson to our team as a proof reader.

Advertising

During the first lockdown, we omitted the adverts, so gave our advertisers a few months holiday.

Isobel Chetwood looks after the ads very competently, ably assisted by Liz Parris.

Please do support these local businesses.

Distribution

Thanks to Wendy and Roger Yates for co-ordinating both the distribution and the banking of subscriptions

We would love to hear from you with ideas and suggestions for future magazines – and of course, articles and pictures too.

Magazine Team

Wendy Yates, Chris Murray, Isobel Chetwood, Diana Smith, Christopher Dodson, Jill Dodson, Jean Parker, Ann Hodson

Direct local support for people also increased dramatically. FoodFriend operated out of St Bart's as usual on Thursday mornings when permissible, but for the majority of lockdown it operated by delivery only; with the invaluable help of C19 Styal 'pop up' food bank.

Since March, together we delivered to nearly 60 new individuals/families; these referrals came directly to Food Friend mainly via Wilmslow High School, Home-Start or social services including the mental health team and addiction services (opposed to any enquiries as a result of promoting ourselves with the Wilmslow Isolation/CVS leaflet drop etc). Some of these (people shielding) were picked up by the government food parcel scheme having 'fallen through the gap'.

Community support was overwhelming during the year and Food Friend received a significant number of food and monetary donations and grants.

As well as Wayne and Andy from C19 Styal, we remain indebted to regular volunteers, especially Christine Little, Sheena Hatton, Ray Oates and Ann Hodson who sorted and collected stock, made up food parcels, staffed the doors (track and trace) and ensured social distancing measures etc were adhered to when were open in church.

We also sadly said goodbye to regular volunteer, Sandra Arrowsmith, as she started a new job.

Flo Knowles 2021

Grace Reed
Diana Smith
Dean Sumner (until October 2020)
Jackie Watts
Wendy Yates
Christina Theobald (until September 2020)

Co-opted Member

The Standing Committee

The Standing Committee is a sub-committee of the PCC as required by the Church of England. The Rector and Churchwardens are ex-officio.

The additional members, elected by the PCC are:

Julian Bowker
Isobel Chetwood
Rupert Downes (until
Georgina Lewis (from

Bankers

NatWest Bank
Wilmslow, Cheshire

Independent Examiner

Patrick Tyrrell

Approved by the PCC :
and signed on their behalf by the Reverend Caroline Throup (PCC chairman)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under the Charities Act 2011, s.144(2) (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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



Patrick Tyrrell FRSA FCMA

"Craigmere" 35 Handforth Road Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 2LX

30th March 2021

Lay Pastoral Assistants

Anne Binnie (Lay Pastoral Worker) left the parish.

Alison Gosling, Flo Knowles and Julian Bowker did not meet in 2020.

Bereavement Care

The Bereavement Support Group (facilitated by FK) was suspended in March due to Covid. Plans to continue this on Zoom never materialised, primarily because not all members of the group were able or willing to meet in this way. But 'welfare checks' were made during lockdown. Funeral follow up calls remained down in number as a result of the changes with GDPR.

Home Communion

Regular visits continued to those in need by members of the LPA team and wider church family until Covid restrictions disallowed.

Courses

AG's plans to facilitate the third Marriage MOT Course in the spring were postponed due to Covid.

Styal Prison

Links were maintained when the women who work in the Clink Restaurant provided an excellent curry supper for the FoodFriend and Parish Social Curry and Quiz Night (hosted by Tony Hughes) just before lockdown.

Food Friend

As of March 23 the number of clients on our books in total was 328. After the last archive (of those who had not used the food bank in the last 2 years) we had 144 users. Approximately one third of these came regularly i.e. once a week which is the maximum they can currently visit. The rest came more sporadically.

Only 21 existing clients requested food parcels during the Covid pandemic meaning many did not access us as normal. This may partly be due to the Riverside Hostel closing just prior to lockdown. And also (as discussed when Caroline and I met with Robert Larkman and Steve Burmester in 2019) we continued trying to maintain clearer parish boundaries with Hope Central and St Chad's Church, Handforth also having stepped up their provision since Covid. Wilmslow High School also distributed directly to families in need; whilst we continued to liaise together.

enabled people to join from the comfort of their own homes without needing to pick up a form from church.

Fortunately, the Friends remain in a comfortable financial position and have been able to support the parish during 2020. The cost of the new boiler for the underfloor heating in St Bart's was paid at £5,340.00 and the resealing of the parish hall floor, which is carried out on a rolling maintenance programme, was funded at a cost of £3,645.00. We have also agreed to cover the cost of the boiler for St Anne's.

We are looking forward to the coming year with the firm hope that we can hold our AGM and start to have fun again – whilst raising funds at the same time. The focus of our fund raising may well change, as the needs of the parish have certainly done, but rest assured the Friends will be here to support St Bart's and St Anne's churches for many years to come.

Isobel Chetwood Chair - The Friends of the Parish of Wilmslow

Parochial Church Council of St. Bartholomew's, Wilmslow Finances

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ending 31 December 2020

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	TOTAL 2020 £	TOTAL 2019 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Voluntary income	2 (a)	117835	34768	0	152603	167386
Activities for generating funds	2 (b)	1733	1177	0	2911	8482
Income from investments	2 (c)	3432	0	0	3432	1308
Church activities	2 (d)	19850	0	0	19850	50993
Covid Job Retention Scheme grants	2 (e)	5423	0	0	5423	0
TOTAL INCOME		148274	35945	0	184219	228169
EXPENDITURE						
Church activities	3 (a)	185347	14021	0	199368	215666
Raising funds	3 (b)	474	1514	0	1989	2656
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		185821	15535	0	201356	218322
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS		-37547	20410	0	-17137	9848
NET LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS		0	0	-2551	-2551	178
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		-37547	20410	-2551	-19688	10026
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS		0	0	0	0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-37547	20410	-2551	-19688	10025.5
Total funds brought forward	8	392452	37995	522216	952663	942637
Total Funds carried forward		354904	58405	519665	932974	952663

