

ANNUAL MEETING
Agenda
Reports from Organisations

ST. PAUL. ROYTON
SUNDAY 23RD MAY 2021

Opening Prayer

AGENDA – The Annual Meeting of Parishioners

1. Apologies for Absence
2. The Minutes of the meeting held on Sunday 11th October 2020
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the above meeting
4. Appointment of Church Wardens for the year 2021 to 2022

Agenda – The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies for Absence
2. The Minutes of the meeting held on Sunday 11th October 2020
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the above meeting
4. Electoral Roll Report
5. Financial statement for the year ended 31st December 2020
6. Report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the Church
7. Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod
8. Election of Representatives of the Laity to the P.C.C. for 2021 to 2022
9. Appointment of Honorary Senior Church Warden 2021 to 2022
10. Appointment of Deputy Church Wardens 2021 to 2022
11. Appointment of Independent Examiners for 2021 to 2022
12. Reports
13. The Chairman's Remarks
14. Any Other Business
15. Date and time of the newly elected P.C.C. – directly following the A.P.C.M.
16. Closing Prayer

ST. PAUL, ROYTON
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

Parish: St. Paul, Royton

Deanery: Oldham West

Diocese Manchester

The Parochial Church Council is a Registered Charity number

MINISTERS	
Incumbent	Revd. Graham Hollowood
Curate	Revd. Nicholas Johnson
Reader	Barry Barnes
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL	
Ex Officio	Revd. Graham Hollowood
	Revd. Nicholas Johnson
Church Wardens	Tony Hawkins
	Roy Turner
Deputy Church Wardens	Chris Barnes
	Joanne Berry
	Les Fallows
	Connie Heslop
Deanery Synod Members	Adele Beresford-Grindrod
(until 2023)	Rachel Helme
	David Mullin
Treasurer	Peter Schofield
Secretary	Sandra Schofield
	Barry Barnes
Treasurer R & D	Kathleen Briggs
	Maureen Dickens
	Patricia Gulliver
	Andrew Wood
	Eileen Wood
Independent Financial Examiner	Jenny O'Callaghan
Bankers	Barclays Bank PLC, Rochdale
Insurers	Ecclesiastical
Safeguarding Officer	Paul Wright
Electoral Roll Officer	Haydn Mason

4. ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT

An overall rise of 15 from the previous year to 117.

5. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

General Fund Receipts and Payments Account

RECEIPTS

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<u>Direct Giving</u>		
Gift Aid	28,451.20	29,769.05
Non-Gift Aid	3,835.90	5,153.60
Cash collections	917.60	2,565.55
Tax Recovered	8,116.12	9,359.78
	41,320.82	46,847.98
<u>Other Voluntary Income</u>		
Candle Money	121.16	246.35
Christingle Fund Raising	357.00	543.00
Lenten Appeal	261.00	-
Donations	115.00	348.18
Fees	4,667.00	7,396.00
Easter Parish Supper	-	60.00
	5,521.16	8,593.53
<u>Other Income</u>		
Use of Photocopier	100.00	116.26
Coffee Bar	134.34	580.00
Magazine Account	-	500.00
Reserve Fund	520.00	11,560.00
R & D Church Heating	50.00	330.00
Refund F & M Supplies	-	241.40
Water Refund - St. Mark's	-	175.32
Grant from Diocese	-	1,000.00
Sale of Piano	100.00	-
Insurance Claim	554.00	-
Sundry	10.00	-
	1,468.34	14,502.98
Total Receipts	48,310.32	69,944.49

P.H. Schofield
P.C.C. Treasurer

PAYMENTS

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<u>Grants</u>		
Charity Donations	447.00	543.00
<u>Relating to the work of the church</u>		
Diocesan Quota	25,616.12	42,000.00
Clergy Expenses	3,903.18	3,745.67
Heat, Light & Water	5,098.07	4,672.32
Insurance	3,998.74	3,855.17
Telephone	612.24	466.08
Upkeep of Services	637.88	2,136.93
Organist Wages	2,650.00	3,925.00
	42,516.23	60,801.17
<u>Administration</u>		
Printing & Stationery	521.58	1,258.95
Fees paid to Diocese	3,052.00	3,546.00
Verger Fees	170.00	385.00
Organist Fees	-	575.00
Wardle Band	100.00	400.00
Music Licence	140.00	136.00
Donated Fee to R & D	-	73.18
Sundry	20.51	216.10
R & D re Insurance	554.00	-
Web Site Renewal	129.42	-
	4,687.51	6,590.23
Total Payments	47,650.74	67,934.40
Transfer to Reserve A/c	520.00	1,560.00
Total Expenditure	48,170.74	69,494.40
Total Receipts B/F	48,310.32	69,944.49
Net Surplus for the Year	139.58	450.09
Bank Current A/c 1.1.20	2,456.35	2,006.26
Bank Current A/c 31.12.20	2,595.93	2,456.35
Increase in Cash Funds	139.58	450.09

