

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
OF
ST. THOMAS' AND ST. MARY MAGDALENE'S
CHURCHES
STOCKTON HEATH**



**ANNUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
31st DECEMBER 2020**

Introduction

This information is published as part of the requirements of the Church of England Regulations and Requirements of the Charities Commissioners.

The Parish of St. Thomas, Stockton Heath is in the Deanery of Great Budworth and is a part of the Diocese of Chester. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and is a registered Charity (Charity No.1131459)

St Thomas' PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd. Michael Ridley, in promoting the mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St. Thomas' Church, London Rd., Stockton Heath, St. Thomas Church Hall, Ellesmere Rd. Stockton Heath, St Mary Magdalene's Church, Dingleway/Bridge Lane Appleton and 8 St. Monica's Close Appleton.

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The Parochial Church Council 2020

Vicar	Rev. Michael Ridley
Curate	Rev. Robert Icke
<u>Ex- Officio</u>	
Pastoral Workers	Olu Olojugba Claire Hutt Julie Brown
Deanery Synod	Dorothy Carter Jenny Corroboy Sheila Barton Susan Burke
Res. 18th Oct 2020. Elec. 18th Oct 2020	
Church Wardens	Sheila Barton Melanie Wilson
Elected Members	Warren Whalley Kirsty Gill Peter Speed Melanie Girdharry James Thornton Sarah Gibbons Michael Jackson Lynda Heesom Peter Banyard
Re-Elec Oct 18th 2020	David Whalley
Re-Elec Oct 18th 2020	Richard Emery
Elec. Oct 18th 2020	Dorika Roxby
Elec. Oct 18th 2020	Stuart Marley
Res. Oct 18th 2021	Lynn Tidd
Officers	
Secretary	Dorothy Carter
Treasurer	Susan Burke
Safeguarding	Dorothy Carter
Emeriti	Christine Chapman
Readers.	Joanna Woodward
Minister with permission to officiate	Rev. Monica Thomson

The Work of the Parochial Church Council

In 2020 The Parochial Church Council met in January for the only face to face PCC Meeting of the year. Zoom meetings took place in March, May, September and November. Special Meetings were held in April, June and August, to deal with the issues arising from the pandemic. The Standing Committee usually meets two weeks before a PCC Meeting, when agendas are devised and a wide variety of matters are discussed in preparation for the PCC Meetings. The PCC gave authority to the Standing Committee to make urgent decisions during the crisis and extra meetings were held for this purpose with details being relayed to the PCC.

PCC members who are also Trustees are recruited from and voted for by members of the congregation who are on the Parish electoral roll. The PCC adheres to its aims and principles concerning outreach and mission, whilst managing the finances and the running of both Churches.

Action Groups hold their own meetings and report back to the PCC for further discussion and approval of plans and spending.

Issues addressed include worship, fundraising, social activities, groups, ecumenical services, and all possible ways of improving outreach and mission. Each meeting includes a safeguarding report

The PCC works exceptionally hard on the many aspects of Church business and thanks go to all who attend regularly and cheerfully. New faces would be really welcome on the PCC and anyone who would like to be involved should speak to the Church Wardens or Secretary. **Dorothy Carter, (PCC Secretary)**

Great Budworth Deanery Synod

The aims of the Deanery Synod are:

- To consider matters concerning the Church of England.
- To bring together the views of the parishes of the Deanery.
- To act as the channel of communication between the parishes of the deanery and the Diocesan Synod.
- To effect decisions made by the Diocesan Synod.
- To raise matters with the Diocesan Synod.
- To elect representatives to the Diocesan and General Synods.

St Thomas' representatives for 2020 were Jenny Corroboy and Dorothy Carter. Sheila Barton was a representative until October 18th 2020 when she stood down and Sue Burke was elected. Deanery Synod representatives attend meetings on behalf of the Parish and report back to the PCC.

The Parish is also represented by Pastoral Workers Olu Olojugba, Claire Hutt and Julie Brown. Because of the numbers on our electoral roll we are able to elect 4 Deanery Synod Members so there is one place available should anyone wish to be elected at the APCM.