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds		Friends	Restricted Funds		Total 2020 £	TOTAL 2019 £
		St Bart's £	St Anne's £		Food Friend £	Total £		
FIXED ASSETS								
Tangible	5 (a)	428,865	935,49	522,414	0	0	522,414	522,629
Investments	5 (b)	1,117		1117	0	0	1117	3668
		429,982	935,49	523,531	0	0	523,531	526,297
CURRENT ASSETS								
Stock		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Investments		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Debtors and prepayments	6 (a)	7641	5475	13116	2102	1783	3885	19129
Short-term deposits	6 (b)	233,676	0	233,676	0.00	0.00	233676	230951
Cash at bank	6 (b)	89,347	27,696	117,043	14,847	35,673	54520	175095
		330664	33171	363834	16949	41456	42239	435175
LIABILITIES								
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	7	12713	83	12796	0	0	12796	8809
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		317950	33088	351039	16949	41456	40844	426366
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		747932	126637	874570	16949	41456	932975	952663
Creditors - amounts falling due after one year		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL NET ASSETS		747932	126637	874570	16949	41456	932975	952663
PARISH FUNDS								
Endowment reserve	8	426,117	93,549	519666	0	0	519666	522217
Unrestricted	8	318,195	33,088	351283	0	0	351283	388380
Designated	8	3,621		3621	0	0	3621	3621
Restricted	8			0	16,950	41,455	58405	37995
		747932	126637	874570	16950	41455	932975	952663

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 30th March 2021 and signed on its behalf by:
The Reverend Caroline Throup (Rector and PCC chair)

The notes numbered 2 to 8 form part of these accounts.

Friends of the Parish Chair's Report 2021

The Friends of the Parish of Wilmslow had hoped to celebrate their 30th Anniversary year in style but sadly events overtook us and March 2020 saw the beginning of lockdown bringing all those plans to a rather abrupt halt.

At the start of the year the committee had their first meeting when we were looking forward to our Anniversary AGM which had promised to be a very special occasion. A commemorative booklet had been produced charting the history and progress of the Friends down the years. Thanks must go to Jonathan Meadmore for so assiduously keeping the agendas and minutes dating back to 2011. He also kindly handed over details of the fund raising activity from Barri Newcombe and Barbara Johnson which proved invaluable in ensuring that the Anniversary booklet was as accurate as possible and a fitting celebration of everything that had gone before. We had hoped to celebrate later in 2020 but sadly that was not to be either.

We had planned to hold a Midsummer Night's Dream party in June and a Bingo Night later in the year. A Flower Festival and a return of the Guild Players for a night of murder and suspense were on the cards for 2021. All our fund raising activities have been put on hold but hopefully will make a comeback in the not too distant future.

Whilst on the one hand the pandemic has curtailed our activities it has also given us some "thinking time" with regard to the future of the Friends. At our Zoom meeting in November we considered the possibility of rebranding the Friends to reach beyond the church family and to the wider Wilmslow community. Indeed, having researched the history for the anniversary booklet, it would seem that the focus had certainly been broader in the beginning.

As the Treasurer's accounts and report show, our income has dropped with the absence of fund raising events, consisting only of membership fees, the 200 club and the gift aid rebate claim. The 200 club continues to thrive with a number of new members possibly thanks to the monthly photo opportunity for Isobel in her front garden! The astute among you may also have noticed her modelling lockdown handknitted jumpers in some of the shots! The application form has been printed in the magazine which has

As numbers have fallen over the years perhaps it is time to consider a new format.

In Together group not allowed to meet in person. Families have noted deterioration in loved ones due to lack of social interaction. Members to keep this vulnerable group in their prayers.

St Bart's and St Anne's – Food Friend re-opening on Thursdays. There is much less contact and has provided opportunity to re-register all clients. Holy Communion at St Bart's on Sundays and St Anne's open for private prayer only.

Friends – Shared meeting in the Meeting House combined with Zoom.

URC – Half hour services on Sundays since late July at 9.30am and repeated at 11.00am. Service recorded and posted on the website later in the day. Care open on Wednesdays and private prayer on Mondays. Wilmslow Youth have specific days for individual year groups.

Life Church – Worship taking place in the Carrs on a Sunday.

Methodist Church – 3 churches done 2 Sundays. Use of church buildings continues to be challenging.

Andrew seen on TV recently promoting the war on plastic. Need to keep on the agenda.

Katy hosting an online meeting with Andrew Greystone author of *Faith Hope and Mischief; Tiny acts of rebellion by an everyday activist* on Thursday evening. Link to follow.

**Isobel Chetwood – Secretary Churches Together in Wilmslow
April 2021**

Parochial Church Council of St. Bartholomew's, Wilmslow

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2020

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Parochial Church Council of St Bartholomew's, Wilmslow (PCC) is a public benefit entity within the meaning of Financial Reporting Standard 102. The Financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church of England Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions. It is also the first year they have been prepared under FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by the Charities (SORP(FRS102)).

1. ASSETS

Consecrated and benefice property

In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of "charity" by Section 10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011 such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements.

Moveable church furnishings

Insufficient cost information is available to capitalise these assets, but in any case all items are included in the Church's inventory. The policy for future purchases is to capitalise them at cost and depreciate them over their useful economic life.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity

These have historically been written off in the year of purchase. The policy for the future is to capitalise them if they can be used for more than one year, and cost in excess of £1,000. They will be valued at cost or else, for gifts-in-kind, at a reasonable estimate of their open market value on receipt. Depreciation will be calculated to write off the capitalised cost of fixed assets (less their currently anticipated residual fair value) over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Land Nil

Fixtures and fittings 20 years

Computers 3 years.

No depreciation is provided on buildings as the currently estimated residual value of the properties is not less than their carrying value and the remaining useful life or these assets currently exceeds 50 years, so that any depreciation charges would be immaterial.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange or whose value derives from them are valued at market value at the year end.

