THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST.WILFRID, GRAPPENHALL

England & Wales · Charity number 1131723

Details

Other names	ST.WILFRID'S PCC, GRAPPENHALL
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-09-21
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

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

Activities: Religious activities - Regular public worship open to all. We are an Inclusive Church

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

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Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£211,443	£261,429	-	-
2024-12-31	£259,936	£222,214	-	-
2023-12-31	£202,139	£198,275	-	-
2022-12-31	£223,878	£210,714	-	-
2021-12-31	£428,144	£671,010	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Mark Orrell	Chair	2025-05-28
ALISON KATHRYN CHARLOTTE COLLINS		
CHARLES JESUDASON		2015-05-01
Colin Pare		2016-05-18
DOROTHY LEWIS		
Gill White		2020-11-15
HELEN Hughes		2017-09-01
JULIE ISABELLA RYAN		2016-05-03
Jennifer Pearce		2017-07-01
John Sage		2017-09-01
Jonathan Robertson		2025-09-01
Linda Stockton		2017-09-01
MARJORIE CASSIN		
MR GERAINT WILLIAMS		
Margaret Kitchen		2020-11-15
Mike Thomson		2016-05-18
Phillip Hough		2024-03-11
Rev Kate Pwaisiho		2023-07-01
SYBIL MOSELEY		
Sarah Young		2025-09-01
Sue Jones		2020-11-15

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St Wilfrid’s Church, Grappenhall

Annual Church Report 2026

Rector's Address

It feels like only yesterday that I was being installed as your new Rector. In reality it has been almost exactly twelve months since my family and I packed our bags in St Helen's and moved over to join you in Grappenhall. I feel that I should use the beginning of this address to say thank you to all our church community for making our family feel so at home at St Wilfrid's and in the wider community. Thank you for your prayers and kind support of my ministry among you during this first year. Our family couldn't have joined a more welcoming and loving church family, I thank God for you all.

During this first year and throughout 2026, we will be focusing on building solid foundations for the next five years of ministry. As we seek to deliver our church's vision of: *building a community where faith and life connect,* it is important that we don't just do this for our church family, but also for the wider Grappenhall community. With this in mind, over the next five years, our ministry team will be focusing on developing these four key areas of ministry:

1: Deepening discipleship
2: Reaching families
3: Growing younger and more diverse
4: Equipping church members for ministry

These four priorities sit alongside our church's wider commitments towards being an inclusive and eco-friendly church that is welcome to all.

While our work together is still in its infancy, we have seen a lot of encouraging signs during this past year that should give us faith that we are on the right path as a church family. We have begun to grow younger and more diverse as we have welcomed a number of new young families both from the local community and places further afield into our church family this past year. In addition to this, we have seen the emergence of our new Kids church and the Pints & Psalm's bible study group. We have also begun to see our links with the local schools deepen as we have welcomed our new Head of St Wilfrid's Primary to come and preach to us. We have also begun to do ministry in Grappenhall Heys school this past few months.

However, This year has not been without its challenges. We have sadly lost a few members of our church family and have seen several people having lengthy stays in hospital. In addition to this, we have also we also have to contend with some financial challenges that our church may face if we do not begin to close our current shortfall of around £500 per week.

This year, we have begun to see changes in key leadership roles within our church community. Charles who has been our treasurer for the past eleven and a half years has stepped aside and allowed Jonathan to take up this role. We have also seen Gill White move on to a new season of employment after serving us for the past six years as our Administrator and Reader. I would like to personally thank both Charles and Gill for

their commitment to their now former roles. They leave behind legacies which will not be forgotten quickly. This year, we will also be saying goodbye to Reverend Kate who has been with us for the past three years. Having Kate as our Curate has been a real blessing to our church family, and I know that we will all miss her dearly when she does leave us at some point in 2026 for her next role.
Despite the noted challenges, I do remain confident that we have many exciting years together ahead of us at St Wilfrid's as we continue as a church community to serve God and the people of Grappenhall together.
You all have my continued love and prayers.
Reverend Mark Orrell.
Rector.




Churchwardens

Annexe
The annexe has had the fire extinguishers checked. Work is required on the outside of the doors which will take place in 2026.

Statutory Regulations
The fire extinguishers have had their annual check. PAT testing of all electrical equipment has taken place. We have also had our quinquennial inspection.

Maintenance

Church
A new gas boiler has been installed in the plant room for the church. All of the lighting in the church has been updated to LED. The North aisle has had tiles removed and been replaced with wood. The carpet has been cleaned and put back down with new underlay. Once the tiles had been lifted, ducting was installed to take new cables for the new microphone points which have been fitted. The centre aisle tiles were found to be in good condition. However, the wood at the edge of the tiles needed to be replaced. The carpet for this aisle was also replaced. There has been an intermittent leak in the roof which has been fixed

Support
As ever, the work of the churchwardens could not take place without the support of many volunteers. Also, we are supported by many sidespeople, gardeners, cleaning teams, Sunday morning coffee teams and many others who are always willing to give us their support whenever we ask. We are both eternally grateful for all the help everyone continues to give us.

Pastoral Care



Pastoral visiting increased during 2025, and although it has been hard for those attending hospital or requiring extra support and care, it has been insightful and encouraging to have Revd Kate and Revd Mark accompany me on many of these visits. It has enabled growth and experience to take place, alongside opportunities to establish relationships with people in our community. Pastoral care, as always, is a whole church provision and many of our congregation contribute to this in a variety of ways.

Bereavement Café continues to serve a purpose and is well attended. We held a "one off" coffee morning in April for previous attendees and it has been a joy to see individuals returning to let us know how they are managing life going forward. The volunteers continue to develop and show real passion for this area of ministry, so much so that we have gained an extra volunteer in Lynn Williamson, who "shadowed" the Bereavement Café sessions held in September. The team has added valued suggestions for this provision and a craft session (not previously undertaken) was welcomed by those present. We will be looking into more of this type of offering as we continue to develop this area of ministry. There are few churches in our immediate area that offer this type of support.

Prayer Friends continue to offer their faithful prayers to all those requesting support – some requests are received by word of mouth and others via our website. Chris Hunter continues to be vital in this area of ministry, and we have gained an extra "prayer friend" to add to our team. Prayers requested confidentially are very valued, and often families wish prayer but don't want to have intercessions read out in church. I offer my thanks to all who are involved.

The Deanery Pastoral Workers continue to meet once a month. There were changes during 2025, in that we had a period of time where most of our group were in vacancy. It has been invaluable to be able to support each other when extra work pressures arrive. I am pleased to say the Grappenhall vacancy was filled in June and Daresbury & Walton also received a new Incumbent in Autumn. As a result of our increased contact with each other, the PW from Daresbury was able to ask us to support two ladies who attended her church but were moved to the Fir Grove. They are now both regular attendees and have settled in well, having been recently granted residency.

We are all, as the result of a meeting in November with the Lay Chair and Diocesan representative, due to work in Deanery Hubs. The vision of the Diocese is that Budworth and Frodsham Deaneries work together as lay teams. There is some way to go in terms of planning, and, at the moment, this change of provision is in early stages.

Pastoral Care cont.



The annual visit to Chester Cathedral to collect the chrism oils, plus Easter and Holy Week services were very enjoyable and enabled our church to welcome many new people. Our church has been able to provide worship, music, wonderful flower arrangements and a welcome that is much needed in the community.

After the arrival of Revd Mark in June, we met together and updated my working agreement. My focus will be the sick and housebound, bereavement café and the encouragement of others interested in volunteering in all sort of areas that cover pastoral provision. I have started to mentor Lynn Williamson and Alexander Clarke in pastoral activities, we have one extra prayer friend, and we have a wonderful refreshments co-ordinator in Margaret Eckersley, who is also encouraging people to join in with refreshments after church services. Arranging safer recruitment and safeguarding training for volunteers working with me has also been part of my work.

After my working agreement was agreed, I completed the tasks and paperwork required to continue in ministry, and in October I received a letter from Bishop Mark confirming my license is endorsed for another three years. Thank you to Revd Mark, the PCC and the Ministry Team for their continued support.

During the early part of 2025 I assisted with visits to Summerville Care Home. Once Revd Mark was installed the care home provision is provided by Revd Mark and Revd Kate. I do assist with the monthly communion and soup lunch, which enables me to spend time with attendees from our care homes and also encourage volunteers to join in.

We all had a rather hectic time during Walking Day, Harvest Festival, Farmers Market, Creamfields and Christmas Fair & services. Pastoral conversations and working with volunteers has been a large part of all I do and helps people to feel valued and encouraged. Deliveries of harvest gifts and conversations on doorsteps have been really uplifting. Meeting people at events like the Farmers Market and School New Starters BBQ, and pack down for Creamfields, is all part of the rich patchwork we have at St Wilfrid's Church.

I continue to attend Monday morning prayer, assist with the chalice and intercessions, lead services when requested and have input into the liturgy and delivery of key services such as "All Souls" for the bereaved. I also attend PCC Meetings, Deanery Synod and Chapter Meetings when invited and am part of the Ministry Team and Safeguarding Team.

Individual visits and listening sessions continue to take place when requested. Pastoral ministry continues to grow and although it has been a busy year, it has been a blessing to be able to serve my church family and community.

Margaret Kitchen, Pastoral Worker

Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Secretary's Report on the Proceedings of the PCC

The notice convening the Annual Parochial Church Meeting had been displayed in the Church for the relevant period. During the year January to December 2025 there had been 6 meetings of PCC and 4 meetings of the Standing Committee. After quite a long Interregnum, in February 2025 we received Notice of Appointment of Reverend Mark Andrew Orrell to be the Rector of St Wilfrid's and that the Bishop of Chester would institute Rev'd Mark at a service at St Wilfrid's on 28th May 2025 at 7pm and the Archdeacon of Chester would induct Rev'd Mark as Rector during that service.

On 9th June 2025, at the first PCC meeting after the APCM the following appointments were made:



Chair	Rev'd Mark Orrell
Vice Chair	Linda Stockton
Treasurer	Charles Jesudason
Secretary	Marjorie Cassin
Thanksgiving Officer	Geraint Williams
Deputy Wardens	Vacant
Electoral Roll Officer	Alan Hunter
Safeguarding Officer	Alison Collins
Data Protection Administrator and Parish Updater	Gill White
Trustee to Warrington CofE Educational Trust	John Bygate

There being no changes the sidespersons were re-elected en bloc

This was the first PCC Meeting for our new Rector, Rev'd Mark Orrell and as usual was preceded with a service of Holy Communion with Rev'd Mark presiding, assisted by Rev'd Kate. After a short break the meeting commenced.
Rev'd Mark said how thankful he, his wife and family were for the warm welcome they had received. He gave an insight into his background. He had joined the Army at the age of 16 and after serving 9 or so years, felt God's call to ministry. He had volunteered some of his time working with the homeless, drug addicts and the charity NDUK (Nigerian Doctors UK) as a first responder. Prior to his appointment as Rector of St Wilfrid's, he had served as Priest/Curate in Charge of three neighbouring parishes in St Helens (Liverpool Diocese).

Parochial Church Council (PCC) cont.

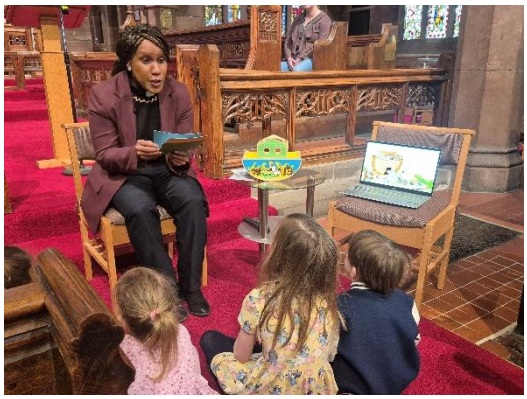
The PCC usually meets bi-monthly and the Standing Committee meets in the alternative months. The meetings commence with a short act of worship followed by discussion with the focus being on a particular subject. Amongst these have been the Vacancy, Live @ St Wilfrid's, Safeguarding, The Beacon and the next 5 years/outline/vision. We also received regular reports on the church finances, church fabric, pastoral care, Eco-church, safeguarding, Electoral Roll, Live at St Wilfrid's and Deanery Synod.

Under the leadership of Alison Collins, Parish Safeguarding Officer, the Safeguarding Policy was updated and approved by PCC. To assist Alison, Sarah Young was appointed Assistant Parish Safeguarding Officer. A small Safeguarding Team was formed who would have regular meetings. PCC members were asked to update their Safeguard training.

We had a successful Walking Day/Summer Fair and Christmas Fayre, and it was good to see the School and Church working together, raising much needed funds which were shared equally between them.

PCC received notice from the Treasurer, Charles Jesudason, of his intended retirement from the role and, as no volunteers came forward it had been necessary to appoint an external Treasurer with the necessary expertise who would share the role with an internal Treasurer, namely Jonathan Robertson, a regular worshipper at SWC
We are always looking for volunteers to help, may be on a Sunday morning with coffee or with ideas for fundraising. Lots of things go on in the background - our church is clean and tidy, thanks mainly to only two volunteers, but we need more – can you help?

Marjorie Cassin
Hon Sec - PCC



Rev'd Kate at Family Praise



Christingle Service in December 2025

Live at St Wilfrid's



Paul Vowles Trio

Our series of 8 concerts mixed returning favourites and first-time visitors to St Wilfrid's. The season opened with the ever-popular classical guitarist Craig Ogden - who made a return trip from Oxfordshire on the day to deliver a beautiful programme.

The March recital was given by our very own Pip Clarke, accompanied by Havilland Willshire. We were treated to less common works by de Falla, Clara Schumann and Fauré amongst others.

April saw a double bill of "firsts". Grappenhall Community Voices gave us a rare public performance under effervescent Director Simon Smith. After the interval, the Paul Vowles Trio delivered a fascinating series of original musical sketches inspired and accompanied by on screen Hokusai images of Mount Fuji.

Kathryn Rudge, accompanied by Duncan Glenday, returned in May to take us through a delightful selection from the Great American Songbook.

In June, we hosted the very talented young pianist, Julie Zhang. Although still a pupil at Chethams, her programme ranging from Bach to Stephen Hough demonstrated maturity well beyond her years.

After the summer break, the irrepressible Leyland Brass Band filled the church with a magical mix of full band and solo pieces.

October brought a first visit to St Wilfrid's by the Sale Gilbert & Sullivan Society.
The season was brought to a resounding close in November by the Phil Shotton Big Band – a spectacular grouping of 20 of the finest jazz musicians in the Northwest together with vocalist Adee Lifshitz.

Overall, a very successful season with both online and card ticket purchase proving increasingly popular.

Alan Hunter



Grappenhall Community Voices



Julie Zhang

St Wilfrid's Primary School

'Learning through fun, faith and friendship'

Reflecting on a Wonderful 2025

As we look back on 2025, we do so with gratitude. It has been a year filled with joy, growth and friendship. A year in which our children have continued to "let their light shine" in so many different ways.

In July, we said a fond and heartfelt goodbye to Mrs Davies, thanking her for her dedicated and faithful service to our school and wider community as Headteacher. She has given so much to the life of the school and leaves a lasting legacy. We marked this special moment in true St Wilfrid's style — and what fun we had at the Hoe Down!



This year we have continued to nurture and deepen our special link with St Wilfrid's Church. We are so thankful to Rev Mark and Rev Kate, who have worked closely with school to lead weekly worship centred around a shared theme and Bible verse. These times together have been meaningful and inspiring for our children. Teachers have thoughtfully developed beautiful reflection areas within each classroom. It has been a joy to gather in church for our Harvest, Remembrance and Christmas services. These are special moments in the rhythm of our school year that help us to reflect, remember and celebrate together.

One of the highlights of Advent was our whole-school Christmas Pause Day. Each year group explored a different aspect of the Christmas story through art, poetry and thoughtful reflection. The school was filled with creativity, stillness and a deep sense of wonder as children engaged with the true meaning of Christmas.



We were privileged this year to host two Bishops from the Solomon Islands. They visited to learn more about how we weave our school vision through daily life and worship. They also shared powerful insights about life on their islands and spoke with our Ethos Group about the impact of climate change on their communities. Our passionate beekeeping team proudly shared the work they do and presented the Bishops with some of our own honey as a special St Wilfrid's gift.

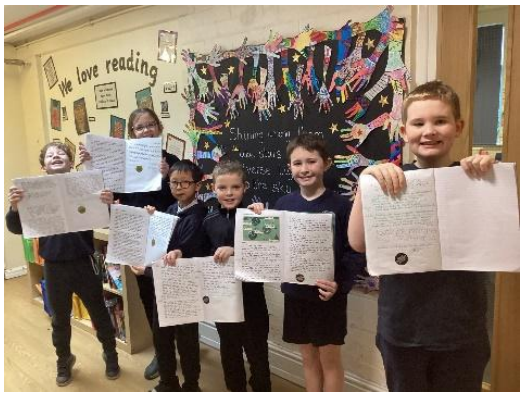
St Wilfrid's Primary School Cont.

We were also delighted to welcome Bishop Mark of Chester, Bishop Sam of Stockport and Bishop Julie of Birkenhead. They led Key Stage 2 in an inspiring worship on courage. They also spent time with Year 6, who asked thoughtful and probing questions about the Church, and visited Reception, where they were delighted to hear the children share their beautiful bubble prayers. Afterwards, the Ethos Group joined them and other church leaders for a walk around the Parish.



This year we have placed a strong focus on making good use of our outdoor spaces and beautiful school grounds. Children have enjoyed a wealth of opportunities including Forest School, gardening, orienteering, sports and outdoor learning across the curriculum.

We continue to be incredibly proud of the children's achievements in English and Maths. In English, there has been a real focus on creative writing. The children have produced thoughtful poems inspired by World War II, atmospheric stories full of suspense, fascinating autobiographies and wonderfully humorous tales. Their imagination and developing writer's voice have been a joy to see.





In Maths, we have been embedding the use of practical resources to deepen understanding and strengthen problem-solving skills. It has been wonderful to see the children's confidence grow as they tackle new challenges with resilience and enthusiasm.

This year has also seen the further development of our House system. The children have designed their own house badges and democratically elected House Captains. There has been great excitement around house competitions in art, dodgeball and writing. Children eagerly collect house points and awards, working hard to demonstrate our school values each day. The sense of belonging and friendly competition has brought real energy and unity across the school.

In so many ways, our children truly "let their light shine" every single day, through their kindness, courage, creativity, perseverance and commitment to learning.

Sustainability / Eco Church

In 2025 we focused efforts on raising awareness of what individuals and families can choose to do, to reduce their personal impact on the resources of God's Earth. Of course, as individuals, the choices we make about our consumption will not have sufficient impact to change the climate of the whole planet. But if we won't change, why should we expect anybody else to do so?

"Every little helps". If lots of people make small changes, there can be large outcomes. The miracle of the feeding of the 5,000 started with a child offering his small loaves and fishes to Jesus to ease his hunger. There are estimated to be over 2 billion Christians on this Earth. That is more than a quarter of all the people alive today. What if we all tried to reduce our consumption of energy from fossil fuels? What if we all tried to reduce waste?

During the year, in our regular monthly column in the Church Magazine there have been articles on practical actions to reduce the consumption of energy or natural resources like water. Some of the information for these articles came from training programmes and information networks run by the Diocese and Warrington BC.

Permission was eventually granted for us to replace our antiquated gas boilers with a much more efficient modern gas boiler, which is capable of becoming a hybrid heating system. Now the flooring by the door is flattened, Glenn has fitted door closures, to reduce heat loss. New underlay under the carpets should also reduce heat loss. Every little helps.

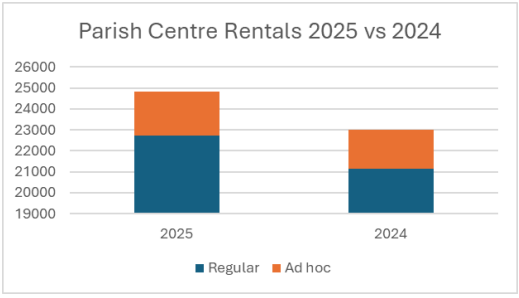
The loss of biodiversity is another escalating problem. St Wilfrid's Gardeners have continued to improve conditions for plants and wildlife in our churchyard. The brilliant harvest of honey from the children's churchyard beehive is evidence of success. Thank you to everyone who contributed nestboxes, feeders, kept feeders topped up with bird food, carefully avoided trampling on fruitful flowers and fungi in the churchyard, collected plastics and metal items in the churchyard and put them in recycling or waste bins. Everyone can play a part to improve our precious green space, but do please speak to the Gardening team, so our efforts are co-ordinated and productive. For example, a tree planted in the wrong place can destroy efforts to maintain access for people with walking difficulties. We should all be able to enjoy the peace and beauty of God's creation in our churchyard.

Jenny Pearce

Parish Centre



2025 saw a healthy increase in hall rentals. Our income from regular hirers was £22,729. We took £2,107.00 in ad hoc bookings, mostly comprised of children's parties but with some photography shoots and an MP's surgery adding some variety. Overall, we saw an increase of almost £2000 on 2024.
The chart below shows the income from 2025 and 2024:



Our current regular hall hirers include a playgroup, a children's phonics group, the 3rd Grappenhall Brownies troop, a children's drama group, as well as yoga, pilates, and meditation classes.

In addition to our hall hires, the Parish Centre proudly held it's first Farmer's Market in August, something which we hope to repeat this year. We made around £450 profit for the church from the event. It was also an integral part of the Christmas Fayre again, hosting 18 independent traders for a Christmas market and raising approximately £540 for school and church.

In October, we were able to have the floor resurfaced as regular use had made some areas quite tired looking and scratched. It looks renewed and hopefully will last for many years.

Sarah Young
Parish Centre Manager





Safeguarding

The parish safeguarding team comprises Rev'd Mark, Rev'd Kate, Pastoral Worker Margaret Kitchen, Parish Safeguarding Officer, Alison Collins and Assistant Parish Safeguarding Officer, Sarah Young. We meet regularly after the Family Praise service each month. The focused activities of the safeguarding team have revolved around adopting national CofE safeguarding policies and practices, as well as risk assessing church activities and identifying volunteer roles that require DBS screening and safeguarding training.

The diocese has launched a campaign to encourage people to 'Speak Out, Stay Safe'. In September there was a dedicated Safeguarding Sunday, at which I was invited to address the congregation to talk about what safeguarding means in a parish context, how we all have part to play in being proactive in recognising and not ignoring potential safeguarding issues. I also spoke about how our church could help anybody who has concerns about a recent or past adverse experience that could be deemed to be a safeguarding incident, whether they involved the church or not.

In various places around the church, the Parish Centre, on noticeboards, on the backs of toilet doors, and within the Parish Magazine are contact details for the parish safeguarding team. There is a mobile telephone that messages can be left on. The number is 07739 383248 and it is monitored for messages daily. There is also a dedicated email address to report safeguarding concerns to the Parish Safeguarding Officer at safeguardingstwilfrids0405@btinternetcom.

Safeguarding reports tended to focus on the vulnerabilities of particular members of the congregation. We considered both what support could be offered, how it could be delivered within a safeguarding context, as well as who would be the best person to deliver it. Safeguarding is an agenda item for each PCC meeting and a report is provided to keep members up to date every month. A complaint from a member of the public was reported to the PSO and referred to the diocese for advice. Whilst they did intercede with the complainant and the person who was the subject of the complaint, it was taken no further and there are no ongoing concerns.

The diocese has rolled out revised tools via an online safeguarding dashboard which requires various policies for each parish to be reviewed and updated. This is ongoing and we are currently working towards completing level 2 of 3. The dashboard helps us to examine the safeguarding aspects of the roles and requirements of volunteers and dictates the level of checks required according to the nature of the voluntary role.

We will continue to monitor safeguarding requirements for all church activities, will continue to implement safe recruitment practices and we will be prepared to assist anybody seeking help for anything that could be deemed to be safeguarding related.

Alison Collins

Parish Safeguarding Officer

Music at St Wilfrid's

Church Choir

The choir managed adequately during the last part of the inter regnum and into the start of Rev Marks ministry. There have been some challenges as the form of music in services transitioned but things have settled down somewhat and they have been able to contribute some short pieces during the distribution. Also, we were pleased for the return of our carol service and the choir piece which was included.

We have lost 2 members, both due to health reasons but gained 1 in December. We hope to be stable for the short term and are able to call on occasional support from members of the congregation to swell our ranks.

Guy Pomfret, Organist and Musical Director

We have really enjoyed providing an alternative musical accompaniment to services again this year. Over the last 12 months, we have tried to incorporate some new songs into our worship and have received some lovely feedback. We look forward to continuing to contribute to the music at our church in the year to come.

Helen & Phil

Playing for the family worship services and for some of the special services throughout the year has been a real privilege for myself and Nikki.
We love being a part of the solemnity of the worship services and try to provide contemplative music that works with the liturgy. It is our absolute pleasure to contribute to the music programme at St Wilfrid's and we look forward to being a part of the music team in 2026.

Pip and Nikki



Christening Team

"*Last week we celebrated our daughter's Christening. It was a lovely service where family and friends gathered to share a special moment of faith, love and community*".

"*We had a wonderful day having our son christened and sharing his special day with our family and friends. Thank you so much to everyone who came to celebrate with us and to St Wilfrid's Church for a lovely service*".

Christenings are always joyful services. For the 38 babies and children and 3 adults baptised at St Wilfrid's in 2025 and their families and friends, they were indeed very special occasions.

Prior to the Christenings, the monthly Christening Preparation evenings provided an opportunity for parents to think about why they wanted their children to be baptised, to look at the Christening service, to meet members of the Christening team and talk to other families whose children were also being baptised at St Wilfrid's.

The work by the team - Gill, Sarah, Linda, Phil, Carolyn, myself, Revd Kate, Revd Anita and Revd Mark - ensured that all went smoothly on the day. After the service families were invited to send a photo of their child's christening and write a few words for inclusion in the parish magazine and we're delighted that there was a good response in 2025. Those who had been baptised in 2024 received a specially designed card on the first anniversary of their christening and were invited back to church for Family Praise when they were named in the intercessions.

As always, those to be christened were named in the intercessions for that particular Sunday. And our prayer, both throughout 2025 and now, is that with the support and encouragement of our church family, these children continue to grow in faith.

Chris Hunter







Grants and Facilities

We were eventually granted permission in February 2025 to replace the old heating boilers which were funded in part, by a grant by Benefact Trust. Benefact Trust is funded by profits from our insurer, Ecclesiastical Insurance. It awarded £25.5 million in grants during 2024, to over 1400 applicants, many of whom were churches. Their focus is "Empowering Christian-led initiatives to make a difference where it matters most." We certainly want to keep our church heated efficiently. As Insurers they have been very helpful as they have a specialised understanding of church buildings and the insurance risks we need to cover.

Did you know they also do household insurance and will provide what could be a very competitive quote, on request? It is a Which "Best Buy" and offers 10% discount to Charity volunteers (search for Ecclesiastical Insurance).

The Co-op Local Community Fund gave us £2,084.75 in 2025. This was to support our work in making our Churchyard a place where everyone can benefit from its green tranquillity. They also gave us opportunities to let people know about the good work we are doing through local radio and 2 local charity events.

The National Churches Trust and the Wolfson Foundation provided £3,000 and £6,000 respectively, to help us deal with the flooring crisis. We were horrified to discover that, under the carpet in the north aisle, the Victorian flooring had crumbled, to reveal gaping holes into the void beneath. We got permission to install solid wooden flooring across all of the north aisle under the carpet. This goes alongside the solid wooden flooring under the chairs. You may not be able to see the difference, but a walk along the carpet no longer feels like walking over undulations of sand, like at the seashore. We were warned that the same deterioration could be happening in the other aisles. We could see loose and broken tiles near the front porch and around the font area. A huge amount of work has been done to restore the flooring to a much safer and stable state. Thank you to Glenn and the others in the team who sorted this problem, including releasing a store of reusable Victorian tiles that can be used, in future, for timely repairs when a tile lifts or cracks in an area of high footfall.

We have now had recent grants from the 3 most significant donors of grants for church repairs. St Wilfrid's is now not eligible to apply to them again, until time has passed. The Christmas roof repairs had to be funded by St Wilfrid's. In 2026 the churchyard wall needs repair, as does masonry in the Tower. I hope that sales of the new Guidebook will help provide funding in 2026, as maintaining our beautiful building will need additional funds that are unlikely to be available from grants.

Jenny Pearce

Bellringers

72 services were rung for in 2025 with 2 occasions when 10 bells were not rung. With some 20 ringers on our books, getting 10 ringers on a Sunday is less of a problem. With this many ringers, the tower is always quite full on practice nights which keeps our Ringing Master (Nick Thomson) busy trying to give everyone enough rope time to practice what they are learning during the short time we have for practice. Our numbers are invariably enhanced by several visitors (usually 2 to 4) who come each week. These visitors help our band to make progress with their 10 bell repertoire. Unfortunately, several learners who started to ring have not stayed the course and fallen by the wayside. Our own less experienced ringers have made good progress into the mysteries of change ringing during the year.

We have also welcomed visiting bands coming to ring socially (usually for up to an hours ringing), or to ring Quarter Peals (QPs) (45mins of continuous ringing) or even full Peals (3hrs of continuous ringing). 3 Full Peals were successfully rung. There were 34 QPs rung in 2025, mostly by the local band. These included Quarters to welcome our new Rector and his family to Grappenhall, to mark Sybil Moseley's 90th birthday and, on a sad note, to mark the passing our dear friend and ringer, Bernard Ongley. The church was full for his funeral with ringers attending from all over the country. A quarter was rung half muffled to mark his passing and one 'open' (no muffles) to celebrate his life.

Stockton Heath benefit from our ringers strengthening their band for both Sunday Service and practice night ringing. Stretton also benefit from our ringers helping out on some practice nights. Nick arranges special practices there once a month aimed at helping to progress less experienced ringers in basic method ringing. This benefits Stretton, Stockton Heath and Grappenhall bands who attend in both learner and helper roles. QPs are also arranged there, some for Stretton ringers and some for our ringers and friends to stretch their abilities. Hand bell ringing is regularly practiced by some of our band. You can read what happens up the tower in the Parish Magazine under the title *Up the Spiral Staircase* penned by Nick.

Bellringers Cont.

We entered two bands in the Mid Cheshire Branch Striking Contest at Hartford, one 'Novice' Band and one 'Experts' Band. Both bands were very successful, being placed 1st in their respective category. This success meant that they would represent Mid Cheshire in the Chester Guild competition held at Burton (Wirral) later in the year. Again, both bands were successful in being placed 1st in their respective category – a wonderful achievement for Grappenhall.

The tower was open to visitors on Christmas Fayre day and quite a few people made the climb up the tower to see the bells and the views from the tower top. If you didn't make it then and would like to come and see us ringing and see the new bells, please get in touch with us. New ringers would be most welcome to come and help us keep St Wilfrid's loudest voice heard across the parish. No experience necessary as training will be given.

Mike Thomson
Tower Captain

Women's Group

St Wilfrid's Women's Group continues to prosper although our membership is slightly down on previous years. This reflects the age profile of the Group as illness or the decision to stop driving affects members ability to attend. However, on the other hand, each year we seem to attract new members. Our current membership stands at 49 and attendance at most meetings is around 30 which is an encouraging number. Our Annual Lunch at Lymm Golf Club began 2025 - members were delighted with the welcome, food and venue! We had talks on a variety of subjects including Trekking the World for Charity, the Children's Adventure Farm Trust and "How I ended up in Prison". We reconvened in September with Holy Communion and our AGM. October and November saw us welcome Martin Gaffney speaking on "A funny thing happened happened on the way to the police station" and our own Rev Mark on the "Mother's Union in Uganda" and his involvement in the project. 2025 drew to a close with our Christmas get together - one of our new members enlightening us on Christmas traditions. Our celebrations were complete with the traditional mince pies, mulled wine, snacks and chocolates!

Barbara Wild

Bible Study Group

From June to October 2025 we enjoyed regular viewings of episodes of the excellent film “The Chosen” (still being made) which endeavours very faithfully to relate the story of our Lord’s life and ministry as recorded in the Gospels, and includes much further material such as worship including the Psalms as it was most likely offered by various communities in those days.

From October 2025 we have also met in the Ram’s Head for “Pints and Psalms”. These discussions have, without fail, been very enjoyable and fruitful. The sessions have been very well led, and we have often had different translations of the Psalms to compare. This is very practical and unhurried study; we have started at the beginning and not yet reached Psalm 20!

We must thank God for the usefulness, fruitfulness, practicality and prayerfulness of both these growing Bible study related activities, and pray that more people still may be drawn to them, and to more as we are led further to study the inexhaustible riches of the scriptures.

John Prytherch

Pre-School Praise



Pre-school Praise is held every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. We have songs, stories, craft and snacks and lots of fun. Our services have been led by Sarah, Gill, or Rev Kate. During the past year we have thanked God for Eyes, Books, Autumn, Bread, Harvest, Trees, Friends, Rain, Peace, Baby Jesus, Frost and Snow, Pancakes, our Mums and Easter. We enjoyed our Christmas party where we had snacks and lots of fun!

The highlight of the year was the graduation service, held in July before the whole congregation on a Sunday morning , when we present the children who are moving on to school with a memorable book and our very best wishes and prayers. The children really enjoyed singing their special songs for everyone!

Sadly, we said goodbye to Anne Young who retired from the Preschool Praise Team. Her contribution over the years has been immense and has kept many a young child happy with her innovative crafts. Thank you to Anne for all your service!

Reverend Kate & Sarah Young

Grappenhall Community Voices

Grappenhall Community Voices (GCV) meet in church every Tuesday evening (termtime only) from 7 – 9 pm.

We are a group of around 30 women and men from a variety of backgrounds. We are led by Simon Smith, who also runs a Christian youth charity called Voice, which helps children and young people to explore and express faith in Jesus through music and works at Lymm Baptist church. Simon still finds time to inspire and encourage us to sing a variety of contemporary music, some Christian and all with an inspiring message. Songs have included pieces from Tom Grennan, Rag'n'Bone Man, Ten Avenue North and For King and Country. Simon arranges music in high, middle, low and for all musical abilities. There is small termly cost of around £40.

In 2024 we did a couple of small 'concerts' for friends and family only but this year we branched out. In April this year we were thrilled to be asked to be part of a concert at Live at St Wilfrid's. Despite a few nerves at our first 'real' performance we loved the opportunity, ending the set with our favourite piece Beggin' by Maneskin. We also sang during St Wilfrid's Christmas Fayre and our final outing was to take part in Seasonal Singalong organised by this year's Rose Queen to raise awareness and funds for Claire House Hospice. This was a truly inspiring and fun filled event which perfectly rounded off our year of singing together.

Anita Raggett



Foodbank

Foodbank continues to be challenged in these difficult economic times. This has been due to the demand on the needs of more people requiring support from Foodbank with the many increasing costs that many households have to bear. Because of this greater demand there were many empty shelves in the Foodbank warehouse but, due to the generosity of our own congregation and parents of children at the school they are now being filled. We continue to receive donations being left at the back of church. Our Foodbank Sunday and Harvest Sunday donations were very generous this year. When we all have more pressure on where we spend our hard earned money it is comforting to find that our community supports Foodbank. As we are open every day this makes it easier for donations to be left. I am, as are all the people who are struggling to feed themselves and their families, grateful for any donations you are able to leave. Thank you.

Linda Stockton

Prayer Friends

"Pray for one another, so that you may be healed". James 5:16
"Pray without ceasing". 1 Thessalonians 5:17
And that was what Prayer Friends were doing in 2025.

Prayer Friends are members of St Wilfrid's congregation who pray regularly and faithfully for those who have asked for our prayers for any reason whatsoever. All information is given in strict confidence and remains confidential.

Throughout 2025 we continued to receive many requests, either personally or through St Wilfrid's Church website, from people facing health concerns or who were troubled or anxious for themselves or a loved one. Many people also left requests on the prayer tree and in the little books at the back of church as they came to light a candle for a loved one or themselves and these requests were offered on their behalf at Monday Morning Prayer.



If you feel that God is calling you to share in this particular prayer ministry then please do get in touch with Margaret Kitchen or Revd Mark.

Chris Hunter

Flower Team

Our flower team has three new ladies, so we now have a team of 12 regular members who have produced beautiful arrangements to celebrate the seasons of the church year. We are grateful for donations made in memory of loved ones or to celebrate special occasions. We are a friendly group who work in pairs and take pleasure to enhance our beautiful Church. The main events for our team are Easter, Harvest and Christmas when the whole team work together with enthusiasm. Many thanks to Anne Young for her 12 years of dedication and looking after this wonderful team. If anybody would like to join the team, male or female, just contact me.

Barbara Stewart
Flower Team Co-ordinator







Admin Team

2025 heralded a lot of change within the Church Office. The arrival of Reverend Mark led to a new way of working in the office as he took back some of the responsibilities which had fallen upon the office during the vacancy. Sadly, our Church Administrator Gill had to take some leave over the summer months so Sarah Young stepped in to temporarily staff the office. We were glad to welcome Gill back in September. Our faithful volunteer Eileen Waddell stepped back from volunteering in the office in the latter part of the year after many years of providing crucial support. Our other volunteers Margaret Hale and Ken Southward continued to help out with a large variety of admin duties throughout 2025.

Sarah Young

St Wilfrid's Gardening Team

After a lovely show of snow drops and crocuses in the churchyard, the gardening season started off well for us. With the warm spell in May, although dry, we could get ahead with developing our new flower border, a mix of wild and bee 🐝 /butterfly 🦋 friendly flowers. The summer bedding brightened up the front of church and the men did an amazing job of jet washing the courtyard and carrying on with some of the maintenance work in the church grounds. We continued to maintain the Garden of Remembrance and Peace Garden, keeping them as weed free as possible and keeping the paths easier to walk on. Did you notice the poppies growing in the Garden of Remembrance, such a special place to grow. Working alongside our eco church leaders and Dan, whose mulching on the flowerbeds this year has improved the soil and reduced the need to purchase compost, we feel we very much complement each other. We continue our mission to support biodiversity.

As always, we are mindful that our churchyard is a place of peace for people visiting their loved one's graves and sometimes this has given us the opportunity to have a chat with various visitors.

Thank you to the PCC for the funding we receive and other donations. Thanks also for the lovely compliments we receive. A big thank you to the team for the work they put in. The team is always there on Thursday mornings, but you will see us around at different times. Anyone is welcome to join us, for whatever time they have spare.

Carol Harrison

Magazine and Social Media

The magazine includes regular seasonally appropriate articles and contributions from our community groups, along with our regular features. Our Ministry Team continue to take on the monthly refection, offering us a variety of different reflections to lead us seasonally through the year. We welcome new contributions. Please e-mail stwilfridsmag@yahoo.com if you would like to be featured.
Our social media presence has increased with Reverend Mark taking over the church Facebook page and Instagram account. We have also seen a new Parish Centre Instagram page launched (@stwilfridspc) and a Live at St Wilfrid's Instagram page (@laswgrappenhall) so that we can reach out to the community in as many ways as possible.

Sarah Young

All out for Love

Our All Out for Love evening was a very successful and encouraging occasion. We are especially grateful to the couples who attended and to the St Wilfrid's Wedding Team for the time, care and effort they gave in preparing and hosting the evening.

The evening began with refreshments in the Church Annexe, giving couples an opportunity to meet members of the team in a relaxed setting.

Each couple was then allocated a team member who helped them go through the final details of their wedding service, including choices of music, hymns and other practical arrangements.

Following this, Reverend Anita and I met with the couples together to talk through the order of service and to reflect on the meaning and significance of Holy Matrimony. The evening concluded in church with prayer and a blessing for each couple. It was a joy and an honour to lead the evening alongside our experienced and dedicated wedding team. We continue to pray for all our couples and wish them God's guidance, love and blessing as they begin their married life together.