Meetings are normally held at different parishes throughout the Deanery but because of Covid-19 restrictions this has not been possible. Once again Zoom meetings were the order of the day and these were very well attended, and matters reported back to the PCCs. At one meeting the Diocesan Missioner talked about vocation and in November there was a breakout and report session on challenges faced by Parishes during the current crisis.

Dorothy Carter

Risk Report

Major risks identified are:

- Adverse publicity
- Demographic change
- Dependency on income
- Disaster recovery
- Employment issues
- Fund raising
- Governance
- Security
- Volunteering
- Vulnerable people.

The major risks to which the PCC is exposed are regularly reviewed and the procedures and systems to manage those risks have been established. The full returns are stored at a central point and can be viewed on request.



The Electoral Roll

On December 31st 2020 there were 200 names on the electoral roll. The electoral roll closes on April 4th 2021 and a revised Electoral Roll will be instated. The number of applicants will be announced at this year's Annual General Meeting. Members of the congregation are encouraged to have their names on the electoral roll to give them voting rights at general meetings. Forms are available in the Church Office.

Frances Mountain

We would like to thank all those who volunteer and do so many wonderful things to further the mission of both our Churches. This year, has been such a difficult year because of the pandemic. We are so grateful to those who stepped up to the mark and went the extra mile during these really trying times, often outside comfort zones. Many volunteers were unable to continue for the full year, because of lockdown and self isolation, but we look forward to welcoming them back as soon as it is safe to do so.

Volunteers



Reserves Policy

It is the aim of the PCC to seek to hold £18,000 in unrestricted reserves in order to cover three months' running costs, in the event of a major problem, and/or to provide additional support for some unforeseen repairs.

Considering the outgoings, the PCC deems this to be a reasonable amount to hold in reserves to maintain adequate cash flow. This policy will be reviewed in twelve months' time.

A Word From The Vicar

If the last year has taught us anything, it is that “being church” is not just about “coming to church”. Even as I write there are many who are still isolating and unable to come out into normal life, and yet we are still together, still the family of God, still one in Christ! This hasn’t happened by magic: through doorstep deliveries throughout the year; pastoral phone calls; streaming on YouTube and Zoom for Sunday worship; daily thoughts for the day on YouTube; meetings, Daily Prayer, Bible Studies, nurture courses, coffee mornings, Stitch and Chat all on Zoom; weekly email bulletins; outreach efforts to families in need in our local area: we have continued to BE church. I am so grateful to so many people who have worked behind the scenes in carrying out the ministry of the church in really hard times! Underpinning all our efforts has been prayer: praying and worshipping together via YouTube and Zoom; praying for our community, for each other and for our world. So, what happens now that we ease out of lockdown and get back to a new normal? Here are some thoughts.

For many, life will never be the same again. The devastating effect of COVID19 on society will be analysed for years, and as a church we need to take time to think and reflect. Sometime over the summer we hope to have a day of prayer of sorry and thanksgiving. We need to rebuild many of the activities we have lost at the moment especially in-person children’s, youth work and Bible Studies, social gatherings, Open Church and fundraisers, concerts, singing in worship, bell ringing. To restart all these

activities will involve sensitivity, planning and hard work.

Now is the time to review what we’ve done in lockdown and learn lessons about what we’ve discovered that can enhance our church. A good example is our streaming of worship: this will continue, so that anybody who is housebound can keep in touch with the worshipping community and ‘go’ to church each Sunday from the comfort of home. Our PCC will be undergoing a thorough analysis of past activities so we can build stronger foundations for the future.

Finance is a real issue for the Church of

England as a whole, and many churches will struggle after lockdown eases. As you can see from Sue’s financial report and accounts, we have more than survived



and through good stewardship look set fair for 2021 / 2022. However, there is much to be done, so I urge you to give generously and sacrificially in the coming months.