Short term deposits

These are the cash held in various deposit accounts and at the bank.

FUNDS

Restricted Funds

These are income funds that can only be spent on the restricted purposes for which they were raised: the £41456 held by “Food Friend” can only be used for local food relief, and the £16950 held by “Friends” can only be used for the replacement or refurbishment of Wilmslow PCC property.

Unrestricted Funds

These represent the remaining income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC

St Bart's and St Anne's – Online services through *Facebook* page. Private prayer in church on a Thursday and Sunday. All Covid-safe practices in place. Small wedding on 30th July. Magazine published online with hard copies printed for those without internet access and weekly newssheet which includes Sunday's readings, prayer list and articles.

Life Church – *Facebook* worship continuing. Sermons on Life Church website. New venue will be needed as Revolution bar not re-opened.

Methodist Church – Services are videoed. Styal, Handforth and Wilmslow working closely together. Baby massage and toddler group via Zoom. WhatsApp group for bible study. Pre-school group back involving lot of work to organise bubble groups. Not open for prayer as not part of the Methodist tradition. Working towards re-opening in September. Coffee mornings continuing and craft and chatter groups. Broad spectrum of approaches to worship with a lot of work behind the scenes to maintain social distancing. Zoom provided next best thing to being physically together.

Kirsty thanked Katy for her hard work as chair as she handed over to Andrew.

Monday 14th September 2020 Via Zoom (12 members)

Andrew welcomed everyone to the meeting and Caroline led in prayer with verses from *Revelations* 21 and 22 declaring message of hope and good news that will not go away. She asked that we be filled with wisdom and love to make wise and good decisions.

Finance - £3,150 in the account. All subs paid and not aware of any forthcoming expenditure. Members to advise if they think of anything that might be required and fit within our remit.

Christian Aid Week – Report noted. Total received was excellent in the circumstances. Consideration will be given to doing things differently next year learning lessons from these unusual times.

Harvest Appeal – Night Stop – *Just Giving* link now circulated and Isobel will ask for any further information. Address for cheque payments and members to let Peter have details as far as possible if they forward payments.

Service to remember those who have died – This has been successful in the past and feeling that very much needed this year although it was acknowledged a “watered-down” version of the service would not be appropriate.

Advent and Christmas – Carol singing will not take place unless restrictions eased. Also unlikely we can provide lunch for those on their own. Carole said URC luncheon club have set up *lunches at home* following all safety guidelines so it may be possible to tap into this. Suggestion that we produce a Christmas card for all households. Polish tradition of having nativity scene windows might be a possible in homes and shops. Leaders to look at card and Carole to ask her daughter to do the cover picture.

World Day of Prayer 6th March 2021 – Chrissy and Caroline have organised in the past but input from other church reps was not forthcoming. Planning day is on 2nd October in Manchester but unlikely to take place.

Andrew Backhouse from the Friends has kindly agreed to take on the role of vice chair. Unanimously accepted. Styal chapel now back in use. Katy grateful to Norcliffe for hosting them for 3 months. Successful joint services held which it is hoped to continue on an occasional basis.

Regional trainer from Messy Church doing an evening event at the URC on 11th March focusing on discipleship.

Needs of the agricultural chaplaincy highlighted. 2019 was a difficult year with closure of Chelford and Beeston Market and Tomlinson's Dairy in Wrexham going into administration. Possible future speaker suggested by Kirsty Allan from the farming community.

Tuesday 28th July 2020 (AGM) Via Zoom (11 members)

Katy welcomed everyone to the meeting with thanksgiving for guidance during this challenging times and appreciation for the technology. Community Careline update. Sadly, this is being wound up. Letter of thanks to Eric and Barbara Chilton and Rosemary Smart. Letter to go to drivers also.

Accounts to year ended 31st Dec noted. All subs received and £3,150 in the account. No planned expenditure. Thanks expressed to Peter. Increased demand for food banks during lockdown noted. Opening times for Food Friend, Hope Central and Styal noted.

Lent Lunches – only 2 held before lockdown which had broken all records. Dean Row happy to host in 2021.

Christian Aid Week raised over £10,000. Further detail to follow.

Harvest Appeal – Night Stop – Isobel to contact to set up *Just Giving* page. Service to remember those who have died – Unlikely the normal format will be viable and acknowledgement this year will be particularly poignant. For further discussion in September.

In Together group have not met in person. 3 Zoom sessions which have worked well. Members to keep those living with dementia in their prayers. Andrew Backhouse appointed as Chair. Katy to continue as Vice Chair for another year.

Peter agreed to continue as Treasurer and Isobel as Secretary.

Thanks expressed for their continued support.

Dean Row Unitarians – Jeff has held funerals at the crematorium and opened the chapel for services. Some members still staying away but not reached the desired maximum and have had visitors.

Friends – Online Sunday worship and regular newsletter. Shared meeting using Zoom planned. Potential community market garden site in Lacey Green

URC – Zoom meetings and pattern of recorded worship with 2 Sunday services. Lunch club reinvented with meals at home taking food to those who are isolated. Wilmslow Youth furloughed all staff although Matt return part time soon. Individual school year groups have met. Families from *Messy Church* keeping in touch.