Yours in Christ

Reverend Kate Pwaisiho





Care UK Charity

In September 2015, CARE UK Charity was established in response to the heart-breaking image of 4-year-old Aylan Kurdi, the little boy washed up on a beach, which prompted our founder to make a heartfelt plea on Facebook to send aid to refugees in camps overseas.

The overwhelming support led to our first aid shipment to Greece and spread to sending aid to regions affected by the refugee crisis including Cyprus, Turkey, Syria, Uganda and Ukraine. They also provided, and are still providing clothing and toiletries to migrant hotels in the region, but that need is diminishing as hotels are closed down, with residents being relocated outside of Warrington.



Care UK Charity's mission has adapted to needs closer to home by setting up a dedicated 'homes' team to help local families and individuals to set up and equip their rented homes with the basics. Their activities are self-funded by the activities of the two charity shops, one at Riverside Retail Park and the other in Runcorn Shopping City. In 2025, your support helped 701 households, provided 3,347 essential items, and supported 600+ children across Warrington & Halton.

Behind every number is a person or family starting again with the essentials they need. Thank you for being part of it.

Jumble sales have been held recently in various locations in north Warrington. The locals have embraced them with great enthusiasm and asked for repeat visits. The receipt of good quality donations is key to the success of the retail arm of the charity, enabling them to fund the homes team to fulfil the many requests for help. We have recently appealed for more volunteers to help with the sorting of donations, to work in the shops or to help the Homes team. Please contact me if you have time to spare and would like to become a volunteer.

St Wilfrid's supports Care UK Charity by sharing information and supporting the work of the board of trustees, who are given the use of Annex at various times for board meetings. We are currently seeking new trustees to strengthen our team, which currently has four permanent members including myself.

Alison Collins

Fair Trade Stall

Fairly traded goods provide a fair price to poorer communities in the developing world, the income from sales helping to support those communities with education provision and healthcare. We see it as part of our Christian life to support Warrington's status as a Fair-Trade town by organising a Fair-Trade stall most Sundays of the year after the 10:00 service. The stall always attracts attention and during 2024 we sold over £1,000 of goods, including tea, coffee, chocolate and a variety of jams, honey and savoury sauces. Easter Eggs and Advent Calendars were popular items again and the stall offered the opportunity to buy a variety of Christian Christmas and Easter cards.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported us by buying from the stall or from the Warrington Fair4All stall in the market which supplies all our stock. If anyone would like to join us in running the stall on an occasional basis, please do let us know.

The Williams family

Bridgewater Churches Together (BCT)

St Wilfrid's is a member of BCT, an umbrella group of churches of all denominations in the local area. There are 4 Ecumenical Services held throughout the year when each church takes a turn to host. These are the Week of Christian Unity held in January, Good Friday (an open-air service held on Victoria Square in Stockton Heath. Due to the closeness of dates, the Christian Aid and Pentecost service are now combined. In addition, there is also a Christmas Carol Service held in St Thomas' Church, led by a different church each year. Also, in an attempt to attract families, it was decided to hold an open-air Carol Service which took place on Victoria Square on Monday 22nd December at 5pm which was well attended.

During the year, changes in clergy took place - Rev Mark Orrell was appointed Rector of St Wilfrid's Grappenhall and Rev Jo Mackriell was appointed as Pries-in-Charge at All Saints, Daresbury and Vicar of St John's Walton. Each church makes a small annual financial contribution to BCT and collections taken at Ecumenical Services are usually donated to local charities i.e. Warrington Foodbank, St Joseph's Centre and Christian Aid. BCT supports the Creamfields Festival and Broomfields Youth Project who work along side the High School. BYP meet in "The Shack", a building on the Broomfields School site which serves a great demand, especially on Friday nights and due to the high attendance, they are looking for funding to add a second floor to the building.

Marjorie Cassin
Hon Sec - BCT

DEANERY SYNOD

In 2025, we had an unexpected change of Rural Dean, in that Revd. Bev Jameson resigned from the incumbency of St Mary's, Lymm. The new Rural Dean for Great Budworth Deanery is Revd. Michael Ridley, from St Thomas's, Stockton Heath, who will be well known to many of us.

The Deanery Synod is made up of all the clergy in the Deanery and lay representatives of each parish. The lay members are elected at Annual Parochial Church Meetings.

There were three Deanery Synod meetings in 2025 – two in person and a "virtual meeting.

The Deanery Synod met on 10th March 2025 at St Matthew's, Stretton. We had a guest speaker, Rev'd Emma Speake from the parish of St Andrew's, Grange, Runcorn. She talked about how to become a church more inclusive to neurodivergent people. She had personal experiences within her parish context with Lego Church and being a welcoming space to those with mental health challenges.

The July 2025 meeting was held at All Saints, Daresbury.

The main business was a presentation by the members of the Diocesan Ministry Team (Ian Arch, Karen MacMillan and Richard Walker). The work of the team is to support and resource people to live out their ministry.

The talks included elements on "growing vocations together", discernment of vocations, and different ways to explore whether you have a vocation. If anyone feels that they are being called to serve, there are a number of events and experiences organised by the team throughout the year.

The Synod meeting planned for October was rearranged. The original date was given over to an evening event at St Wilfrid's, in which a number of speakers (including Catherine Speed, the Head of St Wilfrid's Primary) gave witness to their faith. There was a good turnout for this event.

The business part of the October Synod meeting was carried out by Zoom on 21st October. Quite a few parishes in the Deanery are either vacant or were about to be vacated. The pressure on local clergy to cover was noted, and the need for parishes bro be aware of clergy wellbeing was noted. There was a discussion on Parish Share, and what it was likely to increase by (raised by a treasurer drawing up an annual budget). The main new item was that the dates for the Episcopal Visit to the Deanery were publicised by the Rural Dean. This took place on 20th/21st January 2026, so has already happened!

Geraint Williams

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St Wilfrid's Church (1131723)

Balance Sheet detailed

		As at 31/12/2025	As at 31/12/2024
Current assets			
6501: Natwest - Church Current account		2,924.14	13,156.35
6505: Natwest - Church Deposit account		11,045.08	-
6510: CCLA (CBF) Deposit account- General-CB3022947		4,680.96	26,478.28
6511: CCLA (CBF) Deposit account-Investment-CB3022948		44,852.48	72,916.25
6512: CCLA (CBF) Deposit account-LASW-CB3022949		-	-
6513: CCLA (CBF) Deposit account-CB&PF-CB3022950		10,005.92	23,219.03
6591: Parish Centre Float		150.00	-
6592: SW Flower Team Float		250.00	-
6593: Gods Gardeners Float		250.00	-
Z05: Accounts Receivable		25,000.00	-
	Total Current assets	**99,158.58**	**135,769.91**
Liabilities			
6601: Loans received		10,000.00	-
6602: WBC Council Rates		2,000.00	-
6610: CCLA (CBF) Deposit account - Accrual - CB3022947		-	-
6612: CCLA (CBF) Deposit account - Accrual - CB3022949		-	-
6613: CCLA (CBF) Deposit account - Accrual - CB3022950		-	-
Z04: Accounts Payable		-	-
	Total Liabilities	**12,000.00**	**-**
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	**87,158.58**	**135,769.91**
Reserves			
Excess/(deficit) to date		(49,986.15)	-
Z01: Starting balances		135,769.91	135,769.91
Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets		1,374.82	-
	Total Reserves	**87,158.58**	**135,769.91**

Represented by Funds

General (Unrestricted)	87,158.58	135,769.91
Total	**87,158.58**	**135,769.91**

11th Feb 2026.

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	PCC St Wilfrid's, Grappenhall		
On accounts for the year ended	31st December 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1131723
Set out on pages			

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

* *Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:		**Date:**	11th Feb 2026
Name:	Mervyn Keith Roberts		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	A.C.A		
Address:	215 Chester Road Grappenhall Warrington, WA4 2QB		

Section B	Disclosure

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

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

The figure reported for funds generated for finance the building of the church annexe is adversely affected by the need for an adjustment to correct for the accounting of personal loans amounting to £30,000 which had been wrongly included as income in previous years. Of these loans, £20,000 was repaid during the year, leaving an outstanding balance of £10,000 carried forward.

A provision of £2,000 has been included to cover the potential cost relating to disputed council tax charges.

Accounts receivable includes £9,000 relating to promised grant funding towards major floor repair work carried out during the year, and also £16,000 estimated to be the anticipated gift aid outstanding in relation to donations received.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST.WILFRID, GRAPPENHA

England & Wales - Charity number 1131723

Accounts





St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall

Annual Church Report 2024

A CHURCHWARDENS ADDRESS

During this time of vacancy, it falls upon us, the churchwardens, to pause and reflect on the past year as we share this annual report with the parish.

Where do I begin?

First and foremost, we offer our sincere gratitude to God, whose guidance and grace sustain our church community. The dedication, faithfulness, and tireless service of so many—our ministry team, church officers, and various groups—shine brightly in the contributions made to this report. Their steadfast commitment is a testament to the love of Christ at work among us.

It is fair to say that 2024 has been a year of both challenge and growth. As churchwardens, we have found ourselves on a steep learning curve during this time of transition. Yet, we have never walked this path alone. Through the unwavering support, prayers, and encouragement of our church family, we have felt strengthened, and this season of change has been made lighter.

We encourage you to read this report prayerfully, giving thanks to God for all that has been accomplished in His name. Let us lift up in gratitude all who have served, especially the members of our ministry team, including retired clergy who have so generously offered their time and wisdom—Revd. Anita Raggett and Revd. Keith Hine, we thank you.

We also give thanks for Revd. Jane, who, in answering God's call, left us in March to take on the role of Archdeacon of Macclesfield. In the wake of her departure, a vacancy group was swiftly formed to discern our way forward, prayerfully crafting a parish profile to seek the shepherd God had prepared for us.

Through much work, prayer, and discernment, we are blessed to have found our new leader in Revd. Mark Orrell, who currently serves in parish of St. Helens. We rejoice in the knowledge that he will be joining us in 2025, ready to walk with us into a new chapter of our church's journey.

As we step forward in faith, let us embrace the coming year with hope, trusting that God will continue to guide and bless us. May we remain steadfast in our mission, united in His love, and ever grateful for His presence among us.

With heartfelt thanks and blessings,

Phil Hough
Churchwarden

CHURCHWARDENS





Maintenance
Church
The main improvement in church this year has been the installation of a new gas boiler which replaces the one we have had for over 30 years. The other change has been modifying the lighting to LED lights. We have had tiles replaced in the chancel area where the concrete holding the tiles up was failing. This is the same problem we have in the north aisle and will be investigated.
We have had the annual fire extinguisher check with no problems detected. All electrical items have been PAT tested this year.
We had a problem with the mixing desk of the AV system. Unfortunately this had to be replaced as it had completely failed.
In the churchyard we have had to remove a dead tree. Also, we had a tree blown down which had to be removed.
Dan Needham has taken over the role of gardening in the church yard and I think you will agree that he is doing a fantastic job. You may have already met him.

Church Annexe
The annexe continues to be well used and admired by all those who visit our church. I feel that it has become an asset to *Live at St Wilfrid's*, attracting more people to the concerts because of the facilities we have to offer.

Parish centre
The gutters have been cleared this year. The ongoing problem with the leak in the roof over the meeting room has been fixed. Sarah Young our Parish Centre Manager has taken on the running of the centre for which we are very grateful.



Grappenhall Manor Care Home Worship

Do you need to talk?

PASTORAL CARE



Monthly visits to Summerville Care Home with Revd Kate or Gill White continued during 2024. There has been an element of disruption due to staff changes and new management, which has continued to be a little challenging. We remind staff of our visits and this seems to be working well. The residents enjoy our visits and ministry.

Our regular communion and soup lunch for care homes continues. There have been a variety of attendees who have appreciated the chance to visit the church building. Attendance is very dependent on the availability of staff and suitable transport. Steve the Chef at Heathfield Care Home continues to supply homemade soup and we have congregation volunteers who are active in the kitchen and help with socialising with residents at lunch time.

Changes took place when it was announced Revd Jane would become the Archdeacon of Macclesfield. This impacted on the LYCIG provision and Hope Explored Sessions, which have continued at a slower rate than originally anticipated.

During 2024 two Bereavement Sessions of 6 weeks (February and October) took place and were welcomed by a variety of people. I have been encouraged by attendance not only from our church family and parish, but have been asked to include people from other parishes. Volunteers Margaret Eckersley, Stacey Davidson and Carol Harrison have carried out support, care and refreshment provision and I thank them for their commitment.

I have been able to access training and attended a Mental Health conference in May, followed by a Mental Health First Aider course, which informs and supports general pastoral work in church.

Prayer Friends continue to be a valued presence to all in church. We held two services of thanks and praise for prayer friends in the Lady Chapel in March and November. I am thankful for all who contribute to this ministry, particularly Chris Hunter who continues to be a valued and constant presence.

It has been a joy to assist with Easter compline provision, attendance at the Cathedral with the team to collect the blessed oils, walking day activities, contributing to intercessions, leading and occasional preaching, assistance with the chalice, harvest deliveries and the All Souls Service for the bereaved. I have valued and found joy in all these aspects of church life and hope to encourage others to join in.

Creamfields volunteering has been challenging but worth every moment we spend with people requiring support. Working with people from other churches, plus our own team, is adding to the spread of God's work and the formation of positive relationships across the Diocese.

Margaret Kitchen, Pastoral Worker

PAROCIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)

Secretary's Report on the Proceedings of the PCC

The notice convening the Annual Parochial Church Meeting has been displayed in the Church for the relevant period. Since the last APCM on 25th March 2024 up to December 2024 there have been 4 meetings of PCC and 4 meetings of the Standing Committee. On 29th April, at the first PCC meeting after the APCM the following appointments were made:

Chair	Linda Stockton
Vice Chair	Phillip Hough
Treasurer	Charles Jesudason
Secretary	Marjorie Cassin
Thanksgiving Officer	Geraint Williams
Deputy Wardens	None
Electoral Roll Officer	Alan Hunter
Safeguarding Officer	Stacey Davidson
Data Protection Administrator	Gill White
Trustee to Warrington CofE Educational Trust	John Bygate



There being no changes the sidespersons were re-elected en bloc

It has been quite a different year without the leadership of Rev'd Jane, but the Ministry Team have done a wonderful job steering us through. After Rev'd Kate was priested on 15th June she was able to administer Holy Communion and we have also been blessed to have had the assistance of retired priest Rev Anita Raggett, and so it is a big thank you to all of them for their dedication and leadership.

The PCC usually meets bi-monthly and the Standing Committee meets in the alternative months. The meetings commence with a short act of worship followed by discussion, focusing on a particular subject. Amongst these have been the vacancy, volunteering/fundraising, church maintenance and the Christmas Fayre. We also receive regular reports on the church finances, church fabric, pastoral care, Eco-church, Safeguarding, Electoral Roll, Live at St Wilfrid's, Deanery Synod and Bridgewater Churches Together. During the year and due to pressure of work, Stacey Davidson unfortunately tendered her resignation as Safeguarding Officer and PCC member. Many thanks to Stacey for the work she has put into updating the system in line with the Diocesan requirements. Alison Collins, who had previous safeguarding experience, volunteered and was subsequently appointed and has attended the Diocesan Training course.

A small committee was formed to draft our Parish Profile, giving an insight of St Wilfrid's to prospective applicants for the position of Rector. The Venerable Mike Gilbertson, Archdeacon of Chester attended one of our meetings and advised on the way forward.

PAROCIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC) cont…

He told PCC to choose two members to represent them during the process of choosing a new Rector. A vote subsequently took place and Phil Hough and Geraint Williams were appointed. A big thank you to Phil and Geraint for all their hard work, thoughts and prayers during this process. As a consequence we all look forward to meeting Rev Mark Orrell and his family after his induction on 28th May.

We are always looking for volunteers to help, may be on a Sunday morning with coffee, may be in the churchyard or with ideas for fundraising. Lots of things go on in the background - our church is clean and tidy, thanks mainly to only two volunteers, but we need more.

We had a successful Walking Day/Summer Fair and Christmas Fayre, and it was good to see the School and Church working together, raising much needed funds which were shared equally between the Church and School.

In November, we received our Eco-Church silver award, many thanks to Jenny Pearce for steering us towards this. We are thankful for those volunteers who tend our churchyard and feed our birds. During the year, the School also installed a bee-hive in the churchyard and have been successfully producing and selling honey.

Marjorie Cassin Hon Sec – PCC



Archdeacon Mike with members of the PCC

Live at St Wilfrid's

We reverted to our usual programme of 8 concerts, mixing returning favourites with first time visitors to St Wilfrid's.

A welcome and overdue return of the Warrington Male Voice Choir opened the season, bringing in their many supporters.

The March recital was the first of its kind where pianist Duncan Glenday played pieces linked to evocative 'postcards' displayed on the church screens.

April saw the return of the Manchester piano trio who entertained us with a very tuneful programme ranging from Borodin to the Beatles via Piazolla.

A quite unusual and very polished brass quartet gave our May concert. Their unique and mellow sound was all the more enjoyable as many of the pieces had been arranged by members of the quartet.

The June performers, selected by Jane Proudfoot, were the all-female Dolce String Quartet. Although technically excellent, the ladies seemed to be slightly disconnected from the audience since their main activity is playing at wedding receptions where they don't really get much audience reaction or feedback!

After the summer break, we welcomed back Meera Maharaj on flute, this time paired with Lucy Nolan on harp. Meera has played at several previous St Wilfrid's concerts in support of the Warrington Foodbank.

October provided a throwback to the Elizabethan era with a virtuoso performance of 16th century dance and ballad music by the PIVA collective. Their 'Gloriana' programme brought into play a wide and fascinating range of instruments and narrative to give context to the music.

November led to a major upset when the National Youth Jazz Orchestra, without notice, couldn't fulfil their booking. The hole was plugged by the Swing Kings who can fortunately field an ensemble at short notice.

Overall, a successful season with both online and card ticket purchase proving increasingly popular.

Alan Hunter



Dolce Strings



Warrington Male Voice Choir

ST WILFRID'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

2024 was another great year at St. Wilfrid's! We have continued to adapt and change our curriculum so that it meets the individual needs of our learners and develops a real love of learning within our pupils which we hope will stay with them as they leave our school and continue their educational journey into high school and beyond.

There were many highlights in 2024 including Aspirations Week. Many of our parents and people from our local community came into school in October to talk about their careers. They talked to the children about the challenges they faced to reach their goals, their commitment and motivation and what they love about their jobs. The aim of this special week was to hopefully inspire our children to follow their dreams and to choose a career that is not only rewarding but one which will make a positive difference to the lives of others.

'The school's strong personal development offer helps pupils to thrive in various leadership roles. For example, the sports crew are on a mission to introduce pupils to new sports with the hope that they then take them up outside of school. The ethos group felt empowered when they recently interviewed for a parish vacancy. Older pupils talk fondly of their experiences visiting the local care home to join in with activities or share songs with the residents. Pupils are very well prepared for their later life. They aspire to become positive, caring members of society.' OFSTED 2024

This quote is taken from our latest OFSTED report which took place right at the end of the year. We were delighted that OFSTED recognised how brilliant our children are and that they 'Let their light shine for others to see' every single day.



Children taking care of the bees in the Churchyard



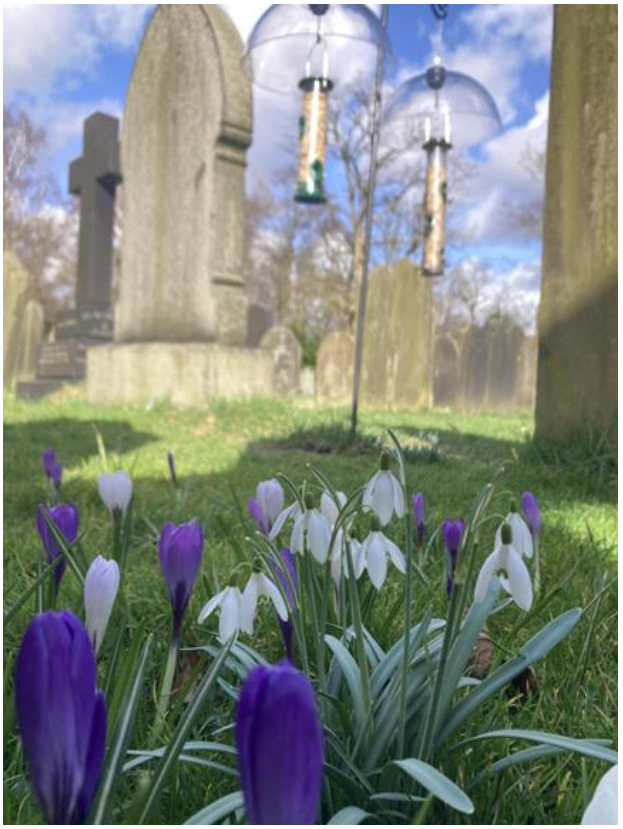
Children meeting the Police during aspirations work

'Learning through fun, faith and friendship'

'Let your light shine for others to see' Matthew 5 14-15

Sustainability / Eco Church

We were pleased to report at the end of 2024 we achieved the accreditation level of Silver. This was thanks to lots of incremental actions by lots of people. Chester Diocese is now encouraging a network of ecochurches, to share experiences and learn from each other.
Our Birdwatch at the start of the year recorded a gratifying increase in species. Generally, we find woodland rather than garden birds in the churchyard. Terry, a local birdwatcher, very helpfully guided us in finding and identifying the birds that landed to enjoy the food in our increasing number of feeders. Thank you to everyone who quietly donated feeders and nestboxes. Thank you also to the volunteers who kept the feeders topped up throughout the year.
St Wilfrid's Primary School beekeepers had a very successful first year of operation in the churchyard. The nectar that their bees collected from all our flowers made a wonderfully flavoursome honey, which was on sale at the Christmas Fair.
Dan Needham has continued to look after our churchyard in a sympathetic manner. A range of volunteers have given their support to making our grounds an attractive venue for both people and wildlife. The new water butt captures rainwater from the Tower roof and makes it available for watering flowerbeds and to help people who wish to water flowers that they are placing on a grave.
Ian and I took part in the Summer Fair, where our tent got quite a lot of visitors. We built links with Parish Councillors, Cub Scout leaders and various people from the school, who all looked in to see what we were exhibiting about biodiversity.
Both the Ministry team and the Flower team created a very memorable Harvest Service, where we were reminded of the good things all around us that come from heaven above. The video of a local farmer harvesting his crop brought it home to us all, that we rely on farmers doing God's work to bring us our daily bread. The farmer's children certainly enjoyed recognising their Dad on our big screens.
The regular monthly column in the Church Magazine has been enjoyed as a way of learning a little more about how we can improve our stewardship of the Earth. At a time when misinformation can spread so easily, it is good to open our eyes to see for ourselves what is happening around us, and what we can do to make it a better place.



Jenny Pearce

Parish Centre

The total income for the Parish Centre in 2024 was £23,128, an increase of just under £1000 on 2023. We lost one of our regular hirers due to a downturn in their business but we took on two new weekly hirers. We also decreased our expenses by £3800 compared to the year before.



One of our long-term hirers at the hall

The ground at the back of the car park has been earmarked for wildflower planting and a bug hotel has been installed. New security lighting was installed outside the Parish Centre to increase visibility for those hirers leaving the hall after dark.
The Christmas Market, held inside the large room as part of the Christmas Fayre was a success. Traders have enquired about other events taking part through the year. It has been suggested that we should look at using the large room and meeting room on a Saturday, quarterly, to hold an artisan farmers market.



A children's party being held at the hall



The Christmas market held in December

The hall continues to be a popular venue for children's parties with many families from the school using the space to host their celebrations.

SAFEGUARDING

Stacey Davidson took up the role of PSO in July 2024 but stepped down and Alison Collins took over the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer in January 2025. She and various clergy and bell ringing teachers have recently completed safeguarding leadership training. Additionally, all PCC members are mandated to undertake safeguarding training.

Parish Safeguarding Officers (PSOs) play a vital role in ensuring that churches are safe, inclusive spaces for everyone. They act as the key link between the parish and the diocese on safeguarding matters, helping to implement policies and best practices at the local level. Their responsibilities include:

- Supporting the Parochial Church Council (PCC) in fulfilling its safeguarding duties.
- Ensuring that all church activities involving children and vulnerable adults are conducted safely.
- Facilitating safeguarding training for staff and volunteers.
- Responding to safeguarding concerns and liaising with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team when necessary.

This role is both proactive—promoting a culture of safety—and responsive, addressing specific concerns as they arise. It's a cornerstone of fostering trust and well-being within church communities.

If anybody wishes to make contact to discuss issues of concern, in the strictest of confidence, there are several alternative ways to consider:

1. making contact via the Church Office to ask for a PSO referral,
2. by speaking to a member of the ministry team, and
3. via a dedicated email address that is regularly monitored by the PSO, it is: Safeguardingstwilfrids0405@btinternet.com

Alison Collins
Parish Safeguarding Officer



Music at St Wilfrid's

Church Choir

2024 has been an interesting year as the choir has been able to offer music to accompany the liturgy and of course lead the worship hymns. A big thank you to Gill and the worship team during the interregnum. We are looking forward to the start of the new incumbent and hope for a broader selection of music for worship.
The church musicians' concert for Janes' last week at St Wilfrid's was very well attended and included all sections of musicians including the bell ringers. It would be good to maintain this as a sharing of our musical talent here at St Wilfrid's when the diary allows.
A disappointing report from the Organ builders has highlighted a major repair and maintenance issue with the organ over baptistry, the cost of which is huge. In due course some major decisions will have to be made as to the fate of the instrument.
The choir continue to meet weekly and lead our Sunday services alongside the other musicians.

Guy Pomfret, Organist and Musical Director



Phil and I have enjoyed contributing to the music at St Wilfrid's again this year. We have been able to introduce some different songs into our worship as well as accompanying the congregation for the more traditional hymns. We generally play for the Family Praise services and really love being able to add to the joyful atmosphere of these services.



One highlight of the year was playing for the dawn watch on Easter Sunday - it's such a special way to celebrate the day. Although we have had a little break for the past couple of months, we are looking forward to playing again very soon!

Helen & Phil

Nikki and I have been privileged once again to be able to contribute to the music programme for the church throughout this past year.
Family communion and family praise have been our most frequent services. To be able to choose music that complements the different types of worship has been so rewarding, ranging from solemn to reflective, to quite jazzy at times. Our favourite services remain the same. Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and the Longest night service. These are beautiful services, and we love being a part of them.

Pip & Nikki

Christening Team

"We had the most wonderful day celebrating the christening of our special boy Ronnie. The church was beautiful and the service was absolutely lovely. We are so thrilled to be welcomed into such a lovely church community."
"What a beautiful service, Christina really enjoyed her special day. Everyone was very proud to see her become part of the Christian faith. Thank you all for welcoming our family and friends and making her day as wonderful as she is to all of us."
Christenings are always joyful services and for the 31 babies and children baptised at St Wilfrid's in 2024, and for their families and friends, they were indeed very special occasions.

Prior to the Christenings, the monthly Christening Preparation evenings provided an opportunity for parents to think about why they wanted their children to be baptised, to look at the Christening service, to meet members of the Christening team and talk to other families whose children were also being baptised at St Wilfrid's.

Gill's work as Parish Administrator meant that she handled all Christening requests and arrangements and ensured that all went smoothly. Screening of the service meant Linda continued her sterling work on "console duty" and Phil made sure there was water in the font and anointing oil on the lectern. Carolyn and I continued to welcome families to the service, read the Bible passage and lead the prayers. And thanks go to Rev'd Kate, Rev'd Anita and Rev'd Keith for officiating after Rev'd Jane's promotion. After the service families were invited to send a photo of their child's christening and write a few words for inclusion in the parish magazine and we're delighted that there was a good response in 2024. Those who had been baptised in 2023 received a specially designed card on the first anniversary of their christening and were invited back to church for Family Praise when they were named in the intercessions.



As always, those to be christened were named in the intercessions for that particular Sunday. And our prayer, both throughout 2024 and now is that with the support and encouragement of our church family, these children continue to grow in faith.

Chris Hunter

Grants and Facilities

The primary project in 2024 was replacement of the Church heating boiler and associated safety works. Chester Diocese's heating advisor raised multiple objections to St Wilfrid's replacing our 30 and 20+ year old gas boilers with a single, more efficient gas boiler. It was eventually agreed, following advice from Manchester Diocese's heating advisor, that we can move to a hybrid heating system of electrically powered heating working with gas powered heating, to provide a satisfactory level of affordable heating, even on very cold days. Full implementation of the electrical elements awaits resolution of supply and funding issues. The new boiler is now installed, and we expect to see a significant reduction in gas usage and costs for Church heating.

Our other project, to reduce our now doubled energy bills, was to implement LED lighting to replace the over 30 years old halogen lights. This should save thousands of pounds on electrical charges, as some lights need to be on every day for at least 7 hours to enable people to safely visit the building.

Most grant funders will not even consider applications until all of the approvals such as Planning Permission and Faculty have been achieved. The protracted delays, of nearly a year, that we experienced in getting faculty approval for the heating boiler replacement, seriously reduced our grant applications in 2024.

We did receive funding of £1,750 from Benefact for the heating project. An application to the Co-op Community fund for promotion of biodiversity in the Churchyard was also successful and we have been promised at least £500 in both March and October. HM Government has recently announced that it plans to cease refunding VAT under the Listed Places of Worship grant scheme on or before March 2026. These VAT refunds have been very valuable to St Wilfrid's, over £5,000 in 2024, so we must plan to complete as much as possible of priority building improvements before this capped funding support is withdrawn.

Jenny Pearce



Easter Celebrations

Women's Group



St Wilfrid's Women's Group continues to flourish with a slightly increased membership and with attendance at most meetings often over 30. Our current membership stands at 50 and afternoon meetings seem popular with the Group.

2024 saw us change our venue for our Annual Lunch to Lymm Golf Club - we were delighted with both the welcome, the food and the venue.

We had talks on a variety of topics including Creamfields, the first Mersey Road Tunnel and an outing to Trentham Gardens.

We reconvened in September with Holy Communion and our AGM. October and November saw us welcome Margaret Holbrook with her talk on English Fairy Tales and then an intriguing demonstration by Tigermuffin Soaps. 2024 drew to a close with our Christmas get together - this year David Hearn entertained us with a talk on Christmas around the World and he brought homemade panforte which went down well as did the mince pies, mulled wine, snacks and chocolates!!

Barbara Wild

St Wilfrid's Friendship Group

St Wilfrid's church Friendship group is a lively, supportive group of people who meet monthly for lunch. This group has evolved from the original bereavement support group. As Margaret Kitchen, the Pastoral Care worker for our church, has now developed a Bereavement cafe for recently bereaved people we have continued as a Friendship group for anyone who shows an interest after attending the Bereavement cafe or anyone who finds themselves on their own for various reasons.

We meet on the fourth Thursday of every month, 12 midday for lunch at the Rams Head in Grappenhall village. There is usually about 12 people who come along and there is no need to book.

Thanks to our church for their support and to Margaret who is always there for any advice and support.

If you wish to know more about our group, please contact the church office.

Group organiser

Carol Harrison

BELLRINGERS

The bells were rung for 55 services during 2024 with just 3 occasions when 10 bells were not rung. This is better than last year mainly due to 3 learners graduating to Sunday Service ringing and 3 ready-made ringers joining us. We now have approximately 20 ringers available for Sunday ringing and a few more for practice nights. The tower is always pretty busy, and it keeps our Ringing Master (Nick Thomson) very busy trying to cope with the varied experience levels and giving everyone a fair crack at the whip on the end of a rope in the short time we have available for practice. Emily Cross, one of our young ringers, was crowned Rose Queen for 2024 and a Quarter peal was rung to celebrate the occasion.

Our new bells (if 5 years old is still new) still attract visitors on a practice night and we usually welcome between 2 and 4 visitors each week. Some of these visitors help our band to make progress with our 10 bell ringing repertoire. We have also welcomed visiting bands coming to ring socially (usually for up to an hours ringing), or to ring Quarter Peals (QPs) (45mins of continuous ringing) or even full Peals (3hrs of continuous ringing). There were 38 QPs rung in 2024, mostly by the local band. Nick Thomson rang 152 QPs in 2024 (on both tower bells and hand bells) making him joint 31st leading QP ringer in the country (I think that should be world). 9 Full Peals were rung, mostly by visiting ringers, although a couple of our band did take part in the odd one.

Stockton Heath still benefit from our ringers strengthening their band for both Sunday Service and practice night ringing. Stretton also benefit from our ringers helping out on some practice nights. Nick arranges special practices there once a month aimed at helping to progress less experienced ringers in basic method ringing. This benefits Stretton, Stockton Heath and Grappenhall bands who attend in both learner and helper roles. QPs are also arranged there, some for Stretton ringers and some for our ringers and friends to stretch their abilities. Hand bell ringing is regularly practiced by some of our band and resulted in a performance at the Music Festival held for Rev'd Jane's leaving. Tower events are regularly reported in the Parish Magazine under the title Up the Spiral Staircase penned by Nick. We hosted the Chester Guild AGM in May, the service being conducted by our curate, the Rev'd Kate Pwaisiho.



BELLRINGERS

A band was entered in the Mid Branch 6-bell Striking Competition held at Stretton and were placed 1st, this meant we represented Mid Branch in the Chester Guild comp held at Disley, were we again triumphed. 4 of our band represented Mid Branch in the Guild 8-bell competition held at Daresbury, the band being placed 1st, and 3 of our band represented Mid in the Guild 10-bell competition held at Oxton and were placed 1st. Thus, all 3 trophies resided in Grappenhall tower for part of 2024.

If anyone would like to come and see us ringing and see the new bells, please get in touch with us. New ringers would be most welcome to come and help us keep St Wilfrid's loudest voice heard across the parish.
No experience necessary as training will be given.



Mike Thomson
Tower Captain

Pre-School Praise

Pre-school Praise is held every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. We have songs, stories, craft and snacks and lots of fun. Our services have been led by Rev Jane, Gill, or Rev Kate. We were sad to say goodbye to Reverand Jane but she left with a beautiful leaving card from all the children and our love and best wishes.
During the past year we have thanked God for Eyes, Books, Autumn, Bread, Harvest, Trees ,Friends ,Little Creatures, Rain, Peace, Baby Jesus, Frost and Snow, Pancakes, our Mums and Easter. We enjoyed our Christmas party where we had snacks and lots of fun!
The children this year are quite young, ranging from new babies to 4 year olds. Our numbers are steadily growing and we appreciate the help that the parents, grandparents and carers give us.
The highlight of the year was the graduation service, held in July before the whole congregation on a Sunday morning , when we present the children who are moving on to school with a memorable book and our very best wishes and prayers. The children really enjoyed singing their special songs for everyone!
Pre-school Praise is a great way to introduce little children to God, Jesus and our church family!

Anne Young & Gill White

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

St. Wilfrid has been utilizing ‘The Chosen Series’ as a form of Bible study for our congregation. It has been a wonderful experience to watch each episode together with fellow members of the church community, followed by enriching discussions.

This format has allowed for meaningful fellowship and deeper connections as we explore the life of Jesus.

Held on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the church annex, participants have had the opportunity to deeply engage with the key themes and characters through this Bible study series.
The study focuses on Jesus' call to His disciples, His miraculous works, His compassion, and the radical transformation He offers to all who follow Him.

Each session blends key teachings from Scripture with insights drawn from the episodes, providing a holistic experience that encourages personal growth, understanding, and a closer relationship with Christ. The conversations sparked by the episodes have allowed participants to reflect on their own faith journeys and have fostered a deeper appreciation for the teachings of Jesus.

Rev’d Kate Pwaisiho

FOODBANK

It has been a very challenging year for Foodbank. They have more demands on their food supplies than ever. There was a point earlier in the year when shelves in their warehouse which previously had always been full were starting to look empty. The support of our congregation and local community has been outstanding. Especially in the present economic when all households have their own pressures on their finances. We have had two main Foodbank services where this generosity has been seen. One being our Harvest service and the other being specifically a Foodbank service in November. At the November service we collected more Christmas based food items. I, on behalf of this very worthwhile charity, say thank you to all who keep Foodbank in their thoughts when shopping.



Linda Stockton

ADMIN TEAM

2024 has been a challenging year in the church office. The beginning of the year heralded news of Rev'd Jane's appointment as the Archdeacon of Macclesfield. The church office was a hive of activity as we transitioned from supporting the Rector to taking on extra roles to cover the vacancy once Jane left our midst.
I am very fortunate in having 3 volunteers who assist me, sharing the highs and lows of parish life, amongst the fundraising preparation and seasonal liturgy and resources and general parish ministry. They willingly take on any pressing task, with love and enthusiasm for which I appreciated greatly.
I cannot thank them enough for their time, support and dedication in helping the Church Office run smoothy as we continue to serve, managing phone calls and direct enquiries.

Gill White, Church Administrator *along with our regular volunteers*
Margaret Hale, Eileen Waddell, and Ken *Southward.*

PRAYER FRIENDS

"Pray for one another, so that you may be healed". James 5:16
"Pray without ceasing". 1 Thessalonians 5:17

And that is what Prayer Friends have been doing throughout 2024.

Prayer Friends are members of St Wilfrid's congregation who pray regularly and faithfully for those who have asked for our prayers for any reason whatsoever. All information is given in strict confidence and remains confidential.

Throughout 2024 we have continued to receive many requests, either personally or through St Wilfrid's Church website, from people facing health concerns or who are troubled or anxious for themselves or a loved one. Many people also left requests on the prayer tree and in the little books at the back of church as they came to light a candle for a loved one or themselves and these requests were offered on their behalf at Monday Morning Prayer.
We met together in the spring and autumn of 2024 to give thanks to each other and to God for our Prayer Friends' continued support.



If you feel that God is calling you to share in this particular prayer ministry then please do get in touch with myself, Margaret Kitchen or Gill at the Parish Office.

Chris Hunter

MAGAZINE

2024 The magazine, continues to give regular seasonally appropriate articles and contributions from our community groups, along with our regular features. Our Ministry Team kindly took on the 'Rector's letter' page after Rev'd Jane moved on to her new role, giving us a variety of different reflections to lead us seasonally through the year.



We have lost a few of our regular advertisers but have gained new ones over the course of the year and continue to encourage local businesses to contribute.

New regular contributors are encouraged and welcomed to add to our monthly updates.

Gill White



Confirmation June 2024

FLOWER TEAM

As always our talented flower team have produced some beautiful arrangements to celebrate the various ecumenical seasons of the year.

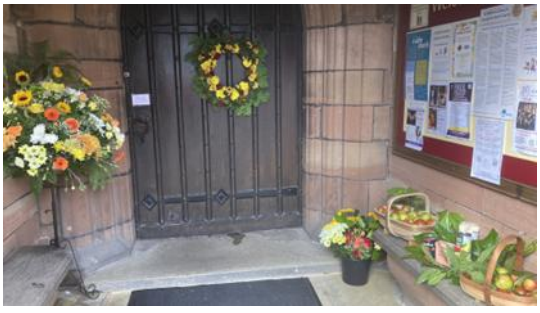
Our flower team now consists of 10 regular members and Diane, who is a neighbour of Anne Ongley's, who will help us out on the big festivals of Easter, Harvest, Remembrance Sunday, and Christmas. Heather has recruited her daughter Emily to assist her as Jackie Acton had to step down due to family commitments. We work in pairs and so consequently decorate the church once every 5 weeks. On Mothering Sunday primrose plants were distributed by the Rose Queen, our Village Prince and their retinues to all the ladies in the congregation.

In April we were delighted to decorate the church to celebrate the promotion of our dear Reverand Jane who became the Archdeacon of Macclesfield. Although we will all miss her we wish her well in her new post.