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P.C.C. Treasurer

ST PAUL'S CHURCH, ROYTON
RESERVE FUND ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
CBF Account Interest	64.21	233.00
Transfer from Church Expenses	520.00	1,560.00
Deficit for year	-	10,204.24
	<u>584.21</u>	<u>1,997.24</u>
 <u>PAYMENTS</u>		
Payment to Quota	-	1,560.00
Transfer to Exp. Account	520.00	10,000.00
Church Notice Board	-	211.80
Playmats for Creche	-	95.70
Bible Storybooks for School	-	129.74
Surplus for Year	64.21	-
	<u>584.21</u>	<u>11,997.24</u>

BALANCE SHEET

Current Assets:	
Current Account 1.1.20	2,159.66
CBF Account 1.1.20	16,274.96
	<u>18,434.62</u>
Surplus for year	64.21
	<u>18,498.83</u>
 Financed by:	
Current Account 31.12.20	2,159.66
CBF Account 31.12.20	16,339.17
	<u>18,498.83</u>

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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, ROYTON
PARISH CENTRE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.12.2020

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<u>Rent</u>					
History Society	27.00	243.00	Post & Stationery	372.51	147.16
Uniform Organisations	264.00	1,496.00	Cleaning Materials	156.96	589.84
Ladies Society	32.00	192.00	Concept Hygiene	1,665.00	2,220.00
Weightwatchers	837.00	2,754.00	Trade Waste Disposal	911.85	884.82
Slimming World	2,958.50	1,630.00	Cleaner	2,705.86	2,631.88
Luncheon Club	577.50	2,625.00	Telephone	738.39	308.97
Art Workshop	297.00	1,353.00	Electric	2,411.44	3,138.02
Keep Fit Club	210.00	1,008.00	Gas	4,321.25	5,306.20
Yoga Club	1,283.00	2,352.00	Water	647.43	741.98
Thursday Art Class	176.00	1,034.00	Insurance	1,987.34	1,926.09
Wednesday Art Class	419.00	1,161.00	Repairs & Maintenance	4,761.14	4,185.20
Wine Society	97.50	390.00	Alcohol Licence	-	70.00
Polling Station	250.00	300.00	Copier Lease	1,303.20	1,303.20
Springboard	504.00	2,184.00	Garden Maintenance	1,695.00	1,670.00
Henshaws	374.00	1,122.00	Environmental contract	255.00	225.00
Kids Club	-	50.00	LED Lighting	-	5,115.84
Elwoods	1,478.00	2,178.00	New Blinds	-	1,630.00
Tots Play	1,909.00	1,960.00	New Kitchen Water Boiler	-	1,140.00
Equally Minded	-	165.00	New Radiator	1,020.00	-
1st Floor Tenant	8,000.00	8,000.00	Sundry	30.00	177.46
Sundry	200.00	605.00			
	19,893.50	32,802.00		24,982.37	33,411.66
<u>Other Income</u>					
Interest	60.31	142.69			
Ground Rent	12.00	12.00			
Tenant's Gas & Electric	562.14	951.69			
Donations	-	30.00			
Gas Refund	199.06	-			
	20,727.01	33,938.38			
Surplus for the year					526.72
Deficit for the year	4,255.36				
	<u>24,982.37</u>	<u>33,938.38</u>		<u>24,982.37</u>	<u>33,938.38</u>
Credit Balances 1.1.20					27,388.36
Curr A/c 31.12.2020		6,681.81			
C.B.F. A/c 31.12.2020		16,451.19			23,133.00
Decrease in Credit Balances					<u>-4,255.36</u>

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P.C.C. Treasurer

ST PAUL'S CHURCH ROYTON
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

Unless otherwise stated all funds are unrestricted under the terms of the 1993 Charities Act

	Opening Bal.	Income	Expenditure	Closing Bal.
General Expenses	2,456.35	48,310.32	48,170.74	2,595.93
Reserve Fund	18,434.62	584.21	520.00	18,498.83
Parish Centre*	27,388.36	20,727.01	24,982.37	23,133.00
Restoration Fund*	26,822.00	11,263.65	12,675.08	25,410.57
Ladies Society	1,140.27	249.00	327.78	1,061.49
Rose Queen	1,218.31	428.99	1,434.41	212.89
Pilgrimage Fund*	18.26	-	-	18.26
Card Stall	30.00	284.06	284.06	30.00
Flower Fund	341.19	224.79	296.70	269.28
Coffee Bar	31.34	145.06	176.40	0.00
Magazine Account	704.71	559.03	111.36	1,152.38
St Paul's Weekly				
Draw	181.30	489.00	487.30	183.00
Sunday School	8.57	-	-	8.57
Sweet Stall	62.06	30.75	71.11	21.70
Youth Group	78.95	-	-	78.95
	<hr/> 78,916.29	<hr/> 83,295.87	<hr/> 89,537.31	<hr/> 72,674.85
Less transfers between accounts		3,306.00	3,306.00	
	<hr/> 78,916.29	<hr/> 79,989.87	<hr/> 86,231.31	<hr/> 72,674.85

*Restricted funds

ST PAUL'S CHURCH ROYTON
RESTORATION APPEAL FUND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

<u>RECEIPTS & PAYMENT ACCOUNT</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Receipts:		
Per Schedule	11,263.65	22,018.12
Payments:		
Per Schedule	12,675.08	9,956.03
Surplus/Deficit for Year	-1,411.43	12,062.09