2 INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted Funds			Total	
	St Bart's	St Anne's	Total	Friends	Food Friend	Total	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
2 (a) Voluntary Income								
Planned giving:								
Gift Aid donations	53,850	20,950	74,800	600	7,125	7,725	82,525	71,319
Tax recoverable	14,979	6,046	21,025	200	1,700	1,900	22,925	30,034
Other planned donations	8,443	2,140	10,583	1,397	22,800	24,197	34,780	10,767
	2,046	2,804	4,850				4,850	14,239
			0				0	0
Gift Days	3,919	659	4,578		946	946	5,523	36,026
Donations, appeals, etc	2,000		2,000				2,000	5,000
Legacies	85,236	32,599	117,835.26	21,97	32,571	34,767.65	15,260.3	167,386
2 (b) Activities for generating funds								
Parish magazine (advertising)	1185		1,185				1,185	1,634
Fundraising	548		548		1,177	1,177	1,726	6,849
	1733	0	1733	0	1177.42	1177.42	2911	8,482
2 (c) Income from investments								
Dividends on COIF fund	34		34				34	33
Bank deposit interest	3998		3,998				3,998	1,275
	3432	0	3,432.3	0	0	0	3,432.3	1,308
2 (d) Income from church activities								
Fees from weddings and funerals	1,887	0	1,887				1,887	6,217
Church Hall lettings	11,461	4,678	16,139				16,139	41,268
Church Hire	90		90				90	1,775
Bookstall	430		430				430	114
Parish magazine (sales)	1304		1,304				1,304	1,619
	15,172	4,678	19,850	0	0	0	19,850	50,993
2 (e) Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme Grants								
	3815	1,608	5,423				5,423	0
TOTAL INCOME	109,389	38,885	148,274	21,97	33,748	35,945	18,421.9	228,169

3 EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted Funds			Total	Total
	St Bart's	St Anne's	Total	Friends	Food Friend	Total	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
3 (a) Church activities								
Mission and charitable giving:								
Church Overseas	0	49	49				49	1500
Christian Relief & Development Agencies					107	107	107	3239
Christian Home Missions							0	735
Secular Charities							0	3064
	0	49	49	0	107	156.1	156.1	8538
Ministry: diocesan share	56,238	22,552	78,790				78,790	78542
Other ministry costs	23,476		23,476				23,476	25904
Church running & maintenance -								
Heat, light, cleaning, insurance	14,406	3,557	17,962				17,962	22549
Church maintenance	1,323	230	1,552	3,840		3,840	5,392	3774
Upkeep of services	1,564	144	1,708				1,708	3245
Church salaries, & honoraria	2,947	670	3,617				3,617	8087
Administrative costs -								
Administration manager	15,921		15,921		5,400	5,400	21,321	21213.97
Office expenses	4629	693	5,322		1,017	1,017	6,339	6228
Support costs							0	950
Major repairs	0		0				0	0
Depreciation	215		215				215	215
Parish magazine costs	1,030		1,030				1,030	3186
Churchyard upkeep	7,240		7,240				7,240	1534
Hall running costs	17,318	10,425	27,743	3,654		3,654	31,397	30863
Bank charges	723		723		3	3	725	838
	147028.63	38318	185347	7494	6527	14020.8	199367.5	215666
3 (b) Raising funds								
Stewardship costs				0	0	0	0	170
General fundraising costs				0	959	1514.19	1,514	2178
Bookstall costs	474		474			0	474	307.72
	474	0	474	959	555	1514	1989	2655.72
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	147502.95	38318	185821	8453	7082	15534.99	201356	218322
NET INCOME	-38114	567	-37547	-6256	26666	20410	-17137	9847

Churches Together in Wilmslow 2020

The CTiW group met 3 times with representatives from the Wilmslow churches: St Bart's, St Anne's, the United Reformed, Wilmslow Methodist Church, St Teresa's, Norcliffe Chapel, Wilmslow Life Church, Wilmslow Quakers and Dean Row Unitarian Church.

Tuesday 21st January 2020 Dean Row Chapel (16 members)

Opening devotions by Katy following her recent visit to Chile with a moving account of a country in crisis.

Rob and Marion stepped down from leadership of Life Church.

Paul Briers welcomed as part time paid leader. He has worked as a missionary in South Africa and Amsterdam in the past.

Consideration to be given to CTiW supporting *Christians Against Poverty* future project.

Finance Report – Year-end figures completed to 31st December. £1,050 subs received, £1,140 expenses - £2,100 in the bank. Subs to remain the same for the coming year.

Sreerpur harvest appeal raised £6,290.

Service to remember those who have died well received. Format works well and will continue.

Carol service great success with special thanks to Dave Searby for sound and light. £150 paid to the band and £175 collected for Christian Aid.

Kirsty Rob and Jeff thanked for their part in drama and readings.

High Sheriff Mark Mitchell talk an excellent and powerful event.

Talk available on memory stick.

Hustings chaired by Revd Charles Nevin, Met Police Chaplain and retired Methodist Minister was an excellent event.

Harvest Appeal 2020 – Greater Manchester Night Stop agreed. Speaker to come to the next meeting.

Harvest Appeal 2021 – Kirsty to contact a couple who work for the Council for World Mission in Madagascar for more information.

Lent Lunches – the same format as last year, hosted at Dean Row.

Christian Aid support information and videos to be available.

Lent study possibly done jointly. Leaders to discuss.

VE 75th Anniversary 8th May – Isobel to check if Town Council have any plans.

Christian Aid week – 75th anniversary of founding and large reorganisation planned this year with centralisation of services. CA exiting 12 countries globally to focus on specific issues. Consideration to be given to changing the envelope collection system.

Agreement not to take part in the Wilmslow show this year.

Consideration to be given to having a CTiW family fun day instead.

Details of Churches Together in Cheshire *They Kingdom Come* event noted Eric Chilton from Community Careline outlined service they provide and request for more volunteers.

In Together Café continues to thrive and is greatly appreciated.

Bellringers' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2020

Well it turned out to be a very different year.

Our main duty is to ring the bells for Sunday services, and as required by the Rector for other important services. We rang the bells as usual for the morning service at St Bartholomew's in January, February and early March until the lockdown prevented us ringing. Practices were suspended.

After that we did not ring the bells again until Christmas Day. Because of social distancing rules we could only ring four bells because our sallies are too close together to ring all six bells. We had to ring early and vacate the ringing area before the congregation arrived but we do know from comments from walkers on the Carrs that the sound of the bells on Christmas Day was much appreciated, after such a long absence.

Our tower captain, Neil Lomas has done a wonderful job telephoning all our ringers every Wednesday evening throughout the lockdown to check on our wellbeing and to keep us together as a band so that hopefully we will still have a band able to ring again when we get the all-clear. As a group, we have communicated through 'Whats app'.