Harvest time food was collected and donated to the Warrington Food bank and the team decorated the window ledges with flowers and food gifts which were taken to members of the community that were housebound, sick or bereaved. For Remembrance Sunday members of our team decorated the Church and a large cross was placed outside to be decorated with poppies. At Christmas time the usual 50 wreaths were decorated and sold to raise church funds by the team. The team decorated the church with seasonal arrangements of red gold and white flowers and the tree was lit up to add the final touch.

We are a friendly group of ladies who take pleasure in having the privilege and enthusiasm to enhance our beautiful church. We would welcome any new recruits –no experience necessary! Please contact Gill or any member of the flower team.

Anne Young
Flower Team Co-ordinator





GOD'S GARDENERS

This has been a challenging year for gardeners with such inclement weather but with such a committed team we have continued to keep the Peace Garden and Remembrance Garden tidy and have been able to create new borders. The border under the tower at the front of church is looking good now, as the flowering shrubs are settling in nicely.

Dan has been contracted to work in the church yard, cutting the grass and general maintenance so it is great working with him. He is doing a fantastic job which makes our gardening much easier with everyone having the same idea of working towards biodiversity and looking to encourage the birds, butterflies 🦋 and bees 🐝. Dan has produced some great compost which has been spread over our beds and borders.

Jenny who is the church Eco Leader has also been sharing her ideas. Jenny has been successful in raising funds for our team through the Co -op's fundraising scheme which has enabled us to purchase a second water butt.

The gardening team is small but dedicated, everyone's ideas and the work they do is valued. We really appreciate the positive comments from folks walking through the church yard and from our church family. Also, thanks to Barbara Stewart who has taken overlooking after the bird feeders and putting up bird houses around the church yard. At the Big bird watch amongst other birds a tree creeper was spotted.

As we go forward into the new year it's great to work together with Dan, Jenny and also Sarah who helps and support us in looking after the land at the rear of the Parish Centre. Can we also say thank you to the people who tend their loved one's graves and do some tidying up, every little job is appreciated in making our church grounds a place of sanctuary and peace, to be able to think of lost loved ones or just walk through or sit and immerse yourself in God's creation. Nature is a wonderful healer. The early spring flowers snowdrops, crocuses and daffodils looking delightful.

Lastly thank you to the PCC for their ongoing support.

If anyone is interested in helping out please get in touch with the church office for details.

Carol Harrison & God's Gardeners



Fair Trade Stall

Fairly traded goods provide a fair price to poorer communities in the developing world, the income from sales helping to support those communities with education provision and healthcare. We see it as part of our Christian life to support Warrington's status as a Fair-Trade town by organising a Fair-Trade stall most Sundays of the year after the 10:00 service. The stall always attracts attention and during 2024 we sold over £1,000 of goods, including tea, coffee, chocolate and a variety of jams, honey and savoury sauces. Easter Eggs and Advent Calendars were popular items again and the stall offered the opportunity to buy a variety of Christian Christmas and Easter cards.
We would like to thank everyone who has supported us by buying from the stall or from the Warrington Fair4All stall in the market which supplies all our stock. If anyone would like to join us in running the stall on an occasional basis, please do let us know.

The Williams family





All out for Love

The "All Out for Love" evening was held in February for nine couples who were to be married at St Wilfrid's in 2024. As always, this was a wonderful evening of fellowship, celebration and practical support where the nine couples could meet each other and their wedding coordinators over a glass of fizz and a light supper. In a more practical part of the evening, they sat together with their wedding coordinator to fill in the paperwork, talk about plans and get any help they need on readings, music or flowers. Rev'd Jane took them through the wedding service and explained what it is to be married in the sight of God. The evening ended in a very special event in church where each couple lit a candle with their names on. The candle was kept in church until their wedding day when it was lit again during the service as a symbol of two lives becoming one.

BRIDGEWATER CHURCHES TOGETHER (BCT)

St Wilfrid's is a member of BCT, an umbrella group of churches of all denominations in the local area. There are 4 Ecumenical Services held throughout the year when each church takes a turn to host. These are the Week of Christian Unity held in January, Good Friday (an open-air service held on Victoria Square in Stockton Heath) which in 2024 was led by Rev'd Jane and St Wilfrid's Ministry Team. Due to the closeness of dates, the Christian Aid and Pentecost service was combined and held at Hill Cliffe Baptist Church. In addition, there is also a Christmas Carol Service held in St Thomas' Church, led by a different church each year and last Christmas it was the turn of Stockton Heath Methodist and Rev'd Jerey Tresise.

St Thomas held an 80th D-Day Commemoration on Thursday 6th June at the War Memorial followed by a service in the Church. There was also a Songs of Praise held in St Thomas's Church as part of Stockton Heath Festival

Stockton Heath Methodist Church held a Peace Vigil for Israel and Palestine on Saturday 12th October 10am-12noon when people could drop in any time..
St Matthew's Church, Stretton held a service for World Mental Health Day for Gt Budworth Deanery on Thursday 10th October.

During the year, changes in clergy took place - Rev Gill Younger retired from All Saints, Daresbury and Rev'd Stuart McPhail left Hill Cliffe Baptist Church to go to a church in Partington.

Each church makes a small annual financial contribution to BCT, and collections taken at Ecumenical Services are usually donated to local charities ie Warrington Foodbank, St Joseph's Centre and Christian Aid. BCT supports the Creamfields Festival and Broomfields Youth Project who work along side the High School. BYP meet in "The Shack", a building on the Broomfields School site which serves a great demand, especially on Friday nights and due to the high attendance, they are looking for funding to add a second floor to the building.

Marjorie Cassin - Hon Sec

CHURCHES TOGETHER

DEANERY SYNOD

We are part of the Great Budworth Deanery, and contribute to the Great Budworth Deanery Synod.

The Deanery Synod is made up of representatives of each parish. Lay members are elected at Annual Parochial Church Meetings, and all clergy members licensed to work in the deanery are also members. The synod discusses issues that affect the deanery, looks to encourage connectedness and community among the parishes, and promotes the church's mission in the deanery. It acts as an intermediary between the PCCs and the Diocesan Synod, and elects representatives to the Diocesan Synod and General Synod.
There were three Deanery Synod meetings in 2024. Prior to the first meeting Revd Jane relinquished her role of Rural Dean as a result of her promotion to Archdeacon of Macclesfield. Rev Bev Jameson from St Mary's Lymm was Acting Rural Dean for the first meeting, and confirmed in role subsequently.

- The March 2024 meeting was at Christ Church, Latchford. The main business of the meeting was a presentation by Jon Pocock, who has been appointed as "Strategic Programme Director" of the Diocese. Since then, he has set up Four Working groups to develop strategy in defined areas and launch projects. Some of these projects are now running, but in the meantime, Churches are encouraged to develop their own initiatives.

- The July 2024 meeting was held at St. Thomas's, Stockton Heath There was no external speaker. Instead, the meeting largely consisted of updates on various initiatives and a report from the Rural Dean.

- October's meeting was at St Matthew's Stretton. There was no external speaker. The Rural Dean's report was mainly about pressures caused by vacancies in the Deanery. The meeting then broke into group working to discuss ways of meeting the challenges this caused, and the discussions captured good practices and possible ways to help Churches through these times.

Geraint Williams

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St Wilfrid's Church Income Annual Summary MFA 2024

MF, MFA Income Nominal Cod	MFA Income Description	2022	2023	2024
Tax Efficient Giving		£69,658	£70,006	£61,861
0101	Bank - Gift Aid	£46,162	£49,904	£52,773
0105	Donation - Annexe	£10,400	£15,500	£5,000
0201	Envelopes - Gift Aid	£11,280	£3,366	£2,580
0203	Envelopes - Gift Aid - Baptism	£1,817	£380	£910
0204	Envelopes - Gift Aid Flowers			£180
0301	Loose Plate Collections - Sumup - Gift Aid		£857	£418
Other Planned Giving (Non Gift Aid)		£4,175	£10,595	£9,826
0102	Bank - Non-Gift Aid	£2,931	£8,641	£9,311
0202	Envelopes - Non-Gift Aid	£1,174	£1,899	£456
0205	Friends of St Wilfrid's	£70	£55	£60
Collections At Services		£12,864	£12,271	£10,767
0302	Loose Plate Collections - Sumup		£6,282	£5,477
0303	Loose Plate Collections - Service	£12,864	£5,989	£5,290
All Other Giving (Recurring And One Off)		£13,720	£10,414	£10,279
0103	Donations, Appeals etc	£7,906	£3,700	£173
0104	Donations - Special Collections	£2,400	£1,900	£1,550
0401	Gift days - Children's Society	£1,131		£708
0402	Gift days - Christian Aid		£1,542	£583
0403	Gift days - Christingle	£533		£30
0404	Gift days - Creamfields	£2,173	£8,310	£540
0451	Giving - Church boxes	£1,336	£1,250	£1,316
0452	Giving - Coffee	£294	£1,506	£1,369
0453	Giving - Churchyard Donations	£2,776	£1,810	£1,531
0454	Giving - Flower donations	£1,170	£895	£840
0901	Project - Church Extension Annexe	-£6,000	-£10,500	£2,000
0904	Project - Lighting			-£360
Gift Aid Recovered		£16,806	£15,119	£13,967
1101	Tax Recoverable - Gift Aid	£14,568	£15,119	£13,967
1102	Tax Recoverable - VAT	£2,238		
Legacies Received (Capital Value)		£1,000	£1,000	£52,701
Grants (Recurring And One Off)		£33,893	£3,962	£7,297
0651	Grants - Recovering & LPW	£33,893	£2,945	£5,547
0652	Grants - Non-recovering & One-off		£1,017	£1,750
Activities For Generating Funds		£18,720	£23,514	£30,213
0501	Events - Christmas Fayre	£12,948	£13,369	£9,629
0502	Events - Annexe & Church	£1,249	£773	
0503	Events - General	£4,523	£3,567	£15,066
0504	Events - Harvest Supper		£929	£958
0505	Events - Walking Day		£4,876	£4,560
Income From Investments		£1,493	£771	£4,295
0751	Dividend - CCLA	£837	£771	£1,867
0752	Interest - CCLA	£656		£2,429
Church Activities - Statutory Fees		£28,660	£27,003	£35,889
0601	Fees received - Weddings	£8,180	£1,352	£4,680
0602	Fees received - Funerals	£20,481	£12,553	£21,075
0603	Fees received - Other		£13,098	£10,134
Church Activities - Gross Income From Trading		£22,888	£25,598	£22,260
0701	Hire, Lettings - Annexe	£220	£330	£250
0702	Hire, Lettings - Parish Centre	£19,425	£22,150	£18,684
0851	Magazine Income - Advertising	£480	£170	£534
0852	Magazine Income - Sales	£2,680	£2,816	£2,792
0853	Book Stall Sales	£83	£132	
Other Incoming Resources				£581
0753	Insurance claims			£581
		£223,878	**£200,254**	**£259,936**

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St Wilfrid's Church Expenditure Annual Summary MFA

MFA Ex	MFA Non	MFA Expenditure Description	2022	2023	2024
Fund Raising Activities (Costs And Payments)			£8,153	£16,606	£17,199
	1610	Events - Annexe	£805		
	1620	Events - Christmas Fayre	£3,238	£10,613	£8,922
	1630	Events - Harvest Supper		£420	
	1640	Events - General	£4,004	£4,047	£8,277
	1650	Events - Walking Day	£106	£1,526	
Church Activities-Mission Giving And Donations			£4,144	£11,462	£4,244
	1810	Giving - Missionary Societies		£500	
	1820	Giving - Home Missions	£292	£5,038	£240
	1835	Giving - British Legion			-£237
	1840	Giving - Children'S Society	£1,141	£4	£5
	1850	Giving - Christian Aid		£835	£525
	1860	Giving - Christingle		£35	
	1870	Giving - Creamfields	£2,712	£5,051	£3,711
Church Activities-Diocesan Parish Share Contribution			£76,302	£78,591	£82,520
	2400	Parish Share - Ministry	£76,302	£78,591	£82,520
Church Activities-Salaries, Wages And Honoria			£11,686	£12,118	£18,226
	2305	Church Running Costs - Administrator	£11,686	£12,118	£13,259
	2505	Parish Centre - Administrator			£4,967
Church Activities-Clergy And Staff Expenses			£7,343	£11,540	£12,169
	2020	Curacy - Council Tax			£2,202
	2030	Curacy - House Expenses		£6,998	£9,000
	2040	Curacy - Water Rates		£81	£300
	2120	Rectory - Council Tax	£2,443	£2,544	£350
	2130	Rectory - House Expenses	£2,680	£465	£638
	2140	Rectory - Water Rates	£777	£887	£314
	2150	Rector - Working Expenses	£1,443	£565	£1,197
	2170	Rectory - Recharge To Chester			-£1,832
Church Expenses-Mission And Evangelical Costs			£8,377	£6,628	£10,952
	1730	Dbf Fees Paid To Chester	£8,075	£4,133	£6,030
	1765	Pastoral Support			£125
	1780	Training & Mission	£69	£940	£1,080
	1790	Visiting Speakers/Locums	£233	£1,555	£3,716
Church Expenses-Church Running Expenses			£43,121	£34,022	£34,399
	1710	Bank Charges	£688	£691	£993
	1720	Book Costs	£127		
	1740	Flower Fund	£1,822	£1,300	£1,550
	1760	Church - Magazine Expenses	£804	£1,112	
	1770	Printing & Postage	£2,786	£2,046	£2,679
	2210	Church Organ - Fees	£3,306	£2,418	£2,726
	2220	Church Organ/Piano - Tuning	£504	£804	£576
	2310	Church Running Costs - Cleaning	£1,972	£1,416	£793
	2320	Church Running Costs - Insurance	£5,173	£5,885	£6,618
	2330	Church Running Costs - Maintenance	£5,692	£2,377	£2,913
	2350	Church Running Costs - Other General	£7,368	£6,186	£5,384
	2355	Church Running Costs - Telephone	£1,904	£1,888	£1,131
	2360	Church Running Costs - Upkeep Of Services	£4,802	£2,655	£2,971
	2380	Churchyard Maintenance	£6,174	£5,243	£6,065
Church Expenses-Church Utility Bills			£11,058	£7,752	£14,678
	2315	Church Running Costs - Electricity & Gas	£9,328	£6,316	£10,851

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Fund Raising Activities (Costs And Payments)			£8,153	£16,606	£17,199
Churc	2515	Parish Centre - Electricity & Gas	£1,730	£1,435	£3,828
Church Expenses-Cost Of Trading			£10,153	£12,663	£6,467
	2510	Parish Centre - Cleaning	£1,436	£1,379	£700
	2520	Parish Centre - Insurance	£2,023	£1,962	£1,655
	2530	Parish Centre - Maintenance	£2,424	£3,491	£1,484
	2540	Parish Centre - Minor Repairs	£4,032	£4,974	£1,850
	2550	Parish Centre - Other General	-£697	£150	£186
	2560	Parish Centre - Trading	£531		
	2570	Parish Centre - Water Rates	£404	£708	£593
Major Capital Expenditure To Church Buildings			£30,358	£6,894	£17,550
	2720	Church Major Repairs - Project & Maintenance	£30,358	£6,894	£17,550
Major Capital Expenditure - Redecoration			£19		£3,810
	2810	Church Interior And Exterior - Decoration	£19		£3,810
			£210,714	**£198,275**	**£222,214**

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St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall 2024

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024	2023	2022
INVESTMENTS			
Valuation of Investment at Original Cost	**72,916**	**32,916**	**32,916**
Market Value:			
CBF Investment Fund - 3,414.0792 shares @ 23.1227 (78,942.73)			
Central Board of Finance Deposits			
Deposit Fund	26,478	47,679	30,848
Friends of St Wilfrid's			0
Church Annexe Project Fund	23,219	12,219	7,914
	49,697	**59,898**	**38,762**
Cash At Bank			
Natwest - Balance as at 31 December	13,156	5,234	22,505
TOTAL ASSETS	**135,770**	**98,048**	**94,183**
REPRESENTED BY			
Income & Expenditure Balance b/fwd	98,048	94,183	81,019
Excess Income over Expenditure in year-Deficit	37,722	3,865	13,164
	135,770	**98,048**	**94,183**

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St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall 2024

Statement of Funds

Item Description Closing Balance as at 31 December		2024 Closing Balance	2023 Closing Balance	2022 Closing Balance
Unrestricted Funds				
Natwest Bank - Stockton Heath		**13,156.35**	**5,233.97**	**22,505.33**
CCLA - London				
Deposit Fund		26,478.30	47,678.28	30,847.39
Friends of St Wilfrid's Church				0.00
Church Building Project Fund		23,219.03	12,219.03	7,914.37
Sub-Total CCLA Funds		**49,697.33**	**59,897.31**	**38,761.76**
Total - Cash Funds		**62,853.68**	**65,131.28**	**61,267.09**
Investments Shares - as at 31 December				
CBF Investment Fund	*No. of shares*	*3,414.08*	*1,648.41*	*1,648.41*
	MV per share (£)	*23.1227*	*22.6053*	*20.6614*
	Valuation	**78,942.73**	**37,262.80**	**34,058.46**
CBF Fixed Interest Fund	*No. of shares*	0.00	0.00	*0.00*
	MV per share (£)	0.00	0.00	*20.6614*
	Valuation	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Value of Investments		**78,942.73**	**37,262.80**	**34,058.46**
Total Funds Held		**141,796.41**	**102,394.08**	**95,325.55**

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St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall

Cashflow Statement 2024

Year	Month	Month Name	Sum of Receipts Value	Sum of Payments Value	Sum of Transfers Value	Monthly movements and Account Balance	Bank Balance
	12	December	£28,560.37	£17,375.00	-£13,000.00	-£1,814.63	£5,233.97
2023 Total			**£200,253.53**	**£198,274.89**	**-£19,250.00**	**-£17,271.36**	
2024	1	January	£17,630.96	£15,514.65		£2,116.31	£7,350.28
	2	February	£68,931.54	£19,343.44	-£51,000.00	-£1,411.90	£5,938.38
	3	March	£9,890.84	£17,360.85	£10,000.00	£2,529.99	£8,468.37
	4	April	£19,144.52	£15,039.95		£4,104.57	£12,572.94
	5	May	£15,104.56	£19,583.36		-£4,478.80	£8,094.14
	6	June	£25,896.86	£22,561.17		£3,335.69	£11,429.83
	7	July	£16,925.27	£15,432.83		£1,492.44	£12,922.27
	8	August	£8,917.88	£15,192.70		-£6,274.82	£6,647.45
	9	September	£11,982.57	£14,232.59	£10,000.00	£7,749.98	£14,397.43
	10	October	£11,434.91	£13,665.29		-£2,230.38	£12,167.05
	11	November	£31,865.69	£27,724.36	-£10,800.00	-£6,658.67	£5,508.38
	12	December	£22,210.46	£26,562.49	£12,000.00	£7,647.97	£13,156.35
2024 Total			**£259,936.06**	**£222,213.68**	**-£29,800.00**	**£7,922.38**	

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Return of Parish Finance

January to December 2024

Parish code (6 digits):	590069	If the form is NOT completed on behalf of the entire parish, please list below the churches included:	Deanery: Great Budworth
Parish name:	St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall	Grappenhall; St Wilfrid's (609069) - 0405	Diocese: Chester

	INCOMING RESOURCES	UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)
	Voluntary income/ receipts		
1	Tax efficient planned giving	£61,861	
2	Other Planned Giving (Non Gift Aid)	£9,826	
3	Collections at services	£10,767	
4	All Other Giving (Recurring And One Off)	£10,279	
6	Gift Aid recovered	£13,967	
7	Legacies received (capital value)	£52,701	
8	Grants (include recurring and one-off)	£7,297	
	TOTAL Voluntary income:	**£ 166,699**	
	Activities for generating funds		
9	Gross income from fundraising activities	£30,213	
	Income from investments		
10	Dividends, interest, income from property etc.	£4,295	
	Church activities		
11	etc)	£35,889	
12	Gross income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine,	£22,260	
	Other incoming resources		
13	Any other income/ receipts not already listed	£581	

	RESOURCES EXPENDED	UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)
	Costs of generating income		
17	Fund-Raising Activites (Costs and Payments)	£17,199	
	Church activities		
18	Mission Giving and Donations	£4,244	
19	Diocesan Parish Share Contribution	£82,520	
20	Salaries, Wages and Honoria	£18,226	
21	Clergy and staff expenses	£12,169	
	Church expenses		
22	Mission and evangelism costs	£10,952	
23	Church running expenses	£34,399	
24	Church utility bills	£14,678	
25	Cost of trading	£6,467	
	Major capital expenditure		
27	Major repairs to the church building	£17,550	
28	Major repairs to church hall or other PCC property, including	£3,810	
29	New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing	£0	
	SUB-TOTAL of all expenditure items above:	£222,214	
26	Governance costs	£0	
99	Other outgoing resources/ payments	£0	

	TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)	
A	Unrestricted	£259,936
B	Restricted	£ -
C	**TOTAL**	**£259,936**

	TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)	
D	Unrestricted	£222,214
E	Restricted	£ -
F	**TOTAL**	**£222,214**

	PLANNED GIVERS AND LEGACIES	
14	Number of tax efficient planned givers	72
15	Number of other planned givers	93
16	Number of new legacies received	2

	Cash and Investment Balances	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED
31	Cash and deposit balance as at 31/12/24	£ 62,854	,
32	Investments as at 31/12/24	£ 78,943	

Account basis: on which basis are your accounts prepared (indicate ONE)

30 **Receipts and payments [x]** **Accruals [ ]**

Please refer to the notes on the following pages to help clarify what is included in each section. The item numbers refer to RPF notes, consistent with the guidance provided in PCC Accountability, 2013.

Date	12-Jan-25
Name	Charles Jesudason
Position	Treasurer
Telephone or email	charles@jesudason.co.uk

Looking back across 2024, were there any exceptional circumstances or significant changes that may have led to unusual figures? ***Please provide details in the box below.***

1) The 2 Legacies of £52,700 is a one off ; 2) The Lighting Project costing £17,550 of replacing our fittings to LED

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ST WILFRID'S CHURCH EXTENSION
ANNEXE DESIGNATED ACCOUNT

Sum of Receipts Value	YEAR											Group Sub Totals
Income Account Description	**2015**	**2016**	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**Grand Total**	
SWC Legacy - Prior 2015	100,000										**100,000**	
SWC Annexe Personal Donations - Personal			60	3,888	69,212	104,646	75,720	10,400	15,500	4,000	**283,426**	
SWC Events - Annexe		5,000			7,959	8,560	2,882	1,249	773		**26,423**	
SWC Annexe Personal Loans - (to be Repaid)						64,500	-5,000	-10,000	-17,500	-2,000	**30,000**	
St Wilfrid's Church Funding												**439,848**
SWC Annexe - Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed - HMRC					16,250	20,433	19,501	2,500			**58,684**	
SWC Annexe Donations - Companies			9,000	20,000	36,000	14,150	4,000	4,000	7,000	4,000	**98,150**	
Non St Wilfrid's Church Funding												**156,834**
Grant - Cheshire Community Foundation					10,000						**10,000**	
Grant - Ecclesiastical Insurance					260						**260**	
Grant - Dowager Eleanor Peel Trust						5,000					**5,000**	
Grant - All Churches Trust						17,900					**17,900**	
Grant - Garfield Weston						25,000					**25,000**	
Grant - Beatrice Laing						6,500					**6,500**	
Grant - Lottery Funding						9,700					**9,700**	
Grant - Joseph Rank Trust							30,000				**30,000**	
Grant - Grappenhall & Thelwall Parish Council							5,000				**5,000**	
Reserves - Grant from DCMS to replenish our Reserves							42,000				**42,000**	
Reserves - CCLA Church Project Fund - Reserve							16,000				**16,000**	
Grant - Cheshire Community Foundation							10,000				**10,000**	
Grant - Cheshire Churches Preservation Trust							1,850				**1,850**	
Grant - Robert Clutterbuck							1,500				**1,500**	
Grant - Bernard Sunley Foundation Phase 2							10,000				**10,000**	
St Wilfrid's Annexe Grant Funding												**190,710**
TOTAL RECEIVED	**100,000**	**5,000**	**9,060**	**23,888**	**139,681**	**276,389**	**213,453**	**8,149**	**5,773**	**6,000**	**787,393**	**787,393**
CUMALATIVE BY YEAR	**100,000**	**105,000**	**114,060**	**137,948**	**277,629**	**554,018**	**767,471**	**775,620**	**781,393**	**787,393**		

Sum of Payments Value	YEAR											Group Sub Totals
Expenditure Account Description	**2015**	**2016**	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**Grand Total**	
SWC Annexe -Reports - Churchyard, Archaeology, Bats		150	5,906	2,753	812	12,359	6,602				**28,581**	
SWC Annexe - Architect's Fees			9,834	29,249	5,130	16,339	16,915	254			**77,720**	
SWC Annexe - Surveyor, Structural, Mechanical - Fees				4,200	23,174	1,200	9,300	3,400			**41,274**	
												147,576
SWC Events - Annexe					3,775	0	0	805			**4,580**	
SWC Annexe Fees - LPWS - VAT Reclaimed from HMRC						-11,719	-9,326				**-21,045**	
SWC Annexe Equipment - Purchases Completed					9,470	1,143	13,520	648			**24,782**	
												8,317
SWC Annexe Contractor (Build) - Grosvenor						153,500	334,001	12,500			**500,001**	
SWC Annexe Contractor (Build) - Dowhigh							121,250		3,250		**124,500**	
												624,501
TOTAL PAYMENTS	**0**	**150**	**15,740**	**36,201**	**42,361**	**172,822**	**492,261**	**17,607**	**3,250**	**0**	**780,393**	**780,393**
CUMALATIVE BY YEAR		**150**	**15,890**	**52,091**	**94,452**	**267,275**	**759,536**	**777,143**	**780,393**	**780,393**		**7,000**

I have examined the accounting records of St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall for the year ended 31st December 2024 and confirm that they are in accordance with the books of account and records provided.

Examiner: Mervyn K Roberts (ACA) **Date:** 25TH FEB 2025.

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name PCC St WILFRID'S, GRAPPENHALL		
On accounts for the year ended	31st DECEMBER 2024	**Charity no (if any)**	1131723
Set out on pages	(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:	[signature]	**Date:**	25TH FEB 2025
Name:	MERVYN KEITH ROBERTS		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	A.C.A.		
Address:	215 CHESTER ROAD GRAPPENHALL WARRINGTON, WA4 2QB		

Section B Disclosure

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

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	INCOME GENERATED TO FUND THE CHURCH EXTENSION ANNEXE HAS INCLUDED A NUMBER OF PERSONAL LOANS OF WHICH £30,000 REMAINS OUTSTANDING AT THE YEAR END. IT IS INTENDED THAT REPAYMENT WILL TAKE PLACE DURING 2025.

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST.WILFRID, GRAPPENHA

England & Wales - Charity number 1131723

Accounts







St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall

Annual Church Report 2023







Our new Curate Rev'd Kate was ordained on 1st July and welcomed to St Wilfrid's on Sunday 2nd July



Welcome to St Wilfrid's! Reception Class New Starters BBQ







Our new memorial to baby loss arrived in Spring 2023

RECTOR'S ADDRESS



It is with great pleasure that I present to you the Annual Report 2023 for St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall. Having invited all our groups and officers to make their contribution to it; the energy, dedication and service that this report represents is clear. Please do read it carefully and prayerfully, giving thanks to God for all that has been done in His service over the last year.

We have seen an increase in our congregation and the changes to our demographic make-up continue, with more parents and children worshipping with us. Our Ministry team also increased, as Gill White began to exercise her ministry with us as a newly licensed Reader. Early in 2023 we organised a Clothes Bank for the asylum seekers at the Fir Grove and ran Wilf's Place as a place to gather and make friends during the cold weather. Live at St Wilfrid's was back with a full programme and ran a very successful and enjoyable concert series, beginning with the soothing guitar of Craig Ogden and rounding off with cool jazz of the Swing Kings. In May we were asked to be one of the four churches around the Diocese to livestream the launch event for the Diocesan Vision. June saw the arrival of our Curate Rev'd Kate Pwaisiho, who was instantly taken to our hearts, bringing with her stories of the Solomon Islands and her visible love of Jesus and his people. We were able to move away from individual Christening services and once again share the church with multiple families seeking community at St Wilfrid's. We had fine weather for Walking Day and a brilliantly festive Christmas Fayre.

My own 2023 has been rich and varied in ways that I couldn't have predicted, beginning with a time of recuperation at the beginning of the year following a second hip replacement. A new lease of life and additional energy were essential when, in August Bishop Mark asked me to be one of two interim archdeacons covering some of the work of the Archdeacon of Macclesfield, Ian Bishop, who left the Diocese to become the Bishop of Telford in Norfolk. I was surprised to find that the work involved on those two days a week was interesting and exciting, and I began to hear God calling me to do a new thing.

I applied for the job full time and subsequently my Christmas celebrations were somewhat overshadowed by preparation for interviews which took place early in the New Year.

Consequently, this will be the last Annual Parochial Church Meeting that I chair and this the last time I will write my address at the beginning of the Annual Report, as I leave to take up my post as the Archdeacon of Macclesfield. Leaving Grappenhall on 14th April will be difficult, as my life and work here has been a joy and a pleasure. The way in which I have been welcomed and embraced by the church community and the wider parish, allowed to flourish and to lead this spiritual family, has enabled me to put down strong roots. My husband Danny and our girls, Rose and Aphra, have been really happy here, and I would like to thank you all for your love for them and for me.

When I first came to the parish, I wanted to make sure that everyone we as a church came into contact with, through our lives, work, families and neighbours, would know the overwhelming, generous, extravagant and inclusive love of God. That they would recognise in Jesus, our Saviour, an open-hearted welcome, and that the church, which is of course the people not the building, is there for them, for everyone. That as a church we would tell again the Good News that every person is made in the image of God, that 'God hates nothing that He has made', that 'every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future'. This meant that we had to learn, relearn and live again that Good News, knowing that sometimes we would fail, but that if we turned again to God, he would always welcome us back and immerse us in His love.

Together with the PCC, wonderful people who are the crew who steer our ship, we discerned a vision for our church, hearing God's voice saying, 'trust in me', 'I am with you', 'listen', 'follow'. I want to pay tribute to the amazing people who have embraced this vision, helped the church to grow, and been prepared to think of others before themselves, to enable our church to grow and change and flourish.

Now more change is on the horizon and the lessons of the past should give everyone hope for the future. It is important at times of change to lean on God, trusting Him to be in the change and continuing to stay true to the vision He has given us. Keeping Jesus as the focus, and our worship of the living God as the primary purpose and business of the church, is essential. It is hard for me to walk away, it has been a privilege to serve God and you, His people, in this place, and I will miss you all so much. Grappenhall will always have a special place in my heart. But when God calls, we must follow, staying true to His will for our lives, whatever that may bring.

Please pray for me in my new role and thank you for all that you have taught me that has enabled this to happen. I will pray that God will send a new priest to you who will lead you, as you continue to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to Jesus, and in service to this local community, in the name of Christ. Amen.



Rev'd Jane Proudfoot, Rector

CHURCHWARDENS

Church Annexe

The annexe continues to be well used and admired by all those who visit our church. I feel that it has become an asset to *Live at St Wilfrid's*, attracting more people to the concerts because of the facilities we have to offer.



Statutory Regulations

The fire extinguishers have had their annual check.

Maintenance

Church

The annual check of the boiler has taken placed and has been passed for another year. There is an ongoing committee looking into the heating alternatives for church going forward. The lighting we currently have in church is currently being looked into. The aim is to introduce led lighting where possible. At the end of the year, we employed Dan Needham as the gardener for the churchyard. In just a few weeks he has had a great impact, helping God's Gardeners with the winter-time jobs.

Parish Centre

The gutters have been cleared. There has been a new return fitted to the front door. There has been new led lighting installed throughout the centre. There are new hand dryers in the toilets. The lights in the toilets and the corridor light immediately outside the toilets have been put onto a sensor so that we are not having the lights left on all the time.

Support

As ever, the work of the church wardens could not take place without the support of many volunteers. We would like to mention especially Les Gregory for his tireless work with the heating systems of church, annexe and parish centre. Also, to Les for his support with our AV system of screens in church. We could not be without his endless help and technical knowledge. We are also grateful for the work taking place in the background putting the PowerPoint presentations together by Jane, Gill and Kate. Colin Pare is another volunteer working in the background with many jobs around the parish centre and annexe car park. Geoff Kelly is always ready for any help we have asked him for. He has continued his work with installing benches and various bird feeding stations. Also, we are supported by many sidespeople, gardeners, cleaning teams, Sunday morning coffee teams and many others who are always willing to give us their support whenever we ask. We are eternally grateful for all the help everyone continues to give us.



Julie Ryan and Linda Stockton

PASTORAL CARE



Due to a knee operation in February 2023, I was absent from church for a while but by May 2023, I started to attend Summerville care home services with Gill and have been able to assist at most of the sessions between the first and second knee operations. It has been wonderful getting to know residents, singing, praying and reading the Bible with them. This further built relationships when the Wednesday morning communion and soup lunches re-started, for attendees from care homes in the area.
The feedback from +Mark, as the result of the discernment process in parishes, took place in May 2023. This took the form of linked services in church with the Cathedral and other churches, and it was encouraging to see plans going forward in the Diocese. This activity and surrounding plans were discussed at the Pastoral Workers Forum in June 2023 held at Church House, Daresbury. All Pastoral Workers were encouraged to engage and work with people in the community, especially those who find themselves lodged in hotels awaiting asylum to be granted.

It was an exciting time in July 2023 when Revd Kate arrived in our midst, and I have enjoyed working with her at Summerville and within our ministry team. During July I had a second knee operation and was absent for a period of time.

October 2023 found me able to contribute more fully to activities, and the bereavement café was well attended and appreciated. Margaret Eckersley and Stacey Davidson have been a valued presence during these sessions.

Prayer Friends were able to gather for an afternoon service in October to give thanks for their valuable ministry. We will be holding this short service for them three times a year, which was much appreciated.

The Remembering Service in November was well attended and all those from Bereavement Café were invited. This is a valuable, reflective service and is appreciated by many.

Bishop Sam invited all Pastoral Workers to Frodsham for the day, where we were introduced to the new Wardens of Readers and Pastoral Workers. We also carried out tasks to help the Diocese discern what is needed in terms of further training and what our current challenges are in parishes post Covid. Safeguarding was high on the agenda and will continue to be an essential part of our ministry going forward.

PASTORAL CARE cont…

A team attended the “Leading your Church into Growth” Conference in November, which is now taking us into future plans for the growth and flourishing of St Wilfrid’s Church. The action plan is in place and we have made significant progress since the conference.

It has been most helpful to attend Deanery Synod and Joint Chapter meetings with others in our Deanery, and to have an opportunity to see what is developing within those churches.

It has been a joy to work with our ministry team and to occasionally preach, lead intercessions and read the bible. Listening continues on a regular basis and I hope all meetings and activities I am involved in will be supportive, and will help others come closer to God and our welcoming church family.

Margaret Kitchen
Pastoral Worker



September 2023 saw the welcome return of our Holy Communion with lunch



Our Blue Christmas service gave those who struggle with the festive season for whatever reason, an opportunity to reflect in a quieter gentler Christmas service.

PAROCIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)

Secretary's Report on the Proceedings of the PCC

The notice convening the Annual Parochial Church Meeting has been displayed in the Church for the relevant period. Since the last APCM in April 2023 there have been 5 PCC meetings and 4 meetings of the Standing Committee. On 22nd May at the first meeting after the APCM the following appointments were made:-

Vice Chair	Julie Ryan
Treasurer	Charles Jesudason
PCC Secretary	Marj Cassin
Electoral Roll Officer	Alan Hunter
Thanksgiving / Gift Aid Officer	Geraint Williams
Deputy Wardens	Vacant
Safeguarding Officer	Georgina Reynolds
Trustee to Warrington CofE Educational Trust	John Bygate



The Sidespeople were re-elected en bloc. A few vacancies had occurred and approaches would be made to recruit more willing people.

The PCC meets bi-monthly on the second Monday in the month, the Standing Committee meets in the alternative months. The meetings commence with a short act of worship followed by discussion, focusing on a particular subject. Amongst these have been:-

•Charity Giving & Charity Champion – For several reasons we no longer had people looking after our Christian Aid and Children Society giving so there was a need to find volunteer Charity Champions for these. We also needed someone to keep an eye on fundraising for other smaller charities we supported. These voluntary posts didn't necessarily have to be a PCC member. The Rose Queen Title took up fundraising for a charity of their choice and the current Rose Queen, Amy Ryan, had chosen MacMillan Cancer Care. We also supported annually The Broomfield Project (Young People), 'We are the Church' at Creamfields Festival, Eco Church and St Wilfrid's School.

•PCC's Perspective – We gave our perspective on St Wilfrid's to Rev'd Kate. We thought we were quite good at welcoming. It was good to see parents with their children at services and the Annexe had proved to be a great asset for them if required. We had concern at the lack of young adults (20-30 age group) and children from the age of about 8. We now had a more up to date service which was livestreamed. Our main purpose was to encourage people to worship God and to bring people to Christ. Compared to some other churches we were fortunate to have a faithful congregation, but we must not be complacent. We had good links with the School and our vision was to serve our community and to show God's love. We wanted everyone to know that they were welcome.

PAROCIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC) cont…

•Roles/Responsibilities following the announcement of Rev'd Jane's appointment as Interim Assistant Archdeacon of Macclesfield for 2 days a week, arrangements were made within the Ministry Team to cover services/school/ nursing homes etc.
•New Volunteers – some PCC members took part in a CPAS (Church Pastoral Aid Society) Webinar. A lot of Churches experienced the same problems, for example, recruiting volunteers, especially after Covid when people who had done voluntary jobs for many years, decided to relinquish their duties. It was good that someone had come along to volunteer after seeing St Wilfrid's on Facebook, they had pruned the trees at the front of the Parish Centre and worked on the cremation plots. All volunteers were greatly appreciated.
•Leading your Church into Growth – PCC agreed to send a team to the 'Leading your Church into Growth' Conference at Swanwick to gain some inspiration and new ideas on how to grow our church.
•Finance – at our last meeting on 12th December, Sharon Taylor-Booth, Finance Officer from the Diocese came during her programme of visiting parishes offering help and advice on finance.
•We have a short refreshment break after the Focus discussion and the meeting resumes for regular updates on Finance, Fabric, Bells/Clock, Electoral Roll, Safeguarding, Pastoral Care/Wellbeing, Eco Church, Deanery Synod, LASW and Bridgewater Churches Together.

On Friday mornings during February and March, in a bid to help people during the energy crisis, volunteers manned the cafe in the Annexe and also a clothes bank in the Parish Centre providing the refugees from The Firgrove with clothing, children's games etc. Some of the refugees came to worship with us on Sunday mornings.
During the year we had two successful and enjoyable fundraising events, an Afternoon Tea on Mother's Day and the Harvest Supper. Many thanks to all those who organised, helped and supported these events.

On 6th May we celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III by streaming the service in church on the Saturday and having a small party in the Annexe on the Sunday evening.
On 21st May we had the Confirmation Service taken by the Bishop of Stockport
After her ordination as Deacon on Saturday 1st July, we welcomed Rev'd Kate as our Curate on Sunday 2nd July followed by a lunch in the Parish Centre where we were able to meet with her family and friends.
We had the usual Walking Day/Summer Fair and Christmas Fayre and it was good to see the School and Church working together, raising much needed funds for both School and Church.
Eco Church – we had gained our Bronze Award and were currently working towards our Silver.