BALANCE SHEET

Current Assets		
Cash at Bank (Barclays)	3,639.00	5,252.48
C.B.F. Investment	21,687.89	21,569.52
Cash in Hand	83.68	-
	25,410.57	26,822.00

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Financed by:		
Barclays Opening Balance	5,252.48	3,786.10
C.B.F. Opening Balance	21,569.52	10,973.81
Surplus/Deficit for Year	-1,411.43	12,062.09
	25,410.57	26,822.00

K. Briggs
Treasurer

ST PAUL'S CHURCH, ROYTON
RESTORATION APPEAL FUND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Donations	-	245.18
Card Stall	284.06	830.50
Market Stall	-	266.66
St Paul's Weekly Draw	257.30	555.00
Rose Queen	1,434.41	2,499.57
Bedding Plants Sale	4,955.35	5,001.50
Oldham Youth Brass Band Evening	1,076.48	1,341.99
Oldham SympH Orchestra - Donations	-	550.00
Race Night	-	532.90
Quiz Nights	369.80	1,599.93
Bar Takings at Events	231.00	1,321.90
Flower Fund	224.79	730.80
Christmas Fair	-	2,381.09
Grand Festive Raffle	-	618.00
<u>Talents:-</u>		
1p Mile	31.40	
Sale of Preserves & Honey	270.05	
Holly Wreaths	237.00	
Christmas Greetings	267.00	805.45
		3,439.25
<u>Church:-</u>		
Insurance claim re Intruder Alarm	554.00	
VAT Reclaim	948.05	1,502.05
		-
	11,140.69	21,914.27
Barclays Interest	4.59	8.14
C.B.F. Interest	118.37	95.71
	<u>11,263.65</u>	<u>22,018.12</u>

K. Briggs
Treasurer

ST PAUL'S CHURCH, ROYTON
RESTORATION APPEAL FUND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

<u>PAYMENTS</u>		<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Oldham Met. Borough Licence Renewal		20.00	20.00
Costco Membership		33.60	33.60
Card Stall		114.80	327.19
Rose Queen		207.89	350.46
Bedding Plants		3,172.26	3,348.05
Oldham Youth Brass Band Evening		466.48	646.14
Race Night		-	224.00
Quiz Nights		73.97	248.91
Wine etc. for future Events		152.67	750.50
Flower Fund		296.70	530.04
Equipment		54.65	82.83
Christmas Fair		-	331.87
Grand Festive Raffle		-	78.60
<u>Talent:-</u>			
Holly Wreaths	145.67	145.67	672.00
<u>The Church</u>			
Christmas Trees	160.00		
Candles for Windows	32.75		
Contribution to heating at events	50.00		
Final payment on re-roofing works North Aisle	4,560.00		
Architect	536.75		
Intruder Alarm & Fobs	852.00		
Repairs & Maintenance	1,737.90	7,929.40	2,260.37
		12,668.09	9,904.56
Stationery		6.99	51.47
		<u>12,675.08</u>	<u>9,956.03</u>

K. Briggs
Treasurer

6. REPORT ON THE FABRIC, GOODS AND ORNAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

During 2020 because of the necessary Government restrictions, most of the work was stopped or suspended. Much work has been carried out to enable church to be open when restrictions allowed.

*A. Hawkins
Church Warden*

7. REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE DEANERY SYNOD

The Deanery Synod has met twice during 2020. The first was a face to face meeting at the end of January but as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic, a Zoom meeting held on the 25th November 2020. The meeting was in essence a general discussion as to how each parish was dealing with this problem.

David Mullin

13. REPORTS 2020

SAFEGUARDING REPORT

As with most areas, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic there is very little to report other than a continued need to finalise a small number of DBS applications. The search for the necessary Courses was also on hold.

All matters will be taken forward again once the lockdowns are lifted and everything is back to normal, with an emphasis on the DBS forms.

*Paul Wright
Safeguarding Officer*

ST. PAUL'S SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

The last year has been a very difficult one for all of us in Sunday School, as we know it has been for lots of other church organisations also.

The regulations and guidance have prevented us from opening throughout the pandemic, and we have not been able to welcome our children into the Parish Centre since March 2020.

During this period we have done our best to maintain a level of Sunday School activity wherever possible. Father Graham has been really helpful in providing us with activity sheets for each week for much of the year, which the children have then either picked up from church or we have delivered to their houses.

We have also tried to co-ordinate a number of craft activities for the children via our WhatsApp group, and it has been lovely to see the various decorated stones, rainbows and poppies that have been created during the course of the year.

It is intended that the Christingle, which is normally held in December will be held on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord in January 2021.

We are all really looking forward to being able to get back together before too long and we have got lots of ideas for when we do, including, once it is safe to do, rehearsing a song that we would then like to sing to everyone in church. You have all been warned!

Chris Barnes

PARISH CENTRE REPORT

The Sub Committee held their one and only meeting in February where a list of actions and plans for 2020 were discussed and formulated. However, as with most things in 2020 all came to a grinding halt, but those plans will be taken forward and hopefully come to fruition in 2021.

A few Groups did manage to meet when restrictions allowed, and each Group was responsible for ensuring that the correct safety procedures were in place in accordance with Government guidance.