We all look forward to the day when we can get together again and ring the bells to remind the public of God's presence in Wilmslow.

R D Keen
Tower Correspondent
8 April, 2021

4. STAFF COSTS

In 2020 (as in 2019) the PCC employed an average 5 people on a part-time permanent basis, and also a number of occasional organists and a choir leader, who were paid according to the number of services and practices they officiated at. The remuneration of the above can be analysed as follows –

	2020	2019
	£	£
Gross Pay	35971	35862
Employer Pension Contributions	658	597
National Insurance contributions	NIL	NIL
Totals	<u>36629</u>	<u>36459</u>

These costs are allocated to the following funds –

Unrestricted funds	31229	31059
Restricted fund (Food Friend)	5400	5400
Totals	<u>36629</u>	<u>36459</u>

5 FIXED ASSETS

5 (a) TANGIBLE	<u>Freehold land & buildings</u>			<u>Furniture & Office equipment</u>		
	St Bart's	St Anne's	Total	St Bart's	St Anne's	Total
Cost at valuation At 1 January 2020	425000	93549	518549	47045	10000	57045
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0	0
Additions at cost	0	0	0	0	0	0
At 31 December 2020	<u>425000</u>	<u>93549</u>	<u>518549</u>	<u>47045</u>	<u>10000</u>	<u>57045</u>
Depreciation At 1 January 2020	0	0	0	42965	10000	52965
Withdrawn on disposals	0	0	0	0	0	0
Charge for the year	0	0	0	215	0	215
At 31 December 2020	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>43180</u>	<u>10000</u>	<u>53180</u>
Net Book Value At 1 January 2020	425000	93549	518549	4080	0	4080
At 31 December 2020	425000	93549	518549	3865	0	3865

Freehold Land and Buildings are held by the Diocese of Chester on behalf of the parish as a custodian trustee.

The gross book value of the properties is based on the insurance valuations at 1 January 1998 and is considered to be a fair estimate of the current value of the properties. The current insurance value of the churches of St. Bartholomew's and St. Anne's, and their respective Halls, is £14.85m.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS

5 (b) INVESTMENT ASSETS

	<u>COIF</u>	<u>Chloride</u>	<u>Total</u>
At 1 January 2020	1,117	2,551	3,668
Disposals			
Additions at cost			
Gain/loss on revaluation in year	-	2,551	- 2,551
At 31 December 2020	<u>1,117</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,117</u>

COIF - COIF Charities Investment Fund - 65 income shares

Chloride - Chloride Group - 6981 Ordinary shares of 25p each

6 CURRENT ASSETS

6 (a) Debtors

	Unrestricted Funds		Friends	Restricted Funds		Total	
	St Bart's £	St Anne's £		Food Friend £	Total £	2020 £	2019 £
Tax recoverable	4,156	5,300	9,456	602	1,783	2385	11841
Insurance premiums paid in advance	2568	175	2743				0
Hall rental income accrued			0			0	1095
Income accrued			0			0	3017
Costs prepaid	917		917			0	3431
Payment refunded later				1500	1500	1500	0
	7641	5475	13116	2102	1783	3885	17001
							19129

6 (b) Short-term deposits and Cash at Bank

	Unrestricted Funds		Friends	Restricted Funds		Total	
	St Bart's £	St Anne's £		Food Friend £	Total £	2020 £	2019 £
Deposits at accounts	81532		81532			0	81532
United Trust Bank						0	80000
Hampshire Bank	81516		81516			0	81516
The Kingdom Bank	70627		70627			0	70627
Teachers' Building Society	0		0			0	80528
Bank accounts - Natwest	89154	27696	116850	14,847	39,463	54310	171160
Other, plus cash in hand	193		193	210	210	403	123914
	323023	27696	350718	14847	39673	54520	405239
							416046
Total Current assets	330664	33171	363834	16949	41456	58405	422239
							384852

7 CURRENT LIABILITIES

7 Creditors

	Unrestricted Funds		Friends	Restricted Funds		Total	
	St Bart's £	St Anne's £		Food Friend £	Total £	2020 £	2019 £
Charitable giving			0			0	4200
Costs accrued	11213	83	11296			0	11296
Receipt refunded later	1500		1500			0	1500
	12713	83	12796	0	0	0	12796
							8809

8 SUMMARY OF FUND MOVEMENTS

	<u>Endowment</u> St Bart's & St Anne's Land & Buildings	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u> Music scholarship	<u>Restricted</u> Friends & Food Friend	<u>TOTAL</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Balance at 1 January 2020	522,217	388,830	3,621	37,995	952,663
Incoming resources		148,274		35,945	184,219
Resources expended		-185,821		-15,535	-201,356
Investment losses	(2,551)				-2,551
Balance at 31 December 2020	519,666	351,283	3,621	58,405	932,975

SUMMARY OF ASSETS BY FUND

	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	518,549	3,865			522,414
Investment fixed assets	1,117	0			1,117
Current assets	0	360,213	3,621	58,405	422,239
Current Liabilities	0	-12,796		0	-12,796
	519,666	351,282	3,621	58,405	932,974

Deanery Synod 17th November 2020

The guest speaker was Rev Canon Dr David Page from St Peter's Elsworth who undertook a project into the Funeral Chaplaincy in the Middlewich Deanery. Over 500,000 people die each year in England and Wales and the vast majority have some form of funeral service. In 2018 78% of deaths resulted in cremation. The number of services taken by CofE ministers is in decline with civil celebrants taking an increasing number. The project questioned whether the CofE could do anything to maintain a significant and sustainable funeral ministry to the whole community in the 2020s and beyond.

The observations from the pilot were that the purpose of funerals is changing with the main focus being on celebration and giving thanks for a life shared. Music is more for reflection with no hymns in the top 10 most frequently played. Civil celebrants are very good at advertising whereas the CofE is not. The conclusions were that there is a serious and real possibility that the CofE's funeral ministry will almost vanish in the next 30 years. There is an opportunity for the church to develop funeral service chaplaincy to fill a current and real need.