Marjorie Cassin Hon Sec – PCC

Live at St Wilfrid's

After restarting the series in October 2022, we ran a season of 9 concerts in 2023, mixing returning favourites with first time visitors to St Wilfrid's. The first group comprising soprano Kathryn Rudge, accompanied by Duncan Glenday, guitarist Craig Ogden, organ & piano Scott Brothers Duo and Leyland Brass Band all proved as popular as ever.

Our own Pip Clarke, accompanied by Havilland Willshire, gave us a memorable virtuoso recital in April.

The Royal Northern College of Music visited twice with two different singing ensembles.

The October concert required a late change of artiste owing to illness. We were delighted by the performance of Sveta and Slava on cello accompanied by piano. The novelty of their second half items - chosen by an audience poll - proved to be a great success.

The final November event was the almost obligatory jazz offering from the Swing Kings.

Two innovations this season – an (optional) glass of wine at the interval and the ability to purchase tickets by card, rather than cash, both proved very successful.







ST WILFRID'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

2023 was yet another busy year in school. We have spent a lot of time revising our curriculum to ensure all subjects taught in our school are exciting, relevant and engage all of our learners.

We then looked at enrichment opportunities within each subject to generate those 'wow' moments for children, the moments that children will remember and things that make subjects come alive. We have had a range of visitors in school including Roman soldiers, artists, authors, theatre companies and guest speakers All classes go on an educational visit every year and we have looked carefully at our offer to ensure that the children experience different types of visits Last year there were trips to the Halle orchestra, science museum, catalyst museum, Anglican cathedral in Liverpool to name but a few.

Walking Day and the Christmas fayre were 2 wonderful events which saw the school, church and local community coming together to have fun. These events are both long standing traditions in Grappenhall and can only be done due to the large numbers of volunteers we have which make these events possible. Friends of St. Wilfrid's do an amazing job organising events for the children, parents and the wider community. Their fundraising efforts benefit both church and school. This year Friends have donated money which has bought lots of reading books, playground equipment and has contributed to the refurbishment of the cosy cabin. The cosy cabin is one of our old mobile classrooms and is currently being transformed into a relaxing space for the children at breaktimes as well as doubling up as our specialist music room.







The coronation of King Charles 111. was such an historical event and definitely a highlight of 2023. The Reception children had a very special coronation service of their own. The service was led by Reverend Jane and led us through the whole coronation service and what would happen on the big day when Charles was actually crowned. The whole school was decorated and a celebration tea party was arranged for the children to commemorate this momentous occasion.
Our school vision 'Let your light shine for others to see' Matthew 5:16 remains at the heart of everything we do in school. Our collective worship sessions are centred around christian values and provide an opportunity for quiet reflection and discussion as well as an opportunity to sing and celebrate God's wonderful world.
The world continues to change at a rapid pace and our role is to ensure we provide an environment for our children to feel happy and safe so that our pupils become lifelong learners who are independent, resilient and are equipped for life in the 21st century.



Sustainability / Eco Church

Sally Sudworth who did such an excellent job leading to accreditation at Bronze Level handed over responsibility to Jenny Pearce in May as Sally was moving home to the south coast. Since then, many of Sally's recommendations for further action have been followed up. We thank Sally for helping us get started in this important area of growth in awareness of how we can all be better stewards of God's Creation.

Ian and Jenny set up a stand on the School Field on Walking Day. It featured different sorts of pollinators, identification of trees in the churchyard and drawing wildflowers. The leaflets about a local walk were well appreciated and we had a useful discussion with several Parish Councillors about how both organisations are seeking to inform people about the environment.

While many people have commented on how beautiful it is to see wildflowers growing in the Churchyard and appreciate what we are doing to protect the environment, some complaints had also been made. A statement explaining our less manicured approach to churchyard management is now displayed on the noticeboard and in the Annexe windows. After several changes in grounds maintenance contractor we are now very pleased with how Dan Needham has understood how we wish to encourage biodiversity whilst making our churchyard an attractive place for people and wildlife.

Gill conducted a very well appreciated service to celebrate "toilet twinning" with communities across the world. A retiring collection enabled us to Twin all of our new toilets. Children were very pleased to install pictures of toilets that we have funded. God's Gardeners participated in a wild flower survey to identify what is growing in the churchyard and planted seeds to extend the range.

Bird feeders and a bird bath were installed and Geoff undertook the weekly task of keeping the feeders filled. The birds demonstrated their enthusiasm for his efforts.

In October the Co-op provided our "Living Churchyard Project" with over £1000 of funding collected from shoppers' nominations through their community champions initiative. The PCC has agreed to purchase a waterbutt to make use of rainwater from the roof. We also plan to install another feeder and Dan has offered to create a compost bin/insect hotel for grass cuttings and wood fallen from the trees.



Our monthly magazine now has a regular item to raise awareness and increase knowledge about the trees, flowers and birds in our churchyard.

The church heating renewal project is carefully examining all of the ways in which we can reduce energy consumption and phase out our use of fossil fuels. We will be reviewing progress against the EcoChurch criteria to see what we need to do to move to level Silver.

Care UK Charity

CARE UK's activities over the past year included overcoming the challenges of both Cockhedge shops closing following the announcement that they were to be demolished. This left one remaining shop at Riverside. More recently a lease was secured for a shop in Runcorn Shopping Centre, and this has become a useful replacement source of revenue to top up the charity's funds and enable more assistance to be provided for local people in need.

A recent report gave the following summary of activities from the previous month, made possible by the fundraising and from volunteers sorting donations to send out to refugees lodging in hotels.

We provided aid to 86 people – of which 59 were men, 18 women & 9 children. They were for:

1 Home Start
2 Mental Health team
3 Daresbury Park hotel
4 Fir Grove hotel
5 Holiday Inn hotel
6 Paddington House hotel

This really is only possible because of the volunteers' teams in the depot.
The main thing we seem to run low on is men's shoes – we never have enough.

Volunteers are the mainstay of the charity, and it is a perpetual challenge to attract and retain regular help. It would be an understatement to say that the charity would not be able to function without their help. More help is needed! If you could spare an hour or two in the Riverside shop, sorting donations for distribution or for sale, or by helping the Homes team to source goods to furnish homes for people referred to the charity by social services, then please pay a visit to the Riverside Store and speak to the staff volunteers.

Alison Collins, CARE UK Charity Trustee



Harvest Supper, September 2023



SAFEGUARDING

The PCC of St Wilfrid's Church takes its safeguarding responsibilities very seriously, regarding the safety and wellbeing of all its members and especially of children and vulnerable adults, as a Gospel imperative.

All PCC members have undertaken Safeguarding training in the last 12 months, including training about child protection, coercive control and domestic abuse. Our Safeguarding Officer, Georgina Reynolds, has worked with church members to update their DBS checks as necessary.

Georgina has worked for the church in this role for 10 years and has decided to step down in 2024. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her dedication to the role and for all her hard work ensuring that St Wilfrid's is a safe and caring place to worship.

Rev'd Jane

We are committed to encouraging an environment of respectful pastoral ministry where all children, adults and especially those who may be vulnerable for any reason are able to worship and pursue their faith journey with encouragement and in safety. The PCC reviews and approves the church's Safeguarding Policy annually to ensure it meets the requirements of our parish and is being effectively implemented. The Safeguarding Policy ad posters with details of whom to contact in case of safeguarding concern are displayed in church, the Parish Centre and there is also a safeguarding statement on the church website. We are all responsible for an are committed to safeguarding.

Georgina Reynolds, Safeguarding Officer.



The arrival of asylum seekers with young families at our local hotel, The Fir Grove, brought about an immediate need to support and reach out with love to our new neighbours, many of whom had arrived with just the clothes on their back.

WARM HEARTS WARM SPACES



Music at St Wilfrid's

Church Choir

This year the choir has worked some more contemporary short pieces to compliment the liturgy as well as some music for the major festivals . We are now enjoying the contributions from Pip and Nicki, and Helen and Phil We meet three Fridays out of four to prepare items for key services together with the weekly Sunday music . Although small in number there is a faithful attendance throughout the year and we are always keen to accept new volunteers to add to our happy band.

Guy Pomfret, Organist and Musical Director



We continued to enjoy contributing to worship at St Wilfrid's through music in 2023. Generally, we provide the music for the Family Praise services, which is a joy as many of the worship songs suit guitar accompaniment and lend themselves to uplifting singing.

We have particularly enjoyed introducing some new worship songs into services and have been gratified to receive positive feedback for many of these. It is always lovely to hear that our music has had an impact on the worship in church as it is something that we feel honoured to do.

We are looking forward to continuing to contribute to music at our church and would be more than happy for anyone who also feels called in this way to join us!

Helen & Phil

It has once again been such a privilege for myself and my sister Nikki to contribute through music to the church services throughout 2023.
We have been able to play for family communion about once a month, and also be a part of a number of more sombre services throughout the year.
Three services that stand out for us musically are, the Longest night service on December 21st, where peaceful carols and music help to bring a calm experience for the congregation. Ash Wednesday which is such a peaceful service in the early evening, and which Nikki and I play a little throughout the service and afterwards for people to stay and listen in contemplation. Good Friday, which is such a powerful service with the passion being read, and music interspersed throughout.
We are both so happy to be able to contribute to the musical programme at St Wilfrid's.

Pip & Nikki

Christening Team

"We had a wonderful day at Rafferty's christening with Revd. Jane and the team at St Wilfrid's. It was the perfect way to celebrate his arrival into both the church and the world".
"We all had a lovely time celebrating Bobby's special day. Thanks again to the team at St Wilfrid's for all their help".
Christenings are always joyful services and for the 43 babies and children baptised at St Wilfrid's in 2023, and for their families and friends, they were indeed very special occasions.

Following the pandemic there were various changes to the dates and times of Christening services in 2023. By the end of the year, Christenings were taking place at 12noon on 2 Sundays each month.
The monthly Christening Preparation evenings provided an opportunity for parents to think about why they wanted their children to be baptised, to look at the Christening service, to meet members of the Christening team and the other families whose children were being baptised on the same day.
Members of the Christening team contacted the families before the service and were present at the service. Families were invited to send a photo of their child's christening and write a few words for inclusion in the parish magazine and we're delighted that there was a good response in 2023. Those who had been baptised in 2022 received a specially designed card on the first anniversary of their christening and were invited back to church for Family Praise when they were named in the intercessions.

Gill's work as Parish Administrator meant that she handled all Christening requests and arrangements and ensured that all went smoothly. Owing to ill health, Susan Roach sadly had to relinquish her role in sending out the 1st Anniversary cards and this also became part of Gill's remit. Our thanks go to Susan for her contribution over the years. Screening of the service meant Linda continued her sterling work on "console duty" as well as making sure there was water in the font! Carolyn and I continued to welcome families to the service, read the Bible passage and lead the prayers.



As always, those to be christened were named in the intercessions for that Sunday. And our prayer, in 2023 and now, is that with the support and encouragement of our church family, they continue to grow in faith.

Chris Hunter

Pre-School Praise

Pre-school Praise is held every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. We have songs, stories, craft and snacks and lots of fun. Our services are led by Rev Jane, Gill, or Rev Kate.

During the past year we have thanked God for Fruit , Books, Autumn, Bread, Harvest, Rain, Peace, Baby Jesus, Frost and Snow, Our Church Mice and Easter. We enjoyed our Christmas party where we had snacks and lots of fun!

The children this year are quite young, ranging from new babies to 3-year-olds. Our numbers are steadily growing, and we appreciate the help that the parents, grandparents and carers give us.

The highlight of the year was the graduation service, held in July before the whole congregation on a Sunday morning , when we present the children who are moving on to school with a memorable book and our very best wishes and prayers. The children really enjoyed singing their special songs for everyone!

Pre-school Praise is a great way to introduce little children to God, Jesus and our church family!

Anne Young & Gill White





Grants and Facilities

No major changes were made to the building facilities during 2023 although small changes, such as electrical improvements in the vestry and lighting in the Parish Centre, continue to be made as part of the maintenance programme.
We are very grateful to the Co-op community fund for their grant of £1,017 towards improving biodiversity in the churchyard. Bird feeders and nestboxes were obtained and installed, to the evident satisfaction of our birds.

Jenny Pearce

Women's Group



St Wilfrid's Women's Group appears to have flourished since our move to afternoon meetings after Covid. Our current membership stands at 46 and each year we seem to pick up 2 or 3 new members which shows we are fulfilling a need within the community and means we look forward with positivity.

2023 started with our Annual Lunch at Statham Lodge followed by talks on a wide range of topics including Antarctica, the Epiphany Trust and Tropical Skincare ending in June with another trip to the Grosvenor Garden Centre followed by a cruise on the Dee at Chester with a cream tea.

We re-convened in September with Holy Communion and our AGM. At our October meeting we had an excellent illustrated talk by Irene Thomson from Lowton Hedgehog Rescue and in November Barbara Attwood told us of her heart-warming search to find her birth mother having been fostered at an early age. We drew a close to 2023 with our Christmas get together- mulled wine, mince pies, snacks, chocs and a pot pourri of quizzes, poems, light hearted banter, finishing with Christmas carols.

Barbara Wild





Celebrating the Kings Coronation





BELLRINGERS

Our Ringing Master (Nick Thomson) has been very busy in 2023 running 'taster' sessions for people interested in starting to ring. Some of these were aimed at our school pupils and resulted in 3 pupils starting their ringing journey. They have been joined by 1 other youngsters and 3 more mature people. Having 6 younger ringers certainly reduces the age profile of our band and having 8 learners helps ensure the future of ringing in Grappenhall - although it is a lot of extra work for Nick (and the other helpers).
We rang for 66 services, with just 7 occasions when all 10 bells were not rung. We have 15 ringers on the books presently which enables us to ring all 10 bells except for holidays when everyone seems to go away at the same time. With our new learners, this should increase the Sunday Service band numbers in the near future.

Our new bells still attract visitors on a practice night and we usually welcome between 2 and 4 visitors each week. These visitors help our band to make progress with our 10 bell ringing repertoire. There can be in excess of 20 ringers present on a practice night. We have also welcomed visiting bands to come and ring socially (usually for up to an hours ringing), or to ring Quarter Peals (45mins of continuous ringing) or even full Peals (3hrs of continuous ringing). There were 40 Quarters rung in 2023, mostly by the local band but one was rung by the Ladies Guild (North West region) – yes, an all ladies band. Nick Thomson rang his 2,000 Quarter towards the end of the year. 3 Full Peals were rung, including one to mark the Coronation of King Charles III.

Our ringers still go to Stockton Heath to help and strengthen the band there for Sunday Service ringing and on Practice nights. Help is also being given to the Stretton ringers as they have been experiencing a shortage of ringers recently. Their tower is used once a month on their Monday Practice night for special practices aimed at basic method ringing when ringers from Stretton, Stockton Heath and Grappenhall regularly take part, both in a learners role or in a helpers role. Some of our ringers are regularly ringing hand bells and making good progress in their achievements. Events in the tower are regularly reported in the Parish Magazine, in an article entitled Up the Spiral Staircase penned by our Ringing Master Nick Thomson.

BELLRINGERS

We entered a band in the Mid Cheshire Branch 6 Bell Striking contest at Holmes Chapel in May and were placed 1st meaning we represented the Mid Cheshire Branch in the Chester Guild 6 Bell contest for Sunday Service bands. This contest was held at Dodleston (Chester) in September where we were again placed 1st (only just by ½ point). Three of our ringers represented Mid Branch in the Branch 8 Bell Contest held at Barthomley in April where the Branch was placed 1st with just 1 fault. Four of our ringers represent Mid Branch in the Branch 10 Bell Contest held at Stockton Heath in October, the Branch again being placed 1st.

If anyone would like to come and see us ringing and see the new bells, please get in touch with us. New ringers would be most welcome to come and help us keep St Wilfrid's loudest voice heard across the parish. No experience necessary as training will be given.



Mike Thomson
Tower Captain



BIBLE STUDY GROUP

From May to October there were regular meetings either to watch a new episode of the film (still being made) "the Chosen" or to discuss the episode watched the previous week. Both the watching of the films and our discussion afterwards revealed many practical and theological insights into the detail of the Gospel narratives, so that our knowledge of and, above all, our gratitude for our salvation have grown profitably.

With more of the film still being made, we expect to continue this activity during 2024.

It is always to be hoped that more people will be drawn to the joy of seeking a fuller and deeper understanding of God's word to us in the Bible, and it would be very good if our enjoyment of a current film were supplemented by study sessions in specific books of scripture. Our world is, generally, terribly ignorant of biblical teaching, to the serious detriment of both individual and general readiness for things to come, and we would dearly love many to discover and enjoy the unfailingly rewarding benefits of a more thorough and sure biblical grounding of their faith.

John Prytherch



FOODBANK

Foodbank continues to be challenged in these difficult economic times. This has been due to the demand on the needs of more people requiring support from Foodbank with the many increasing costs that many households have to bear. Because of this greater demand there were many empty shelves in the Foodbank warehouse but, due to the generosity of our own congregation and parents of children at the school they are now being filled. We continue to receive donations being left at the back of church. Our Foodbank Sunday and Harvest Sunday donations were very generous this year. When we all have more pressure on where we spend our hard-earned money it is comforting to find that our community supports Foodbank. As we are open every day this makes it easier for donations to be left. I am, as are all the people who are struggling to feed themselves and their families, grateful for any donations you are able to leave. Thank you

Linda Stockton

ADMIN TEAM

2023 has been a busy year in the church office. The beginning of the year saw and increase in admin as we took on extra work to support the church while Rev'd Jane had time off to recover from an operation.

I am very fortunate in having 3 volunteers who assist me, sharing the highs and lows of parish life, amongst the fundraising preparation and seasonal liturgy and resources and general week by week tasks

The success of *Live at St Wilfrid's* has kept Eileen busy, working hard preparing and printing the publicity brochures and posters.

Ken has done tremendous work inputting all our church yard records to computer files for easy reference, this will help enormously when enquiries come in and will reduce the need to sift through the physical files for plots and records.

I cannot thank those who help me enough for their time, support and dedication in helping the Church Office run smoothy as we continue to serve, managing phone calls and direct enquiries.

Gill White, Church Administrator *along with our regular volunteers* Margaret Hale, Eileen Waddell, and Ken *Southward.*

PRAYER FRIENDS



"Pray for one another, so that you may be healed". James 5:16

"Pray without ceasing". 1 Thessalonians 5:17

And that is what Prayer Friends have been doing throughout 2023.

Prayer Friends are members of St Wilfrid's congregation who pray regularly and faithfully for those who have asked for our prayers for any reason whatsoever. All information is given in strict confidence and remains confidential.

Our prayers are always greatly appreciated and valued by those concerned and throughout 2023 we have continued to receive many requests, either personally or through St Wilfrid's Church website, from people facing health concerns or who are troubled or anxious for themselves or a loved one.

Many people also left requests on the prayer tree and in the little books at the back of church as they came to light a candle for a loved one or themselves and these requests were offered on their behalf at Monday Morning Prayer. The requests from the prayer tree were burned on the fire at the Easter Dawn Service.

In October Prayer Friends met together in the Lady Chapel for a short time of worship, reflection and intercession which we greatly valued. These services will continue in March and October 2024.

Please don't hesitate to ask someone if they would like Prayer Friends to support them and then contact Margaret Kitchen, Gill at the Parish Office or me. And if you feel that God is calling you to share in this particular prayer ministry then please do get in touch.

Chris Hunter

MAGAZINE

2023 saw the magazine take on some new features. It now includes a crossword and our children's puzzle 'Mouse Makes' along with regular seasonally appropriate articles and contributions from our community groups. Our new Curate Kate gives us a monthly reflection as she gives thought to church life and our seasonal worship.

We have lost a few of our regular advertisers but have gained new ones over the course of the year and continue to encourage local businesses to contribute.

New regular contributors are encouraged and welcomed to add to our monthly updates.

Gill White



Parish Centre

The Parish Centre brought in £2372 from ad hoc bookings in 2023 and £18,811.50 from regular hirers.

We welcomed a new meditation group to the Parish Centre on a Monday morning and also some Friday evenings and weekends. We now have 9 regular hirers using the large hall.

In October, we hired Sarah Young as the new Parish Centre Manager who has taken over some of Gill's role and looks after the bookings, cleaning, invoicing and maintenance of the Parish Centre and the Annexe. Sarah has created a social media account for the Parish Centre which she will be looking to use more and more in 2024.

As part of our pledge to be sustainable, our current cleaning products in the Parish Centre and Annexe are being phased out and replaced with eco-friendly alternatives. Sarah is also looking into ways to reduce our carbon footprint and reduce the use of single-use plastics.

Sarah Young, Parish Centre Manager

FLOWER TEAM

As in previous years our talented flower team have produced some beautiful arrangements to celebrate the various ecumenical seasons of the year. We are glad to welcome two new members to our team, Jackie Acton and Heather Davies. I feel sure that they will be an asset to our team and we all look forward to working along side them.
Our flower team has now got 10 regular members and Sue ,Sylvia, Hazel, and Diane, who is a neighbour of Anne Ongley's, who will help us out on the big festivals of Easter, Harvest, Remembrance Sunday, and Christmas . We work in pairs and so consequently decorate the church once every 5 weeks. On Mothering Sunday primrose plants were distributed by the Rose Queen, our Village Prince and their retinues to all the ladies in the congregation. At Harvest time food was donated to the Warrington Food bank and the team decorated the window ledges with flowers which were taken to members of the community that were housebound, sick or bereaved. For Remembrance Sunday members of our team decorated the Church and a large cross was placed outside to be decorated with poppies. At Christmas time the usual 60 wreaths were decorated and sold to raise church funds by the team. The team decorated the church with seasonal arrangements of red gold and white flowers and the tree was lit up to add the final touch . In December we were delighted to be asked to decorate the church and the annexe for Linda and Peter's wedding and reception. Linda requested white roses and red berries which was very appropriate for a Christmas wedding.

We are a friendly group of ladies who take pleasure in having the privilege and enthusiasm to enhance our beautiful church. We would welcome any new recruits –no experience necessary! Please contact Gill or any member of the flower team.

Anne Young
Flower Team Co-ordinator





GOD'S GARDENERS

We are blessed to have such a lovely space, to come and sit in peace and quiet, listen to the birds, think about loved ones and maybe to chat with others who are feeling the same as you.

It's been a year of challenges for us including the inclement weather.

We have been adapting to the changes in the management of the churchyard and looking at how we manage the minimal use of pesticides and trialing out more eco-friendly weedkillers with some success. It has been great to see some wild flowers growing, foxgloves, poppies and varieties of fungi.

It has been very encouraging to engage with other members of the church and working together to achieve the right environment for the wildlife and biodiversity. As you walk around the churchyard you will notice various bug hotels, bird baths and feeding stations.

You may also notice the red ceramic poppies that we have placed on the war graves making them easier to find for people who wish to visit either for family reasons or for those who have an interest in local war graves.

It was lovely this season to welcome a gentleman from the Old Rectory Nursing Home who enjoys gardening. Although in a wheelchair he was able to help out with some gardening tasks.

Into the new season we are looking to place further water butts at back of the church and we will continue with the planting of bee and butterfly friendly plants and shrubs.

We are also pleased to be working with the new contractor for the maintenance of the churchyard and we value the support of Jenny
who is great to work alongside with her knowledge and advice about all things 'eco'.

Thanks also to the PCC for their continued support
and engagement in how the churchyard is managed .

Carol Harrison & God's Gardeners







Fair Trade Stall

We see it as part of our lives as Christians to actively work for fairly-traded goods which provide a fair price to poorer communities in the developing world and continues to support those communities with education provision and healthcare. To this end, we sell Fairtrade, tea, coffee, chocolate, nuts, jams, and other produce during coffee time after the Sunday 10:00 service. During 2023, we were also able to provide Christmas cards, Advent Calendars and Easter Eggs which all sold very well.

Regretfully, with the demise of Traidcraft (which used to supply most of our stock) at the start of 2023, we have not been able to obtain some of our more popular lines, such as cereals, biscuits, and dried fruit but work is still ongoing to try to identify other Fairtrade suppliers.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported us by buying from the stall or from the Warrington Fair4All stall in the market which supplies all our stock. Warrington's status as a Fairtrade town has been renewed this year and our contribution, together with that of other churches throughout the town are vital to this status.

The Williams family





FAIRTRADE

BRIDGEWATER CHURCHES TOGETHER (BCT)

St Wilfrid's is a member of BCT - an umbrella group of churches of all denominations in the local area. There are 4 Ecumenical Services throughout the year when each church takes a turn to host. These are the Week of Christian Unity, Good Friday (an open air service held outside the Mulberry Tree pub), Christian Aid week and Pentecost. In addition there is also a Christmas Carol Service held in St Thomas' Church, led by a different church each year and last Christmas it was the turn of Broomfields Youth Project.

Stockton Heath Methodist Church held a Vigil and Ecumenical Prayers for Peace on Saturday 11th November.

Hillcliffe Baptist Church promoted Church Warrington's Carol Service on 14th December at Halliwell Jones Stadium when the speaker was J.John.

During the year, changes in clergy took place - Rev Anita Raggett retired as the Vicar of St John's Church, Walton and Rev'd Linda Bishop was succeeded by Rev'd Jeremy Tresise as Minister of Stockton Heath Methodist Church.

Each church makes a small annual financial contribution to BCT and collections taken at Ecumenical Services are usually donated to local charities ie Warrington Foodbank, St Joseph's Centre and Christian Aid. BCT supports the Creamfields Festival and Broomfields Youth Project who work along side the High School and were hopeful of retaining a part time youth worker, partnered with Stockton Heath Christian Fellowship. BYP meet in "The Shack", a building on the Broomfields School site which serves a great demand, especially on Friday nights. John Harper had recently met with the Prime Minister, Rishi Sunack.

During last winter and in view of the energy crisis, many churches provided Warm Spaces where people could meet for a coffee and a small bite. Rev'd Gill Younger of All Saints Daresbury, held a course on Saturdays for Iranian and Albanian refugees, in their own language (the first version of Tim Green's "Come Follow Me"). As well as the Warm Space cafe, St Wilfrid's provided a clothes bank to help those refugees from The Firgrove.

Marjorie Cassin - Hon Sec

CHURCHES TOGETHER

DEANERY SYNOD

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Chester

We are part of the Great Budworth Deanery, and, for all meetings in 2023, Revd. Jane was the Rural Dean.
The Synod acts as an intermediary between the parochial church councils of each parish in its deanery and the Diocesan Synod. Meetings are called by the Rural Dean and has members from the clergy, lay readers, pastoral workers, and lay members. St Wilfrid's Church elects four lay members as parish representatives of the Deanery Synod at our Annual Parish Church Meeting.
There were three Deanery Synod meetings in 2023 and a special event:
• The February 2023 meeting was at St John's Church, Walton.
The main agenda item was a talk by Ian Bishop, the Archdeacon of Macclesfield on EcoChurch and NetZero. Because of the subject matter, this was open to other church members if they were EcoChurch or Net Zero Champions.
Some of his main messages were:
The Diocese is committed to net zero carbon by 2030. If a church knows it will need to change its boiler it should start saving now.
Technology is improving, and costs are coming down so there are advantages in aiming for work later in the decade. There may also be more grants available in the future.
We need to use our imaginations. We should also involve the parishioners in seeking to change their lifestyle.
He highlighted the Arocha EcoChurch programme which has an awards scheme.
All churches must measure and report the church's carbon energy footprint and report it at the APCM and to the diocese.
A key point is that it affects Mission, particularly towards young people for whom the greatest issue is the environment. If we are active in EcoChurch and NetZero, we will gain their respect.
• Apart from the Deanery Synod meetings, on 20th May 2023, the St Wilfrid's Church hosted one of the "satellite" services for the Vision Feedback Event, on behalf of the Deanery. Archdeacon Mike Gilbertson attended, and we were linked live to the service at Chester Cathedral.
• The July 2023 meeting was held at St Wilfrid's Church, in the Annex. The main business was discussion on the main outputs from the "Diocesan Vision". The meeting broke into groups to discuss some of the major messages and then gave feedback, which on review, I felt may help parish development planning.
There was feedback on recent Diocesan Synods. The potential introduction of "Living in Love and Faith" prayers had caused some tensions. Revd Jane asked that parishes that support these prayers should make their views heard by Bishop Mark, since those parish against them were very vociferous.

• October's meeting was at St Matthew's Stretton. Harriet Roberts, Director of development (vision and strategy) explained the Diocese of Chester's vision going forward.
There were packs for each parish to explain the process which has taken place. It is expected that each parish finds way of implementing the vision to account for their own unique features.
There are resources available to help parishes. Throughout all this we should ask: "does it make a difference to the 1.5 million people we need to reach?" but also recognised that we grow by one person at a time Other insights from the Vision include the need to budget for growth activities, and to review and prioritise.
In the case of St Wilfrid's, we are addressing this challenge, using the insights from the Diocese work as we continue to develop our own "Leading your Church into Growth" plans.
• The Deanery Synod meetings also act as an opportunity to share information about new developments and events across the Deanery, and for giving members feedback from the meetings of the Diocesan and General Synods.

Geraint Williams



St Wilfrid's hosted a live satellite link with Archdeacon Mike Gilbertson to a service at Chester Cathedral on 20th May 2023





Walking Day and Summer Fair June 2023



WE ARE TWINNING OUR TOILETS







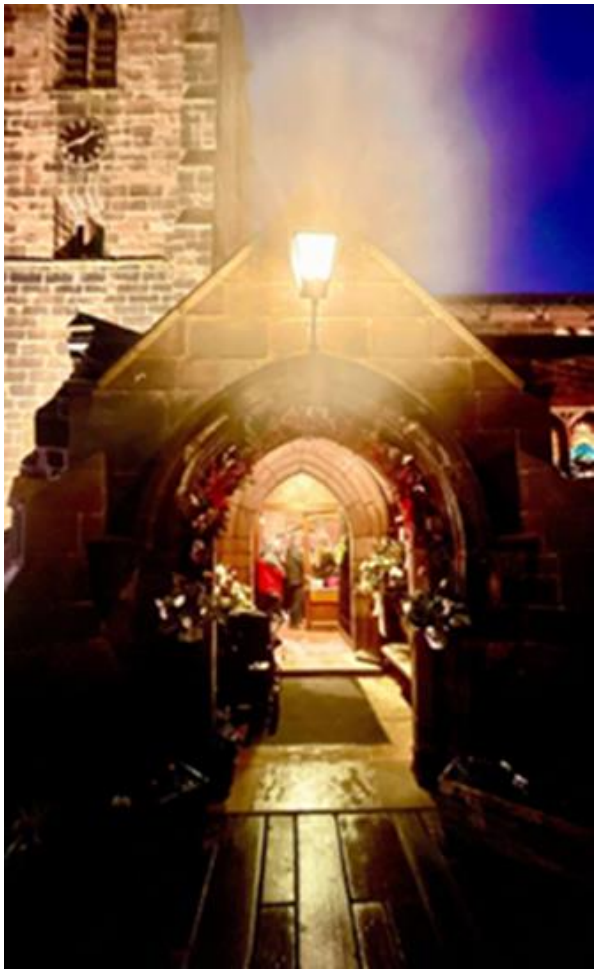


In spring we raised funds to twin our toilets





Mother's Day Afternoon Tea



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ST WILFRID'S CHURCH, GRAPPENHALL

The Annual financial Report (2023) – 12 February 2024

The Annual Income & Expenditure Statement maintains the same coding categories, Cashflow Statement and the Church Extension Project Designated account.

1. **The Role of the Treasurer –**

    a. To be **responsible** for the disbursement of funds (restricted & unrestricted) within policies established by the Charities Commission, the Church of England & the PCC of SWC, Grappenhall

    b. To be **accountable to the PCC** – Use CofE guidelines in the Parish Resources website
        i. To increase transparency by regular reporting of information to the PCC
        ii. To implement Standard Account Descriptions, thus providing consistent Accounts

2. **The Financial Report** - The Treasurer's objectives on behalf of the PCC were achieved in full and the Examiner Mervyn Roberts has audited and signed-off the detailed final accounts

3. **The Headlines**

    a. We have completed the Annexe Project in full within our estimated Budget cost
        i. We have had £14,500 of Personal Loans for the Church Extension, generously converted into Gifts
        ii. We now only have personal loans of £35,000 outstanding, to be repaid in 2025

    b. Due to Income of **£202,139**, less Expenditure of **£198,275**, we had a small surplus of **£3,864**

    c. We owe 50% of Christmas Fayre Surplus, which is due to SWC School circa £4,000 in January 2023 from our Reserves

    d. Whilst we appear to have increased our Reserves since last year, however……
        i. We are holding a £10,000 Donation for the Parish Centre Car Park, awaiting Planning Permission from WBC
        ii. We are holding £5,000 on behalf of Creamfields within our Reserves
        iii. We have allocated £10,000 towards our Heating Project, which is at the 'feasibility study' stage

ST WILFRID'S CHURCH, GRAPPENHALL

4. **Cashflow Statement -** The Summary by Month
    a. The Cash movements between our Current and Reserve accounts and balances by month, for the year are highlighted
    b. The Natwest current account balance, as of 31 December 2023 was **£5,234**

5. **The Income Report** – The months January to December 2023
    a. The total Income for 2023 was £202,139
        i. During Revd Jane's Interim appointment, we received Parish Share Rebate from the Diocese of circa £13,000
        ii. We claimed and received almost £4,000 in Grants

6. **The Expenditure Report** – The months January to December 2023
    a. The total Expenditure in 2023 was £198,275
        i. We reduced our Church Running Costs significantly
        ii. We managed our Energy costs well and had our Rates fixed for 2 years, until the 31 December 2023
        iii. Creamfields costs are funded solely by Creamfields Donations from other Churches within the Diocese

7. **The Overview of Income & Expenditure for 2023 Year to Date**

    a. The Income of £202,139 less Expenditure of £198,275, we had a surplus of **£3,864**

8. **The Church Extension Project (Annexe, track, path, and car park) – Activity**
    a. The Church Extension Project Designated Account – Activity over 9 years (2015-2023)
    b. Income - Start of Project to date was **£781,905** and our Expenditure from start of Project to date was **£780,557**
    c. Members Loans currently outstanding are £35,000, which are due in March 2025

9. **Funds held in our Bank Reserve Accounts as of 31 December 2023**
        i. CCLA Deposit account Reserves are currently at £47,678
        ii. CCLA Building Project account balance is currently at £12,219
        iii. CCLA long term Investment cost of £7,916 is currently valued at £37,263

10. **The Succession Plan for the future** – Whilst reducing single dependency, by simplifying and improving the robustness of existing processes, financial reports and ensuring the separation of control. Therefore, for Business Continuity management, we intend to split a future Treasurer's role into a bookkeeper (to provide our financial & monthly management accounts), including all reports and a Finance Officer (to undertake the remaining part of the Treasurer's role), managing/involving the Bank account payments. This role can be introduced within a few days to a week, should it be required.

11. **Thank You** – Finally, we take this opportunity to thank Mervyn Roberts, who has signed off the last 9 years accounts 92015-22023), prepared/produced by myself. I take this opportunity to thank Linda for acting as temporary Cashier and simplifying my task, by analysing and Paying into the Bank regularly. Also, to Gill our Administrator, who has under-taken her tasks with the Hire of the Parish Centre, to maintain a high level of Income. Further, the merged Thanksgiving Officer role has now been fully taken over by Geraint Williams.

    Additionally, a special thank you to Jenny Pearce, who was instrumental in our huge success in achieving Grant funding, particularly over the last 5 years. Also, to all those who generously contributed, enabling us to complete the Project, without any external loans..... An achievement, that we can all be proud of at SWC, Grappenhall. Finally, a big thank you to Rev'd Jane and the PCC team for their trust and support, for the ongoing financial activities and continual maintenance of our buildings and other assets.

    Another successful year for SWC and should there be any questions, please raise them with me directly.

    Charles Jesudason (Treasurer) 12 February 2024

St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall

Cashflow Statement 2023

Year	Month	Month Name	Sum of Receipts Value	Sum of Payments Value	Sum of Transfers Value	Monthly movements and Account Balance	Bank Balance
	12	December	£33,450.73	£16,357.28	-£655.58	£16,437.87	£22,505.33
2022 Total			**£223,878.42**	**£210,714.07**	**-£8,793.58**	**£4,370.77**	
2023	1	January	£10,433.94	£19,237.59		-£8,803.65	£13,701.68
	2	February	£12,517.94	£12,890.06		-£372.12	£13,329.56
	3	March	£24,864.26	£17,231.95	-£7,000.00	£632.31	£13,961.87
	4	April	£7,194.44	£7,931.66		-£737.22	£13,224.65
	5	May	£13,772.34	£23,365.55		-£9,593.21	£3,631.44
	6	June	£16,312.49	£13,451.15	£10,000.00	£12,861.34	£16,492.78
	7	July	£12,146.47	£19,534.32	£3,250.00	-£4,137.85	£12,354.93
	8	August	£25,118.51	£19,070.30	-£5,000.00	£1,048.21	£13,403.14
	9	September	£18,524.97	£14,850.19	-£4,000.00	-£325.22	£13,077.92
	10	October	£20,442.06	£14,629.70	-£6,500.00	-£687.64	£12,390.28
	11	November	£11,624.30	£18,707.42	£3,000.00	-£4,083.12	£8,307.16
	12	December	£29,187.36	£17,375.00	-£14,885.55	-£3,073.19	£5,233.97
2023 Total			**£202,139.08**	**£198,274.89**	**-£21,135.55**	**-£17,271.36**	
			£2,271,725.64	£2,348,195.02	£81,703.35	£5,233.97	
			£2,271,725.64	**£2,348,195.02**	**£81,703.35**	**£5,233.97**	

I have examined the accounting records of St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall for the year ended 31st December 2023 and confirm that they are in accordance with the books of account and records provided.

Examiner: Mervyn K Roberts (ACA) **Date:** 6.2.24.

St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall
Receipts - Financial Statement for Year Ended 31 December 2023

Income	Incoming Resourc	Income Account Description	2022	2023
1	Tax Efficient Planned Giving (Gift Aid)		£57,442	£53,269
		Bank - (Gift Aid)	£46,162	£49,904
		Envelopes - (Gift Aid)	£11,280	£3,366
2	Other Planned Giving (Non Gift Aid)		£4,105	£10,540
		Bank - (Non Gift Aid)	£2,931	£8,641
		Envelopes - (Non Gift Aid)	£1,174	£1,899
3	Collections at Services		£15,334	£15,083
		Friends of St Wilfrid's2	£70	£55
		Special Collections2	£2,400	£1,900
		Loose Plate Collections - Fixed Station		£6,282
		Loose Plate Collections - Fixed Station (Gift Aid)		£857
4	All Other Giving (recurring and one off)		£9,502	£7,353
		Donations & Appeals2	£4,220	£3,397
		Flower Fund2	£1,170	£895
		Church Boxes2	£1,336	£1,250
6	Gift Aid Recovered		£16,806	£15,119
		Gift Aid Tax Received - Annexe Project	£2,500	
		Gift Aid Tax Received - General	£12,068	£15,119
		Gift Aid Tax Received - Other	£2,238	
7	Legacies Received		£1,000	£1,000
		Cash Received from Legacies2	£1,000	£1,000
8	Grants Received		£33,893	£3,962
		Grants Received - Government / WBC	£33,893	£2,945
		Grants Received - Other		£1,017
9	Fund Raising		£22,587	£33,318
		Events - General	£415	£3,309
		Events - Special	£3,680	£166
		Events - Annexe	£1,708	£817
		Events - Creamfields	£2,173	£8,310
		Events - Children's Society	£1,131	
		Events - Christingle	£533	
		Events - Christmas Fayre	£12,948	£13,369
		Events - Walking Day		£4,876
		Events - Harvest Supper		£929
10	Income From Investments		£1,493	£2,657
		Interest (Bank/Building Society)2	£656	£1,886
		Dividends	£837	£771
11	Receipts from Church Activities (PCC Fees)		£30,477	£27,383
		Baptisms2	£1,817	£380
		Weddings2	£8,180	£1,352
		Fees Received2		£13,098
12	Receipts from Church Activities (Trading)		£23,152	£27,104
		Book Stall Sales2	£83	£132
		Magazine Sales	£2,680	£2,816
		Annexe - Trading	£294	£1,506
13	Other Incoming Resources		£8,086	£5,351
		Charity Receipts2	£3,686	£303
		Project - Church Extension Donations Personal	£10,400	£12,500
		Project - Church Extension Donations Companies	£4,000	£7,048
		Project - Church Extension Annexe Loan	-£10,000	-£14,500
Grand Total			**£223,878**	**£202,139**

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Examiner: Mervyn K Roberts (ACA) **Date:** 6.2.24.

