

St Clement's Church, Urmston

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

Administrative Information

St Clement's Church is situated at the corner of Stretford Road and Manor Avenue, Urmston. The Benefice of Christ Church, Davyhulme and St Clement's, Urmston was formed in 2014. It is part of the Deanery of Stretford and the Diocese of Manchester within the Church of England.

The correspondence address is The Treasurer, 18 Windermere Rd, Urmston, Manchester, M41 9HW

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The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a registered charity. The charity number is 1131185.

PCC members/trustees who have served from 1 January 2020 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex-officio Members of the PCC

Clergy

Vicar: Vacancy from 28th November 2019

Assistant Priest: Rev'd Christine Bailey

Churchwardens

Mrs Lynn Smith

Mr Derek Prince (Vice Chair)

Representatives on the Deanery Synod

Mrs Jennifer Groves

Elected P.C.C. Members

Mrs Norma Mellor

Mr Daniel Mellor

Mr Christopher Jones

Mrs Beryl Prince

Mr Paul Wilson

Mr Ronald Griffiths

Mrs Barbara English

Mrs Janice Jones

Ms Clare Collinge

Ms Diane Green

Mrs Pauline Keogh

Mrs Madeline Cadman

Mrs Janice Jones

P.C.C. Minutes Secretary

Elected 15th March 2020

Authorised Lay Ministers

Mr Christopher Jones

Mr Daniel Mellor

Ms Clare Collinge

Objectives and Activities

St Clement's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating, during the interregnum, with the Archdeacon and other clergy in the parish in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, ecumenical and the Diocesan mission action plan. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Parish Church, Branch Church, Parish Hall and the Curacy house.

Achievements and Performance

Review of the Year

St Clement's P.C.C. met 3 times with an average attendance of 83%. Meetings were suspended when the first covid lockdown began and were not able to take place again during the year. Concerns were raised about some maintenance issues in the parish church, notably the poor condition of the rose window, the uneven floor in the north aisle and the poor quality of the lighting throughout the church. Much time was spent by a sub-

committee in producing the parish profile to be sent to candidates expressing an interest in the vacant post of incumbent. The church's finances were in good shape at the beginning of the year but the reduction in income caused by the pandemic, particularly not being able to hire out the parish hall, had a detrimental effect and we had to draw on some of the legacy funds which had been earmarked for major repairs.

Much of the community outreach at St Clement's was put on hold in 2020. The two large events which normally happen every week – the Trafford Walking for Health Group and the Wednesday Welcome Mornings – could not take place due to coronavirus restrictions. Coffee mornings and other events were cancelled. The church was closed completely over Easter (as were all churches) and at Christmas singing was not allowed so we did not host any of the usual school and scout carol services.

The benefice, which serves 3 churches. St Clement's two churches and Christ Church has remained in interregnum throughout 2020. In March Archdeacon Karen Lund informed us of a proposal to appoint an interim minister to the benefice until the proposed new deanery arrangements are in place but this plan was later dropped.

St Clement's has complied with the duty under section 5 of the safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 to adopt "A Safe Church Policy" and "A Vulnerable child and Adult Policy" these will be re-affirmed at the A.G.M. 2021. We also need to be aware of how quickly the media is changing people's perception of our responsibilities and we need to be extremely careful what is put on social media in the church's name.

The Branch Church usually provides us with a regular income from groups hiring the premises but this ceased from March 2020. A few church services were held there during the rest of the year when restrictions allowed. The loss of income from both the Branch Church and the Parish Hall was a blow to our finances, as well as a blow to the community groups whose activities were curtailed. Fortunately the curacy house was let throughout the year and was a regular source of income for us.

Financial Review

Total receipts for 2020 were £46,696 and payments were £75,081, as shown on the financial statements. We managed to pay over 85% of our parish share but this was by drawing on reserves and is not sustainable into 2021 until regular receipts recover their previous levels.

The Year Ahead

Whilst we are still in the midst of a pandemic 2021 remains an uncertain year for everyone. We are still in an interregnum, but we are maintaining the church's services, churchmanship and events as far as possible in line with government and Church of England regulations.

Still on the agenda are the major renovations to the final east roof and the repairs needed to the rose window, the north aisle floor and the interior lighting. Fundraising events are difficult at this time but the work will be carried out when possible.

The church will remain on the "at risk" register until the afore mentioned work is completed.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules 2020. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. From time to time members of the PCC attend training events relevant to their duties organised by the Diocese of Manchester and other bodies.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Date: February 26th 2020

Signature

Full Name

Christine Ann Bailey

DEREK PRINCE

Position

Assistant Priest

PCC Warden/Treasurer

ST CLEMENTS CHURCH BANK ACCOUNT YEAR END 31.12.2020

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Opening Balance	3,675.67	Photocopier	645.60
CCLA Bank Transfers	29,000.00	Sharples Printing	256.68
Net Home Estate Agents	8,659.20	TMBC Waste Removal	1,023.01
Easy Fundraising	129.75	Ecclesiastes Insurance	6,268.67
Trafford MBC Refund	1,129.32	RSCM	107.00
HMRC Tax Refund	2,965.64	Cleaning	5,565.85
United Utilities	20.36	D Prince Stationery etc	2,111.73
Hall Hire	3,620.50	United Utilities	1,284.97
Monthly S/O Payments	8,013.00	C Bailey Expenses	52.00
Weddings, Funerals etc	2,040.00	New Boiler & Radiator	2,925.00
Sunday Envelopes	9,872.05	Gas Certificates & Boiler Repairs	516.00
Donations	1,965.96	PAT Testing and Lights	1,203.19
Crux, Sunday Plate, Coffees, etc	4,564.90	Parish Share	33,575.00
Legacy	500.00	Personal Hygiene	624.00
Winter Warmer	1,061.02	Clock Service	315.60
Coffee Morning	103.40	Examination JTH	300.00
Branch Church	1,165.66	Christian Aid	295.66
Refund	200.00	CCLI Licence	284.90
Sundries	685.64	Lightning Conductor	222.00
		Garden Care	3,312.00
		Gutters Cleaned	200.00
		Organist Fee	250.00
		Envelopes	101.94
		Sundries	646.47
		Total Gas & Power	12,993.46
		Closing Balance	4,291.34
TOTAL	£79,372.07	TOTAL	£79,372.07

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC OF ST. CLEMENT'S URMSTON

I report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2020, which are set out on pages to .

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PCC AND THE EXAMINER

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that an audit is not required for this year under the Regulation and under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to issue this report on;

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

This report, including my statement, has been prepared for and only for the charity's trustee as a body. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustee those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustee as a body for my examination work, for this report, or for the statements I have made.

BASIS OF THIS REPORT

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

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 and have not been met; or
 - to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

• SIGNED

John T. Holdsworth B.A., C.Ed.

Date 12/2/2021

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