Parish contributions to the Deanery have been cancelled for 2021. John Grainger has completed 2 terms as the lay chair and after the meeting Isobel volunteered to take on this role. It has been a difficult year financially with a projected deficit and parishes struggling to pay their share. There used to be a list of architects that parishes could use but they can now choose their own but PCC need to ensure they are competent.

Isobel Chetwood

Diocesan & Deanery Synods Report

The Deanery Synod meetings that took place this year were attended by the Parish representatives.

Diocesan Synod – November 2020 – Via Zoom

Covid has affected and will continue to affect Diocesan Finances. It is expected that the Diocese will suffer a loss of over £700K in 2020. The major reason for this is a drop in the total of Share paid by Parishes to the Diocese – expected to be no more than 90% rather than the hoped for 95% of ££s requested. The Budget for 2021 anticipates a loss of £1.7M. Income from fees will be lower than “normal”. The number of curates is slightly higher than in some years. There will be no increase in Diocesan salaries or stipends and no expenditure on parsonages. The budget includes an increase in cost to support Safeguarding improvements. There will be a small reduction in contribution to Central Church but contribution to the Pension Fund is likely to increase. In this time of uncertainty these figures can only be estimates and none are possible for further into the future. This can be managed from various reserve options – but we will have return to a balanced budget as soon as possible.

There will be a 1% increase in Parish Share with effect from April 2021 (delayed from the usual January review date). This was extensively debated but finally accepted by a 2:1 majority.

Following the publication of the IICSA and Pearl reports there was a discussion on Safeguarding. The Diocesan objective is to improve and have a transparent and appropriate set of procedures which meet all current hopes. This be forward looking and start from where we are rather than be retrospective. It will bring a financial cost – possibly employing extra professional staff.

Approval was given to setting up a new Diocesan Committee for Outreach to replace previous Board for Social responsibility and another for Mission. An amended Diocesan Scheme for the Inspection of Churches was approved as was authority for Bishop Mark to delegate some responsibilities to Assistant Bishops.

Synod was reminded of the Clergy Covenant for Well Being and Everyday Faith initiatives of which we will be hearing more.

Roger Yates

Report of the Proceedings of the PCC 2020

The PCC met 5 times during 2020 both in person and via zoom.

14th January 2020 (19 Members)

Clarification of insurance *reasonable search declaration* noted – PCC still liable regardless of whether or not we sign and return it.

Roger's licence renewal notice has been received.

House of Prayer – email received asking what we are doing in this regard.

Kirsty to chase up at the Diocesan meeting.

Good progress between all parties with regard to the trees.

Personal accident cover removed from insurance policy because it duplicates other areas. Agreement to leave the engineering cover until 3 year agreement ends in December 2020.

Discussion about worship and parish activities over the last 12 months and proposed development of different working pattern in 2020 to allow for Christina and Kirsty moving on. Advent and Christmas services discussed and proposal for doing things differently outlined. New format of All Age at St Bart's progressing. Christmas leaflet felt to be valuable as it outlined other activities. Good interaction on the Parish Facebook page.

Challenges include the need to increase the number of children and grow the congregation. Regret that choral evensong has gone but noted that numbers are small.

Julian presented the year-end figures and forecast for 2020.

Projected deficit -£19K (less than predicted -£43) thanks to 3 sizeable donations and £6k monies earmarked for work to the trees which has been postponed. Expenditure for 2020 includes tree surgery and replanting and the new boiler. Suggestion we should have sponsorship appeal for trees and Friends could cover cost of boiler. St Anne's income and expenditure noted. Total figures for both churches indicate a significant deficit for parish.

Majority agreement to send £300 to 7 charities.

PCC resolution to approve creation of accounts for purpose of receiving contactless donations and provide training to church officers, sidespeople, church sitters and others as necessary agreed unanimously.

Unanimous PCC approval for expenditure up to £5,340.00 (subject to 2 further quotes) to replace boiler and include follow up servicing.

Final decision delegated to Church Wardens.

Unanimous PCC approval to ask Nick Rank to carry out quinquennial inspection – Church Wardens to organise.

Unanimous agreement that PCC suggests to the Diocese that Martin Kinsey is appointed as additional trustee for the proposed MAT.

Isobel agreed to be contact for Lay Conference.

Friends to consider funding the new boiler to be confirmed after meeting on 20th January.

Agreement to send gift token to David Bell in recognition of life-long service as server and sacristan at St Anne's.

Neighbourhood Network Easter Event to be held in Parish Hall on afternoon of 4th April. Morning coffee and cakes in church to continue as normal.

17th February 2020 (17 Members)

House of Prayer ongoing. Suggestion we could alternate Christmas Day services between St Anne's and St Bart's however as there was no room at St Anne's for a joint service agreed to continue with 2.

PCC to take lead on safeguarding training.

Three quotes for St Bart's boiler received. General Synod aims for churches to be carbon neutral by 2030. Discussion about different heating methods. Agreement to replace current boiler due to urgency of circumstances but consider future heating systems. Tim to lead and contact Flo Collier in this regard.

PCC sub-committee membership and terms of reference disclosed.

Discussion about worship and decreasing size of the ministry team.

Whole parish perspective needed for overview.

Nursing home visits and home communion to be added to lay ministry.

Representatives from different congregations ideal.

Full discussion about terms of reference; sub-committees, quorum, co-option, frequency of meetings, financial powers, decision making, assets and budgeting. Caroline to speak to colleagues about their experience. Fabric sub-committee priority at present.

Overlap between social events, fundraising and Friends. Desire for more purely social events.

Members due to come off PCC at APCM noted.

12th August 2020 (22 Members) – Via Zoom

Safeguarding work has stalled in lockdown but still needs to be done.

Flo Collier not contacted re: carbon neutral boiler yet and Tim has not undertaken audit due to current circumstances.