St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall
Payments - Financial Statement for Year Ended 31 December 2023

Resourc	Resources	Expenditure Account Description	2022	2023
17	Fund Raising Activities (Costs and Payments)		18,176	22,038.85
		DBF Fees paid to Chester	8,075	4,133.20
		Events - Christmas Fayre	3,238	10,612.85
		Flower Fund Payments	1,822	1,300.00
		Events - General	601	2,278.58
		Events - Special	3,239	1,460.98
		Events - Annexe	969	307.49
		Bookstall Fund	127	
		Events - Walking Day	106	1,525.75
		Events - Harvest Supper		420.00
18	Mission Giving & Donations		4,144	11,462.24
		Events - Children's Society	1,141	3.95
		Events - Christian Aid		834.69
		Giving to Wider Missions		500.00
		Events - Christingle		35.00
19	Diocesan Parish Share Contribution		76,302	78,590.52
		Parish Share	76,302	78,590.52
20	Salaries, Wages & Honoraria		11,686	12,117.90
		Salaries, Wages & Honoraria	11,686	12,117.90
21	Clergy and Staff Expenses		7,343	11,539.79
		Rectory - Council Tax	2,443	2,543.57
		Clergy - Working Expenses	1,443	565.17
		Curacy - Rent		6,816.30
		Rectory - House Expenses	2,680	465.00
		Rectory - Water Rates	777	968.24
		Curacy - Expenses		181.51
23	Church Running Expenses		50,501	39,038.19
		Church Running Costs - Other	7,368	6,185.76
		Church Yard Maintenance	6,174	5,243.12
		Church Running Costs - Insurance	5,173	5,884.97
		Church Running Costs - Electricity, Gas & Water	9,328	6,316.28
		Church Running Costs - Upkeep of Services	4,802	2,654.85
		Church Running Costs - Maintenance	5,692	2,377.47
		Printing, Posting & Stationery	2,786	2,045.77
		Church Organ - Fees	3,306	2,418.00
		Church Running Costs - Office Telephone	1,904	1,888.43
		Church - Magazine Expenses	804	1,112.35
		Church Organ/Piano - Tuning	504	804.00
		Church Running Costs - Cleaning	1,972	1,416.08
		Bank Charges	688	691.11
25	Cost of Trading		11,883	14,098.68
		Parish Centre - Maintenance	2,424	3,491.42
		Parish Centre - Electricity & Gas	1,730	1,435.42
		Parish Centre - Insurance	2,023	1,961.66
		Parish Centre - Minor Repairs	4,032	4,974.00
		Parish Centre - Cleaning	1,436	1,378.50
		Parish Centre - Water	404	707.68
		Parish Centre - Trading	531	
		Parish Centre - Other	-697	150.00
26	Governance Costs		302	2,495.15
		Visiting Speakers/Locums	233	1,555.15
		Training - Costs of Trustee/PCC	69	940.00
27	Major Repairs to the Church Building		19	

St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall
Payments - Financial Statement for Year Ended 31 December 2023

Resourc	Resources	Expenditure Account Description	2022	2023
27	Major Rep	Church - Major Repairs		
29	New Building Work - Church, Church Hall, Clergy Housing		30,358	6,893.57
		Project - Church Extension Annexe Contractor (Build)	12,500	3,250.00
		Project - Bell Ringers	4,490	136.80
		Project - Church Extension Annexe Fees	3,654	
		Purchase of Fixed Assets for Church purposes	9,066	3,506.77
		Project - Church Extension Annexe Equipment	648	
ınd Total			**210,714**	**198,274.89**

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Date: 6.2.24.

St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall 2022

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023	2022	2021
INVESTMENTS			
Valuation of Investment at Original Cost	32916	**32,916**	**7,916**
Market Value:			
CBF Investment Fund - 1,648.41 Units: £2,660.53 (£37,262.80)			
Central Board of Finance Deposits			
Deposit Fund	47,679	30,848	38,766
Friends of St Wilfrid's		0	0
Church Annexe Project Fund	12,219	7,914	16,202
	59,898	**38,762**	**54,968**
Cash At Bank			
Natwest - Balance as at 31 December	5,234	22,505	18,135
TOTAL ASSETS	**98,048**	**94,183**	**81,019**
REPRESENTED BY			
Income & Expenditure Balance b/fwd	94,183	81,019	323,885
Excess Income over Expenditure in year-Deficit	3,865	13,164	-242,866
	98,048	**94,183**	**81,019**

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St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall 2023

Statement of Funds

Item Description Closing Balance as at 31 December		2023 Closing Balance	2022 Closing Balance	2021 Closing Balance
Unrestricted Funds				
Natwest Bank - Stockton Heath		**5,233.97**	**22,505.33**	**18,134.56**
CCLA - London				
Deposit Fund		47,678.28	30,847.39	38,765.82
Friends of St Wilfrid's Church			0.00	0.00
Church Building Project Fund		12,219.03	7,914.37	16,202.36
Sub-Total CCLA Funds		**59,897.31**	**38,761.76**	**54,968.18**
Total - Cash Funds		**65,131.28**	**61,267.09**	**73,102.74**
Investments Shares - as at 31 December				
CBF Investment Fund	*No. of shares*	*1,648.41*	*1,648.41*	*500.00*
	MV per share (£)	*22.6053*	*20.6614*	*23.4181*
	Valuation	37,262.80	34,058.46	11,709.05
CBF Fixed Interest Fund	*No. of shares*	*0*	*0.00*	*0.00*
	MV per share (£)	*0*	*20.6614*	*23.4181*
	Valuation		0.00	0.00
Total Value of Investments		**37,262.80**	**34,058.46**	**11,709.05**
Total Funds Held		**102,394.08**	**95,325.55**	**84,811.79**

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Return of Parish Finance

January to December 2023

Parish code (6 digits):	590069	If the form is NOT completed on behalf of the entire parish, please list below the churches included:	Deanery:	Great Budworth
Parish name:	St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall	Grappenhall; St Wilfrid's (609069) - 0405	Diocese:	Chester

	INCOMING RESOURCES	UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)
	Voluntary income/ receipts		
1	Tax efficient planned giving	£53,269	
2	Other planned giving	£10,540	
3	Collections at services	£15,083	
4	(recurring and one-off)	£7,353	
6	Gift Aid recovered	£15,119	
7	Legacies received (capital value)	£ 1,000	
8	Grants (include recurring and one-off)	£ 3,962	
	TOTAL Voluntary income:	**£ 106,326**	
	Activities for generating funds		
9	Gross income from fundraising activities	£33,318	
	Income from investments		
10	Dividends, interest, income from property etc.	£2,657	
	Church activities		
11	Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals etc)	£27,383	
12	Gross income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall).	£27,104	
	Other incoming resources		
13	Any other income/ receipts not already listed	£5,351	

	RESOURCES EXPENDED	UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)
	Costs of generating income		
17	Fund-raising activites (costs and payments)	£22,039	
	Church activities		
18	Mission giving and donations	£11,462	
19	Diocesan parish share contribution	£78,591	
20	Salaries, wages and honoraria	£ 12,118	
21	Clergy and staff expenses	£ 11,540	
	Church expenses		
22	Church expenses: Mission and evangelism costs		
23	Church running expenses	£28,622	
24	Church utility bills	£7,751	
25	Cost of trading	£16,763	
	Major capital expenditure		
27	Major repairs to the church building	£ -	
28	redecoration	£ -	
29	New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or	£ 6,894	
	SUB-TOTAL of all expenditure items above:	**£ 195,780**	
26	Governance costs	£ 2,495	
99	Other outgoing resources/ payments		

	TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)		
A	Unrestricted	£	202,139
B	Restricted	£	-
C	**TOTAL**	**£**	**202,139**

	TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)		
D	Unrestricted	£	198,275
E	Restricted	£	-
F	**TOTAL**	**£**	**198,275**

	PLANNED GIVERS AND LEGACIES	
14	Number of tax efficient planned givers	95
15	Number of other planned givers	14
16	Number of new legacies received	1

	Cash and Investment Balances	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED
31	Cash and deposit balance as at 31/12/23	£ 65,131	
32	Investments as at 31/12/23	£ 37,263	

	Account basis: on which basis are your accounts prepared (indicate ONE)	
30	Receipts and payments [x]	Accruals [ ]

Please refer to the notes on the following pages to help clarify what is included in each section. The item numbers refer to RPF notes, consistent with the guidance provided in PCC Accountability, 2013.

Date	12-Jan-23
Name	Charles Jesudason
Position	Treasurer
Telephone or email	charles@jesudason.co.uk

Looking back across 2023, were there any exceptional circumstances or significant changes that may have led to unusual figures? ***Please provide details in the box below.***

1) The Income & Expenditure values are now back to as expected (prior to the impact of Covid) and the completion of the Church Extension Project in October 2021.

I have examined the accounting records of St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall for the year ended 31 December 2023 and confirm that they are in accordance with the books of account and records provided.

Examiner: Mervyn K Roberts (ACA) ***Date:*** 6.2.24.

ST WILFRID'S CHURCH, GRAPPENHALL, ANNEXE EXTENSION - DESIGNATED ACCOUNT

Sum of Payments Value	YEAR									TOTALS	
Income Account Description	**2015**	**2016**	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	**Grand**	**Sections**
SWC Legacy - Prior 2015	100,000									**100,000**	
SWC Annexe Personal Donations - Personal			60	3,888	69,212	104,646	75,720	10,400	12,500	**276,426**	
SWC Events - Annexe		5,000			7,959	8,560	2,892	1,708	817	**26,935**	
SWC Annexe Personal Loans - (to be Repaid)						64,500	-5,000	-10,000	-14,500	**35,000**	
St Wilfrid's Church Funding											**438,361**
SWC Annexe - Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed - HMRC					16,250	20,433	19,501	2,500		**58,684**	
SWC Annexe Donations - Companies			9,000	20,000	36,000	14,150	4,000	4,000	7,000	**94,150**	
Non St Wilfrid's Church Funding											**152,834**
Grant - Cheshire Community Foundation					10,000					**10,000**	
Grant - Ecclesiastical Insurance					260					**260**	
Grant - Dowager Eleanor Peel Trust						5,000				**5,000**	
Grant - All Churches Trust						17,900				**17,900**	
Grant - Garfield Weston						25,000				**25,000**	
Grant - Beatrice Laing						6,500				**6,500**	
Grant - Lottery Funding						9,700				**9,700**	
Grant - Joseph Rank Trust							30,000			**30,000**	
Grant - Grappenhall & Thelwall Parish Council							5,000			**5,000**	
Reserves - Grant from DCMS to replenish our Reserves							42,000			**42,000**	
Reserves - CCLA Church Project Fund - Reserve							16,000			**16,000**	
Grant - Cheshire Community Foundation							10,000			**10,000**	
Grant - Cheshire Churches Preservation Trust							1,850			**1,850**	
Grant - Robert Clutterbuck							1,500			**1,500**	
Grant - Bernard Sunley Foundation Phase 2							10,000			**10,000**	
St Wilfrid's Annexe Grant Funding											**190,710**
TOTAL RECEIVED	**100,000**	**5,000**	**9,060**	**23,888**	**139,681**	**276,389**	**213,463**	**8,608**	**5,817**	**781,905**	**781,905**
CUMALATIVE BY YEAR	**100,000**	**105,000**	**114,060**	**137,948**	**277,629**	**554,018**	**767,481**	**776,088**	**781,905**		

Sum of Receipts Value	YEAR									TOTALS	
Expenditure Account Description	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		Grand	Group
SWC Annexe -Reports - Churchyard, Archaeology, Bats etc		150	5,906	2,753	812	12,359	6,602			**28,581**	
SWC Annexe - Architect's Fees			9,834	29,249	5,130	16,339	16,915	254		**77,720**	
SWC Annexe - Surveyor, Structural, Mechanical etc - Fees				4,200	23,174	1,200	9,300	3,400		**41,274**	
											147,576
SWC Events - Annexe					3,775	0	0	969		**4,744**	
SWC Annexe Fees - LPWS - VAT Reclaimed from HMRC						-11,719	-9,326			**-21,045**	
SWC Annexe Equipment - Purchases Completed					9,470	1,143	13,520	648		**24,782**	
											8,480
SWC Annexe Contractor (Build) - Grosvenor						153,500	334,001	12,500		**500,001**	
SWC Annexe Contractor (Build) - Dowhigh (Retention £3,250)							121,250		3,250	**124,500**	
											624,501
TOTAL PAYMENTS	**0**	**150**	**15,740**	**36,201**	**42,361**	**172,822**	**492,261**	**17,771**	**3,250**	**780,557**	**780,557**
CUMALATIVE BY YEAR		**150**	**15,890**	**52,091**	**94,452**	**267,275**	**759,536**	**777,307**	**780,557**		**1,349**

M.K. ROBERTS A.C.A. 06/02/2024

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of PCC ST. WILFRID's, GRAPPENHALL

On accounts for the year ended 31st Dec. 2023. **Charity no (if any)** 1131723.

Set out on pages

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

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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [ ] if not applicable.*

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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: [signature] **Date:** 6.2.24.

Name: MERVYN KEITH ROBERTS

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body A.C.A.

(if any):

Address: 215 CHESTER ROAD
GRAPPENHALL
WARRINGTON, WA4 2QB.

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 examiner wishes to disclose.

INCOME GENERATED TO FUND THE CHURCH EXTENSION ANNEXE HAS INCLUDED A NUMBER OF PERSONAL LOANS. SOME OF THESE HAVE SINCE BEEN CONVERTED INTO DONATIONS OR REPAID. AS AT 31ST DECEMBER THERE IS £35,000 STILL OUTSTANDING WHICH IS MORE THAN COVERED BY THE CORRESPONDING CBF INVESTMENT FUND.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST.WILFRID, GRAPPENHA

England & Wales - Charity number 1131723

Accounts



St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall

Annual Church Report 2022







September 2022 marked 10 years of Rev'd Jane's ministry at St Wilfrid's. A collection was taken up and a surprise of a tidy garden, new seating area and garden furniture organised on Jane and Danny's return from holiday.

RECTOR'S ADDRESS



For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. (2 Corinthians 8:9)

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the Annual Report of St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall for 2022. As you read it you will encounter the variety of activity with which the church has been occupied in this first full year without pandemic restrictions. I am always humbled and inspired in equal measure by the service offered and the dedication demonstrated by our faithful and enthusiastic congregation.

While 2022 saw a return of the freedoms of a more normal way of life the effects of Covid remain and continue to impact on us, and I'd like to emphasise here two ways in which this can be seen.

Firstly, like so many other organisations in the charitable sector, we have lost a large number of volunteers who, after the enforced break from church activities, decided to was time for a well-earned rest. We must all always remember that, Lay Readers to the Flower Team, bellringers and musicians, those serving coffee and those visiting the sick, all give their time freely and willingly. Without our volunteers the church would not be clean and tidy, the building would not be maintained, the words for worship would not appear on our screens, there would be no cheery welcome as we arrive for worship. There would be no Women's Group or Friendship Group and our fundraising and community building activities would cease. The car park would not be attended for busy funerals and those same services would not have vergers to attend to the mourners. Couples getting married wouldn't have the extraordinary experience of an All Out For Love evening and families bringing their children to be christened wouldn't write so warmly of the welcome they've received. The churchyard would be overgrown and untended and there would be no PCC to steer the ship!

So, we must give thanks for all those who offer and have ever offered their service to God by volunteering their time and skills, but I would also urge those who could do so, and are holding back, to step forward to fill the gaps that our older volunteers have left. It may be that you can offer a specific skill or that you just feel prompted to offer help but don't know how best to be useful. Please don't ignore God's prompting. The survival of our church and its work relies on you.

The second effect of Covid I'd like to address is the change we have seen in our congregation. Sadly, we have said goodbye over the past few years to several of our oldest and longest standing brothers and sisters in Christ. In every case they could look back over years of worship at St Wilfrid's knowing that they had served Christ faithfully and had given cheerfully to God and the church their time, skills and resources. On the other hand, we have been blessed with an abundance of new worshippers, some returning to church and others coming to discover what its all about for the first time. It is always a joy to welcome new people of all ages to our congregation and to see those people deepen their faith, some deciding to be confirmed and bringing with them a new energy and a fresh dynamic to challenge us into new directions and ways of thinking. It is also essential that they also understand that it is part of our worship to give our time, skills and resources in thanksgiving to God for all that He has given to us.

In the second letter to the Corinthians St Paul points to the generous giving of the churches in Macedonia, who while poor themselves gave cheerfully and joyfully to further the work that Paul was doing in bringing the Good News of Jesus in what he calls 'the ministry of the saints'. He urges them to do the same, to give out of their abundance, and he calls this a test of the genuineness of their love against the earnestness of others.

There is no getting round it, being a church and doing the work that God has sent us to do costs money. In real terms giving last year went down. Add to that the pressures of inflation and it becomes more and more difficult to finance the activity of St Wilfrid's. Those who commit to a regular gift offer so much more than money. They offer the security of knowing that we can pay our bills, keep the heat on, repair the building, be insured and finance ministry of all kinds. So, it is important that every church member urgently reviews their giving. Giving regularly, by standing order and with a gift aid declaration on file with us, gives us the assurance that we can keep doing what we are doing and respond to new challenges and needs when they come along. Equally, even a small increase in giving from those who already give in this way will mean that we can meet the challenges of the financial pressures we face with confidence. As St Paul says, 'I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need.'

May God continue to bless and keep you in the year to come as we journey together towards a greater understanding of His amazing love for us.



Rev'd Jane Proudfoot, Rector

CHURCHWARDENS

Church Annexe



Following the completion of the annexe there have been various snagging problems from the build which have been solved. The main ones of these have been the heating and the west facing door and windows. Unfortunately the hydro zero boiler which was initially installed was unable to cope with the heating systems installed. The company who had supplied this boiler changed us to an air source heat pump free of charge. The outside doors have been adjusted to stop them sticking. The west facing windows have been resealed. We have had blinds fitted to the servery. This enabled us to keep the door from church to annexe open to allow visitors to use the toilet facilities. On the exterior wall of the church by the gates we installed a plaque commemorating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Statutory Regulations

The fire extinguishers have had their annual check.
PAT testing of all electrical equipment has taken place.

Church

Maintenance



On the annual check of the two boilers we have in the cellar, one of them was condemned. The remaining boiler is the usual one we run the church heating from. Unfortunately we found that the pump which runs separately to the boiler had failed. This has been repaired. There is now a PCC sub-committee looking into the heating alternatives for church going forward. We have a new gardening company regularly cutting the grass in the graveyard and maintaining the trees. Work was undertaken to remove Branches over hanging the Parr Arms car park. We are looking into installing CCTV on the churchyard car park and the installation of a rubbish bin.

Parish Centre

The gutters and drains have been cleared. We loaded two skips with all the rubbish left from the building of the annexe to clear the car park. The roof, especially above the meeting room, has been repaired. Thanks go to Pam Roberts who organised the hedge cutting and leaf clearing on the Parish Centre car park.

Support

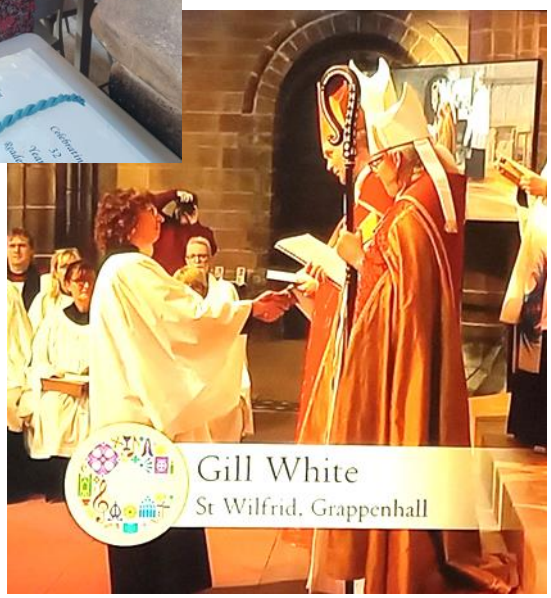
As ever, the work of the church wardens could not take place without the support of the Rector and our many volunteers. We would like to mention especially Les Gregory for his tireless work with the heating systems of church, annexe and parish centre. We could not be without his endless help and technical knowledge. Colin Pare is another volunteer working in the background with many jobs around the parish centre and annexe car park. Geoff Kelly is always ready to help whenever we have asked him. He has continued his work with installing benches and has recently set up various bird feeding stations. Also we are supported by many sidespeople, gardeners, cleaning teams, Sunday morning coffee teams and many others who are always willing to give us their support whenever we ask. We are both eternally grateful for all the help everyone continues to give us and would encourage others to volunteer and to keep us in your prayers.

Julie Ryan and Linda Stockton



Chris Hunter retired from Reader ministry in 2022 and Gill White was licensed as our new Reader.







PASTORAL CARE

Due to the large numbers of bereaved families and individuals that could not receive visits during the pandemic, it was decided to introduce the Bereavement Café. The Annex has been a wonderful space to use and has enabled refreshment spiritually and physically. Two six week courses have enabled us to reach more people and has built supportive friendships and grown ministry within the congregation. I have since attended a Bereavement Refresher Course provided by the Diocese, led by Revd Jenny Bridgman, which has been extremely helpful and informative.

My Pastoral Review took place with Revd Jane Parry and subsequently Revd Jane, which is an essential task, completed every three years, to establish training needs, and to look at work delivered and what the parish may need for the future. This process resulted in an updated Working Agreement which was agreed by the PCC. Attending and contributing to Monday Morning Prayer has enabled me to form closer relationships with a different group of people.

Deanery Synod and meetings with Revd Jane and the Ministry Team has enabled good contacts with other Pastoral Workers in our Deanery and the work they are providing in their own parishes.

The Lay Conference in March was a good insight into where all forms of lay ministry are making a difference to mission and ministry in the Diocese as a whole. Many voiced concern relating to people coming back into church buildings and the need to continue some form of streaming service for those physically unable to attend. Ideas and helpful tips were passed on, and for many of us, it was the first time we had been able to meet for over three years.

I have been blessed and very much value my inclusion in major events, such as the Maunday Thursday Service in the Cathedral, Walking Day, the Lent Compline Services, Creamfields and the All Saints Service, the Queens Jubilee and subsequent Funeral and the Christmas Fair, all of which brought people into a positive, vibrant and busy church.

Nursing Home visits have commenced, with a couple of setbacks due to Covid, but residents and staff alike have given us all a very warm welcome and the residents really enjoy the worship on offer.

Margaret Kitchen
Pastoral Worker

Do you need to talk?



PAROCIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)

Secretary's Report on the Proceedings of the PCC

The notice convening the Annual Parochial Church Meeting has been displayed in the Church for the relevant period. Since the last APCM in April 2022 there have been 5 PCC meetings and 4 meetings of the Standing Committee. On 23rd May at the first meeting after the APCM the PCC gave a small presentation by way of thanks to Christine Hunter who retired after 35 years service as Lay Reader and member of PCC. Also at that meeting the following appointments were made:-

Vice Chair	Julie Ryan
Treasurer	Charles Jesudason
PCC Secretary	Gill White
Electoral Roll Officer	Alan Hunter
Gift Aid Officer	Tony Sudworth
Safeguarding Officer	Georgina Reynolds
Date Protection Officer	Gill White
WET Trustee	John Bygate



No one was appointed to the roles of Planned Giving Officer and Deputy Wardens and 29 parishioners were appointed as Sides People.

The PCC continues to meet bi-monthly on the second Monday in the month, the Standing Committee meets in the alternate months. The meetings begin with a short act of worship followed by discussion as a focus on a particular subject. Amongst these have been:-

- 5 Year Plan – following the Covid pandemic our priorities changed, which brought particular challenges and it was thought more practical to focus on planning for the next twelve months. Our priorities were People, Mission/Outreach and Worship.
- 12 Month Succession Plan – we considered the 'volunteer roles' and succession planning for the different roles within the Church in the future, following which Marjorie Cassin volunteered to take on the role of PCC Secretary again to relieve Gill who had taken on more hours as Church Administrator as well as Lay Reader training.

PAROCIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC) cont…

•Warm Spaces and response to refugees - In view of the energy crisis it was decided to open the Annexe one morning a week as a warm space for people to gather for coffee etc. Rev'd Jane informed the congregation about the true situation of the refugees at the Firgrove Hotel and some of the refugees have since joined our congregation, and also attended the Christmas Fayre and the Christingle.
•Curacy – PCC met with a potential candidate, Kate Komepwaisiho and a curacy was offered and accepted. She will be ordained as Deacon on 1st July.
•As the grand piano on loan to the Church had been retrieved by the owner, the PCC agreed to funding for a replacement and in October the Live at St Wilfrid's concerts re-commenced.
•Walking Day/Summer Fair and Christmas Fayre resumed again and it was good to see the School and Church working together in raising much needed funds or both School and Church.
•We held a party in the Annexe to celebrate HM Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee and a commemorative plaque has been installed in the church wall.
•Eco Church – we were encouraged to work towards our Bronze Award subsequently awarded.
•Meeting also include for regular updates on Finance, Fabric, Annexe, Bells/Clock, Electoral Roll, Safeguarding, Pastoral Care/Wellbeing, Eco Church, Parish Centre, Deanery Synod, LASW, Bridgewater Churches Together and also to decide on the Focus for the following meeting.

Marjorie Cassin Hon Sec – PCC

Live at St Wilfrid's

LASW! had to shut down after the March 2020 concert and felt able to safely restart in October 2022 with 3 events planned for the fourth quarter. One of those had to be postponed owing the death of HM The Queen. A necessary preliminary was the purchase of piano to replace the instrument that had been on long term loan.



In October, we were delighted to welcome Nicola Gerrard, a professional flautist from High Legh, who gave us a programme of 'Dreams and Fantasies'.
November saw the return of Phil Shotton, this time leading his trio and accompanied by jazz singer Adee Lifshitz. Memorable Gershwin brothers and Cole Porter melodies dominated the evening. We look forward to a full eight concert series in 2023.

ST WILFRID'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



We are beginning to forget how school used to be during the pandemic. We have watched the school community get back in the way things used to be pre COVID and while we are still facing some challenges due to the lessons that were missed, the children are all thriving and are enjoying learning.

We have been able to go on lots of school trips this year and the residentials in Year 4 and 6 were definite highlights for the children. These trips are a great way of building resilience and independence and creating memories that the children will cherish – who remembers learning their multiplication tables, but a flying through the air on a giant swing and zip wiring through the countryside – who's going to forget that?
It was lovely to see the return of the Christmas Fayre and Walking Day. These events were welcomed back by the whole community and it was wonderful to see church, school and other local organisations coming together to enjoy these traditional events.
2022 saw great national celebrations for Queen Elizabeth11's Platinum Jubilee and our school celebrated along with the rest of the country, We dressed in outfits from each of the decades she was on the throne and threw a huge party!
We remembered the Queen's many achievements and her devotion to God and her country upon her passing, an incredibly sad time for us all but also a time to reflect on the extraordinary life she had.



We are now planning a coronation party to celebrate the crowning of King Charles 3rd . 2022 was such an historical year and we have ensured that our children were part of this and we continue to teach them to understand our ever changing world.

We are planning a reflective payer garden in school, a place where the children and staff can go and say a prayer or just take time to sit and be still. This is a very exciting project and we are looking forward to getting started. Our ethos group will be involved in the design and the organisation of the project. We are so lucky to have the space we have, our school grounds are truly amazing and we hope that this new area will become a place of peace and tranquillity for our whole school community.

At the heart of our school are the children, they never cease to amaze us. We get to see them join our school at the age of 4 and watch them grow in independence, maturity and resilience until they leave us to go to high school ready for their next school chapter. Our hope is that each and every one of them continues to let their light shine for others to see.



'Learning through fun, faith and friendship'

'Let your light shine for others to see' Matthew 5 14-15

Sustainability / Eco Church

St Wilfrid's Church registered for Eco Church in 2022 and was awarded Bronze status on 1st November of the same year. We are already well on the way to achieving the Silver Award and a clear plan and recommendations have been identified to enable this.

Bronze Award: how did we achieve this?

A number of activities and events took place that provided evidence for each of the five headings that constitute the Eco Church environmental awards scheme. The following is not an exhaustive list but is indicative of the work that took place.



Worship and teaching: we appointed Sally Sudworth as our Eco Church Champion and made sure that we had regular intercessions acknowledging climate-change. Through prayer, hymns and liturgy we celebrated the wonders of God's creation.

Buildings: we recognised the sustainability credentials in the design of the Annex extension, including the air source heat pump and a task group was set up to consider options to improve the heating systems including renewable energy solutions. We have cycle racks in place and recycle bins in place in the Annex and church hall. We now have paperless services through use of the screens in church and we have the online streaming of services.

Land: we instigated a new mowing regime, encouraging wildflowers and pollinators, stopped the use of harmful herbicides and erected signs to explain that the move was intentional and that long grass in designated areas was not through neglect. We placed bird feeders in The churchyard and have benches and places for quiet reflection.



Sustainability / Eco Church cont…

Community and global engagement:
Fairtrade goods are promoted with a regular stall. We've had meetings with the Parish Council to encourage and establish areas of common interest to promote sustainability across the parish community and meetings with other local churches to support each other and share resources.



Lifestyle: a poster competition for our young peopleraised awareness of environmental and sustainability issues. Church members voted on the submissions to choose the winners. There is a regular Ecochurch slot in parish newsletter highlighting news plus hot tips for living a sustainable lifestyle (saving money and the environment). A joint church event on October 20th 2022 together with St Johns and St Thomas event to promote saving energy, water and carbon with experts from United Utilities, Mott MacDonald and Government department DWP.

Watch this space as we push on for the silver award and see what you can do to bring us closer to full Eco Church status and a fuller love for and appreciation of God's wonderful creation. It is within the grasp of St Wilfrid's church congregation, and with the continued support of the PCC, if funding and resources are secured to address the recommendations made, then reaching Silver in 2023 is most definitely possible.

Sally Sudworth Eco Church Champion

SAFEGUARDING

The PCC approved the Safeguarding policy in May 2022. The Safeguarding Policy and posters with who to contact in case of a safeguarding concern are displayed in church and the Parish Centre and there is a safeguarding statement on the church website. We are all responsible for and committed to Safeguarding and in October 2022 this was highlighted as we marked Safeguarding Sunday.

Georgina Reynolds, Safeguarding Officer

Music at St Wilfrid's

Church Choir

This year has seen a welcome new member moving to Warrington for work . This has edged our number to 10 and provided a tenor part for our small band leading Sunday worship. We meet three Fridays out of four and try to prepare some items for major festivals and services together with the weekly service music. It would be encouraging to have new members wanting to join the choir, but it seems this type of group is becoming an outdated aspect of musical worship . Fortunately, St Wilfrid's is lucky to have a broader approach to music in worship and we are grateful to the other church members who lead at Family Praise and during communion, reflections and special services throughout the year.

Guy Pomfret, Organist and Musical Director



We have been privileged to contribute to worship through music again this year. We play for most of the family praise services and enjoy finding ways to engage all ages in musical worship.

Helen & Phil

It has been a privilege for me and for my sister Nikki, to be a part of the musical contributions to services this year at St Wilfrid's.
We have been able to play for some of the more sombre and reflective services throughout the year, including The longest night service, Ash Wednesday, and the Good Friday, service amongst others. These have allowed us to select particular pieces that complement the message and feel of each service, which very often is the need for peace and quiet reflection.
We really love being a part of the musical team at St Wilfrid's, and very much look forward to the services in the year ahead.

Pip & Nikki



Grants and Facilities

Facilities

2022 has been a year of settling in and making use of our new facilities.
Annexe funding details including grants can be found in the Project designated funds sheet within the annual accounts.
In February the annexe boiler was replaced by an air sourced heat pump, making the annexe "carbon neutral". In November the "making good" certificate was issued for the Annexe project. The contract allowed for 1 year after completion for faults like sticking doors and leaks to be identified and made good. This was done. As Project Leader, Charles is to be congratulated on keeping this complex project within budget in these inflationary times. The Donation Station was installed in May and to date has collected £3377. This money is making a vital contribution to fund the everyday work of the church. If you click "Donate" on the stwilfridschurch.org.uk website you can contribute in a very similar way, using your debit or credit card online without needing to be present in church. In November, we tweaked the A/V system to adjust the screen positions so they can be viewed even in the front rows of seats. A new piano was purchased and installed to replace the one that had been on loan.

Grants

We claimed the final 10% of the Covid Recovery grant from DCMS, administered by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. We were delighted to report that St Wilfrid's Church is now open to the public 7 days a week. Most pre-lockdown activities have resumed, and some new ones have started. This tranche of funding has helped us reinstate some contingency reserves to underpin sustained operation. The numbers of people enjoying the Church and Parish Centre continues to grow. We thank Grappenhall and Thelwall Parish Council for £250 to support purchase of a plaque to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. The Co-op Community Fund has accepted our project for increasing biodiversity in our churchyard. Co-op members can nominate St Wilfrid's Grappenhall as their local charity and 2p/£ will be donated from the profits on purchases, at no extra cost to the Co-op member. We were delighted to be selected as one of the top 4 finalists in England for the Naylor Award for Excellence in Church Maintenance. Thank you to all the volunteers who throughout the years contribute to that achievement. This will be valuable evidence to encourage the funders that we will need for the next big project which will be for Church Heating Renewal. Grappenhall people cherish their facilities and expect to use and look after them for many years to come.

Jenny Pearce

Christening Team

Christenings are always joyful services and for the 66 babies, children and young people baptised at St Wilfrid's in 2022, and for their families and friends, they were indeed very special occasions, following 2 years of delays and postponements caused by the Covid pandemic.

The pandemic brought a number of changes to the way we organised Christenings in 2022. Perhaps the one most appreciated initially came about through social distancing requirements as each family had its "own" service, (prior to Covid, there could be up to 3 families at the same service). So in 2022, "Christening Saturdays and Sundays" offered services at 12noon, 1.30pm and 3.00pm. It meant a very busy weekend for Revd Jane and the Christening Team but proved so worthwhile that it continued throughout the year. Thanks to the AV system the service is now on screen minimising the use of paper and keeping the congregations involved and engaged.



The monthly Christening Preparation evenings continued, providing an opportunity for parents to reflect on why they wanted their children to be baptised, to look at the Christening service, to meet members of the Christening team and the other families whose children were being baptised on the same day.

Members of the Christening team contacted the families before the service and were present at the service. Families were invited to send a photo of their child's Christening and write a few words for inclusion in the parish magazine and we're delighted that there was a good response in 2022. Those who had been baptised in 2021 received a specially designed card on the first anniversary of their Christening and were invited back to church for Family Praise when they were named in the intercessions.

There were changes in the membership of the Christening team. Jan Ashby, moved away to Lincoln, and Sarah Hards decided to step back. Our thanks go to them for their immense contribution over the years. Gill's work as Parish Administrator meant that she handled all Christening requests and arrangements and ensured that all went smoothly. On-line screening of the service meant Linda did sterling work on 'console duty' as well as making sure there was water in the font!

Christening Team cont..

Susan continued to ensure that the 1st Anniversary cards were delivered and Carolyn Thompson and I continued to welcome families to the service, read the Bible passage and lead the prayers.
As always, those to be Christened were named in the intercessions for that Sunday. And our prayer in 2022, and now, is that as we pray for them so we also pray that by what we do and say we support and encourage those who are newly Christened to grow in faith as members of our church family.

Chris Hunter

Pre-School Praise

Pre-school Praise is held every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. Rev'd Jane leads the worship and we have songs, stories, craft and snacks and lots of fun. During the past year we have thanked God for Our Pets, Flowers, Trees, Birds, The rain, The Sun, Easter, Our Mums, Holidays, Autumn, Bonfire night, The Queen, Baby Jesus and how we can follow Jesus! We enjoyed our Christmas party where we had snacks and lots of fun! The children this year are quite young, ranging from new babies to 3-year-olds. Our numbers are steadily growing, and we appreciate the help that the parents, grandparents and carers give us.

The highlight of the year was the graduation service, held in July before the whole congregation on a Sunday morning , when we present the children who are moving on to school with a memorable book and our very best wishes and prayers. The children really enjoyed singing their special songs for everyone! Pre-school Praise is a great way to introduce little children to God, Jesus and our church family!

Anne Young & Gill White





Women's Group

St Wilfrid's Women's Group has had a very successful year following our closure over the Covid period. The changes to one meeting a month (1st Tuesday) and moving to afternoons at 2pm seem to have worked well. Whilst our membership remains steady at 44, our attendance at meetings has improved to 30-35, at least, at most meetings. We work hard to put an attractive programme together each year and so it's very gratifying that what we offer is attractive to our membership.

2022 started for us with our annual post Christmas lunch at Statham and since then we have welcomed speakers from the Merseyside & Cheshire Blood Bikes, an interpreter (for the deaf) in the theatre, a retired police officer and a speaker on the Extraordinary Women of Moore amongst others. We had a wonderful outing in June to the Grosvenor Garden Centre, followed by a cruise on the Dee with afternoon tea on board, all in glorious sunshine.

Our AGM and Holy Communion started off our year in September, then in November we had a successful theatre trip to see Top Hat in Stockport.

Our aim is to be as diverse as we can in our choice of speakers to satisfy our membership. All women in the community are welcome to attend - come along to hear our speakers, join in our fellowship and enjoy a cup of tea and a chat!

Barbara Wild





Parish Centre

The Parish Centre brought in a total income of £19,381 in 2022.
This breaks down into £17,218 from our regular hirers and £2,163 from adhoc bookings, children's parties etc.

The new invoicing system that was introduced in November 2021 is running smoothly after a few slight adjustments. All invoicing for our regular hirers is on a calendar month basis.



During 2022 we had the installation of a new access key code system that has brought an end to the need for issuing physical keys to hirers. Each of our regular hall users now have their own unique code for gaining access.

We have welcomed a new Mums and Tot's session to our Friday mornings and now have eight groups that hire the hall regularly on a week-by-week basis.

Gill White, Parish Centre Administrator.

All out for love

Two "All Out For Love" evenings were held in 2022 to guide 14 couples through their big day. These sessions are a wonderful way to welcome people to be married in our lovely church to the wider church family, as well as providing practical support.
The couples are introduced to their wedding coordinators in an informal way over a light supper, prepared by members of the "All Out For Love" team, before sitting down with a Wedding Team member to talk about their plans, help with ideas for music, readings or flowers and we answer any questions the couple may have.



Rev'd Jane then takes them through the wedding service and explains what it is to be married in the sight of God and the evening culminates in a very special event in our candlelit church where each couple lights a candle on the altar with their names on, which will be kept in church until their wedding day. This reminds the congregation to pray for them and is lit again during the wedding service.

Lis Williams on behalf of The Wedding Team

BELLRINGERS



It was good to start (and finish) the year without any COVID restrictions, the first time in two years this has happened. We were fortunate in that the majority of our ringers returned to the tower quickly to enable us to get back into the rhythm of ringing ten bells again. I say fortunate because in some other towers, the return to ringing did not happen very quickly at all. It is good to hear our new bells again being put to their intended use and their tone is most wonderful. It is most gratifying to hear some members of our congregation commenting on how nice the new bells sound.