A sincere vote of thanks must be recorded to Mr. Hawkins for the work and communications with the Groups to ensure the smooth running when restrictions allowed them to meet.

Sandra Schofield
Sub Committee Secretary

RESTORATION AND DEVELOPMENT

MISSION STATEMENT The Restoration and Development Committee will work to secure funds for the restoration and development of St. Paul's Church Royton whilst ensuring all our work is done through the CELEBRATION of our FAITH and in love and FELLOWSHIP.

2020 What a Year! I give thanks that I am here to write this report, and ask you to give thanks that you are here to read it! Reflecting back we did have a plan in place for 2020 but COVID took over. In terms of Fund Raising, and fulfilling our Mission Statement, it has been difficult. 2020 is the worst year I have known as Deputy Chair, 'fait accompli'. However we must remain positive and reflect on what we were able to achieve. Never has it been more crucial for us to continue Fundraising. YOUR SUPPORT IS NOW ESSENTIAL. With COVID restrictions shifting from week to week, planning ahead was very difficult. We need your support and dare I say your cash more than ever before. We cannot abandon the work on God's house here at Saint Paul's. We must remain committed to the Phased Plan of repairs. Although we have not been able to see any work take place this year, we have to be ready to pick up the baton and run, when it is safe to do so. With a church the age of Saint Paul's and listed as a Grade 2 building, there will always be something that needs doing and modifications that can be made to bring it in line with current times and it costs money!

We continue to look at creating opportunities that will reach out to people in our community. At the beginning of the year we were able to go ahead with both Trevor and Janet's Quiz Night and Oldham Music Centre's Event, which are very popular. As we had launched the Bedding Plant Sale we were committed to go ahead and had to look at safety. We were able to achieve this by delivering all the orders. All these three events were able to reach out to our wider community, were great fun and very profitable. Grateful thanks to Trevor and Janet, Jonathan Leedale and Aubrey Wood for organising these events, and to yourselves for supporting them.

The sale of cards has continued through the piety stall in Church. The stall has a wide selection of quality piety gifts, inexpensive cards for all occasions, and something special. Thanks, Beryl for keeping this going. Edith continues to support the stall with cross stitched cards; and will make them to order for that very special occasion. If you want a special card speak to Edith Holt, she has something for every occasion. The Weekly Draw was taken over by Aubrey Wood, but it had to be suspended due to COVID, however when all is safe it will be resumed.

RESTORATION AND DEVELOPMENT (continued)

As long as we have responsibility for the maintenance of our church, the R & D fundraising is paramount and will have to go on, it is down to all of us to make this work. We do not have a choice.

IS THERE ANYONE OUT THERE WILLING TO TAKE ON A RESTORATION AND DEVELOPMENT APPRENTICESHIP.

.....each one of us can make a small difference, together we can make a great team that makes a massive difference.....join the team!

Finally, my sincere thanks to the Restoration & Development Team, you all remain supportive, enthusiastic and eager to take up new challenges.

Your support is much appreciated. We need more members on our team, we meet about 8-10 times a year, 3rd Wednesday in the month. We need young blood with fresh ideas.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP RESTORATION & DEVELOPMENT

- If you have a talent or skill, use it to raise funds for us. We can help you to make your ideas into events!
- JOIN US AT OUR MEETINGS,
 - Continue 'off loading' those troublesome little coins to Vivien Cross for The Mile Pennies, and if you pay Tax, Gift Aid them.
- Join the Weekly Draw, speak to AUBREY
- Support the Restoration Events.
- Support the Rose Queen Events.
- Support the Sunday morning stalls.
- Get together with friends or your Church Group and organise an Event for the Talent Scheme.
- Tell us of any new ideas to raise funds.
- WE NEED MORE COMMITTEE MEMBERS, we meet approximately 8 times a year, we need new younger members with bright new ideas! Have a chat with Eileen if you think you can help us.

Eileen Wood

(Deputy Chair Restoration & Development Committee)

CELL OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM, ST. PAUL, ST. GEORGE & ST. DENYS

Our first meeting of 2020 was held on the 29th January in the Cedar Room of the Parish Centre and we discussed the details of the Spring Pilgrimage. Barry Barnes then led us in saying the Rosary and we concluded the evening with refreshments and a social chat. Fr. Graham was unable to attend and Fr. Nicholas joined us following his confirmation class duties. My thanks to Barry for all his endeavours and to everyone who attended.

26th February was our next Cell meeting and took place in Church. As it was Ash Wednesday Fr. Graham used this service for our Cell devotions. Some Cell members attended the 10 a.m. Mass and others attended the Sung Mass at 7.30 p.m. The service was beautifully done, enhanced by the choir leading us in the hymns.

All meetings from March to the end of 2020 were cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions. However, in June we managed to undertake the renewal of our annual Cell memberships with Walsingham, and in September we collected funds to pay for the renewal of the Lamp that shines in the Holy House at Walsingham for our church of St. Paul's.

Sadly, on the 15th October 2020, we lost another of our members of the Cell. Barry Lewis passed away from a sudden heart attack and Fr. Nicholas officiated at the funeral in church on the 29th October. He was an active member of the church, being a reader, sidesperson, member of the choir and occasionally organist. Barry joined the Cell back in 2006 and was a regular attender at meeting until serious health problems made it difficult for him. He will be missed by members of the Cell and many of the church congregation.