Sub-Committee work to be picked up shortly.

Membership queries raised. Caroline waiting for guidance re final legal position for the APCM.

Temporary suspension of public services agreed by majority vote.

Archdeacon's visitation to Wilmslow had been planned but is now postponed.

Members experiences of lockdown reviewed. Online worship, WhatsApp and Zoom groups all welcomed in unusual circumstances

Importance of Neighbourhood network highlighted.

APCM has to be held by 31st October. Caroline awaiting guidance how we can do this.

Private prayer at St Bart's in place since 9th July. Possibly too many stewards.

Holy Communion at St Bart's on 16th August. Keep under review making sure we follow Covid-safe guidelines.

St Anne's closed until September. To be open for private prayer.

Food friend report noted. Hoping to open on a Thursday. RA accepted.

Safeguarding Report

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

I was appointed by the PCC as Safeguarding Officer for Wilmslow Parish from 22nd November 2020 taking over from Dean Sumner.

Safeguarding means the steps that the Church takes to create and maintain a safe environment for all and in particular for children, young people and vulnerable adults. As a Parish we are committed to encouraging an environment where all people, but especially those who may be at risk for any reason, are able to worship and follow their faith journey in safety. I attach a copy of our Parish Safeguarding Policy which was adopted by the PCC on 17th October 2020. This Policy is reviewed on an annual basis.

As a result of the Covid pandemic 2020 was a year when, due to Government restrictions, there were no church services in our Parish for some months nor our other usual church activities such as children's activities, home visits and social events. This pause has therefore provided an opportunity to review all our activities and procedures from a safeguarding point of view to ensure that all documentation and processes are updated in line with guidelines set out by The Church of England and Diocese of Chester. This review is ongoing as our activities start to recommence or new activities begin.

During 2020 there was one historic safeguarding matter reported to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

As recommended all PCC members have completed or are in the process of completing Safeguarding Basic Awareness Courses and Safeguarding Foundation Courses as provided by the Diocese.

A review of DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) documentation and processes is currently being undertaken to ensure that all procedures are, or will shortly be, up to date.

Our Safeguarding contact details and safeguarding information has been updated on our Parish website and in Parish buildings.

Diana Smith
Parish Safeguarding Officer

Overall position.

The investment in Chloride ordinary shares is now considered to be worthless, and so has been written off, resulting in a reduction of £2,551 in the Endowment fund. The net movement on Unrestricted Funds was a deficit of £37,547. A surplus arose on Restricted Funds of £20,410. Consequently, over the year, the total fund balances decreased to £932,974, of which £354,904 is Unrestricted. At this level of Unrestricted funds the PCC has no immediate concerns about the financial impact of further Covid constraints over the medium term.

Reserves Policy

The PCC retained £233,676 of its excess cash balances in short-term deposits of up to a year's duration. These are reviewed on an annual basis.

Pre-school in St Anne's hall open since 15th June.

Issues with cleaning of the halls noted and in view of stricter requirements contract cleaners to be used.

Jon Horne keen to return to maintenance work of the churchyard. Caroline and CWs to liaise with him.

Unanimous approval of the Parish Accounts for 2019. Review of 2020 accounts to date noting the drop in income. Friends agreed to fund the work required for the parish hall floor and the new boiler. No reduction in parish share due to lockdown.

Online donations available with QR code. Good box to be moved to more prominent position. Thanks expressed to Maxine.

Kirsty in final months of curacy. Caroline applied for new full time stipendiary curate. Discussion about financial implications but acknowledgement that there is pressure on the ministry team. Val Hollis, retired SSM from St Albans coming back to Wilmslow. Georgina Watmore will also apply for PTO status.

Katy Allan, Christina Theobald and Anne Binnie all moved away. Isobel to send a letter of thanks on behalf of PCC and hope we can mark in a more formal way when circumstances permit.

15th September 2020 (19 Members) – Via Zoom

Food Friend to resume on Thursdays from 17th September. Thanks to Flo for making everything Covid safe.

Maintenance in the churchyard is ongoing. Friends of the Carrs have offered to help if necessary.

Thank you letters sent and all have responded thanking us for our good wishes.

Consultation document for services from October to December noted.

Social distancing measures for both churches discussed. All-age service hopefully an afternoon event. Importance of getting balance between online and in-building services to suit needs of everyone. Evensong small congregation, largely choral and would have a cost implication for the organist. Agreement to implement the schedule as laid out.

Staffing issues discussed in detail. Agreement to engage professional services to support this.

Financial sub-committee proposal noted and unanimous agreement to go ahead with this.

Magazine proposal noted and unanimous agreement to proceed as outlined. Agreement for Hoover repair for St Anne's—approval for expenditure up to £100.

PCC nomination for Maxine Drabble to be a foundation governor for St Anne's school. Unanimous approval.

APCM date agreed for 17th October via zoom or in the building.

Agreement for Curate to be appointed from June 2021 with housing allowance of approximately £1K per month and provision of a work space. Carried by majority.

11th November 2020 (16 Members – 3 Observers) – Via Zoom

Welcome to new PCC members following the APCM and membership details clarified. Revised pattern of services noted. Safeguarding Lead needed as Dean has stepped down and Lay Chair. Proposal that Barbara Foster acts as lay chair unanimous agreed. Julian appointed as Treasurer, Isobel as Secretary and Caroline Lucas as electoral roll officer. Sidespeople updated list noted. Agreed unanimously. Standing committee appointed and agreed unanimously. Safeguarding Update noted and training portal link passed to PCC members. Diana to consider taking on the lead role. Path repair costs etc noted. St Anne's school managing Covid compliance with small groups and bubbles. Little progress with MAT process at present. Harvest Appeal raise £6,134.25. Financial Report noted. £3K overspend in a typical month. Consideration given to increasing income and lowering costs. Thanksgiving services in the past and time and talents requests. Importance of financial sub-committee emphasised. Mark Tanner's book *the PCC Member's Essential Guide* highlighted. Safeguarding issue noted. Ministry Team to look at Advent and Christmas services. Annual return for 2019 filed with the Charity Commission.