Finally, we owe a debt of gratitude to our Wardens, Standing Committee, PCC, Ministry, Pastoral and Social Action teams for their leadership of our churches over the last twelve months. It has been a huge joint effort. However, through God’s grace and their faithful ministry we can look to a good future ahead.

May God bless you all.

Michael.

St. Thomas' and St Mary Magdalene's Church Warden's Report

What a poignant and strange year 2020 was; a whole new vocabulary appeared, zoom, tiers, social distancing, shielding, to name but a few, but through it all with Christian prayer and hope, the churches of St Thomas' and St Mary Magdalene's continued.

Just before the first lockdown we held a thank you and training session for all sides people letting them know how much their role of welcome is valued in our church. We've needed them more than ever this year. We have had to adhere to what seemed rather bizarre one-way systems, social distancing, track and trace and cleaning regimes. What a team! Special

thanks to Julie and Dorothy for their ability to wade through the guidance and help us put safe systems in place for all of our church buildings and it is noteworthy that no cases of Covid have been traced back to

any of our churches or church buildings

As ever there were a few goodbyes - the year began with a farewell to Adam Post who though still working with our Pathfinders and the Ark went onto work in a near full time capacity with Warrington Youth for Christ. We said goodbye to our ordinand Phil Bishop in May when he moved to nearby Weaverham - not the good 'send-off' we would have wished but he was inundated with good luck cards.

With the church closed for a considerable part of the year, many new innovations came into being; considerable thanks are due to those who were forced into a steep learning curve. Zoom became the new byword for connecting with each other - meetings, quizzes and coffee mornings all through the wonders of technology and our Parish Whats App group became the link where all was shared - inspirational snippets, reminders, and prayer points while the thought for the day slot led by

our ministry team helped to keep our church community together.

From April Pathfinders and the Ark moved to weekly zoom meetings, Pathfinders led by Adam and assisted by Sheila was regularly attended by half a dozen children who will hopefully decide on confirmation later; ingenious online games and activities were thought of including quizzes, kim's game and getting to know your Bible.

Rob, our Curate was priested in October, again this was a Zoom experience.

As once technically-challenged church wardens, both Sheila, Mel and a willing band of

supporters across both churches (thank you!) had to quickly learn a new vocabulary and skill set. The updated screen and new AV kit at St Mary Magdalene's which was installed in 2019 allowed us to go paperless straight away, and was quickly supplemented with a

basic web-camera to allow us to progress from 'zoomed' services to YouTube broadcasts - though with mixed success until our very basic laptop decided it was all a bit too much for it. Fortunately, the wheels set in motion to install our new glass screen at St Thomas' and after a great deal of patience, the screen was hoisted above the chancel steps in November - what a beautiful piece of tech' it is. Then came the challenge of learning how to operate it and thanks to Peter Speed and a few 'techie' experts we were able to stream and take part in paperless services from early December.

Although we have been denied the joy of lifting our collective voices in worship, we have been really blessed with the talents of Gillian, Sarah Simon and the Emery's, as they have all sung on our behalf during services in person and when streamed. Thanks also to Ian and Ted for their wonderful accompaniment. Such beautiful 'real' live singing made such a difference.



In the mini 2nd lockdown in November a group of young families joined together to form Bible Bubbles – a sort of Messy Church across St Thomas', St Mary Magdalene's and St James 'and St Hilda's, using the fabulous space at St James when they could meet in person, and on-line when not. It's been a great innovation and a style of worship that we hope to continue when we are able to get back to normal – whatever that will look like. They have since met regularly and this is much anticipated by our little ones.

We embraced the technology around Eventbrite and from November our congregations were encouraged to book seats for each service – thanks to Julie King for teaching us through the various screens.

Many of the previous year's activities were denied us – no auctions, Stockton Heath Festival, Brass Band concerts, Cheese and Wine or Summer and Christmas Fairs.

However with a bit of ingenuity the Lady Chapel at St Thomas and the whole of St Mary Magdalene's were bedecked with sponsored stars and the churches

looked especially lovely this last Christmas.