Now things are back to normal, we have been pleased to welcome visitors again. Most Wednesday practice nights see something like 2 to 4 visitors join us for ringing, some returning quite often. I'm not too sure if this is due to the new bells or to the welcome and friendship they receive (hopefully both!). We have also welcomed more visiting bands coming to ring, either just socially, for a Quarter Peal (45 minutes continuous ringing) or even a full Peal (3 Hours continuous ringing). With our sound control system the bells are quite muted outside and such long periods of ringing are not the problem they used to be without sound control. We rang for 64 services during the year with just 7 occasions when all 10 bells were not rung. Being a 'family' orientated band, losing 2-3 families at once means we can lose 5-6 ringers from that ringing session making the ringing of 10 bells more difficult. 33 Quarter Peals were rung in the year, mostly by the local band, although we did have visitors in most of these Quarters giving more ringers from the Diocese a chance to sample our new bells. 6 Full Peals were rung, with just 1 by the local ringers. This was a special Peal rung to celebrate the life of Ashley Pugh (a Witton ringer) who donated our 2 treble bells to make the ring of 10. A peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal was rung as per Ashley's request with the Conductor being Nick Thomson, again as per Ashley's request. The local band also rang a Quarter Peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal to celebrate Ashley's life.

We usually muster 12-15 ringers for each session but have lost a young ringer. This has been offset by another young person starting to ring (Caitlin Whalley) who has made very good progress and now rings regularly for Sunday service.

BELLRINGERS cont..

Our ringers still go to Stockton Heath to help and strengthen the band there for Sunday Service ringing and on practice nights. Help is also being given to the Stretton ringers as they have been experiencing a shortage of ringers recently. Their tower is used once a month on their Monday practice night for special practices aimed at basic method ringing when ringers from Stretton, Stockton Heath and Grappenhall regularly take part, both in a learners role or in a helpers role. Some of our ringers are regularly ringing hand bells and making good progress in their achievements. Events in the tower are regularly reported in the Parish Magazine, in an article entitled Up the Spiral Staircase penned by our Ringing Master Nick Thomson.

We entered a band in the Mid Cheshire Branch 6 Bell Striking contest at Stretton in May and were placed 1st meaning we represented the Mid Cheshire Branch in the Guild 6 Bell contest for Sunday Service bands. This contest was held at Hartford in October where we were placed 1st. Three of our ringers represented Mid Branch in the Branch 8 Bell Contest held at West Kirby in April where the Branch was comfortably placed 1st.

All the tower work from our bell project (Bells and Clock) have now been completed and (touch wood – hand on head) everything seems to be performing well.

If anyone would like to come and see us ringing and see the new bells, please get in touch with us. New ringers would be most welcome to come and help us keep St Wilfrid's loudest voice heard across the parish. No experience necessary as training will be given.

Mike Thomson, Tower Captain





BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Fruitful study took place throughout the year, with a series of excellent Bible study sessions on Zoom, led by the Rector, covering St Mark's Gospel. On some evenings our study was not directly in the scriptures, but in issues very much of our time which were fruitfully and deeply enjoyed and discussed.

During Lent 2022 we took a break from looking directly at the Bible and enjoyed, in a series of study evenings moved by the theme of Pilgrimage, the film “The Way" which follows a group of pilgrims from very different backgrounds on the Santiago de Compostela pilgrimage in Spain.

In the autumn, we looked similarly at different parts of the film "The Chosen" which is great work still in the making, and includes many scenes which are clearly the fruit of much prayerful study and preparation, in its efforts to retell the Gospels. This has resumed from Lent 2023 and the film, with its emphasis on the importance of following Jesus, continues to draw much challenging reflection and comments deeply appreciative of its challenging portrayal of events.

There is always room for, and great enrichment to be drawn from, the study of Scripture and we hope that, whether meeting together for film sessions or other events, or using Zoom to link up for home based study sessions, more of us will make time for this most fruitful and rewarding activity. **John Prytherch.**

FOODBANK

The past year has been very challenging for the Foodbank due to more people requiring support from Foodbank with the many increasing costs that many households have to bear. Because of this greater demand there were many empty shelves in the Foodbank warehouse. I was very humbled when we highlighted the situation to find many donations being left at the back of church. Our Foodbank Sunday and Harvest Sunday donations were very generous this year. When we all have more pressure on where we spend our hard earned money it is comforting to find that our community supports Foodbank in this way.
Donations continue to be left behind the font of church.
As we are open every day this makes it easier for donations to be left. I am, as are all the people who are struggling to feed themselves and their families, grateful for any donations you are able to leave. Thank you **Linda Stockton**



ADMIN TEAM



The year was a busy one with a lot of Christenings and Weddings after so many were postponed due to Covid.

The Parish Centre was back in full use, taking regular bookings and dealing with enquiries.

The return of *Live at St Wilfrid's* has kept Eileen busy working hard preparing and printing the publicity brochures and posters.

It has been a blessing to be assisted by Margaret, Ken and Eileen, sharing in the joy of serving our church community. I cannot thank them enough for their time, support and dedication in helping the Church Office run smoothy.

Gill White, Church Administrator
along with our regular volunteers Margaret Hale, Eileen Waddell, and Ken *Southward.*

PRAYER FRIENDS

"Pray for one another, so that you may be healed". James 5:16
"Pray without ceasing". 1 Thessalonians 5:17



Prayer Friends are members of St Wilfrid's congregation who pray regularly and faithfully for those who have asked for our prayers for any reason whatsoever. All information given is strictly confidential.

Our prayers are always greatly appreciated and valued by those concerned and throughout 2022 we have continued to receive many requests, either personally or through St Wilfrid's Church website, from people troubled or anxious for themselves or a loved one.

Many people also left requests on the prayer tree and in the little books at the back of church as they came to light a candle for a loved one or themselves and these requests were offered on their behalf at Monday Morning Prayer.

Please don't hesitate to ask someone if they would like Prayer Friends to support them and then contact Revd Jane, Gill at the Parish Office or me. And if you feel called to share in this particular prayer ministry then please do get in touch.
Chris Hunter

MAGAZINE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

2022 saw the reintroduction of monthly magazines after the Covid pandemic and it was well received by all our subscribers.

We have maintained all our regular features excluding the Scouts, who have changed leader and we are struggling to reengage with them. We have monthly contributions from different parts of the community including Pre-School, Brownies, the Cricket Club, the WI and the Women's Group as well. Bradshaw School has been a regular contributor again after Covid which has been fantastic to have and Headteacher Chris Short has been positive and enthusiastic in his articles.

St Wilfrid's School has also continued with monthly pages, currently being looked after by the Interim deputy head, we often have two or more interesting and well written pages on the children's activities

Our monthly Foodbank articles and information including needed donations, continues to be included and this is well referenced by readers as a point to check on required donations.

There was no Starters BBQ in 2022 so the opportunity to introduce the magazine to new parents was lost, school takers are very static and we have had no increase in magazine subscribers. If every electoral roll member took the magazine this would almost double our reach. The magazine is a good read and a great way to keep up to date with Church news and upcoming events.

Magazine advertising revenue has dropped off in the last couple of years, losing some long and well established contributors due to changes in business / focus or retirement. We need to boost the advertising to widen our scope and continue with payments.

On the social media front, Facebook remains active and most services are posted. The streaming of services allows our reach to expand and we are aware of regular followers scattered across the world.

Streaming of funeral services also enables those not able to travel an opportunity for a private farewell. Incremental gains in followers have happened over the course of 2022, with over 1000 following as of December 2022.



Julie Ryan

FLOWER TEAM



As in previous years our talented flower team have produced some beautiful arrangements to celebrate the various ecumenical seasons of the year. We are all thankful that now that Covid restrictions are over we can enjoy each other's company once more and return to a normal life style.

Our flower team has now got eight regular members and Sue ,Sylvia, Hazel, and Diane, who is a neighbour of Anne Ongley's, who will help us out on the big festivals of Easter, Harvest, Remembrance Sunday, Christmas and The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We work in pairs and so consequently decorate the church once a month. On Mothering Sunday primrose plants were distributed by the Rose Queen, our Village Prince and their retinues to all the ladies in the congregation. At Harvest time food was donated to the Warrington Food bank and the team decorated the window ledges with flowers which were taken to members of the community that were housebound, sick or bereaved. For Remembrance Sunday members of our team decorated the Church and a large cross was placed outside to be decorated with poppies. At Christmas time the usual 60 wreaths were decorated and sold to raise church funds by the team. The team decorated the church with seasonal arrangements of red gold and white flowers and the tree lit up to add the final touch .

We are a friendly group of ladies who take pleasure in having the privilege and enthusiasm to enhance our beautiful church. We would welcome any new recruits –no experience necessary! Please contact Rev. Jane or any member of the flower team.

Anne Young Flower Team Co-ordinator







GOD'S GARDENERS



Our small dedicated team of Gardeners continue being out in the fresh air and meeting people visiting the church yard.
Flowers always make people smile, feel happier and more hopeful. They are food and medicine for the soul. The flowers and fauna in our churchyard not only feed our souls but also the wildlife. It's great to start growing wild flowers and see bird feeding stations being established. Last year you will have seen a change in the management of our church grounds, encouraging wildlife and biodiversity. This has changed how we are gardening and where our focus is, so last year we prioritised where we will concentrate our work. This will entail looking after the Peace Garden, Garden of Remembrance, the front of church and newly established borders around the Annexe, whilst thinking about the type of flowers and shrubs we plant to encourage bees and butterflies.
Being such a small team, one area we have found difficult to manage is the Garden of Remembrance which we are continually working at and thinking about how we can keep it low maintenance.



One idea we started to look at last year was marking our war graves to enable people to find them easily. We will continue with this, over the coming year.
We are appreciative of the monies we receive from the PCC which enables us to continue planting in the borders and changing the troughs throughout the seasons.
Thank you to all the folks who have supported and helped out in various ways, hopefully bringing a sense of peace to anyone walking through our church grounds.
You'll find us on Thursday mornings – why not come along and lend a hand.

Carol Harrison & God's Gardeners

Fair Trade Stall

We suspended our Fairtrade activity at St Wilfrid's during the pandemic, but happily were able to bring it back at the start of Lent 2022 to link into the theme of the Lent lunches. Our wonderful new Annexe has allowed us space for a cupboard where we can keep a selection of Fairtrade goods and run a stall most weeks during coffee, or indeed at any other time if people want to use the facility.
We were also able to take orders for Advent calendars and Christmas cards.

Sales of Fairtrade tea, coffee, chocolate, cereals, nuts, dried fruit, and jams, together with cards and gifts, have amounted to £1,870.45 in 2022. This is an amazing amount. Thank you to everyone who has supported us. We would dearly love some volunteers to come forward, either on a Sunday morning at Coffee, or if they wish to open the cupboards for meeting or services during the week.

Fairtrade offers us all the opportunity to show solidarity with poorer communities in the developing world – its importance in giving a chance to escape grinding poverty through the provision of education, or the possibility of reducing dependence on cash crops alone cannot be over-emphasized.
All our goods are supplied from the Warrington Fair4All stall, now in the new market. Warrington is a Fairtrade town and our contribution, together with that of other churches throughout the town are vital to this status.
At the start of 2023, Traidcraft, the firm which used to supply much of Fair4All's stock, went into administration, putting a strain on the goods we can source. We are working hard to try to identify other Fairtrade suppliers and ensure that we can continue our work.
If you want to know more about the Fair4All stall on the market, have a chat to us.

The Williams family



REFUGEE AID COLLECTION

The Care UK Charity, which we support, has been focused on three main areas of work this year - they are helping local homeless people to furnish rented properties, providing the basics including toaster, kettle and microwave, they have also despatched aid to Ukranian Orphanages and have taken a leading role with providing essentials to asylum seekers staying in local hotels including the Fir Grove Hotel. Donations from St Wilfrid's via Care UK and via direct contact have had a positive benefit for the residents there, which include a significant number of young children. The two shops in Warrington provide a valuable source of income which is ploughed back into the charities' activities. Volunteers are very welcome to come along and spend a couple of hours helping in the shop or sorting donations. Please contact alison@careukcharity.org.uk for further information.

Alison Collins





Christmas gifts were distributed to the children at the Fir Grove & Walking Day and our Annual Christmas Fayre made a welcome return!







BRIDGEWATER CHURCHES TOGETHER (BCT)

St Wilfrid's is a member of BCT - an umbrella group of churches of all denominations in the local area, which meets four times a year and we were recently pleased to welcome Bethesda Church to our number.

Each year BCT arranges Ecumenical Services i.e. the Week of Christian Unity, Good Friday (an open air service held outside the Mulberry Tree pub), Christian Aid week, Pentecost and the annual Christmas Carol Service usually held in St Thomas' Church, each church taking a turn to host. We were pleased to welcome Bishop Mark to the Carol Service who in his address, pointed people towards any Nurture/Alpha Courses happening in the New Year.

Each church makes a small annual financial contribution to BCT and collections taken at Ecumenical Services are usually donated to local charities such as Warrington Foodbank, St Joseph's Centre and also to Christian Aid. It supports the Creamfields Festival and Broomfields Youth Project who meet on a Friday evening in "The Shack", a building on the Broomfields School site which serves a great demand, especially on Friday nights when young people meet together to hear about the Gospel.

The service for Pentecost held in Stockton Heath Methodist Church was also a celebration of HRH Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee.

Churches helped with accommodation, furniture and hosting coffee mornings for the Ukrainian refugees but some had returned home. Some of the Iranian refugees in the Lord Daresbury Hotel attended Daresbury Church.

In view of the effects of energy problems created by the Ukrainian war, some churches had agreed to provide a Warm Space where people could meet for a coffee and a small bite. We were also made aware of the asylum seekers to be placed in the Firgrove and how churches could work together to help.

Marjorie Cassin (Hon Sec)

Jubilee Concert Party June 2022





DEANERY SYNOD

St Wilfrid's, Grappenhall, is part of Great Budworth Deanery, where Rev'd Jane has been the Rural Dean since 2021. Our Deanery is one of 18 within the Chester Diocese. They provide a sub-Diocesan church structure for peer support and sharing experiences for both clergy and parishes.

Deanery Synod brings together clergy, lay readers, pastoral workers and lay members. We have four lay members as parish representatives, elected at our Annual Parish Church Meeting.

There were three Deanery Synod meetings in 2022; highlights include:

- The February meeting was at Walton. Much of the meeting discussed experiences of the different churches on their recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions. It was recognised that some online initiatives started for the pandemic would probably continue, as they help to meet the needs of those still sheltering and other house-bound members of the congregation.
- The July meeting was a special open meeting, held at St Wilfrid's. Teams of representatives came from the various churches to listen to Neil Hudson, the author of "*Imagine Church: Releasing Dynamic Everyday Disciples and Scattered and Gathered: Equipping Disciples for the Frontline*". It was an interactive meeting with the presentation interspersed with small group chats to allow churches to think about their own response to mission and evangelism. St Wilfrid's was well represented.
- The October meeting, run by Harriet Roberts, the Diocesan Director of Vision and Strategy was also open. It was a "Vision Café" to capture the views of those present as part of an open-minded process to help determine the values on which the Diocese will base a strategy for working and growing together in the future.

St Wilfrid's had acted as an early pilot parish for the process, but not all churches in the Deanery had engaged with the Vision Café before this meeting. To encourage a wider exchange of ideas, tables were mixed between churches, and I found this allowed us to consider aspects of the process with a fresh perspective.

Apart from the main talks, the Deanery Synod meetings have regular business including sharing information about new developments and events across the Deanery, and feedback from meetings of the Diocesan and General Synods.

Geraint Williams, Deanery Synod Parish Representative

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Chester



September 2022 a memorial book is opened following the death of Queen Elizabeth II





August 2022 and many more members of our congregation volunteering at Creamfields





April 2022 saw us hosting a support Café for Ukrainian refugees





December 2022 and the Christingle raised money for *The Children's Society* while Gill raised money and awareness through her work for local charity *Room at the Inn*



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ST WILFRID'S CHURCH, GRAPPENHALL

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The Annual financial Report (2022) – 27 April 2023

1. **The Role of the Treasurer –**
   a. To be **responsible** for the disbursement of funds (restricted & unrestricted) within policies established by the Charities Commission, the Church of England & the PCC

   b. To be **accountable to the PCC** – Use CofE guidelines in the Parish Resources website
      i. To increase transparency by regular reporting of information to the PCC
      ii. To implement Standard Account Descriptions, thus providing consistent Accounts
      iii. To Lead & Manage the Church Extension (Annexe Project) and ensure all transactions are fully incorporated into our accounts, via a Designated Account

2. **The Financial Report -** The Treasurer's objectives on behalf of the PCC were achieved in full and the Examiner Mervyn Roberts has audited and signed-off the detailed final accounts

3. **The Headlines**
   a. We have recovered from the Covid 19 issues in our 2022 accounts
      i. Government grants received due to Covid was £33,839
   b. We have completed the Annexe Project in full within our estimated Budget cost and are holding a retention of £3,250 in Reserve, which is due to be paid off in early 2023
      i. Therefore, our Building related donations have now reduced significantly
      ii. We have personal loans of £49,500 outstanding, to be repaid in 2025
   c. We have doubled our annual income from the Parish Centre letting (since pre Covid)
   d. We have a salaried Administrator, now included within our costs
   e. Due to Income of £223,878, less Expenditure of £210,714, we had a surplus of **£13,164**
   f. We owe 50% of Christmas Fayre Surplus, due to SWC School £4,265 in January 2023

4. **Cashflow Statement -** The Summary by Month
   a. The Cash movements and balances by month, for the year are highlighted
   b. The Natwest current account balance, as at 31 December 2022 was £22,505

5. **The Income Report** – The months January to December 2022
   a. The total Income for 2022 was £223,878
      i. The normal annual Income (excl. Annexe Project), for 2021 was £156,402
      ii. Therefore, an annual increase of **£67,476**

6. **The Expenditure Report** – The months January to December 2022
   a. The total Expenditure in 2022 was £210,714,
      i. The normal annual Expenditure (excl. Annexe Project), for 2021 was £177,439
      ii. Therefore, an annual increase of **£33,275**

7. **The Overview of Income & Expenditure for 2022 Year to Date**
   a. Income of £223,878, less Expenditure £210,714 a surplus of £13,164

8. **The Church Extension Project (Annexe, track, path and car park) – Activity**
   a. The Church Extension Project Designated Account – Activity over 8 years (2015-2022)
   b. Designated Account Income & Expenditure (as attached)
   c. **Main Income** - Start of Project to date is **£787,685**, including the following……
      i. Personal Annexe Donations - £363,926
      ii. Annexe related Fundraising on Events - £37,715
      iii. Members Loans currently outstanding, **-£49,500, due in 2025**

iv. Gift Aid reclaimed from HMRC on Personal Donations - £58,684
v. Company Donations £87,150
vi. Annexe related Grant Funding received - £190,710

d. **Main Expenditure** from start of Project to date was £777,307
   i. Annexe various Reports and Professional Fees to date is currently £147,576
   ii. Annexe related Events, Purchases & VAT Reclaimed is currently £8,480
   iii. Annexe Contractor Build costs is currently £621,251
   iv. We have in Reserve for Builder's Retention of **£3,250**, due in early 2023

9. **Funds held in our Bank Reserve Accounts as at 31 December 2022**
   i. CCLA Deposit account Reserves are currently at £30,847
   ii. CCLA Building Project account balance is currently at £7,914
   iii. CCLA Investment cost of £7,916 is currently valued at £32,916

10. **The Succession Plan for the future –** Reducing single dependency by simplifying and improving the robustness of existing processes and financial reports, including separation of control. Therefore, for Business Continuity, we intend to split a future Treasurer's role into a Book-keeper (to provide our financial & monthly management accounts) and a Finance Officer (to undertake the remaining part of the Treasurer's role), involving the Bank account payments. This role can be introduced within a few days, should it be required.

    a. We have identified an external Book-keeper, who has been interviewed by Revd Jane, Linda and Gill, who have all approved him for the role
    b. He has shadowed me for the production of the 2022 annual financial accounts
    c. We are working on the revised processes, to provide our routine financial reporting at each PCC Meeting, as needed
    d. Encouraging future recruitment to the role of Treasurer and Cashier

11. **Thank You -** Finally, I take this opportunity to thank Linda for acting as temporary Cashier and simplifying my task, by analysing and Paying into the Bank regularly. Jonathan Dixon, who has retired from his duties, as Gift Aid Secretary and Energy manager. Bob Wallace, Gift Aid Officer, for his work in the reclaiming of Gift Aid on our behalf from HMRC, who has also retired after 34 years' service – A very big thank you. Their roles have now been merged and will be taken over by Geraint Williams, as Thanksgiving Officer in the new year of 2023.

    Additionally, I would like to thank all members of the Building Project team (completed full sign-off in November 2022), particularly, those who supported me in being able to deliver the project objectives under budget, even through the difficult Covid 19 period. Further, a special thank you to Jenny Pearce, who was instrumental in our huge success in Grant funding (fully itemised in the Designated Account). Also, to all those who generously contributed, enabling us to complete the Project, without any external loans…….An achievement, that we all can be proud of at SWC, Grappenhall. Finally, a big thank you to Revd Jane and the PCC team for their trust and support for the Building Project since 2015 and the successful delivery of all its objectives.

    Should there be any questions, please raise them with me directly.

Charles Jesudason (Treasurer)
27 April 2023

St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall
Receipts - Financial Statement for Year Ended 31 December 2022

Income	Incoming Resourc	Income Account Description	2021	2022
1	Tax Efficient Planned Giving (Gift Aid)		£54,706	£57,442
		Bank - (Gift Aid)	£49,719	£46,162
		Envelopes - (Gift Aid)	£4,325	£3,410
		Planned Giving (Gift Aid)	£662	£7,870
2	Other Planned Giving (Non Gift Aid)		£1,588	£4,105
		Planned Giving (Non Gift Aid)	£1,408	£1,174
		Bank - (Non Gift Aid)	£180	£2,931
3	Collections at Services		£7,402	£15,314
		Loose Plate Collections2	£4,932	£12,844
		Friends of St Wilfrid's2	£70	£70
		Special Collections2	£2,400	£2,400
4	All Other Giving (recurring and one off)		£19,532	£9,502
		Donations & Appeals2	£15,934	£4,220
		Flower Fund2	£375	£1,170
		Church Boxes2		£1,336
		Church Yard Donations	£3,223	£2,776
6	Gift Aid Recovered		£35,007	£16,806
		Gift Aid Tax Received - Annexe Project	£19,501	£2,500
		Gift Aid Tax Received - General	£15,505	£12,068
		Gift Aid Tax Received - Other		£2,238
7	Legacies Received			£1,000
		Cash Received from Legacies2		£1,000
8	Grants Received		£145,092	£33,893
		Grants Received - Annexe	£90,350	
		Grants Received - Government / WBC	£54,742	£33,893
9	Fund Raising		£4,443	£21,516
		Events - General	£1,757	£223
		Events - Special	-£206	£17,099
		Events - Annexe	£2,892	£2,021
		Events - Creamfields		£2,173
10	Income From Investments		£38,031	£1,493
		Interest (Bank/Building Society)2	£140	£656
		Dividends	£1,273	£837
		Sale of Shares	£36,618	
11	Receipts from Church Activities (PCC Fees)		£30,800	£30,477
		Baptisms2	£1,861	£1,817
		Weddings2	£7,264	£8,180
		Funerals2	£21,675	£20,481
12	Receipts from Church Activities (Trading)		£16,310	£22,840
		Book Stall Sales2	£47	£65
		Magazine Sales	£38	£2,680
		Magazine Advertising		£480
		Hire/Lettings - Hall	£16,194	£19,425
		Hire/Lettings - Annexe	£30	£190
13	Other Incoming Resources		£75,234	£9,489
		Charity Receipts2	£514	£5,089
		Project - Church Extension Donations Personal	£75,720	£10,400
		Project - Church Extension Donations Companies	£4,000	£4,000
		Project - Church Extension Annexe Loan	-£5,000	-£10,000
Grand Total			**£428,144**	**£223,878**

I have examined the accounting records of St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall for the year ended 31 December 2022 and confirm that they are in accordance with books of account and records provided

Examiner: Mervyn K Roberts (ACA)

22.2.23

St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall
Payments - Financial Statement for Year Ended 31 December 2022

Resources Expended	Resources Expended	Expenditure Account Description	2021	2022
17	Fund Raising Activities (Costs and Payments)		7,378	19,418
		DBF Fees paid to Chester	6,998	8,075
		Events - Special	380	6,583
		Events - Creamfields		2,753
		Events - General		224
		Events - Annexe		969
		Bookstall Fund		127
		Bank Charges		688
18	Mission Giving & Donations		2,879	4,155
		Giving to Home Missions	1,779	2,333
		Flower Fund Payments	1,100	1,822
19	Diocesan Parish Share Contribution		74,620	76,302
		Parish Share	74,620	76,302
20	Salaries, Wages & Honoraria		9,337	11,686
		Salaries, Wages & Honoraria	9,337	11,686
21	Clergy and Staff Expenses		3,531	7,343
		Rectory - Council Tax	2,350	2,443
		Clergy - Working Expenses	102	1,443
		Rectory - House Expenses	465	2,680
		Clergy - Telephone	96	
		Rectory - Water Rates	517	777
23	Church Running Expenses		34,662	46,904
		Church Running Costs - Other	4,872	7,192
		Church Yard Maintenance	8,665	6,174
		Church Running Costs - Insurance	4,610	5,173
		Church Running Costs - Upkeep of Services	3,902	4,816
		Church Running Costs - Maintenance	1,681	6,168
		Printing, Posting & Stationery	2,518	2,783
		Church Organ - Fees	1,811	3,306
		Church Running Costs - Electricity, Gas & Water	2,226	752
		Church Running Costs - Electricity & Gas	2,085	5,427
		Church Running Costs - Office Telephone	1,868	1,904
		Church - Magazine Expenses		804
		Church Organ/Piano - Tuning	274	504
		Church Running Costs - Cleaning	150	1,902
25	Cost of Trading		10,947	14,227
		Parish Centre - Electricity & Gas	2,762	3,932
		Parish Centre - Maintenance	4,176	2,424
		Parish Centre - Insurance	2,264	2,023
		Other Outgoing Resources / Payments		
		Parish Centre - Major Repairs		
		Parish Centre - Cleaning	150	1,506
		Parish Centre - Water	837	372
		Parish Centre - Minor Repairs	235	4,032
		Parish Centre - Trading	160	466
		Parish Centre - Other	363	-527
26	Governance Costs		649	302
		Visiting Speakers/Locums	629	233
		Training - Costs of Trustee/PCC	-140	69
		Training & Mission Costs	160	
27	Major Repairs to the Church Building		1,975	19
		Church - Major Repairs		

St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall
Payments - Financial Statement for Year Ended 31 December 2022

Resources Expended	Resources Expended	Expenditure Account Description	2021	2022
27	Major Rep	Church - Minor Repairs (Decoration)	1,975	19
29	New Building Work - Church, Church Hall, Clergy Housing		525,032	30,358
		Project - Church Extension Annexe Contractor (Build)	455,251	12,500
		Project - Bell Ringers	1,310	4,490
		Project - Church Extension Annexe Fees	16,889	3,654
		Purchase of Fixed Assets for Church purposes	31,460	9,066
		Project - Church Extension Annexe Equipment	13,520	648
		Project - Church Extension Annexe Reports	6,602	
Grand Total			**671,010**	**210,714**

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St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall

Cashflow Statement 2022

Year	Month	Month Name	Sum of Receipts Value	Sum of Payments Value	Sum of Transfers Value	Monthly movements and Account Balance	Bank Balance
	12	December	£50,158.92	£28,486.40	-£29,257.79	-£7,585.27	£18,134.56
2021 Total			**£428,144.22**	**£671,010.41**	**£237,666.94**	**-£5,199.25**	
2022	1	January	£11,725.21	£14,836.31		-£3,111.10	£15,023.46
	2	February	£42,367.27	£19,334.23	-£28,570.00	-£5,536.96	£9,486.50
	3	March	£13,812.20	£15,462.62		-£1,650.42	£7,836.08
	4	April	£26,310.51	£17,325.34	£10,000.00	£18,985.17	£26,821.25
	5	May	£13,617.55	£14,766.23	-£12,068.00	-£13,216.68	£13,604.57
	6	June	£16,333.40	£14,561.39		£1,772.01	£15,376.58
	7	July	£9,227.96	£19,261.30		-£10,033.34	£5,343.24
	8	August	£18,208.94	£15,298.52	£10,000.00	£12,910.42	£18,253.66
	9	September	£9,285.38	£18,269.80		-£8,984.42	£9,269.24
	10	October	£17,673.36	£13,966.63		£3,706.73	£12,975.97
	11	November	£11,865.91	£31,274.42	£12,500.00	-£6,908.51	£6,067.46
	12	December	£33,450.73	£16,357.28	-£655.58	£16,437.87	£22,505.33
2022 Total			**£223,878.42**	**£210,714.07**	**-£8,793.58**	**£4,370.77**	

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St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall 2022

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022	2021	2020
INVESTMENTS			
Valuation of Investment at Original Cost	**32,916**	**7,916**	**23,843**
Market Value:			
CBF Investment Fund - 1,648.41 Units: £2,066.14 (£34,058.46)			
Central Board of Finance Deposits			
Deposit Fund	30,848	38,766	40,966
Friends of St Wilfrid's	0	0	9,523
Church Annexe Project Fund	7,914	16,202	226,219
	38,762	**54,968**	**276,708**
Cash At Bank			
Natwest - Balance as at 31 December	22,505	18,135	23,334
TOTAL ASSETS	**94,183**	**81,019**	**323,885**
REPRESENTED BY			
Income & Expenditure Balance b/fwd	81,019	323,885	224,524
Excess Income over Expenditure in year-Deficit	13,164	-242,866	99,361
	94,183	**81,019**	**323,885**

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St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall 2022

Statement of Funds

Item Description Closing Balance as at 31 December		2022 Closing Balance	2021 Closing Balance	2020 Closing Balance
Unrestricted Funds				
Natwest Bank - Stockton Heath		**22,505.33**	**18,134.56**	**23,333.80**
CCLA - London				
Deposit Fund		30,847.39	38,765.82	40,965.83
Friends of St Wilfrid's Church		0.00	0.00	9,522.86
Church Building Project Fund		7,914.37	16,202.36	226,219.43
Sub-Total CCLA Funds		**38,761.76**	**54,968.18**	**276,708.12**
Total - Cash Funds		**61,267.09**	**73,102.74**	**300,041.92**
Investments Shares - as at 31 December				
CBF Investment Fund	*No. of shares*	*1,648.41*	*500.00*	*2,710.58*
	MV per share (£)	*20.6614*	*23.4181*	*20.4873*
	Valuation	34,058.46	11,709.05	55,532.47
CBF Fixed Interest Fund	*No. of shares*	*0.00*	*0.00*	*1,000.00*
	MV per share (£)	*20.6614*	*23.4181*	*1.6962*
	Valuation	0.00	0.00	1,696.20
Total Value of Investments		**34,058.46**	**11,709.05**	**57,228.67**
Total Funds Held		**95,325.55**	**84,811.79**	**357,270.59**

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Return of Parish Finance

January to December 2022

Parish code (6 digits):	590069	If the form is NOT completed on behalf of the entire parish, please list below the churches included:	Deanery: Great Budworth
Parish name:	St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall	Grappenhall; St Wilfrid's (609069) - 0405	Diocese: Chester

	INCOMING RESOURCES	UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)
	Voluntary income/ receipts		
1	Tax efficient planned giving	£57,489	
2	Other planned giving	£4,105	
3	Collections at services	£15,314	
4	(recurring and one-off)	£9,455	
6	Gift Aid recovered	£16,806	
7	Legacies received (capital value)	£ 1,000	
8	Grants (include recurring and one-off)	£ 33,893	
	TOTAL Voluntary income:	**£ 138,062**	
	Activities for generating funds		
9	Gross income from fundraising activities	£21,516	
	Income from investments		
10	Dividends, interest, income from property etc.	£1,493	
	Church activities		
11	Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals etc)	£30,477	
12	Gross income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall).	£22,840	
	Other incoming resources		
13	Any other income/ receipts not already listed	£9,490	

	TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)		
A	Unrestricted	£	223,878
B	Restricted		
C	**TOTAL**	**£**	**223,878**

	PLANNED GIVERS AND LEGACIES	
14	Number of tax efficient planned givers	102
15	Number of other planned givers	28
16	Number of new legacies received	1

	RESOURCES EXPENDED	UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)
	Costs of generating income		
17	Fund-raising activites (costs and payments)	£19,418	
	Church activities		
18	Mission giving and donations	£4,155	
19	Diocesan parish share contribution	£76,302	
20	Salaries, wages and honoraria	£ 11,686	
21	Clergy and staff expenses	£ 7,343	
	Church expenses		
22	Church expenses: Mission and evangelism costs		
23	Church running expenses	£40,726	
24	Church utility bills	£6,178	
25	Cost of trading	£14,227	
	Major capital expenditure		
27	Major repairs to the church building	£ -	
28	redecoration		
29	New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or	£ 30,377	
	SUB-TOTAL of all expenditure items above:	**£ 210,412**	
26	Governance costs	£ 302	
99	Other outgoing resources/ payments		

	TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)		
D	Unrestricted	£	210,714
E	Restricted	£	-
F	**TOTAL**	**£**	**210,714**

	Cash and Investment Balances	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED
31	Cash and deposit balance as at 31/12/22	£ 61,267	
32	Investments as at 31/12/22	£ 34,058	

Account basis: on which basis are your accounts prepared (indicate ONE)

30 **Receipts and payments [x]** **Accruals [ ]**

Please refer to the notes on the following pages to help clarify what is included in each section. The item numbers refer to RPF notes, consistent with the guidance provided in PCC Accountability, 2013.

Date	21-Feb-23
Name	Charles Jesudason
Position	Treasurer
Telephone or email	charles@jesudason.co.uk

Looking back across 2022, were there any exceptional circumstances or significant changes that may have led to unusual figures? ***Please provide details in the box below.***

1) The values are now back to normal (prior to the impact of Covid) and the completion of the Church Extension Project in October 2021.

I have examined the accounting records of St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall for the year ended 31 December 2022 and confirm that they are in accordance with the books of account and records provided.

Examiner: Mervyn K Roberts (ACA) MKRoberts ***Date:*** 22.2.23

ST WILFRID'S CHURCH, GRAPPENHALL, ANNEXE EXTENSION - DESIGNATED ACCOUNT

Sum of Payments Value	YEAR									
Income Account Description	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Grand Total	Group Totals
SWC Legacy - Prior 2015	100,000								100,000	
SWC Annexe Personal Donations - Personal			60	3,888	69,212	104,646	75,720	10,400	263,926	
SWC Events - Annexe		5,000			19,223	8,579	2,892	2,021	37,715	
SWC Annexe Personal Loans - (to be Repaid)						64,500	-5,000	-10,000	49,500	
St Wilfrid's Church Funding										451,140
SWC Annexe - Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed - HMRC					16,250	20,433	19,501	2,500	58,684	
SWC Annexe Donations - Companies			9,000	20,000	36,000	14,150	4,000	4,000	87,150	
Non St Wilfrid's Church Funding										145,834
Grant - Cheshire Community Foundation					10,000				10,000	
Grant - Ecclesiastical Insurance					260				260	
Grant - Dowager Eleanor Peel Trust						5,000			5,000	
Grant - All Churches Trust						17,900			17,900	
Grant - Garfield Weston						25,000			25,000	
Grant - Beatrice Laing						6,500			6,500	
Grant - Lottery Funding						9,700			9,700	
Grant - Joseph Rank Trust							30,000		30,000	
Grant - Grappenhall & Thelwall Parish Council							5,000		5,000	
Reserves - Grant from DCMS to replenish our Reserves							42,000		42,000	
Reserves - CCLA Church Project Fund - Reserve							16,000		16,000	
Grant - Cheshire Community Foundation							10,000		10,000	
Grant - Cheshire Churches Preservation Trust							1,850		1,850	
Grant - Robert Clutterbuck							1,500		1,500	
Grant - Bernard Sunley Foundation Phase 2							10,000		10,000	
St Wilfrid's Annexe Grant Funding										190,710
TOTAL RECEIVED	**100,000**	**5,000**	**9,060**	**23,888**	**150,945**	**276,407**	**213,463**	**8,921**	**787,685**	**787,685**
CUMALATIVE BY YEAR	**100,000**	**105,000**	**114,060**	**137,948**	**288,893**	**565,300**	**778,763**	**787,685**		

Sum of Receipts Value	YEAR									
Expenditure Account Description	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Grand Total	Group Totals
SWC Annexe -Reports - Churchyard, Archaeology, Bats etc		150	5,906	2,753	812	12,359	6,602		28,581	
SWC Annexe - Architect's Fees			9,834	29,249	5,130	16,339	16,915	254	77,720	
SWC Annexe - Surveyor, Structural, Mechanical etc - Fees				4,200	23,174	1,200	9,300	3,400	41,274	
										147,576
SWC Events - Annexe					3,775	0	0	969	4,744	
SWC Annexe Fees - LPWS - VAT Reclaimed from HMRC						-11,719	-9,326		-21,045	
SWC Annexe Equipment - Purchases Completed					9,470	1,143	13,520	648	24,782	
										8,480
SWC Annexe Contractor (Build) - Grosvenor						153,500	334,001	12,500	500,001	
SWC Annexe Contractor (Build) - Dowhigh (Retention £3,250)							121,250		121,250	
										621,251
TOTAL PAYMENTS	**0**	**150**	**15,740**	**36,201**	**42,361**	**172,822**	**492,261**	**17,771**	**777,307**	**777,307**
CUMALATIVE BY YEAR		**150**	**15,890**	**52,091**	**94,452**	**267,275**	**759,536**	**777,307**		**10,378**

St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall

Adhoc Thanksgiving - Including One off Giving, Special Envelopes, Contactless Giving - 2022														
	Annual		**Baptism**		**Flowers**		**Yellow**		**Sumup Mobile**		**Sumup Fixed**		**Total**	
Row Labels	Count of Value Weekly	Sum of Total Annual	Count of Value Weekly	Sum of Total Annual	Count of Value Weekly	Sum of Total Annual	Count of Value Weekly	Sum of Total Annual	Count of Value Weekly	Sum of Total Annual	Count of Value Weekly	Sum of Total Annual	Count of Value Weekly	Sum of Total Annual
£0.01 - £5.00	1	250					10	67	105	406	95	407	**211**	**1,130**
£5.01 - £10.00	3	1,220					9	170	46	386	31	306	**89**	**2,082**
£10.01 - £15.00							1	34	13	184	17	336	**31**	**554**
£15.01 - £20.00			1	20	10	240	4	392	10	189			**25**	**841**
£20.01 - £30.00	1	1,250	3	90	8	295	1	300	4	120	1	30	**18**	**2,085**
£30.01 - £40.00					1	70	2	3,713	1	40	2	99	**6**	**3,922**
£40.01 - £50.00			13	700	1	50			1	45	1	59	**16**	**854**
£50.00 +			13	4,540	3	2,455	4	852					**20**	**7,847**
Grand Total	**5**	**2,720**	**30**	**5,350**	**23**	**3,110**	**31**	**5,527**	**180**	**1,370**	**147**	**1,237**	**416**	**19,315**

ST WILFRID'S CHURCH, GRAPPENHALL

2022	Band	Weekly Envelope Scheme		Bank Standing Order		Ad-hoc		Total	
		Weekly Equivalent		Weekly Equivalent		Weekly Equivalent			
Number	Range	Weekly Count	Value	Monthly Count	Value	Count	Value	**Count**	**Value**
1	£0.01 - £5.00	3	26	27	4,361	211	1,130	**241**	**5,517**
2	£5.01 - £10.00			35	13,938	89	2,082	**124**	**16,020**
3	£10.01 - £15.00			13	8,462	31	554	**44**	**9,016**
4	£15.01 - £20.00	2	399	4	3,580	25	841	**31**	**4,820**
5	£20.01 - £30.00	6	1,219	10	12,108	18	2,085	**34**	**15,412**
6	£30.01 - £40.00	2	651			6	3,922	**8**	**4,573**
7	£40.01 - £50.00	1	48	1	2,340	16	854	**18**	**3,242**
8	£50.00 +	2	1,325	1	4,560	20	7,847	**23**	**13,732**
	Total - 52 Weeks	**16**	**3,668**	**91**	**49,349**	**416**	**19,315**	**523**	**72,332**
	Monthly Average		**£19.10**		**£45.19**		-		-
	Weekly Average		**£4.41**		**£10.43**		-		-

2021	Band	Weekly Envelope Scheme		Bank Standing Order		Ad-Hoc		Total	
		Envelopes		Weekly Equivalent		Weekly Equivalent			
Number	Range	Count	Value	Count	Value	Count	Value	Count	Value
1	£0.01 - £5.00	12	1,750	24	4,108	0	0.00	36	5,858
2	£5.01 - £10.00	4	1,456	29	11,212	0	0.00	33	12,668
3	£10.01 - £15.00	1	600	15	9,612	0	0.00	16	10,212
4	£15.01 - £20.00	0	0	5	4,403	0	0.00	5	4,403
5	£20.01 - £30.00	1	1,205	12	14,257	0	0.00	13	15,462
6	£30.01 - £40.00	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
7	£40.01 - £50.00	0	0	1	2,160	0	0.00	1	2,160
8	£50.00 +	0	0	1	3,840	0	0.00	1	3,840
	Total - 52 Weeks	**18**	**5,011**	**87**	**49,592**	**0**	**0.00**	**105**	**54,603**
	Monthly Average		**23.20**		**47.50**		-		-
	Weekly Average		**5.35**		**10.96**		-		-

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of Charity Name: PCC ST. WILFRID'S, GRAPPENHALL

On accounts for the year ended 31st DEC 2022 **Charity no (if any)** 1131723

Set out on pages (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [ ] if not applicable.*

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.