Beryl Furlong

LADIES SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT

We started our year off on the 4th February with a meeting to discuss our events for 2020. However, none of these happened due to Coronavirus but the meeting was still enjoyable.

We had another meeting on 18th February when we had an enjoyable afternoon presented by Mavis – all had a nice time.

On the 10th March we went to the North Star for a meal to celebrate all the birthdays from January and February and advanced birthdays in March. We had a good time and it turned out to be our last for some time. Our only other meeting in 2020 was in September when we held our A.G.M. It was agreed that we would suspend our Ladies Society until the Pandemic was over, and at that meeting we celebrated Mona's 90th birthday which was great fun. Mona wore a tiara and said that she was the Queen.

We have no date as to when we can resume, but I hope all of you ladies are well and coping as best we can. The year 2021 may bring better news as people receive their vaccinations and figures fall. I look forward to seeing you all back in the Parish Centre in 2021.

Ann Longbottom

ST. PAUL'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

It has been quite a year as you can imagine. Lockdown brought many challenges to school. Additional handwashing, temperature checks, ventilation, PPA, class bubbles, Zoom meetings and assemblies. These are just a few of the changes that had to take place during 2020. Staff have had a tough time with having to deal with classroom teaching, online live lessons and producing learning packs for the children. Staff tried to make sure they kept in touch with them all during this time when they were not allowed in school. They even gave up their own time to rehearse and perform an online pantomime for the children to enjoy.

Despite all these challenges, school has continued to thrive. Sharing the values of openness, care and nurture. School values the importance of the fruits of the spirits which include peace, gentleness, patience, self-control, joy, kindness, faithfulness, goodness and love. School tried to promote these values through its teaching and worship even throughout lockdown. School has been in discussions with parents regarding a slight change in uniform with a new logo reflecting the Fruits of the Spirits.

School has also focused on the importance of mental health and well-being of both staff and children. Mrs Henderson has led the way on this and has created a steering group focussing on this issue. Anyone is welcome to join.

During 2020 St Paul's helped provide parcels for the foodbank and joined in the Rotary shoebox appeal. Our Parent support group have also been very proactive in finding ways to raise funds for our school. This will help with improving the outdoor facilities for our children.

The mosaic that church provided money for is now on display and looks very impressive. Thanks to Amanda Hamblin and Eileen Wood for their help with this.

Unfortunately, much of the Headteacher's and the governors' time has been spent in an ongoing battle with the L.A. over the funding of our resource unit and a lack of financial support. This has taken up hours of discussions and meetings and will continue to take up much more I am afraid. School does a fantastic job with all our children and feels very let down at times with the lack support given from the L.A. I would like to thank Mrs Henderson and all the governors for their continued effort with this.

On a positive note, pupil numbers are constantly increasing including the nursery. This is a reflection on how hard staff, governors and children work together at St Paul's to provide a loving environment for our children.

*Janet Wright
Chair of Governors*

14 THE CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

This is my third Chairman's Report submitted to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 23rd May 2021. This report covers the period 1st January to 31st December 2020.

The Coronavirus Pandemic severely affected our Nation throughout 2020 and had drastic implications for St Paul's in almost every aspect of our mission and ministry.

On a personal note, I was due to have a sabbatical last year but that was postponed due to the pandemic. Then from June (as indicated in my 2019 Report) I relinquished my role as Catholic Missioner and took on the responsibility of St James, Oldham.

The Parochial Church Council.

Due to Covid-19 the Parochial Church Council only met on four occasions during 2020, the Restoration Sub-committee and the Parish Centre Sub-committee were only able to meet on one occasion each. The Standing Committee met twice during the year.

The Parochial Church Council clearly has an important role in the life of every Parish. It should be far more than a 'rubber stamping machine', it should share responsibility with the Incumbent for the mission of the Church – in matters pastoral, evangelistic, financial and social. Unfortunately, in 2020 work had to be undertaken by the Standing Committee, through which the PCC has been corporately fulfilling its obligations. The decisions made will be reported to the first available full meeting of the PCC of 2021.

My thanks and that of the whole Parish should go to two hard working individuals of the PCC without whom the PCC nor the Church could not function, namely, the PCC Secretary, Mrs Sandra Schofield and the PCC Treasurer Mr Peter Schofield.

Worship.

At the very heart of being a Christian is the worship of God. Due to Government restrictions we had to close for worship for two periods during 2020, and when open we were severely restricted on the numbers that were able to attend due to social distancing regulations.

Risk Assessments were carried out at each stage to ensure that we met the Government and the Church of England regulations and guidelines.

A Facebook page for St Paul's was set up to enable us to broadcast our services and as a platform for communication.

A national lockdown was imposed in March and a less severe one in November the effect on our worship was as follows:

Churches closed for public worship from the 16th March until 4th July. During this period daily Masses were kept and live streamed via Facebook, initially from our Vicarages, but from the 22nd June from inside church. From that date St Paul's was also open for Private Prayer.

From 4th July Churches were permitted to open services but without music.

Worship (continued)

A further National lockdown took place from 5th November until 1st December, but this time clergy were permitted to enter church and live stream services.