Christmas also encouraged a wave of generosity extended towards our community and for a few days in mid-December our church resembled a food warehouse; with many volunteers well over a hundred bags of groceries were packaged and delivered to our local schools to be distributed to those who faced a more difficult than normal Christmas. Hyacinth bulbs and little gifts were distributed also to folk in need of some Christmas joy and hope.

So now it is spring again and we are daring to look forward, tempered by the knowledge that

one day at a time is probably the only safe way to proceed. However, as a Parish, there has been a real sense of togetherness over the last twelve months, a willingness to reach out and help and no matter where we normally worship. Our Parish has demonstrated that together we can rise to the challenges we

face, playing to our strengths and praying and caring for each other as we go. We definitely plan to keep that as part of our 'new normal' in the future.

Melanie and Sheila



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SAFEGUARDING OFFICER 2020

The Parish has adopted and adheres to all Church of England policies and practice guidance on safeguarding, which can be found at <https://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding/policy/and/practice-guidance> Safeguarding is now a regular item on every PCC agenda.

Dorothy Carter (St Thomas) with Melanie Wilson (St Mary Magdalene) and Kirsty Gill are the Parish's safeguarding officers and work closely with all church groups and leaders to ensure that the health and safety of all is paramount.



Our churches have two children's advocates, these are individuals whom children know they could talk to about any problems, if they so wish. These are Brenda Speed at St. Thomas' and Jenny Corroboy at St. Mary Magdalene's.

There is a link to the safeguarding policy on the church website.

Those of our church members and employees who work regularly with children or vulnerable adults have currently valid and satisfactory DBS disclosures (i.e. processed within the last five years). During the course of the last year no reports of concern of harm or potential harm to a child or vulnerable adult have been reported to the safeguarding officer.

Dorothy Carter

Financial Review of the Year

In my financial review last year, I alluded to the severe financial challenges to church finances posed by the Covid pandemic. As your Treasurer it is my responsibility to report these to you. However, in doing so I am mindful of the serious impact of the pandemic on the lives of many people in our Parish and Community through Covid related illness and death, social and emotional isolation, job losses and personal financial challenges, immense work pressures for others and the effects on the NHS' ability to respond to non-Covid related illness. Your Churches have made extensive efforts to be 'present' in these situations, showing God's love in practical and prayerful ways and have proved that 'we are and can be Church' in many different modalities and respond with agility to changing and unprecedented situations. This is our real 'mission' and 'raison d'être' but to achieve and maintain this we need financial sustainability.

In 2020 our total receipts for the year were £169,385 compared to £187,196 in 2019, a reduction of £17,811. Despite this we have still have a surplus of £12,744 which is positive considering the challenges of the year. It is no surprise to note that every income stream dependent upon us being 'open' has been seriously affected: collections at services reduced from £14,599 in 2019 to £6,423 in 2020; no Summer or Christmas fairs and general fundraising reduced from £10,319 in 2019 to £1,017 in 2020 an almost 90% reduction; limited funerals in church and only one wedding has resulted in reduced fee income from £6,228 in 2019 to £4,257 in 2020; hall hire reduced from £19,863 in 2019 to £11,145 in 2020. As St Thomas' Church Hall was not in use, we made it freely available to Stockton Heath Medical Centre to allow them to increase their capacity to deliver the seasonal flu vaccination campaign, this year being necessary under Government guidelines, for larger cohorts of patients. The Parish 100 Club, led by Ann and Mick Jackson



and Julie Bennion continued throughout 2020 though with fewer monthly coffee mornings income has been affected, with donations of £750 to church funds in 2020 compared to £1250 in 2019. Planned Giving has remained relatively robust at £74,212 compared with £75,288 in 2019, this pandemic has demonstrated the value in regular giving through the bank to ensure dependable cash flow and I would like to encourage anyone not giving in this way to please do so. We were able to open early following the lifting of restrictions due to the production of numerous detailed risk assessments by Julie Bennion, Hall Booking Secretary at St Mary Magdalene's and Dorothy Carter our Parish Safeguarding Lead, with rigorous booking, cleaning and sanitising routines, this clearly helped minimise our loss of related income.