* *Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: [signature] **Date:** 22.2.2023

Name: MERVYN KEITH ROBERTS.

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body A.C.A.

(if any):	
Address:	215 CHESTER ROAD GRAPPENHALL WARRINGTON WA4 2QB.

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 examiner wishes to disclose.

NONE.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST.WILFRID, GRAPPENHA

England & Wales - Charity number 1131723

Accounts



St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall

Annual Church Report 2021

RECTOR'S ADDRESS



May I present the Annual Report for St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall 2021 to the congregation. Please read it alongside the Annual Financial Report.

The last two years have been challenging, for each of us as individuals, for our families and friends and for our church. Unprecedented and unlike anything we have had to deal with before, it has been a test of our faith and our trust in God. Holding strong when times are difficult is encouraged by the words found in Isaiah 41:10

'do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.'

In fact the phrase *'do not be afraid'* appears 365 times in the Bible, a daily reminder to us of words spoken by Jesus to his disciples as he faced arrest, trial and death. When we are troubled we recall that Jesus also said at the Last Supper, *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you."* (John 14:27).

The beginning of 2021 found us still in lockdown, with online services and Zoom meetings. It wasn't until Palm Sunday in March that we were able to resume in-person services, but still with restricted numbers. Managing a booking system for church services would have seemed a ludicrous proposal back in 2019 but our administrator, Gill White added it to her jobs list. I'd like to thank Gill for all she has done since she came into her post in March 2020. In addition the risk assessment team, Geraint Williams, Alison Collins, Linda Stockton, Julie Ryan and Gill White have been amazing in looking at and reassessing the Covid risk throughout 2021. I am so grateful to them for their level-headed approach and wise council.

The continuing need to keep people safe and the new skills we learnt quickly in getting the church online pushed forward a plan that the PCC had long been considering – the installation of screens in church. A gift from the Diocese to each parish church and a grant, ably applied for and gained by Jenny Pearce, enabled this to happen, along with an overhaul of the sound system. This meant that we were no longer reliant on paper booklets or hymn books for most of our services. We could add visual imagery to enhance worship and have more flexibility to use a wider variety of liturgy week by week. It enabled us to offer a more personalised service to wedding couples and families coming to us

for a funeral. In addition the installation of a pan, tilt and zoom camera and a clever device housed in the beautiful new console table, means that we can now Livestream services on Facebook every week with views of the church as well as the words for the hymns appearing on PCs and TVs up and down the country! We know of people who regularly join us from France and New Zealand as well as those closer to home who just can't get to church. Whoever said that it takes the church a long time to effect change had clearly never visited Grappenhall!

Through all this the work on the stunning new annexe was carrying on and Grosvenor Construction did a brilliant job of keeping work going despite lockdown and restrictions. Seeing the vision that we had back in 2015 coming to life before our eyes was so encouraging and hopeful and in August we were able to throw open the doors and welcome people in. It was such a happy day when we opened officially and saw so many people coming to view the building and meet together. It gave us a new sense of optimism and hope for the future. Grateful thanks to Charles Jesudason for leading the project and for ensuring that we didn't lose momentum.

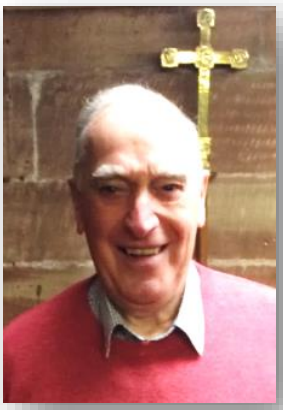
Perhaps the most encouraging sign though has been the return to church of the majority of our congregation following the easing of restrictions and indeed seeing new faces joining us. The demand online is still there but the seats are filling up too, so like so many others we are continuing with a hybrid approach. That brings new challenges and more people are needed to help out on the technology. We have lost many of our volunteers who had done such a great job over many years, and to whom heartfelt thanks are due, but we hope that new people will step up to replace them in time.

2022 will present us with more challenges as well as opportunities to share the love of Jesus with our communities. Everything we do we do for God and to his glory, knowing that ultimately he is the one for whom we live and who has our future in his hands. I leave you with these encouraging words:

'The LORD is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall. Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.' Psalm 27:1-3

Jane

Rev'd Jane Proudfoot, Rector


CHURCHWARDENS

Church Annexe

The new annexe at the rear of the church has been completed. It has been interesting being involved with the construction in all weathers. There have been teething problems with the external doors and the heating which are ongoing. We held an open day which was very successful with over 150 people attending. They helped with planting in various areas around the annexe. There have been fantastic manifestations put on the windows and glass doors of the annexe. We are very grateful to Aphra Proudfoot who designed them. This has been a very successful venture for our church which has been in the planning stages for 5 years. We are grateful to the many members of the congregation and friends of our church. Without their financial support this beautiful building would not exist. Grateful thanks also go to Jenny Pearce for her tireless work on gaining funding from grants. The annexe was blessed by Bishop Mark on 17th October.

Phase two of the project was also completed. This was the clearing of the track alongside and at the bottom of the graveyard and the creation of a new 18 space car park with disabled access. Both areas have been fully laid with tarmac as has the path running down the centre of the graveyard. Lighting for all areas was also installed.

Statutory Regulations

The annual fire extinguishers checks have been made. The lightning conductor had its three year check. Both the boilers in the Parish Centre and Church have had their annual service.

Maintenance

Church

The Greenall memorial outside church has been moved into the graveyard with the permission of the family. This has created an outdoor seating area which has been regularly used when the weather permits. The Baptistry area in church has been cleared and tidied. New curtains have been added along with banners of one of our stained glass windows. The lighting has also been updated. The floor in church has been sanded and varnished. The north door has been replaced. An audio visual system has been completely installed in church including a sound system, screens and a camera for livestreaming. Benches in the graveyard which were in a poor state have been removed. Geoff Kelly has worked tirelessly to replace them in various locations around the graveyard. Our thanks go to him.

Parish Centre

The floor in the large room has been sanded and varnished. The gutters have been cleared and repaired where needed. Our thanks go to Colin Paré for his work at the Parish Centre. New LED lighting has been installed in the large room. The Parish Centre is now being more widely used as Covid restrictions are being reduced.

Support

During the past year it has been challenging with the Covid restrictions we have had to adhere to as we've continued to support Rev'd Jane with her ministry either on zoom or in church. We are grateful to the many volunteers who continue to support us. Gordon Berry with his wealth of knowledge. Les Gregory who has had many challenges with the annexe and other maintenance issues. Now our church is open again we have the support of the sidespeople, flower team and cleaners. All of the volunteers mentioned here give their time freely to support our mission and ministry in our community of Grappenhall.

Julie Ryan and Linda Stockton





PAROCIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)



Secretary's Report on the proceedings of the PCC Year ending December 2021

- The notice convening the Annual Parochial Church Meeting has been displayed in the Church for the relevant period.
- Since the last APCM in April 2021 there have been 5 meetings of the PCC and 4 meetings of the Standing Committee.
- At the first meeting of the year following the APCM, 10th May 2021 we welcomed our two Churchwardens, Julie Ryan and Linda Stockton. The following appointments were made:-

Vice Chairman	**Gordon Berry**
Secretary	Gill White
Treasurer	Charles Jesudason
Planned Giving Officer	Jonathan Dixon
Gift Aid Secretary	Tony Sudworth
Deputy Wardens	Gill White
Electoral Roll Officer	Alan Hunter
Safeguarding Officer	Georgina Reynolds
Data Protection Administrator	Gill White
New members	-
Re-elected members	Alison Collins, Marjorie Cassin
Trustee Warrington CofE Trust	John Bygate

Our APCM was held on Zoom on Monday 26th April 2021. The PCC continued to meet bi-monthly on the second Monday in the month and the Standing Committee met in the alternate months, as the Covid 19 restrictions eased the PCC began to meet in the Church Annexe. The meetings commenced with a short act of worship. This year our focus was:-

- Covid-19 Pandemic: We were led by Church of England Guidance in how we responded and at each meeting discussed how to adapt our worship to meet with restrictions as they changed, guided by infection rates.
- Risk Assessment Sub Committee: A small group met regularly as the restrictions changed to manage re-opening church after lockdowns and ensuring safety for all.
- Wellbeing – We began to consider the importance of wellbeing, both in looking after our clergy, PCC members and our wider church family.
- Annexe Building Project: We saw the work on the new Annexe completed, with regular updates on progress and snagging issues once the builders had finished.
- Fundraising : With no Walking Day or Christmas fair we worked together to look at ways we could continue to fundraise within the Pandemic restrictions.

Gill White, PCC Secretary

ST WILFRID'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

We had hoped that 2021 would be a year that would see the world return to normal, a world without restrictions. Unfortunately the start of the year brought further lockdowns and more remote learning for the majority of our pupils. Despite the obvious challenges, staff once again delivered engaging lessons for all of the children whether they were teaching face to face or remotely.

As the year went on, we did see restrictions ease a little and we were delighted that we were able to invite parents into school for the Year 6 end of year celebrations. COVID, I think did teach us to appreciate the small things in life, things that we had always taken for granted and suddenly were no longer possible e.g. parents being able to come into school, being able to meet up with friends and family. One of our year's highlights was to see the children being able to finally play together again, the removal of class bubbles later in the year meant that St. Wilfrid's could reunite and become the school it was pre COVID.

2021 was an incredibly special year in our school's history and marked our 175th birthday. Our Year 6 children took part in a living history project whereby they researched the life of Thomas Fairhurst, a local boy who attended our school, who lived and worked in the local area and went on to serve his country in the first World War. The historical project culminated in a very moving service of remembrance at the church for Thomas and was led by Year 6, it was made even more special as some of his family were able to attend the service.



We celebrated in style in November, it's not every day you get to be 175! The whole school came dressed as Victorians and spent the day doing the type of lessons that would have been taught if they had attended St. Wilfrid's in 1846. Like all celebrations there were balloons, cake and treats galore. In the same week we had a historical exhibition which had photographs, log books and artefacts dating back to when the school opened. We invited the local community to write about their memories of our school and these also formed part of the exhibition. We are all part of the school's history and we hope that in years to come, some of the photographs of our celebrations in 2021 may form part of a historical exhibition in the future!

Despite the pandemic, St. Wilfrid's continued to thrive. It adapted to the enforced changes and celebrated the small things as well as the big. The school, church and local community all worked together and relationships are definitely stronger as a result of the lockdowns. We grew as a school and made sure that throughout the challenges we faced in 2021, we continued to let our light shine for others to see.







'Learning through fun, faith and friendship'

'Let your light shine for others to see' Matthew 5 14-15

RISK ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE



This team comprises Rev Jane, Churchwardens Linda Stockton and Parish Administrator, Gill White, Geraint Williams and myself, Alison Collins.
Over the past year our focus has been on how to keep the church and parish centre as accessible as possible, within the restrictions imposed, as Covid peaked and dipped and vaccinations became available to more and more people. We also reviewed the fire protection and the security of the Parish Centre, which resulted in the purchase of a fire alarm system and CCTV.

In January 2021 we were still very much self-distancing, with the third lockdown commencing on the 6th January. We met to review the risks of continuing with services and we consulted the House of Bishops published advice in deciding how to proceed. We were still permitted to attend church, but seating was pre-booked and spaced further apart in small family groups using the plastic fold up chairs. A sharp rise in Covid levels in Warrington then led to the decision to suspend services until conditions improved.

When services resumed, it was initially felt impractical to provide communion, so we used the Service of the Word on Sunday mornings. No singing was permitted – we were all frustrated at that! We started to measure airflow in the church, using two Carbon Dioxide monitors, as it was recommended as a good way of seeing how well ventilated the church is at any given time and therefore how risky it would be to allow more people to attend. A forehead scanning thermometer was also purchased. Track and trace was an important task and attendants names were registered.

Services recommenced on Palm Sunday, but we were still governed by the House of Bishops on how to proceed with services, so there was still to be no singing. The plastic chairs were no longer deemed necessary for hygiene and the comfy seats were returned, albeit spaced out. Communion eventually recommenced with carefully planned routes around the church for Rev Jane and Gordon to reach communicants using wafers intincted with wine.



RISK ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE cont.

Eventually, restrictions started to relax, with more people allowed to attend church services. Singing behind masks, whilst sitting down became the norm, now we mix and match, sometimes standing, but maintaining the wearing of masks. It is interesting to see CO2 levels climbing as we sing, then dropping afterwards, but at all times remaining at safe limits due to doors and windows being opened.

The bells were silent for a long time as no ringing was permitted until 23rd May and even then, the 'rule of six' applied. Bell ringing ventilation was also risk assessed, but with windows opening on two sides of the tower and the tower door being open, a howling gale gave assurance and ringing was permitted to recommence. Eventually the rule of six was deemed unnecessary, enabling all 10 bells to be rung. Bellringers even now still go through gallons of hand gel, but mostly don't need to wear masks unless the tower is crowded.

It is safe to say that at all significant twists and turns of the pandemic, the H&S team has strived to maintain safe worship methods and to enable the buildings to function, in whatever form has been deemed necessary at any given time. We are poised ready to review whenever there is a significant change in the House of Bishops advice.

Alison Collins, PCC Risk Assessment Team Member

SAFEGUARDING

The PCC approved the Safeguarding Policy in early 2021. Rev'd Jane received an historic safeguarding disclosure in April 2021 which was referred myself and to the Diocesan Safeguarding lead. The investigation which followed resulted in no further action being taken. The PCC complied with their duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 to have regard to the House of Bishop's guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. The Safeguarding Policy and posters with who to contact in case of a safeguarding concern are displayed in church and the Parish Centre and there is a safeguarding statement on the church website.

Georgina Reynolds, Safeguarding Officer

PASTORAL CARE

The visiting team started to meet again, where possible, once a month. Although the latter part of 2021 saw lockdown restrictions easing, we have been cautious in our approach to physical visits and where possible, contact has been by phone.

It has been positive that we have been able to utilise the Annex, which has led to some sessions of effective group discussion and training. The team took part in a listening refresher and received packs of useful prayer resources to take out with them when they engage with people. We will be addressing safeguarding training, in line with the Diocesan directive, and with the support of our Parish Safeguarding Officer.

I have attended Deanery meetings where appropriate and am beginning to establish more regular communication with the Pastoral Workers in our neighbouring churches, which will strengthen our ability to deliver different options in the future. We have been encouraged to share strategies and to join together with other churches to share skills and resources.

Revd Jane and I have been in discussion about bereavement support and how best to deliver this in view of the numbers of losses experienced by our Parish. There are plans to get this offering of support underway in 2022. Unfortunately, Covid is very much present in our community.

Bishops Mark and Julie have raised awareness that clergy, lay people and congregations in general, are very tired and refreshment is something we should be aware of. There are possibilities for development in this area going forward.

Margaret Kitchen

Pastoral Worker

Do you need to talk?



Music at St Wilfrid's

Church Choir

The last 2 years have been a trying time for us all and of course the music was on hold for live services as we reverted to online worship together with recorded music by church musicians. With the return to live worship at church the choir has been able to contribute with gradually more input together with the congregation being able to sing again. Thank you to their patience and application together with enhanced music from Pip and her sister and also Helen and Phil there has been a broadening of music in worship which has blessed us all attending regular services. The choir has been busy learning new material to include in the liturgy and we are also grateful to other musicians contributing to our music in worship. There are reports from each of them also to reflect their experience during the last 2 years.
Guy Organist.

Helen & Phil



Since the beginning of the pandemic, Phil and I have been doing what we can to ensure that music continues to be a part of worship at St Wilfrid's. We started off by recording some pieces for Rev'd Jane to use in her virtual services. Then, when Church was allowed to open again, we were able to provide some music and singing since congregational singing still wasn't permitted. Now that we can sing as a congregation again, we enjoy being a part of the music in Church every few weeks. We were and still are pleased that our contribution to the music at St Wilfrid's is appreciated and we feel grateful that we are able to play a part in the worship at Church.

Pip & Nikki

"My sister Nikki and I are very fortunate to be a part of the music programme here at St Wilfrid's.
For us, music is such an important addition to each service, as it allows us to focus, and feel surrounded by God's presence.
Our music includes both sacred and secular violin and piano works that we play throughout the service. We have been able to play during Holy Communion; very often as part of a programme of music that includes the choir, and organist, which provides a lovely variety. Also, we have played during some individual special services.
``The longest night" service, and Remembrance Sunday were two beautiful services that I remember especially. We truly love being a part of the services we serve."

Sustainability / Eco Church

1. Eco church: we are registered for this awards scheme and are working towards bronze standard. There are five areas on which we are being measured:
    - worship and teaching
    - management of church buildings
    - management of church land
    - community and global engagement
    - lifestyle
2. Sustainable plan: a draft sustainability plan was presented to the PCC on the 12th July 2021. It is ready for further consultation. Consideration is being given to creating a position statement that sets out our principles for sustainability (see draft in Appendix)
3. Caring for God's acre: resource packs and webinars are available with ideas for encouraging biodiversity and wildlife in the churchyard, and for engaging with the local community.
4. A webinar was attended (Church of England Deanery Call) on the 19th January given by Bishop Graham Usher: The climate and biodiversity crises facing the planet.
5. Cheshire Wildlife Trust: we spoke to Kyle Mellish about possible additional habitat surveys and recommendations that could be commissioned. These would cost in the region of £120 to £500 pounds depending on the detail. Note a lot of information already exists as studies were completed for the annex building. These may be sufficient.
6. Walkover survey planned for early 2022.

Sally Sudworth



ECO CHURCH
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ANNEXE BUILDING PROJECT



In October 2021 St Wilfrid's congregation celebrated a Service of Dedication and Blessing led by Mark, Bishop of Chester following the completed construction of our long-awaited annexe. We now have the modern facilities we need to welcome people properly, including the café area and the outdoor courtyard. The annexe provides refreshments, seating and toilets. The new air sourced heat pump gives a cosy, carbon- efficient "blanket" during winter months. The light airy space provides a lovely meeting place in spring and summertime. Our faithful volunteers, such as providers of refreshments, choir, flower arrangers and church cleaners have the equipment and storage space they need. Access to the church and churchyard is very much improved with the 18 vehicle carpark and gentle step-free paths which are particularly useful for older and more frail members of our community. The new outdoor benches which have been donated in the churchyard have been enjoyed by many people. The opportunity to rest and reflect in the green spaces of the churchyard has brought comfort to many. Our Church building now has modern audio-visual facilities in place, so friends and families across the world can link and worship together at regular services and at special family events such as weddings and funerals. We can all sing together the words of hymns and reflect on Revd Jane's choices of inspiring images displayed on the carefully sited screens. The experience of lockdown and separation has guided us to develop these tools to strengthen our ways of working together and reaching out to people beyond the stone walls of our lovely building.







Across the cobbles, the Parish Centre reopened for celebrations, fitness classes, meetings and the Wasps Breakfast and After School Club. Renovations have been completed of flooring, lighting, safety and access control. A request for planning permission has been lodged for extending and improving the Parish Centre carpark and improving the Wasp's children's outdoor play area. Utilisation of the Parish Centre building has markedly increased, and hire charges are, at last, beginning to cover operational costs, ensuring our valued community facility has a sustainable future.











We particularly want to thank all of the people who have given their time and skills to make these buildings work for us all. A great deal of thought and discussion went into defining exactly what we needed and what could be afforded. Adjustments were made as problems and opportunities were discovered. Some rapid learning was required to work out how to take full advantage of the new audio-visual equipment and the potential for streaming activities across the world. Who would have expected to see online live feedback from Australia, as well as from people keeping safe in their homes in Cheshire? The Risk Management team helped us carefully open up facilities, so this Christmas we enjoyed a wonderful concert as well as a wide range of different services and events. The Finance team worked out how to use technology for many different ways of taking payments and donations. Income accounting was overhauled to give a clearer picture of the income streams. The Flower, Gardening and Church Cleaning teams made St Wilfrid's a beautiful place to be, despite all the construction work. Church Office kept everyone informed though all the changes.









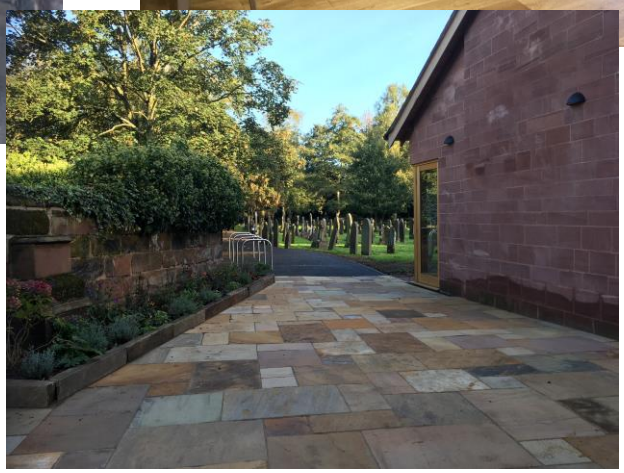


Thank you to the many people and organisations who have helped fund and put in place these improvements. It seemed like a brave decision when we started building work in August 2020. The church was closed, major covid restrictions were in place but the builders were ready to start working. Government funding from DCMS administered by the Heritage Lottery Fund became available to support communities recovering from Covid, so despite church income being much reduced from previous years, we decided to go ahead. Since last year's annual report we have also received funding from Cheshire Community Foundation, Warrington Borough Council (Covid Recovery), Robert Clutterbuck Charitable Trust and Grappenhall and Thelwall Parish Council. Many Companies and individuals have made substantial contributions.

We thank them all.







Women's Group

St Wilfrid's Women's Group, like many similar organisations, has found the last two years quite challenging with Covid, but we feel as we start up once again that it has made us re-evaluate. This break has led to several major changes, the main one being the change of timing to afternoon meetings. In addition, we now meet in the Church Annexe and only have one meeting a month on the first Tuesday. Fortunately, these changes appear to have worked out in our favour as we have attracted new members - currently our membership stands at 42. On the other hand, our lack of income has meant that we are no longer able to sponsor our Peruvian child after 19 years.

Our meetings reconvened with Holy Communion led by Revd Jane and our AGM in September 2021. Since then, we have entertained a newsreader and a staff member from Styal Prison. We still strive to offer something for everyone at our meetings and only time will tell how well we succeed as the cost of speakers rise. Our final meeting of 2021 was our Christmas get together- mulled wine, mince pies, snacks, chocolates and poems/quizzes. It was lovely to be back together chatting and enjoying the fellowship we have missed so much over the last two years.



Parish Centre

After over 12 months of being closed due to the pandemic, in spring 2021 our Parish Centre was hired by Warrington Borough Council as a Covid-19 Testing Centre for the local community. The autumn saw a return of our regular hirers and enquiries for children's parties.

We lost a couple of our pre-covid regular hirers, one Brownie group moved to a different venue and sadly due to insufficient volunteers the Rainbows group no longer meet. Happily, there has been an influx of new hirers, which now meet regularly each week.

We were fortunate to secure a regular contract from Wasps Breakfast and After School Club. They provide wrap-around childcare for the school during term time. We have given over to the Wasps a section of the grassed area at the back of the car park for the children to play in during the summer months which they have landscaped and fenced off for the children's safety.

A new invoicing system was introduced in November 2021 which allows us to keep all invoicing on a regular calendar month basis. Towards the end of 2021 the Parish Centre was bringing in an average monthly income of £1.400.

At the end of the year a new CCTV system was installed, giving us better security around the Parish Centre Car Park.









Pre-School Praise

Pre –school Praise began again in September after a long period of closure due to the pandemic. After over 30 years of faithful service Reader Chris Hunter decided it was time for her to step down from leading the group, huge thanks to her for all she has done over the years to share our love of God with the little children of the parish.

We resumed meeting in Church on the first and third Wednesdays of the month moving into the annexe for craft activities and refreshments after the short service. Rev. Jane plans the fun-giving service and Gill and I assist.



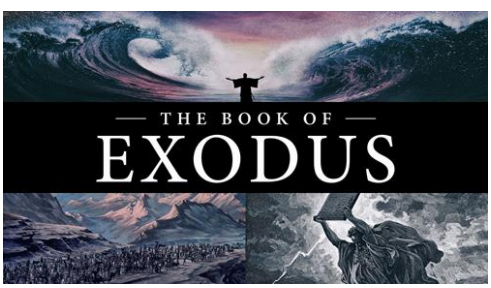
During the Autumn term we thanked God for holidays, the Harvest, Our Pets, Autumn, Fireworks, Advent and Christmas. We enjoyed our Christmas party together where the Mums and their children took 30 cyclamen plants to distribute to members of our congregation who were elderly, recently bereaved or housebound. Many of the children dressed up as Elves and took gifts that they had made themselves as well. We have since heard how much it brightened people's days! Our numbers are steadily growing, and we appreciate the help that the parents and carers give us. All are welcome to what is an enjoyable afternoon!
Anne Young and Gill White

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Some of you may think it is stuffy and dry, you'd be wrong! We started this year with Genesis, it's a long book but we examined each chapter and revealed lots of things that we hadn't envisaged. We had lots of varied discussions and lots of laughs as we continued our journey.

Next, we continued with Exodus – so much information and interesting situations.

We then went on and started to look at Mark's gospel, with a break for to spend time working through the Living in Love and Faith Course. This gave us a lot of different and more difficult questions to face. I think it made all of us more aware and accepting of different aspects of life. It was hard to listen to some of the life situations but also quite an eye opener, very interesting.



I hope that this little synopsis has made you curious enough to join us in the Bible study group for lots of fun, laughter and very thought provoking discussions.

Margaret Hale

BELLRINGERS

2021 was another year affected by COVID restrictions. At the start of the year, there was no ringing for 20 Sundays. As rules were relaxed slightly, hand bells were rung on 6 Sundays outside by the South Porch as the congregation arrived for church. From 23 March, a further relaxation of the rules saw 6 ringers being allowed in the tower for no more than 45 minutes. This occurred for 10 Sundays after which the rules were further relaxed and we were allowed to ring more or less normally from 1 August (13 Sundays). Hand sanitization was required, face covering to be worn and the ringing room windows had to open. The later was reasonable earlier on but became more problematic (colder) as winter approached and we finished the year. Most ringers returned to ringing with these new rules, for some it took a little longer to be confident with returning.

Once we were allowed back to more normal ringing, we managed to ring all 10 bells for service on all but 2 occasions. 12 Quarter Peals have been rung, 7 on just 6 bells when we were restricted by COVID rules. Quarters on 10 have been rung by the local band as we become more used to ringing on 10 and the change in speed and bell spacing becomes more natural. 1 Peal was rung during the year by a band from Lancashire. Most visiting ringers had to cancel their arrangements to ring at Grappenhall due to the prevailing COVID rules or uncertainty of what would happen in the future. It is quite unusual to have a new ring of bells and have no visitors coming to try them.

Hand bell ringing has continued by a few ringers throughout the year, initially in Victoria Park and then in more 'comfortable' surroundings. Out ringing room in now more homely as we have had our carpet fitted.

Ringing in an online environment has now ceased as we are now allowed back ringing on real bells.

The clock has worked perfectly for the majority of the year but did stop once. If you listen carefully when near the church, you can hear it strike the hours on one of the old 1700 bells retained and put to this use. Some updating of the drive train gearing (to allow a smoother movement of the fingers) has still be done by the clock man and the protective case for the clock has still to be built by the bell founders.

Quite a few of our ringers still help out at Stockton Heath on a weekly basic and some help is also given to Stretton.

We are now looking forward to 2022 when we hope we can continue ringing normally with the windows shut, at least until warmer times. If anyone would like to come and see us ringing and see the new bells, please get in touch with me. Any new ringers would be most welcome to come and help us keep St Wilfrid's loudest voice heard across the parish. No experience necessary as training will be given.



Mike Thomson, Tower Captain

ADMIN TEAM



The year began with limited congregation numbers in Church. This meant that people wanting to attend church Services needed to book, 2021 was a busy year for phone calls to the Church Office!
As Covid-19 infection rates began to ease through the late spring and Summer, we found families were eager to get back in touch to re-plan postponed Christening services.
The Parish Centre was back in full use, our regular bookings came back and enquiries for Children's parties returned.
The autumn brought a welcome return of our regular volunteers to the office, it was a blessing to welcome Margaret, Ken and Eileen back to share in the joy of serving our church community.
Gill White, Church Administrator
along with our regular volunteers Margaret Hale, Eileen Waddell, and Ken Southward.

PRAYER FRIENDS



"Pray for one another, so that you may be healed". James 5:16
"Pray without ceasing". 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Prayer Friends are members of St Wilfrid's congregation who pray regularly and faithfully for those who have asked for our prayers for any reason whatsoever. All information given is strictly confidential.

Our prayers are always greatly appreciated and valued by those concerned and throughout 2021 we have continued to receive many requests, either personally or through St Wilfrid's Church website, from people troubled or anxious for themselves or a loved one.

People have also valued the re-opening of the church in 2021 on a daily basis which has meant that once more they have been able to come in and light a candle, sit silently and pray.

Please don't hesitate to ask someone if they would like Prayer Friends to support them and then contact Revd Jane, Gill at the Parish Office or me. And if you feel called to share in this particular prayer ministry then please do get in touch.

Chris Hunter

CRAFT GROUP



We were able to sell lots of the creations made during lockdown, hosting a stall at our new Annexe Open Day. We made special butterflies to give away helping to further inspire the theme of 'give yourself time' as we all emerge out of our 2021 lockdown 'cocoons' to a new life as a 'butterfly'.

Gill White





GRAPPENHALL COMMUNITY CHOIR

In 2021 we continued to meet on Zoom to enjoy, friendship and a love of singing. We came together every Thursday evening to sing different varieties of songs, mainly from the popular genre, and from musicals. These have included, " A nightingale sang in Berkeley square", " Cabaret" and "This is me!". Pip did an amazing job leading us from her piano at home. We stopped meeting on Zoom just before Christmas and we very much look forward to the day when we can all meet in person, and raise the roof with song.

Gill White,
member of Grappenhall Community Choir



REFUGEE AID COLLECTION

Over the past few years, St Wilfrid's has been a drop off point for donations to Care UK Charity. Those donations are collected on Sunday mornings by me and taken to the Home Store, located in Prince Henry Square (next to the Cockhedge Centre). Word has got around that it is really convenient to drop off directly at the store, as supermarket trolleys make it easy to offload from car boots and they can be wheeled straight into the store. Donations are carefully sorted to filter out the very best items for one of several purposes: items can be allocated to the Homes Team to help kit out empty homes/flats, given to refugees staying in local hotels, or it can be sold in the shops to raise money to buy whatever the refugees need. On the walls of the sorting area are signs saying 'It'll do, Won't Do' and that succinctly captures the ethos of the charity. We don't hand out what we wouldn't expect members of our own family to wear. Off-casts don't go to waste though – we sell what we can't use to a recycling partner.

There was a huge public response to the Afghan crisis and Care UK Charity responded by appealing for hygiene products, new underwear and other useful stuff for the families who were lodging in local hotels. The Homes team volunteers have been kept busy helping to make rented properties comfortable, clean, furnished and redecorated for these families. Their work continues and there is a constant flow of items being handed out. A recent report of the activities from the Warrington team in November reported:

Afghan families/Asylum seekers Main focus has been setting up the 3 houses for Cheshire East.

- Provided aid for refugees in hotels: 164 people.

Homes Team Warrington – Janet Stott and team

- 48 referrals- involving 58 adults & 60 children
- 9 with nothing, 11 needed quite a lot of items, rest (28) just a few items
- Supplied beds to 23 people, bedding for 20 & quilts for 28
- Delivered 7 sofas, 2 two ring burners and 13 microwaves
- Took out 21 wardrobes or hanging rails and rugs to 7 families

Alison Collins, Care UK Trustee and Health & Safety Manager,
tel 07905 126117, email alison@careukcharity.org.uk

MAGAZINE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Over 2021 the magazine was printed every 2-3months, due to disruptions because of coronavirus and we did not collect subscriptions as a result of both 2020 and 2021 being fragmented years. As 2022 starts the magazine will return to a monthly format with subscriptions again being payable.

Our struggle to engage with school and parents was further exacerbated by no parents allowed in school or to the school office. We are looking at strategies to engage the parents of younger children so that we have subscribers already when the children start school.

Magazine advertising revenue continues to fluctuate, again we did not collect advertising revenue during 2021 with the magazine not being printed monthly. Some advertisers who had been long standing for many years have now retired. WASPs, the after school club, has taken out a full page colour advert which is increased the revenue. If you have any ideas for new advertisers please get in touch.

We have regular articles from across the community with the Cricket club now being on board, a welcome return from Bradshaw Lane school, Scouts, Brownies, St Wilfrid's School and Grappenhall Pre-School who contribute along side Women's Group and WI. We would welcome regular content from anyone in the community whether it is a poem, or short story, diary or a recent adventure. We rarely, if ever get additional content sent in and we would love this!

On the social media front, we continue to make great strides with 838 likes and 967 follows (compared to 747 likes and 839 in 2020).

Frequent posting and online services continue to drive our presence, along with the ability to share on local groups. Our reach often gets 2000+ on soft posts (more generic content), but with our services getting consistent engagements (@85). We need to drive the overall engagements, which can be linked to content, to increase our following rather than purely our reach. An engagement is when someone comments, likes or shares our posts. We ask all our followers to engage with us please!

As social media moves on, we ideally need to have a presence on Instagram, in order to attract different people in the community. This is now linked to Facebook so we could post the same content at the same times.

The Twitter account is currently inactive due to time pressures and posting ability and ideally, we need someone else to take up this mantle as there is still a strong following and Twitter continues to be a mainstream of social media.

We welcome all feedback, and suggestions for features, and ask that our readers continue to send in their articles, photos and anything of interest to stwilfridsmag@yahoo.co.uk or leave at the back of church for my attention.

Julie Ryan

FLOWER TEAM

The year began with another National Lockdown. Church was closed but as Rev. Jane continued to record live streamed Sunday Services from the inside of church we continued to do a pedestal arrangement so that it was seen on screen to brighten up everyone's days.

On Mothering Sunday primrose plants were distributed to all the ladies in our congregation. At Easter time church was open once more for services so the flower team came together to decorate it, mostly doing arrangements at home and bringing them to place in the church.



At Harvest time we all joined together again to decorate the church and to begin our weekly rota of volunteers. We are now a team of 8 and also have Sue, Sylvia and Hazel who support us from time to time.

October saw the opening of our amazing new Church annexe and we all enjoyed using our new flower room and decorating the church in gold and white to welcome Mark the new Bishop of Chester.

For Remembrance Day in November members of our team decorated the Church and a large cross was placed outside to be decorated with poppies.

At Christmas time the usual 60 wreaths were decorated and sold to raise funds for the new car park. The Christmas tree was lit up and we were all happy to produce some colourful arrangements.

We are all looking forward to a happier future together as Covid restrictions are lifted and would welcome any new recruits to join us –we are a group of enthusiastic amateurs who delight in decorating our wonderful church. No experience necessary!

Anne Young -flower team co-ordinator





GOD'S GARDENERS



Bees, butterflies and pollinators. This is the theme for our lovely churchyard. We are becoming an eco church and last year we began to think about biodiversity and ecology in the church grounds. We saw the completion of our annexe in 2021 and part of our celebrations was to create a new garden area where pollinating flowers were planted by the children of our community.
Following this we asked people to think about getting involved in helping with the gardening/tidying of the churchyard. We had an encouraging response and now have a group of folk including young families taking responsibility for areas of the church grounds. We still need people to join our team. We are there on a Thursday morning but some people come at other times to suit there work/family life. Thanks to everyone for their support.
Ongoing to support the biodiversity and ecology of our church grounds we are endeavouring to use rainwater and organic compost etc.
The churchyard looks great now with the new benches (thanks to Geoff Kelly who has worked hard installing them) and the pathway leading up to the church.
People often comment to us about this and how much more accessible the graves of their loved ones are.
It is the responsibility of us all to look after God's Beautiful Grounds.
God's Gardeners

FOODBANK

As you will see from the picture, the demands on the supply from Foodbank have never been greater than during the past year. The picture is of the warehouse where food is stored after being so generously given. During this past year it has literally been a case of demand being greater than supply. We have had our usual Foodbank services which were, as ever, so generously supported by not only the congregation in church but also children and their parents at the school. With church now being open again between 9am and 4pm it is much easier for donations to be left at church.



My thanks go out to all those who have helped me with taking donations to the Foodbank especially Emma. Foodbank has been always been there for those in need. As you consider if you would like to donate please remember that one day it could be you in need of their support.

Linda Stockton

DEANERY SYNOD

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Chester

Our Parish, along with surrounding parishes, is part of the Great Budworth Deanery. This is one of the 18 deaneries within the Chester Diocese. Deaneries have a long history and can provide a useful sub-Diocesan structure for peer support and sharing experiences. Since November 2021, Revd. Jane has been the Rural Dean on top of her parish duties.

The Deanery Synod is part of the system for church representation, along with Diocesan Synods and the General Synod. Lay members attend the Deanery Synod as well as clergy, lay readers and parish workers who are ex-officio members. We have four lay members as parish representatives, and we confirm these at our Annual Church Meeting.