From 1st December we were once again permitted to open whilst under restrictions.

In general terms, the number of Sunday communicants varied through the year, with many self-isolating either due to medical conditions or fear of the virus. Very few families came to church during the restrictions.

During 2020, St Paul's had 2 Baptisms, 16 funerals, 14 Confirmations and 1 wedding.

Finally, in terms of worship, I would like to thank our Reader, Mr Barry Barnes, particularly for his time, commitment and the valued advice he continues to give; our Organists Mr Richard Booth and Mr Chris Idle, our choir, those who serve, and those who read the lessons, for the high standards with which they all carry out their tasks.

Education.

One of the main tasks in any Church is the education of the people (and Priest) and the Sunday homilies form a key part of worship and education. During the lockdown period these were livestreamed on Sunday afternoons and so, could be either watched live or watched later. We have run a Lent Course and an online via Zoom Advent Course.

I would hope that in the coming year that the homilies and the courses that we shall be running will be both informative and challenging.

Ministry Team.

This term and the one of Collaborative Ministry are very much in vogue within the Church at the present time. The Parish Priest is no longer to be seen as the only Christian minister in the Parish but should encourage a team of lay people to join him in his work.

We are fortunate that we have the services of Rev'd Nicholas Johnson; our Reader, Mr Barry Barnes; people licensed to administer Communion; those who read and intercess at Mass; and we are again fortunate that we also have able and dedicated people who take the Sunday School.

But this still leaves a number of areas where we need to encourage others to help and assist, and indeed even in the above areas we would welcome further assistance.

One area of concern is that of our ministry in our Parish School which our Assistant Curate Fr Nicholas currently leads, this will need to be covered once he leaves us next year.

Mission

This is an important area in which, inevitably, we need to continue to work at during the coming year.

Fr Nicholas has taken the lead with our ministry and mission to St Paul's School which has been a regular Tuesday commitment for him. I am a member of the School Governors and I would hope that these ties may be strengthened with the school during the coming year.

Mission (continued)

One important area of Mission that we tend to forget about is the Parish Magazine. I would like to thank our Magazine Secretary, Mrs Eileen Wood for the way she diligently produces the magazine month by month. I should also thank those who print and distribute the Magazine. Unfortunately, the production had to cease during the restrictions and its future is one that we must consider as we get back to normal.

I would also like to ensure that copies of the Magazine go to the doctors, dentists, schools and Residential Homes within the Parish. If anyone has any ideas of any other 'outlets' would they please let Eileen know.

From March we have had a weekly newsletter that has been emailed to those whom we have their email address which I hope has been of use to them to keep in touch with St Paul's through these difficult times.

Other areas of outreach have been funerals and baptisms.

Here I would like to place on record my thanks for the help, assistance and the witness that Fr Nicholas brings to the Parish.

Church Buildings

In general terms the Church and Parish Centre are in good repair. There is a programme of works for each building which is realistic and affordable. We are fortunate that we have two welcoming and comfortable environments, one in which we worship and one that is our Parish Centre, both of which should enhance our efforts in the mission of the church.

Our thanks must also go to those who do sterling work each week keeping the buildings clean and tidy.

During Advent 2019 the re-plastering of the north side of the church and the south passageway have been completed. The work of repainting inside St Paul's that was scheduled to be done in 2020 had to be postponed. It is hoped that will be done in 2021.

New LED lighting has been installed in St Paul's Centre and the heating in the Cedar Room has been modernised. The subsequent redecoration of the room was put on hold due to the restrictions in force.

Choir and Musicians

We are fortunate that we have a 'hardcore' of a choir who come week-in-week out. We were also fortunate in having had the services of two organists during 2020, Richard Booth and we welcomed back Chris Idle, who joined us following the retirement of Les Garner.

Thank you to all the organists and the members of the choir who have led us well during the past year.

Financial.

It is with regret although not surprising to you, that last year was a financial disaster. As reported by the Treasurer we fell short of paying our Parish Share, although all the other bills were paid. Once again, if we project our figures forward we shall be in a deficit position by the end of the year.

To help to mitigate the impact of the closure of the church and the reduced attendance when the church was able to open, we have encouraged as many as possible to pay by Standing Order / Direct Debit. I would thank all who have converted to this method of payment as it has helped us enormously during the last year. For those who have not as yet moved to S/O or D/D I would encourage you to please do so.

The Parish Centre has been closed for most of the year in line with Government restrictions and therefore, our income has been greatly reduced.

We need to take steps to reduce this and to reach at least a break-even situation. To this end we each need to examine our stewardship in terms of our Tithing (money), our Talents and our Time. Following the pandemic and the re-opening of society we all need to examine what we are able to offer to get us to where we all want St Paul's to be.

I hope that we can spur many others into action, and that we can continue with a wide and varied calendar of events that have held the Parish in good stead in the past.

A more detailed Report on the parish Finances was given earlier.

As a parish we are indebted to Mr Peter Schofield his work as Church Treasurer.

Miscellaneous.

Adequate insurance cover is provided by Ecclesiastical Insurance.

The Electoral Roll stands at 104 (2020) people.