Our receipts were significantly boosted by two legacies: one from the late David Wilcox for £15,000 and £2,000 from the late Noreen Cowking both faithful members of our churches. We are extremely grateful for these legacies, which are largely responsible for the surplus. Many people made donations during the year with donations increasing from £12,169 in 2019 to £16,271 in 2020, we received £1,912 in 'one off' Thanksgiving donations of which £1,887 was eligible for Gift Aid. Despite a reduction in receipts Gift Aid has remained strong at £22,397 compared with £23,695 in 2019. We make every effort to ensure our giving is tax efficient with 95% of Planned Giving through regular envelopes or by standing order being eligible for Gift Aid. Chester Diocese awarded us a grant of £2,000 to assist the costs of opening after the first lockdown. St Mary's house remains tenanted and has been fully let this year giving a total income of £7,297. This year we reduced the rent by 20% during the first lockdown to ease any potential financial challenges for our tenant. Again, the only expense against this income was £233 for insurance as the house continues to be managed and generally maintained for us, thanks to Ian Burke for this work.

To mitigate the financial losses caused by the Covid Pandemic we have taken all possible steps to reduce our running costs. Total payments were reduced in 2020 to £156,641 from £169,327 in 2019 a reduction of £12,686. Church utilities are reduced from £8,249 in 2019 to £7,737 and Church Hall from £4548 in 2019 to £3408 – heating switched to 'frost save' etc. Printing and postage have reduced from £4597 in 2019 to £3,522 at least in part, relating to printing of service sheets which will be an ongoing saving with screens and power points available to enhance worship now in both churches. We have however, kept in touch with our congregations during closures both electronically with the Parish Bulletin and by direct and postal communication so no one was left out. Costs for upkeep of services has reduced to £4,897 in 2020 compared with £7,423 in 2019, understandably as we have had fewer services and been closed for long periods. However, many of our large expenses notably Parish Share, Licences, Security and Insurance costs were unchanged. We continue to benefit from the 20% reduction in Parish Share to reflect Vicar Michael's time commitment as Vicar to St James and St Hilda, a cautionary note – this will not continue indefinitely, and we will then have to find an additional £1200 per calendar month.

Extraordinary expenses have arisen this year relating to additional costs for 'Covid Secure' precautions – sanitiser, masks, aprons; our historic Pipe Organ needed a new humidifier at a cost of £3,566; and the purchase of the screen, projector and streaming equipment at St Thomas' at a total cost of £28,351. This large expense at a time of relative austerity deserves further comment. The decision to purchase this was made pre pandemic, however, your PCC reviewed this purchase very carefully throughout 2020. We did apply for a grant but were unsuccessful though a gift-aided donation of £8000 from a member of our congregation reduced the overall costs by £10,000. It was decided that in addition to the benefits of enhancing worship without detracting from the heritage of our church and the AV system being a long-term asset for the Church and Community, the short-term effects on our covid security – no books

or printed materials in use and the ability to stream main services during the latest lockdowns were an added reason to proceed. There will be ongoing savings in printing and paper, and it will help us in our efforts to becoming an Eco church, caring for the whole of God's creation.

Youth, family and children's work has continued this year in partnership with Warrington Youth for Christ, who employ Adam Post on a full-time basis, and we contract with them for two days per week of his time to be spent in our Parish under a 'Memorandum of Understanding' arrangement. This has reduced our costs from £22,920 in 2019 to £8014 in 2020 whilst preserving this important part of our church mission. Your PCC has recently approved this ongoing for 2021.