8th December 2020 (18 Members) – Via Zoom

Martin Kinsey appointed to PCC and Diana Smith as Safeguarding Lead. The path work is complete. Some positive tests at St Anne's school so groups isolating. PCC membership and Trustee roles and responsibilities highlighted. Proposed code of conduct based on good practice noted. Martin Kinsey agreed to take forward with his experience as a High School governor. Service pattern for December and Christmas noted and online Christingle. PCC resolved suspend Holy Communion on 27th December. Agreed unanimously. Paper on re-introducing distribution of wine by dipping wagers. PCC unanimously supported the motion that we continue to receive in one kind only. Kirsty's last day is Christmas Day. Roger's status now changed to PTO, he is now a Canon Emeritus and is no longer automatically on the PCC. Georgine Watmore coming in the New Year applying for PTO status. Significant changes when Kirsty leaves. 8am BCP service attendance low so will not resume for the time being. Discussion about Evensong and low numbers/cost of organist. Bank account signatories agreed. Safeguarding report noted and agreement for DSO to submit to Charity Commission.

Finance & Stewardship LMT Report

(referencing Financial Statements January—December 2020)

Financial Review for 2020

The consolidated Parish accounts are presented on an accruals basis.

Unrestricted Funds.

Total receipts were £148,274, of which £85,383 was from unrestricted planned voluntary donations through standing orders and envelopes, an increase of some 7% from the equivalent figure for 2019. A further £21,025 was obtained from Gift Aid, a reduction from the previous year due to extra amounts being brought into account that year to reflect the adoption of accruals accounting. Several aspects of income were adversely affected by the coronavirus pandemic this year. The biggest impact was felt by our two halls (the Parish Hall and St Anne's) which had to close for extended periods, along with our churches, where there was a marked reduction in the level of collections received at services, and there was a reduction in fee income from weddings and church funeral services. Total unrestricted receipts were down £59,662 from £207,936 in 2019 (although that year included a kind one-off gift of £20,000).

Cost reductions arose as a result of the decreased usage of the churches and halls. The salaries bill was ameliorated by the receipt of £5423 of Coronavirus JRS (furlough) grants, but these have been reported these under Income.

£185,347 was spent from unrestricted funds to provide for Christian ministry, including the contribution to the diocesan parish share of a net £78,542, which largely provides stipends and housing for the clergy. The overall effect of the pandemic has been a reduction in unrestricted reserves of roughly £15,000.

Restricted funds.

Grants and donations of £35,945 were received, of which £33,748 related to our Food Friend food bank, and £2,197 related to the activities of the Friends of the Parish, who raise funds for the maintenance of the church buildings and fittings. Some £7,494 of the Friends' accumulated funds was used to refurbish the Parish Hall floor and replace a boiler in St. Bartholomew's Church. Following the year-end, a successful claim was made for the boiler on our insurance company: the subsequent net refund of £3,740 to the Friends will be included in the 2021 accounts.

The B list jobs are still outstanding, largely due to C19, but progress is being made.

A Goodbox has been installed, with huge thanks to the donor.

The grounds have also been maintained.

St Anne's Hall

Bookings have occurred as allowed, predominantly the Pre School until it closed.

Ray and Georgina have done wonderful work and maintained the building, including redecorating over the summer. Huge thanks to them for all their time and support.

A new boiler has also been installed.

The chairs and floors have been cleaned, a huge thank you to Andrew.

The usual checks have occurred eg: fire extinguishers etc.

Phil Gaskell

Churchwarden

Deanery and Diocesan Reports noted. Discussion about funeral chaplaincy project in the Middlewich deanery and the "Wilmslow" experience.

Kirsty expressed thanks for a "fantastic" curacy and feels truly blessed to have had Caroline as her training incumbent.

April 2021

Electoral Roll Officer's Report

There are 222 on the Electoral Roll of which 51 live outside the Parish. 6 have been removed, 2 of which are deceased, 3 left the area and 1 requested to be removed as no longer worshipping in our Parish.

Please notify me of any alterations to your current details which may occur during the year.

Please continue to encourage any new regular members of the congregation to join the Electoral Roll so that they can be eligible to vote and be members of the PCC and Sidespersons.

Caroline Lucas
Electoral Roll Officer

Fabric Report (Warden's Report) including Parish Hall

St Bart's

The usual work has occurred at St Bart's – PAT testing, fire extinguisher checks etc.

Sadly the grounds work has not been able to happen but we are thankful to the wonderful volunteers who are ready to start the strimming as soon as possible and to return everything to ship shape.

The tree work that has necessarily happened to remove 6 dead and dying trees did bring with it some unexpected repairs but all the repairs have been sorted and huge thanks go to the tree surgeons who both did their part of the work really well.

There have been some issues with the boilers but this is in hand and hopefully will be finally resolved shortly.

The Church has been cleaned throughout and meets C19 compliance.

Thanks to Quality Cleaning and volunteers.

A Goodbox was installed to help with the finances, enabling speedy card donations. Huge thanks to the donor.

A new phone has been installed and fibre broadband.

Thanks to Flo for all her hard work.

Parish Hall

The Hall has met its RA and C19 compliance throughout 2020. The cleaning requirements have been an issue but we have managed throughout.

All the usual checks have occurred, despite C19 restrictions – fire extinguishers, boilers, alarms etc.

The main work undertaken in 2020 was the resurfacing of the Hall floor which has been undertaken to a very high standard and paid for by the Friends, with thanks.

Regular bookings have been able to use the Hall, those that were allowed, as RA and C19 systems were set up including a one way system, sign in etc. The Parish Office and Town Council Office have been minimally used in line with C19 restrictions

St Anne's

All required work has been undertaken eg: boiler check etc

Ray, Georgina and Alison have maintained the Church to its usual high standard and enabled opening for services and private prayer.