Deanery Synod business in 2021 was carried out using a mixture of on-line and in-person meetings:

- The March meeting was carried remotely via Zoom. The Lay Chair facilitated a discussion about the Covenant for Clergy Care and Well-being and Thrive report, which has also been a focus point of the PCC business at St Wilfrid's. meeting attendees were put in "break-out rooms" to encourage sharing of experiences and fed back after their discussions.
- The September meeting was at St Wilfrid's. We had a talk from Revd. Nikki Eastwood, who is the Chair of the Diocesan Advisory Group for "Living in Love and Faith". Some churches., such ours, had used the material as the basis of a course and there was feedback and Q&As following her talk.
- The meeting planned for November was during the "Bishop's Visitation" to the Deanery. Instead of a normal meeting, the opportunity was taken to turn it into a public meeting for congregations to meet the Bishops at St. Thomas's in Stockton Heath. In the end, only Bishop Sam was available for the evening and several St Wilfrid's parishioners attended his talk, which was entertaining.
- A theme throughout the year has been clergy well-being, and meetings have also included feedback on how churches have been dealing with the pandemic, and the effects on finance and outreach. There has also been some feedback from Diocesan and General Synod.

Geraint Williams, Deanery Synod Parish Representative



Jesus said, “Come to me. I will refresh your life, You will find refreshment and rest in me.” **Matt 11:28-30 Passion Bible**

For almost 900 years St Wilfrid’s church has stood at the centre of Grappenhall as a place of prayer, hope and spiritual renewal.

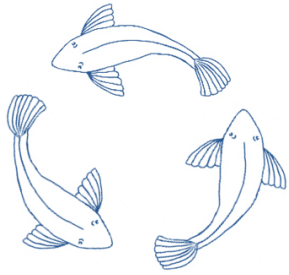
This iconic and beautiful building has now been extended with a stunning new annexe, tucked gently along the north side, overlooking the peaceful churchyard.

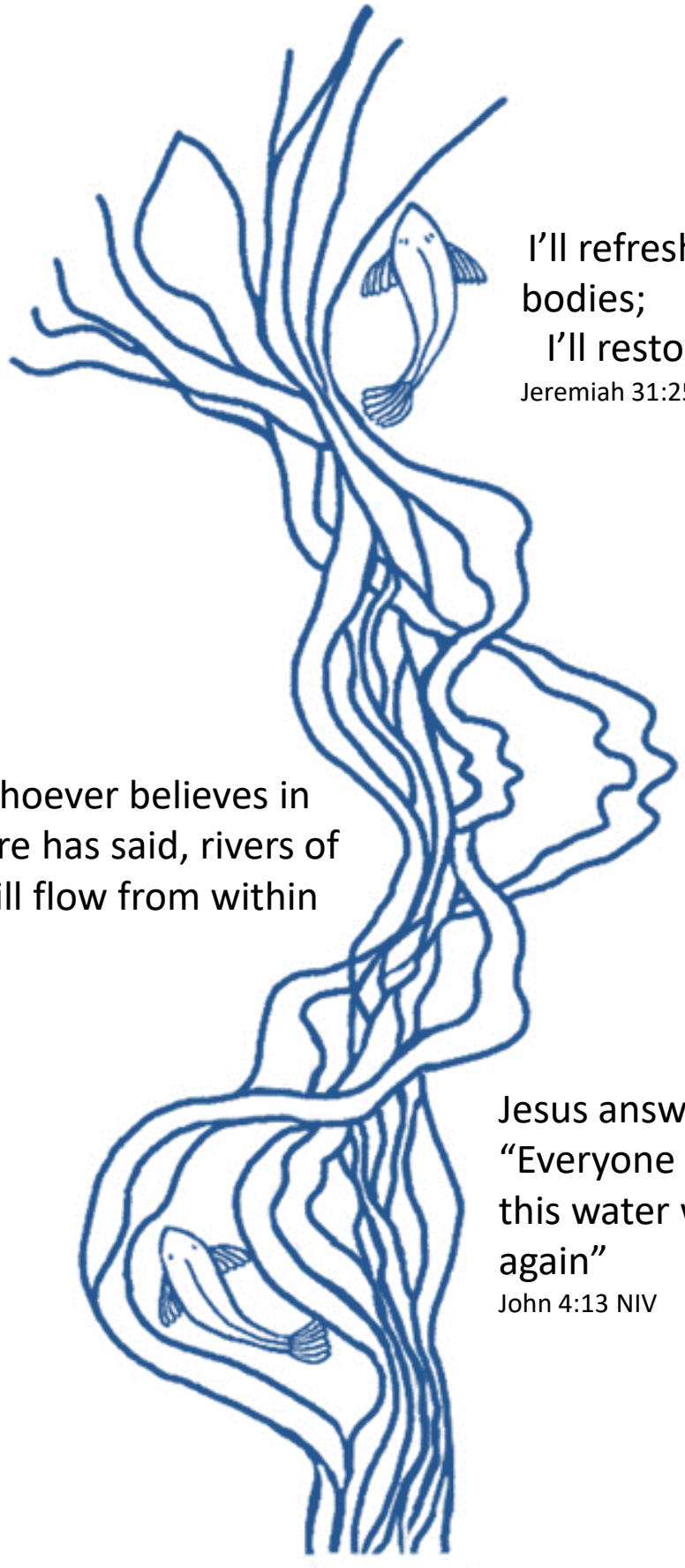
The café and meeting space are surrounded by oak-framed,

full-length windows, depicting the River of Life, designed exclusively for St Wilfrid’s by artist Aphra Proudfoot. She titled the piece ‘Ouroboros’ meaning eternity; the circle of birth, death and eternal life, essential to the Christian message.

The water points us to the flowing stream of life, the life-giving waters of baptism, and to the spiritual water, springing up for eternal life, offered to us by Jesus.

The fish is an ancient Christian symbol, first found in the catacombs in Rome, used as a secret sign by Christians in hiding. The Greek word for fish, Ichthus (ΙΧΘΥΣ), is an acronym, and stands for "Jesus Christ God's Son Saviour," in ancient Greek. It is also a reminder of the time when Jesus provided miraculous refreshment for 5000 people, by sharing the five loaves and two fish offered to him by a little child.





I'll refresh tired bodies;
I'll restore tired souls.
Jeremiah 31:25, The Message

Jesus said, "Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."
John 7:38 NIV

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again"
John 4:13 NIV

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TREASURER'S REPORT – Final Annual Accounts for PCC only – 27 January 2021

These are the Annual Accounts signed off by Mervyn, which is the summarised Income & Expenditure Statement, Balance Sheet and Funds Statement, along with the Independent Examiner's report, to comply with The Charity Commission and for the APCM in May 2022.

For the PCC members, the detail by month is in the format of our Income & Expenditure Statements, Cashflow, Investment Account and the Church Extension Project Account. The annual financial reports (excluding both Projects) have been deducted at the bottom and these totals are shown in red, to assist comparison with normal activity at SWC.

1. **The Summary by Month** – Cashflow Statement
    a. The Cash movements and balances by month, for the year are highlighted
    b. The Natwest current account balance, as at 31 December 2021 is £18,135

2. **The Income Report** – The months January to December 2021
    a. The total Income is £428,144 including both Projects, therefore,
        i. If we deduct the Project related Income of £285,932
        ii. The normal annual Income is £142,213 vs £111,355 in 2020
        iii. An annual increase of **£30,858**

3. **The Expenditure Report** – The months January to December 2021
    a. The total Expenditure is £671,010, including both Projects, therefore,
        i. If we deduct the Project related Expenditure £525,032
        ii. The actual annual Expenditure is £145,979 vs £130,624 in 2020
        iii. Included £31,460 on Fixed Assets – A/V System, Fire Alarm, CCTV
        iv. An annual increase of only **£15,355**

4. **The Overview of Income & Expenditure for 2021 Year to Date**
    a. Income of £142,213 less Expenditure £145,979 a deficit of **£3,766**

5. **The Church Extension Annexe** – Activity over 7 years (2015-2021)
    a. Designated Account Income & Expenditure (Blue & Green spreadsheet)
    b. Main Income - Start of Project to date is £778,763, including the following……
        i. Personal Annexe Donations - £253,526; Company Donations £83,150
        ii. Grant Funds received - £190,710; Gift Aid £56,184; Events £35,693
        iii. Members Loans currently outstanding - **£59,500, due in 2025**

    c. Main Expenditure from start of Project to date is £762,749
        i. Annexe Fees & Reports costs to date is £129,865
        ii. Annexe Contractor Build costs is £608,751
        iii. We have in Reserve for Builder's Retention of £15,750, due in July 2022

    d. Funds held in our Bank Reserve Accounts as at 31 December 2021
        i. CCLA Deposit account Reserves are currently £38,766
        ii. CCLA Building Project account balance is £16,202
        iii. CCLA Investment cost of £7,919 is currently valued at £11,693

Should there be any questions, please raise them now or via email or a telephone call

St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall
Receipts - Financial Statement for Year Ended 31 December 2021

Income	Incoming Resources	Income Account Description	2020	2021
1	Tax Efficient Planned Giving (Gift Aid)		£55,829	£52,268
		Bank - (Gift Aid)	£49,340	£48,919
		Envelopes - (Gift Aid)	£6,489	£1,682
		Planned Giving (Gift Aid)		£1,668
2	Other Planned Giving (Non Gift Aid)		£2,637	£4,026
		Planned Giving (Non Gift Aid)	£1,680	£4,026
		Bank - (Non Gift Aid)	£957	
3	Collections at Services		£4,233	£7,402
		Loose Plate Collections2	£1,823	£4,932
		Friends of St Wilfrid's2	£70	£70
		Special Collections2	£2,340	£2,400
		Major Repairs Fund2		
4	All Other Giving (recurring and one off)		£2,368	£20,046
		Donations & Appeals2	£1,487	£16,448
		Flower Fund2	£440	£375
		Church Boxes2	£251	
		Church Yard Donations	£190	£3,223
6	Gift Aid Recovered		£34,924	£35,007
		Gift Aid Tax Received - Bell Ringers		
		Gift Aid Tax Received - Annexe Project	£20,433	£19,501
		Gift Aid Tax Received - General	£14,491	£15,505
7	Legacies Received		£2,143	
		Cash Received from Legacies2	£2,143	
8	Grants Received		£64,100	£145,092
		Grants Received - Annexe	£64,100	£90,350
		Grants Received - Government / WBC		£54,742
9	Fund Raising		£11,307	£4,443
		Events - General		£240
		Events - Special	£2,728	£1,312
		Events - Annexe	£8,579	£2,892
		Events - Creamfields		
10	Income From Investments		£2,860	£38,031
		Interest (Bank/Building Society)2	£1,305	£140
		Dividends	£1,556	£1,273
		Sale of Shares		£36,618
11	Receipts from Church Activities (PCC Fees)		£20,288	£30,800
		Baptisms2	£505	£1,861
		Weddings2	£2,043	£7,264
		Fees Received2	£2,000	
		Funerals2	£15,740	£21,675
12	Receipts from Church Activities (Trading)		£5,260	£16,310
		Book Stall Sales2	£222	£47
		Magazine Sales	£2,519	£38
		Magazine Advertising	£30	
		Hire/Lettings - Hall	£2,489	£16,194
		Hire/Lettings - Annexe		£30
13	Other Incoming Resources		£218,542	£74,720
		Project - Bell Ringers	£35,247	
		Project - Church Extension Donations Personal	£104,646	£75,720
		Project - Church Extension Donations Companies	£14,150	£4,000
		Project - Church Extension Annexe Loan	£64,500	-£5,000
Grand Total			**£424,491**	**£428,144**

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St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall
Payments - Financial Statement for Year Ended 31 December 2021

Payments				
Resour	Resources	Expenditure Account Description	2020	2021
17	Fund Raising Activities (Costs and Payments)		9,697	7,378
		DBF Fees paid to Chester	7,868	6,998
		Events - Special	950	380
		Bookstall Fund	879	
18	Mission Giving & Donations		1,000	2,879
		Giving to Home Missions	395	1,779
		Flower Fund Payments	605	1,100
19	Diocesan Parish Share Contribution		74,065	74,620
		Parish Share	74,065	74,620
21	Clergy and Staff Expenses		3,714	3,531
		Rectory - Council Tax	2,241	2,350
		Clergy - Working Expenses	1,180	102
		Rectory - House Expenses	164	465
		Clergy - Telephone	129	96
		Rectory - Water Rates		517
23	Church Running Expenses		33,718	34,365
		Church Running Costs - Other	4,103	4,872
		Church Yard Maintenance	4,837	8,665
		Church Running Costs - Insurance	6,175	4,610
		Church Running Costs - Upkeep of Services	2,374	3,902
		Church Running Costs - Maintenance	5,883	1,681
		Printing, Posting & Stationery	3,335	2,518
		Church Organ - Fees	851	1,811
		Church Running Costs - Electricity, Gas & Water		94
		Church Running Costs - Electricity & Gas	2,123	4,015
		Church - Magazine Expenses	846	
		Church Running Costs - Office Telephone	2,056	1,774
		Church Organ/Piano - Tuning	1,136	274
		Church Running Costs - Cleaning		150
25	Cost of Trading		9,843	11,243
		Parish Centre - Electricity & Gas	3,897	3,059
		Parish Centre - Maintenance	1,950	4,176
		Parish Centre - Insurance	2,093	2,264
		Parish Centre - Water	1,309	837
		Parish Centre - Cleaning	213	150
		Parish Centre - Trading	381	160
		Parish Centre - Other		363
		Parish Centre - Minor Repairs		235
26	Governance Costs		1,077	649
		Visiting Speakers/Locums	621	629
		Training - Costs of Trustee/PCC	456	-140
		Training & Mission Costs		160
27	Major Repairs to the Church Building			1,975
		Church - Major Repairs		
29	New Building Work - Church, Church Hall, Clergy Housing		188,971	525,032
		Project - Church Extension Annexe Contractor (Build)	153,500	455,251
		Project - Bell Ringers	16,449	1,310
		Project - Church Extension Annexe Fees	5,820	16,889
		Purchase of Fixed Assets for Church purposes	-300	31,460
		Project - Church Extension Annexe Equipment	1,143	13,520
		Project - Church Extension Annexe Reports	12,359	6,602
20	Salaries, Wages & Honoraria		3,575	9,337
		Salaries, Wages & Honoraria	3,575	9,337
Grand Total			**325,661**	**671,010**

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St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021	2020	2019
INVESTMENTS			
Valuation of Investment at Original Cost	7,916	23,843	23,843
Market Value:			
CBF Investment Fund - 500 Units: £2,338.67 (£11,693)			
Central Board of Finance Deposits			
Deposit Fund	38,766	40,966	9,774
Friends of St Wilfrid's	0	9,523	9,483
Church Annexe Project Fund	16,202	226,219	158,007
Bells Project Fund (Restricted Funds)	0	0	0
	54,968	**276,708**	**177,264**
Cash At Bank			
Natwest - Balance as at 31 December	18,135	23,334	23,417
TOTAL ASSETS	**81,019**	**323,885**	**224,524**
REPRESENTED BY			
Income & Expenditure Balance b/fwd	323,885	224,524	234,959
Excess Income over Expenditure in year-Deficit	-242,866	99,361	-10,435
	81,019	**323,885**	**224,524**

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St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall

Funds - Natwest Bank, Stockton Heath and CCLA, London

Item Description Closing Balance as at 31 December 2021	2020 Closing Balance	2021 Closing Balance
Unrestricted Funds		
Natwest Bank - Stockton Heath	**23,333.80**	**18,134.56**
CCLA - London		
Deposit Fund	40,965.83	38,765.82
Friends of St Wilfrid's Church	9,522.86	0.00
Church Building Project Fund	226,219.43	16,202.36
Sub-Total CCLA Funds	**276,708.12**	**54,968.18**
Total - Unrestricted Funds	**300,041.92**	**73,102.74**
Investments Shares - as at 31 December 2021		
CBF Investment Fund - Prior Year £2044.67; Current Year £2,338.67 (500 shares)	22,843.00	7,916.25
CBF Fixed Interest Fund - Prior Year £169.15: Current Year £0 (0 shares)	1,000.00	0.00
Total Value of Investment	**23,843.00**	**7,916.25**
Total Funds Held	**323,884.92**	**81,018.99**

I have examined the accounting records of St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall for the year ended 31st December 2021 and confirm that they are in accordance with the books of account and records provided.

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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name: PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF GRAPPENHALL

On accounts for the year ended

ST. WILFRID'S Y/E 31.12.2021

Charity no (if any) 1131723.

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021

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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [ ] if not applicable.*

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.

* *Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: [signature]

Date: 27.1.2022

Name: MELVYN KEITH ROBERTS.

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body A.C.A.

(if any):	
Address:	215 CHESTER ROAD
	GRAPPENHALL
	WARRINGTON. WA4 2QB.

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 examiner wishes to disclose.	NONE.

Return of Parish Finance

January to December 2021

Parish code (6 digits):	590069	If the form is NOT completed on behalf of the entire parish, please list below the churches included:		Deanery:	Great Budworth
Parish name:	St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall	Grappenhall; St Wilfrid's 609069		Diocese:	Chester

	INCOMING RESOURCES	UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)
	Voluntary income/ receipts		
1	Tax efficient planned giving	£52,268	
2	Other planned giving	£4,026	
3	Collections at services	£7,402	
4	(recurring and one-off)	£20,046	
6	Gift Aid recovered	£35,007	
7	Legacies received (capital value)		
8	Grants (include recurring and one-off)	£ 145,092	
	TOTAL Voluntary income:	**£ 263,841**	
	Activities for generating funds		
9	Gross income from fundraising activities	£4,443	
	Income from investments		
10	Dividends, interest, income from property etc.	£38,031	
	Church activities		
11	Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals etc)	£30,800	
12	Gross income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall).	£16,309	
	Other incoming resources		
13	Any other income/ receipts not already listed	£74,720	

	RESOURCES EXPENDED	UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)
	Costs of generating income		
17	Fund-raising activites (costs and payments)	£7,378	
	Church activities		
18	Mission giving and donations	£2,879	
19	Diocesan parish share contribution	£74,620	
20	Salaries, wages and honoraria	£ 9,337	
21	Clergy and staff expenses	£ 3,531	
	Church expenses		
22	Church expenses: Mission and evangelism costs		
23	Church running expenses	£30,256	
24	Church utility bills	£7,168	
25	Cost of trading	£8,185	
	Major capital expenditure		
27	Major repairs to the church building	£ 1,975	
28	redecoration		
29	New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or	£ 525,032	
	SUB-TOTAL of all expenditure items above:	**£ 670,361**	
26	Governance costs	£ 649	
99	Other outgoing resources/ payments		

	TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)	
A	Unrestricted	£ 428,144
B	Restricted	
C	**TOTAL**	**£ 428,144**

	TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)	
D	Unrestricted	£ 671,010
E	Restricted	
F	**TOTAL**	**£ 671,010**

	PLANNED GIVERS AND LEGACIES	
14	Number of tax efficient planned givers	102
15	Number of other planned givers	28
16	Number of new legacies received	0

	Cash and Investment Balances	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED
31	Cash and deposit balance as at 31/12/21	£ 73,103	
32	Investments as at 31/12/21	£ 7,916	

	Account basis: on which basis are your accounts prepared (indicate ONE)	
30	Receipts and payments [x]	Accruals [ ]

Please refer to the notes on the following pages to help clarify what is included in each section. The item numbers refer to RPF notes, consistent with the guidance provided in PCC Accountability, 2013.

Date	27-Jan-22
Name	Charles Jesudason
Position	Treasurer
Telephone or email	charles@jesudason.co.uk

Looking back across 2021, were there any exceptional circumstances or significant changes that may have led to unusual figures? ***Please provide details in the box below.***

1) The values are high due to The Church Extension Project, which is now complete and was blessed on the 18 October 2021

I have examined the accounting records of St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall for the year ended 31 December 2021 and confirm that they are in accordance with the books of account and records provided.

Examiner: Mervyn K Roberts (ACA) *Mervyn K Roberts* ***Date:*** 27.1.22

St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall

Cashflow Statement

Year	Month	Month Name	Sum of Receipts Value	Sum of Payments Value	Sum of Transfers Value	Monthly movements and Account Balance	Bank Balance
	12	December	£14,534.39	£47,774.45	£29,445.45	-£3,794.61	£23,333.80
2020 Total			**£424,490.81**	**£325,660.53**	**-£99,444.02**	**-£613.74**	
2021	1	January	£8,706.30	£13,855.62	£46,650.00	£41,500.68	£64,834.48
	2	February	£17,238.47	£57,495.57	£35,350.00	-£4,907.10	£59,927.38
	3	March	£83,046.26	£84,505.28	-£40,241.93	-£41,700.95	£18,226.43
	4	April	£27,655.58	£73,307.85	£30,991.66	-£14,660.61	£3,565.82
	5	May	£127,407.46	£13,957.58	-£104,130.00	£9,319.88	£12,885.70
	6	June	£10,601.04	£59,576.72	£44,020.00	-£4,955.68	£7,930.02
	7	July	£27,408.42	£160,251.75	£151,640.00	£18,796.67	£26,726.69
	8	August	£22,209.20	£55,241.21	£100,645.00	£67,612.99	£94,339.68
	9	September	£15,169.22	£21,599.91		-£6,430.69	£87,909.00
	10	October	£14,614.40	£92,456.72	£12,000.00	-£65,842.32	£22,066.68
	11	November	£23,928.95	£10,275.80	-£10,000.00	£3,653.15	£25,719.83
	12	December	£50,018.75	£28,486.40	-£29,117.62	-£7,585.27	£18,134.56
2021 Total			**£428,004.05**	**£671,010.41**	**£237,807.11**	**-£5,199.25**	
			£1,845,567.97	£1,939,206.06	£111,772.65	£18,134.56	
			£1,845,567.97	**£1,939,206.06**	**£111,772.65**	**£18,134.56**	£43,854.38

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Examiner: Mervyn K Roberts (ACA) **Date:** 27. 1. 22

St Wilfrid's Church Income Monthly Summary

Sum of Receipts Value			2020 Total	2021												2021 Total
Income	Incoming	Income Account Description		January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	
1	**Tax Efficient Planned Giving (Gift Aid)**		**£55,829**	£3,982	£3,868	£4,521	£5,151	£3,964	£4,894	£3,795	£4,364	£4,153	£3,753	£4,059	£5,765	**£52,268**
		Bank - (Gift Aid)	**£49,340**	£3,982	£3,868	£4,176	£4,851	£3,735	£4,524	£3,795	£4,268	£3,812	£3,753	£4,059	£4,097	**£48,919**
		Envelopes - (Gift Aid)	**£6,489**			£345	£300	£230	£370		£96	£341				**£1,682**
		Planned Giving (Gift Aid)													£1,668	**£1,668**
2	Other Planned Giving (Non Gift Aid)		**£2,637**	£323	£652	£158	£540	£578	£15	£293	£547	£15	£125	£505	£275	**£4,026**
		Bank - (Non Gift Aid)	**£957**													
		Planned Giving (Non Gift Aid)	**£1,680**	£323	£652	£158	£540	£578	£15	£293	£547	£15	£125	£505	£275	**£4,026**
3	Collections at Services		**£4,233**	£320	£200	£367	£441	£356	£771	£674	£383	£944	£582	£972	£1,390	**£7,402**
		Friends of St Wilfrid's	**£70**					£15					£55			**£70**
		Special Collections	**£2,340**	£200	£200	£200	£200	£200	£200	£200	£200	£200	£200	£200	£200	**£2,400**
4	All Other Giving (recurring and one off)		**£2,368**	£326	£289	£334	£182	£662	£658	£2,266	£436	£2,705	£152	£11,734	£302	**£20,046**
		Church Boxes	**£251**													
		Church Yard Donations	**£190**	£150				£40	£50		£80	£2,450		£278	£175	**£3,223**
		Donations & Appeals	**£1,487**	£131	£289	£294	£162	£552	£608	£2,266	£356	£150	£152	£11,426	£62	**£16,448**
		Flower Fund	**£440**	£45		£40	£20	£70				£105		£30	£65	**£375**
6	Gift Aid Recovered		**£34,924**		£3,968	£12,434	£12,500	£3,034			£571			£2,500		**£35,007**
		Gift Aid Tax Received - Annexe Project	**£20,433**		£3,968		£12,500	£3,034								**£19,501**
		Gift Aid Tax Received - General	£14,491			£12,434					£571			£2,500		**£15,505**
7	Legacies Received		**£2,143**													
		Cash Received from Legacies	**£2,143**													
8	Grants Received		**£64,100**	£2,863	£5,679	£5,700		£109,930			£10,000	£3,350	£7,570			**£145,092**
		Grants Received - Annexe	£64,100			£5,000		£72,000			£10,000	£3,350				**£90,350**
		Grants Received - Government / WBC		£2,863	£5,679	£700		£37,930					£7,570			**£54,742**
9	Fund Raising		**£11,307**	-£354	£100	£441	£100	£45	£380	£653	£884	£752	£50	-£505	£1,898	**£4,443**
		Events - Creamfields														
		Events - General											£50	£20	£170	**£240**
		Events - Special	**£2,728**	-£354		£400			£380	£653		£752		-£614	£95	**£1,312**
10	Income From Investments		**£2,860**		£399			£399			£399			£76	£36,758	**£38,031**
		Dividends	**£1,556**		£399			£399			£399			£76		**£1,273**
		Interest (Bank/Building Society)	**£1,305**												£140	**£140**
		Sale of Shares													£36,618	**£36,618**
11	Receipts from Church Activities (PCC Fees)		**£20,288**	£956	£1,983	£2,621	£1,530	£2,729	£3,133	£5,848	£3,975	£1,973	£904	£3,148	£1,999	**£30,800**
		Baptisms	**£505**						£179	£707	£3	£522	£194		£256	**£1,861**
		Fees Received	**£2,000**													
		Funerals	**£15,740**	£806	£1,683	£2,171	£1,530	£1,978	£2,024	£3,350	£2,853	£1,400	£100	£2,037	£1,743	**£21,675**
		Weddings	**£2,043**	£150	£300	£450		£751	£930	£1,791	£1,119	£51	£610	£1,111		**£7,264**
12	Receipts from Church Activities (Trading)		**£5,260**	£20		£20		£65		£11,280	£50	£182	£1,479	£1,441	£1,773	**£16,310**
		Book Stall Sales	**£222**					£47								**£47**
		Hire/Lettings - Annexe													£30	**£30**
		Hire/Lettings - Hall	£2,489	£20						£11,280	£50	£182	£1,479	£1,441	£1,743	**£16,194**
		Magazine Advertising	**£30**													
		Magazine Sales	**£2,519**			£20		£18								**£38**
13	Other Incoming Resources		**£218,542**	£270	£100	£56,450	£7,210	£5,645	£750	£2,600	£600	£1,095				**£74,720**
		Project - Bell Ringers	**£35,247**													
		Project - Church Extension Annexe Loan	**£64,500**			£5,000	-£9,000	-£1,000								**-£5,000**
		Project - Church Extension Donations Companies	**£14,150**			£4,000										**£4,000**
		Project - Church Extension Donations Personal	**£104,646**	£270	£100	£47,450	£16,210	£6,645	£750	£2,600	£600	£1,095				**£75,720**
Grand Total			**£424,491**	**£8,706**	**£17,238**	**£83,046**	**£27,656**	**£127,407**	**£10,601**	**£27,408**	**£22,209**	**£15,169**	**£14,614**	**£23,929**	**£50,159**	**£428,144**
		Donations & Appeals - Anon Designated Car Park	**£0**											£10,000		**£10,000**
		Gift Aid Tax Received - Annexe Project	**£20,433**		£3,968		£12,500	£3,034								**£19,501**
		Grants Received - Annexe	**£64,100**	£2,863	£5,679	£5,700		£109,930			£10,000	£3,350	£7,570			**£145,092**
		Sale of Shares	**£0**												£36,618	**£36,618**
		Other Incoming Resources	**£218,542**	£270	£100	£56,450	£7,210	£5,645	£750	£2,600	£600	£1,095				**£74,720**
	LESS	**Project related Income - Subtotal**	**£303,075**	**£3,133**	**£9,747**	**£62,150**	**£19,710**	**£118,609**	**£750**	**£2,600**	**£10,600**	**£4,445**	**£7,570**	**£10,000**	**£36,618**	**£285,932**
		SWC Normal Activity - Total	**£121,415**	**£5,573**	**£7,491**	**£20,896**	**£7,946**	**£8,799**	**£9,851**	**£24,808**	**£11,609**	**£10,724**	**£7,044**	**£13,929**	**£13,541**	**£142,213**

St Wilfrid's Church Expenditure Monthly Summary

Payments

pende	Resour	Expenditure Account Description	2020 Total	2021 January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	2021 Total
17		Fund Raising Activities (Costs and Payments)	£9,697			£1,556	£873	£657		£2,153		£1,360	£779			£7,378
		Bookstall Fund	£879													
		DBF Fees paid to Chester	£7,868			£1,241	£873	£657		£2,153		£1,295	£779			£6,998
		Events - Special	£950			£315						£65				£380
18		Mission Giving & Donations	£1,000	£220	£20	£20	£220	£1,020	£534	£220	£20	£220	£20	£320	£45	£2,879
		Flower Fund Payments	£605	£200			£200			£200		£200		£300		£1,100
		Giving to Home Missions	£395	£20	£20	£20	£20	£1,020	£534	£20	£20	£20	£20	£20	£45	£1,779
19		Diocesan Parish Share Contribution	£74,065	£6,172	£6,172	£6,172	£6,234	£6,234	£6,234	£6,234	£6,234	£6,234	£6,234	£6,234	£6,234	£74,620
		Parish Share	£74,065	£6,172	£6,172	£6,172	£6,234	£6,234	£6,234	£6,234	£6,234	£6,234	£6,234	£6,234	£6,234	£74,620
20		Salaries, Wages & Honoraria	£3,575	£378	£378	£378	£378	£2,449	£767	£767	£775	£767	£767	£767	£767	£9,337
		Salaries, Wages & Honoraria	£3,575	£378	£378	£378	£378	£2,449	£767	£767	£775	£767	£767	£767	£767	£9,337
21		Clergy and Staff Expenses	£3,714	£225		£198	£237	£236	£486	£495	£236	£236	£710	£236	£236	£3,531
		Clergy - Telephone	£129			£96										£96
		Clergy - Working Expenses	£1,180			£102										£102
		Rectory - Council Tax	£2,241	£225			£237	£236	£236	£236	£236	£236	£236	£236	£236	£2,350
		Rectory - House Expenses	£164						£250				£215			£465
		Rectory - Water Rates								£259			£259			£517
23		Church Running Expenses	£33,718	£1,955	£2,933	£2,815	£2,698	£2,163	£2,496	£3,176	£2,255	£4,372	£2,586	£3,418	£3,498	£34,365
		Church - Magazine Expenses	£846													
		Church Organ - Fees	£851		£65		£120		£176		£288	£238		£464	£460	£1,811
		Church Organ/Piano - Tuning	£1,136										£228	£46		£274
		Church Running Costs - Cleaning													£150	£150
		Church Running Costs - Insurance	£6,175	£397	£165	£386	£481	£481	£386	£386	£165	£386	£386	£386	£607	£4,610
		Church Running Costs - Upkeep of Services	£2,374	£140	£245	£102	£151	£60	£516	£884	£54	£24	£54	£1,167	£504	£3,902
		Church Running Costs - Electricity & Gas	£2,123	£147	£965	£632	£464	£165	£223	£185	£244	£260	£397		£334	£4,015
		Church Running Costs - Electricity, Gas & Water													£94	£94
		Church Running Costs - Maintenance	£5,883			£310			£200	£86	£107	£675	£230	£73		£1,681
		Church Running Costs - Office Telephone	£2,056	£220	£149	£148	£142	£163	£159	£165	£143	£141	£140	£145	£59	£1,774
		Church Running Costs - Other	£4,103	£161	£594	£835	£519	£577	£240	£653	£632	£302	£116	£144	£99	£4,872
		Church Yard Maintenance	£4,837	£470	£398	£398	£398	£398	£598	£398	£398	£2,343	£1,030	£648	£1,188	£8,665
		Printing, Posting & Stationery	£3,335	£420	£351	£4	£423	£319		£420	£224	£3	£3	£345	£3	£2,518
25		Cost of Trading	£9,843	£672	£1,080	£444	£1,471	£838	£924	£364	£2,683	£221	£1,083	£506	£957	£11,243
		Parish Centre - Cleaning	£213												£150	£150
		Parish Centre - Electricity & Gas	£3,897	£244	£493	£279	£770	£373	£471	£198	£30	£31	£57		£113	£3,059
		Parish Centre - Insurance	£2,093	£170	£386	£165	£165	£165	£165	£165	£386	£165	£165	£165		£2,264
		Parish Centre - Maintenance	£1,950		£132		£282	£240	£288		£2,167		£490	£247	£330	£4,176
		Parish Centre - Minor Repairs											£235			£235
		Parish Centre - Other													£363	£363
		Parish Centre - Trading	£381									£24	£136			£160
		Parish Centre - Water	£1,309	£258	£69		£254	£60			£102			£93		£837
26		Governance Costs	£1,077				£120		£160		£96	-£114	£387			£649
		Training - Costs of Trustee/PCC	£456				£20					-£160				-£140
		Training & Mission Costs							£160							£160
		Visiting Speakers/Locums	£621				£100				£96	£46	£387			£629
27		Major Repairs to the Church Building										£1,975				£1,975
		Church - Minor Repairs (Decoration)										£1,975				£1,975
29		New Building Work - Church, Church Hall, Clergy Housing	£188,971	£4,234	£46,913	£72,922	£61,076	£360	£47,976	£146,843	£42,942	£6,330	£79,892	-£1,205	£16,750	£525,032
		Project - Bell Ringers	£16,449		£216		£300						£554	£240		£1,310
		Project - Church Extension Annexe Contractor (Build)	£153,500		£33,233	£68,609	£50,499		£44,018	£137,642	£35,871		£74,771		£10,607	£455,251
		Project - Church Extension Annexe Equipment	£1,143		£1,059				£2,201	£4,085	£2,075	£2,240	£600	£1,260		£13,520
		Project - Church Extension Annexe Fees	£5,820	£4,234	£5,902	£2,902	£844	-£1,967		£2,572		£2,204	£3,404	-£2,705	-£499	£16,889
		Project - Church Extension Annexe Reports	£12,359			£336	£2,992			£2,120	£804	£350				£6,602
		Purchase of Fixed Assets for Church purposes	-£300		£6,503	£1,075	£6,442	£2,328	£1,757	£425	£4,192	£1,536	£563		£6,641	£31,460
Grand Total			£325,661	£13,856	£57,496	£84,505	£73,308	£13,958	£59,577	£160,252	£55,241	£21,600	£92,457	£10,276	£28,486	£671,010
	LESS	Project related Expenditure - Subtotal	£188,971	£4,234	£46,913	£72,922	£61,076	£360	£47,976	£146,843	£42,942	£6,330	£79,892	-£1,205	£16,750	£525,032
		SWC Normal Activity - Total	£136,690	£9,622	£10,583	£11,584	£12,232	£13,597	£11,601	£13,409	£12,299	£15,270	£12,565	£11,481	£11,737	£145,979

St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall - CCLA Investment Funds

Date	Details	Shares	Cost Price Per Share	Value	Sell Price Per Share	Value
	Investment - Historic at Cost					**7,843**
Purchased						
Prior 31/12/2014	Deposit - Fixed (Interest)	1,000	1.000	1,000.00		
Prior 31/12/2014	Deposit - Variable (Dividends)	1,700	4.025	6,843.00		
03/04/2018	Deposit - Variable (Dividends)	1,010.58	15.832	16,000.00		
	Total	**3,710.58**		**23,843.00**		
Sold						
07/09/2021	Deposit - Fixed (Interest)	1,000			163.54	1,635.40
07/09/2021	Deposit - Variable (Dividends)	2,210.58			2,302.98	50,909.22
	Sale proceeds	**3,210.58**				**52,544.62**
	Cost of Sale Proceeds - (£23,843-7,916)					**15,927.00**
	Gain on Sale					**36,617.62**
Retained						
31/12/2021	**Balance-Deposit - Variable (Dividends)**	**500.00**	**15.832**	**7,916.00**	**2,338.67**	**11,693.35**

I have examined the accounting records of St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall for the year ended 31st December 2021 and confirm that they are in accordance with the books of account and records provided.

Examiner: Mervyn K Roberts (ACA) **Date:** 27.1.22

ST WILFRID'S CHURCH EXTENSION ANNEXE
DRAFT DESIGNATED ACCOUNT

Sum of Receipts Value	YEAR								
Income Account Description	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Grand Total	Group Totals
SWC Legacy - Prior 2015	100,000							**100,000**	
SWC Annexe Personal Donations - Personal			60	3,888	69,212	104,646	75,720	**253,526**	
SWC Events - Annexe		5,000			19,223	8,579	2,892	**35,693**	
SWC Annexe Personal Loans - (to be Repaid)						64,500	-5,000	**59,500**	
St Wilfrid's Church Funding									**448,719**
SWC Annexe - Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed - HMRC					16,250	20,433	19,501	**56,184**	
SWC Annexe Donations - Companies			9,000	20,000	36,000	14,150	4,000	**83,150**	
Non St Wilfrid's Church Funding									**139,334**
Grant - Cheshire Community Foundation					10,000			**10,000**	
Grant - Ecclesiastical Insurance					260			**260**	
Grant - Dowager Eleanor Peel Trust						5,000		**5,000**	
Grant - All Churches Trust						17,900		**17,900**	
Grant - Garfield Weston						25,000		**25,000**	
Grant - Beatrice Laing						6,500		**6,500**	
Grant - Lottery Funding						9,700		**9,700**	
Grant - Joseph Rank Trust							30,000	**30,000**	
Grant - Grappenhall & Thelwall Parish Council							5,000	**5,000**	
Reserves - Grant from DCMS to replenish our Reserves							42,000	**42,000**	
Reserves - CCLA Church Project Fund - Reserve							16,000	**16,000**	
Grant - Cheshire Community Foundation							10,000	**10,000**	
Grant - Cheshire Churches Preservation Trust							1,850	**1,850**	
Grant - Robert Clutterbuck							1,500	**1,500**	
Grant - Bernard Sunley Foundation Phase 2							10,000	**10,000**	
St Wilfrid's Annexe Grant Funding									**190,710**
TOTAL RECEIVED	**100,000**	**5,000**	**9,060**	**23,888**	**150,945**	**276,407**	**213,463**	**778,763**	**778,763**
CUMALATIVE BY YEAR	**100,000**	**105,000**	**114,060**	**137,948**	**288,893**	**565,300**	**778,763**		

Sum of Payments Value	YEAR							
Expenditure Account Description	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Grand Total
SWC Events - Annexe					3,775	0	0	**3,775**
SWC Annexe -Report Fees - Churchyard, Archaeology, Bats etc		150	5,906	2,753	812	12,359	6,602	**28,581**
SWC Annexe - Architect's Fees			9,834	29,249	5,130	16,339	16,915	**77,467**
SWC Annexe - Surveyor, Structural, Mechanical etc - Fees				4,200	23,174	1,200	9,300	**37,874**
SWC Annexe Fees - LPW Scheme - VAT Reclaimed						-9,703	-8,129	**-17,832**
SWC Annexe Equipment - Purchases Completed					9,470	1,143	13,520	**24,134**
SWC Annexe Contractor (Build) - Grosvenor (Retention £12,500)						153,500	334,001	**487,501**
SWC Annexe Contractor (Build) - Dowhigh (Retention £3,250)							121,250	**121,250**
TOTAL PAYMENTS	**0**	**150**	**15,740**	**36,201**	**42,361**	**174,838**	**493,458**	**762,749**
CUMALATIVE BY YEAR		**150**	**15,890**	**52,091**	**94,452**	**269,291**	**762,749**	

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name: PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF GRAPPENHALL

On accounts for the year ended

ST. WILFRID'S Y/E 31.12.2021

Charity no (if any) 1131723.

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021

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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [ ] if not applicable.*

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.

* *Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: [signature]

Date: 27.1.2022

Name: MELVYN KEITH ROBERTS.

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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 examiner wishes to disclose.	NONE.