Whilst facing our own financial challenges your PCC was conscious of the serious impact of the pandemic on many charities both at home and Christian Mission abroad. We have therefore honoured our 'Outward Giving' parish policy to give away 10% of our disposable income, for 2020 (based on 2019 accounts) this was £9,874. We also had £874 left over from 2019 which we had set aside for 'urgent appeals' which may arise in 2020 – little did we know! We donated this to Warrington Food-bank. Recipients were USPG, CMS, Visranthi Trust, St David's Nigeria, Street Pastors, Broomfield's Youth Project, Prison Fellowship, St Joseph's Family Centre, St Rocco's Hospice, and St Thomas' School. Your PCC also agreed to allocate £500 of this towards our own mission projects whereby, with involvement of some other churches within Bridgewater Churches Together, we distributed 190 Christmas food bags for vulnerable families in partnership with local schools, 58 Christmas Cheer gifts to vulnerable or isolated older members of our community and a hyacinth plant and Christmas greeting to an additional 150 members of our congregations and community. The hyacinth plants were all donated by a member of our congregation for which we are most grateful. Again, we have reserved an amount - £1,245 of this money for urgent appeals which may arise in 2021. You will again notice in the accounts a 'Memorandum Analysis'

representing monies for which the church acts as an agent. These include fees we collect on behalf of the Diocese, Organists and Verger but also a Charity Agency summary. This includes collections we take specifically for various charities including for example the Christingle candles and Christian Aid Present Aid donations. We have also supported Christian Aid this year through sponsorship of Rob's 5k run.

John Hankey has been our Gift Aid Secretary for over ten years helping us reclaim thousands of pounds in Gift Aid. He retired in September 2020 and I am grateful to John for all his hard work, patience, help and guidance. We have welcomed Joanne Ridley to the Finance Team taking over this role as our new Gift Aid Secretary. Brian Heesom also retired as Church Hall Booking Secretary in May this year and we are indebted to him for his hard work for over seven years. Brian worked tirelessly to facilitate the letting of the hall and so maximise our income, to oversee the cleaning and maintenance of the hall and ensure it was always kept to a high standard for church activities, the local community and our customers. Peter Speed has kindly taken on this role on an interim basis. Julie Bennion continues to be the Hall Booking Secretary for St Mary Magdalene and her efforts to raise the profile of and success increasing the use of St Mary Magdalene's for private hire and community activities are much appreciated.

We have appointed Geoff Bruce BSc. FCA as our new Independent Examiner this year. I would like to record my thanks to Geoff for his efforts to familiarise himself and use our

Church Accounting Package, understand our church procedures, provide appropriate scrutiny and challenge and offer his help and advice. It is pertinent to note that this service has again been provided free of charge and we are most grateful. Church finances run smoothly due to the efforts of a whole team who I would like to thank for their support. Those who count the money on Sunday mornings, take the money to the bank, undertake the Gift Aid claims, and again special thanks to Linda Latham who acts as our Bookkeeper maintaining our financial records.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to each one of **you**, who give generously both of money and time, making the work we do for the Kingdom in this place possible, the people of God truly doing and paying for the work of God. This year has been especially challenging as we have noted, those giving regularly through the bank have helped me sleep at night! The bundles of envelopes faithfully filled at home during times of closure arriving each time we reopened, the cheques posted to me or dropped though my letterbox at regular intervals, the additional donations which 'might help' have been humbling and so very encouraging. Many organisations, including churches have suffered to the extent that their future is uncertain, not so for us we are and will remain financially viable and sustainable, we have weathered this maelstrom albeit somewhat financially 'bruised'. By God's grace we emerge with hope as a community of faith stronger, more versatile and adaptive, having learned lessons, having loved, supported and cared.