Finally, my personal thanks must go to the Churchwardens Mr Tony Hawkins and Mr Roy Turner and also to the Assistant Wardens (whose work often goes un-noticed) for their help and support over the last year and I greatly appreciate their work and their contribution to the smooth running of the Parish.

The Year Ahead.

My hope for the year ahead is that this Parish will continue to move forward and that our Mission Action Plan will be the leading factor of our collective mission.

Our financial position is worrying and we must take steps to address our 'general' position. Our Centre finances and our Restoration finances are okay, but our general day to day running expenses is an area of great concern.

The Year Ahead. (continued)

We need to encourage more volunteers to help in every aspect of our communal life. Going into 2020 we had an ambitious but achievable MAP. Due to the pandemic the timelines which we had will need to be examined and redrawn and once this is done and approved by the PCC, we will be able to move forward. But this can only be brought to fruition by the whole parish pulling together. We need to be proactive rather than reactive. With some of the steps that we have already taken and others outlined in our MAP, we are moving in the right direction, but there is still a way to go as we emerge from 2020. Indeed, at the time of writing this Report, restrictions and guidelines placed on us by the Government and the Church of England would indicate that 2021 is going to be another very difficult year.

We need to forge a community that not only worships together, but one that is a true Christian family, with all the joys and heartaches that go with it, one that is not afraid of Christian witness outside, as well as inside the confines of the Church, then we will have the basis for an active, lively and growing church. One that can be at the centre of this community and within this town of Royton.

This is a time to begin to look to the future with confidence and to build on our strengths, as well as acknowledging our weaknesses, but above all it is a time to place our trust in God, because after all, it is His Church, and we are merely its custodians here on earth. Ultimately, we pray that it is his will that may be done.

Fr. Graham Hollowood

ST. PAUL'S, ROYTON

23RD MAY 2021

ST PAUL'S CHURCH, ROYTON
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.12.2020

General Fund Receipts and Payments Account

RECEIPTS

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<u>Direct Giving</u>		
Gift Aid	28,451.20	29,769.05
Non-Gift Aid	3,835.90	5,153.60
Cash collections	917.60	2,565.55
Tax Recovered	8,116.12	9,359.78
	41,320.82	
<u>Other Voluntary Income</u>		
Candle Money	121.16	246.35
Christingle Fund Raising	357.00	543.00
Lenten Appeal	261.00	-
Donations	115.00	348.18
Fees	4,667.00	7,396.00
Easter Parish Supper	-	60.00
	5,521.16	
<u>Other Income</u>		
Use of Photocopier	100.00	116.26
Coffee Bar	134.34	580.00
Magazine Account	-	500.00
Reserve Fund	520.00	11,560.00
R & D Church Heating	50.00	330.00
Refund F & M Supplies	-	241.40
Water Refund - St. Mark's	-	175.32
Grant from Diocese	-	1,000.00
Sale of Piano	100.00	-
Insurance Claim	554.00	-
Sundry	10.00	
	1,468.34	
Total Receipts	48,310.32	

P.H. Schofield

P.C.C. Treasurer

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46,847.98

8,593.53

14,502.98

69,944.49

PAYMENTS**2020****2****Grants**

Charity Donations 447.00

Relating to the work of the church

Diocesan Quota	25,616.12	42,000.00
Clergy Expenses	3,903.18	3,745.67
Heat, Light & Water	5,098.07	4,672.32
Insurance	3,998.74	3,855.17
Telephone	612.24	466.08
Upkeep of Services	637.88	2,136.93
Organist Wages	2,650.00	3,925.00
	42,516.23	

Administration

Printing & Stationery	521.58	1,258.95
Fees paid to Diocese	3,052.00	3,546.00
Verger Fees	170.00	385.00
Organist Fees	-	575.00
Wardle Band	100.00	400.00
Music Licence	140.00	136.00
Donated Fee to R & D	-	73.18
Sundry	20.51	216.10
R & D re Insurance	554.00	-
Web Site Renewal	129.42	-
	4,687.51	

Total Payments 47,650.74

Transfer to Reserve A/c 520.00

Total Expenditure 48,170.74

Total Receipts B/F 48,310.32

Net Surplus for the Year 139.58

Bank Current A/c 1.1.20 2,456.35

Bank Current A/c 31.12.20 2,595.93

Increase in Cash Funds 139.58

P.H. Schofield
P.C.C. Treasurer

2019

543.00

60,801.17

6,590.23

67,934.40

1,560.00

69,494.40

69,944.49

450.09

2,006.26

2,456.35

450.09

ST PAUL'S CHURCH, ROYTON
RESERVE FUND ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

2020

RECEIPTS

CBF Account Interest	64.21
Transfer from Church Expenses	520.00
Deficit for year	-
	<u>584.21</u>

PAYMENTS

Payment to Quota	-
Transfer to Exp. Account	520.00
Church Notice Board	-
Playmats for Creche	-
Bible Storybooks for School	-
Surplus for Year	64.21
	<u>584.21</u>

BALANCE SHEET

Current Assets:	
Current Account 1.1.20	2,159.66
CBF Account 1.1.20	16,274.96
	<u>18,434.62</u>
Surplus for year	64.21
	<u>18,498.83</u>

Financed by:	
Current Account 31.12.20	2,159.66
CBF Account 31.12.20	16,339.17
	<u>18,498.83</u>