Sue Burke
Treasurer



Financial statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2019

St Thomas & St Mary's churches Stockton Heath

Receipts and Payments Accounts

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019
Receipts					
Voluntary Receipts:					
Planned Giving		65,200	9,012	74,212	75,288
Collections at services		6,423	0	6,423	14,599
Gift Aid recovered		20,002	2,395	22,397	23,695
Grants		0	217	217	217
All other giving/voluntary receipts	4a)	38,746	441	39,187	20,857
Activities for generating funds	4b)	6,054	0	6,054	24,899
Investment income -rent, interest		7,419	0	7,419	7,778
Church & Parish Hall activities	4c)	11,145	0	11,145	19,863
Other Income	4d)	2,331		2,331	
Total receipts		<u>157,320</u>	<u>12,065</u>	<u>169,385</u>	<u>187,196</u>
Payments					
Church activities:					
Diocesan parish contribution and deanery		54,129	0	54,129	52,840
Clergy and staffing costs	4d)	7,294	8,014	15,308	31,165
Church running costs	4e)	36,529	628	37,157	41,001
Church repairs	4f)	29,544	0	29,544	8,528
Hall running costs	4g)	7,916	0	7,916	12,371
Mission giving and donations	4h)		8,524	8,524	11,300
Cost of generating funds	4i)	561	0	561	7,136
Other	4j)	3,501	0	3,501	4,986
Total payments		<u>139,476</u>	<u>17,166</u>	<u>156,641</u>	<u>169,327</u>
Surplus (-deficit) before transfers		17,845	-5,101	12,744	17,869
Transfer between funds		-9,495	9,495	0	0
Surplus (-deficit)		<u>8,350</u>	<u>4,394</u>	<u>12,744</u>	<u>17,869</u>
Cash at bank and in hand at 1st January		65,268	1,447	66,715	48,846
Cash at bank and in hand at 31st December		<u>73,618</u>	<u>5,841</u>	<u>79,459</u>	<u>66,715</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
<i>Cash Funds</i>				
Bank Current Account	44,823	5,826	50,649	38,023
Cash		15	15	20
CBF Deposit Fund	25,220		25,220	25,098
CBF Accumulation shares at cost note 2	3,574		3,574	3,574
Total cash and bank funds	<u>73,618</u>	<u>5,841</u>	<u>79,459</u>	<u>66,715</u>

Other Monetary Assets

Other debtors	1,470			2,556
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Liabilities

Creditors	3,127			2,195
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Notes

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting Regulations 2006 and Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 using the receipts and payments basis.

Monies received as an agent are excluded . These are detailed on page 4 for information.

2. The PCC holds 199.49 CBF accumulation shares whose market value was £9.918 at 31st December 2020 (£8.980 for 2019)

3. During the year the PCC purchased an Audiovisual system and screen at the cost of £28,351

4. in addition the PCC own the following non sacred buildings: St Mary's house Insurance valuation 2021, £200,768 & St Thomas Church Hall Insurance valuation 2021, £911,848

5. The movements in designated and restricted funds during the year were:

	Bal b/fwd £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Bal C/fwd £
Designated fund (unrestricted)					
Visranthi Trust	186.25	3,245	3,064	0	367
Restricted Funds					
Charities	874.00		8,524	9,495	1,845
War graves	471.00	217	0	0	688
Flowers	105.12	269	55		319
Parish Family fund	0.96	11,575	8,587	0	2,989
Total	<u>1451.08</u>	<u>12,061</u>	<u>17,166</u>	<u>9,495</u>	<u>5,841</u>

4. Further analysis of Receipts and Payments Accounts

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Receipts				
All other giving/voluntary receipts 4a)				
Donations church	16,271	0	16,271	12,169
Donations hall	0	0	0	0
Legacy	17,000	0	17,000	0

Receipts continued

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Donations for Visranthi trust	2,255		2,255	2,280
Grants non recurring	2,000	0	2,000	0
Donations received for Mission project	1,035	0	1,035	0
Donations received for parish families	0	257	257	5,884
Donations for flower fund		180	180	399
Insurance claim	0		0	125
other income	185	4		
	<u>38,746</u>	<u>441</u>	<u>41,018</u>	<u>22,876</u>

Activities for generating funds 4b)

PCC fees and charges	4,257		4,257	6,228
Summer fair	0		0	1,859
Christmas fairs	0		0	2,694
Open Church	717		717	1,713
Churches other fundraising	1,017		1,017	10,319
Visranthi Trust	0		0	1,090
Bookstall	63		63	994
	<u>6,054</u>		<u>6,054</u>	24,899

Church & Hall activities 4c)

Church hall hire	5,124		5,124	10,650
St Mary's hall hire	6,021		6,021	9,213
	<u>11,145</u>		<u>11,145</u>	<u>19,863</u>

Payments**Church activities 4****Clergy and staffing 4d)**

Salaries and wages of parish staff		8,014	8,014	22,920
Clergy expenses	3,842		3,842	2,799
Vicarage council tax, water, other	3,219		3,219	5,220
Parsonage house expenses	233		233	226
	<u>7,294</u>	<u>8,014</u>	<u>15,308</u>	<u>31,165</u>

Church running costs 4e)

Insurance	7,200		7,200	7,059
Electric, gas, water	7,737		7,737	8,249
Telephone church office	925		925	1,330
Printing, postage and stationery church office	3,552		3,552	4,597
Cleaning materials	95		95	231
Organ/piano tuning	3,686		3,686	1,223
Upkeep of services	4,842	55	4,897	7,423
Support costs	4,159		4,159	4,298
Parish Family worker expenses		573	573	1,379
Church maintenance	2,984		2,984	5,212
Churchyard maintenance	0		0	0
other running costs	1,349		1,349	
	<u>36,529</u>	<u>628</u>	<u>37,157</u>	<u>41,001</u>

Church repairs 4f)

Equipment purchases, repairs	29,544	0	29,544	8,528
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Payments Continued

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Major repairs St Thomas	0	0	0	0
Major repairs St Mary Magdalene	0	0	0	0
	<u>29,544</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>31,564</u>	<u>8,528</u>
Hall running costs 4g)				
Electric,gas,water	3,408		3,408	4,548
Insurance	1,535		1,535	1,500
Other running costs	2,330		2,330	5,563
Major repairs, refurbishment, replacements	643		643	760
	<u>7,916</u>		<u>7,916</u>	<u>12,371</u>

Mission giving and donations 4h)*Donations to charities:*

Oversees Missionary		3,600	3,600	5,300
Christian Relief		0	0	0
Home Missions		2,150	2,150	3,100
Secular charities		1,624	1,624	1,250
St Thomas School		500	500	1,000
Visranthi Trust		650	650	650
	<u>0</u>	<u>8,524</u>	<u>8,524</u>	<u>11,300</u>

Cost of generating funds 4i)

Fund raising events	400		400	6,294
Bookstall	141		141	417
Other	20		20	425
	<u>561</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>561</u>	<u>7,136</u>

All other payments 4j)

Loan repayments			0	0
Bank and Online giving charges	181		180	230
Other	256		256	0
Visranthi Trust payments	3,064		3,064	4,756
	<u>3,501</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>4,986</u>

Memorandum analysis

Church acting as an agent	Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Bal C/ fwd
Diocesan fees for weddings and funerals	302	9,263	8,702	863
Other fees- verger/ organist/choir	-45	1,780	1,780	-45
Retired/visitng clergy fee	0	123	123	0
Total	<u>257</u>	<u>11,166</u>	<u>10,605</u>	<u>818</u>

Charity Agency Summary

BCT	0	179	179	0
Children's society	1,151	538	1,610	79
foodbank	70	20	65	25
Present Aid	403	603	0	1,006
Parish Family Fund	101	0	0	101

Charity Agency Summary Contd

	Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Bal C/ fwd
USPG	0	425	324	102
Water Aid	12	0	30	-18
Total	<u>1,736</u>	<u>1,765</u>	<u>2,207</u>	<u>2,112</u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

The Parochial Church Council of St Thomas and St Mary Magdalene
Stockton Heath

On accounts for the year
ended

31 st December 2020

Charity no
(if any)

1131459

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2020.

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 (other than that
disclosed below *) 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:

Date:

6 APRIL 2021

Name:

Geoff Bruce

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

FCA

Address:

31 Bristow Close, Great Sankey, Warrington WA5 8EU

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern
(see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and
guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of
any items that the