P.H. Schofield
P.C.C. Treasurer

2019

233.00
1,560.00
10,204.24
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1,560.00
10,000.00
211.80
95.70
129.74
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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, ROYTON
PARISH CENTRE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31.12.2020

INCOME	2020	2019	EXPENDITURE	2020
Rent				
History Society	27.00	243.00	Post & Stationery	372.51
Uniform Organisations	264.00	1,496.00	Cleaning Materials	156.96
Ladies Society	32.00	192.00	Concept Hygiene	1,665.00
Weightwatchers	837.00	2,754.00	Trade Waste Disposal	911.85
Slimming World	2,958.50	1,630.00	Cleaner	2,705.86
Luncheon Club	577.50	2,625.00	Telephone	738.39
Art Workshop	297.00	1,353.00	Electric	2,411.44
Keep Fit Club	210.00	1,008.00	Gas	4,321.25
Yoga Club	1,283.00	2,352.00	Water	647.43
Thursday Art Class	176.00	1,034.00	Insurance	1,987.34
Wednesday Art Class	419.00	1,161.00	Repairs & Maintenance	4,761.14
Wine Society	97.50	390.00	Alcohol Licence	-
Polling Station	250.00	300.00	Copier Lease	1,303.20
Springboard	504.00	2,184.00	Garden Maintenance	1,695.00
Henshaws	374.00	1,122.00	Environmental contract	255.00
Kids Club	-	50.00	LED Lighting	-
Elwoods	1,478.00	2,178.00	New Blinds	-
Tots Play	1,909.00	1,960.00	New Kitchen Water Boiler	-
Equally Minded	-	165.00	New Radiator	1,020.00
1st Floor Tenant	8,000.00	8,000.00	Sundry	30.00
Sundry	200.00	605.00		
	19,893.50	32,802.00		24,982.37
Other Income				
Interest	60.31	142.69		
Ground Rent	12.00	12.00		
Tenant's Gas & Electric	562.14	951.69		
Donations	-	30.00		
Gas Refund	199.06	-		
	20,727.01	33,938.38		
Surplus for the year				
Deficit for the year	4,255.36			
	24,982.37	33,938.38		24,982.37

Credit Balances 1.1.20

Curr A/c 31.12.2020	6,681.81
C.B.F. A/c 31.12.2020	16,451.19

Decrease in Credit Balances

P.H. Schofield
P.C.C. Treasurer

2019

147.16
589.84
2,220.00
884.82
2,631.88
308.97
3,138.02
5,306.20
741.98
1,926.09
4,185.20
70.00
1,303.20
1,670.00
225.00
5,115.84
1,630.00
1,140.00
-
177.46

33,411.66

526.72

33,938.38

27,388.36

23,133.00

-4,255.36

ST PAUL'S CHURCH ROYTON

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 202

Unless otherwise stated all funds are unrestricted under the terms of the 1993 Chariti

	Opening Bal.	Income	Expenditure
General Expenses	2,456.35	48,310.32	48,170.74
Reserve Fund	18,434.62	584.21	520.00
Parish Centre*	27,388.36	20,727.01	24,982.37
Restoration Fund*	26,822.00	11,263.65	12,675.08
Ladies Society	1,140.27	249.00	327.78
Rose Queen	1,218.31	428.99	1,434.41
Pilgrimage Fund*	18.26	-	-
Card Stall	30.00	284.06	284.06
Flower Fund	341.19	224.79	296.70
Coffee Bar	31.34	145.06	176.40
Magazine Account	704.71	559.03	111.36
St Paul's Weekly Draw	181.30	489.00	487.30
Sunday School	8.57	-	-
Sweet Stall	62.06	30.75	71.11
Youth Group	78.95	-	-
	<hr/> 78,916.29	<hr/> 83,295.87	<hr/> 89,537.31
Less transfers between accounts		3,306.00	3,306.00
	<hr/> 78,916.29	<hr/> 79,989.87	<hr/> 86,231.31

*Restricted funds

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Closing Bal.

2,595.93
18,498.83
23,133.00
25,410.57
1,061.49
212.89
18.26
30.00
269.28
0.00
1,152.38
183.00
8.57
21.70
78.95

72,674.85

72,674.85

RE: Report for PCC**From:** Sandra Schofield <sandraschofield@hotmail.com>**Sent:** 01 May 2021 11:07**To:** Jenny O'Callaghan <jennyocallaghan@hotmail.co.uk>**Subject:** Re: Report for PCC

Hi Jenny

Thanks for the Report, it's fine.

The actual meeting is on Sunday 23rd May, and I don't know whether you will be able to attend or not. In any case, would you be willing to serve as Independent Auditor for another 12 months.

Thanks

Sandra

Jenny O'Callaghan <jennyocallaghan@hotmail.co.uk>
Mon 10/05/2021 17:18

To:

• You

Hi Sandra

Firstly I'm afraid I cannot make the 23rd - Carl has a running race at Heaton Park and I am going to have to try and have boys in two separate places for football as it is so really sorry I will not be able to attend

Re the Independent Auditor, yes I will serve for another 12 months, however I'm afraid I will then probably look at stepping back (making sure I give you as much notice as possible) if that's ok

Kind regards

Jenny