

St Bartholomew's, Thurstaston with St Chad's Irby

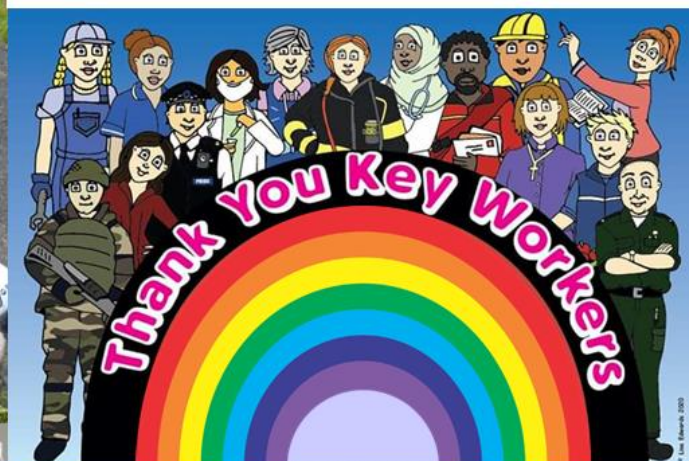


MISSION AND ACTIVITIES IN 2020



Genesis 9:16

"Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth."



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to visit
in person
but...

#socialdistancing



Members of the PCC 2020-2021

The members of the PCC in 2020-21 were:

Revd J Turner	Rector
Mrs E Whitehead	Warden
Mr C Smale	Deanery Synod
Mrs J Davies	Deanery Synod
Vacancy	Deanery Synod
Mr J Oliver	Elected
Mr C Williams	Elected
Mr R Jackson	Elected
Mr A Harford	Elected
Mrs J Hodgson	Elected
Mrs Pat Neil	Elected
Mr G Barley	Elected
Mrs J Trigg	Elected
Mrs J Deboorder	Elected
Mr M Studholme	Elected

There are three vacancies for elected members, one for a Deanery Synod representative and one for a churchwarden.

It is important to fill these vacancies, to ensure that the views of the congregations are fully represented at PCC meetings, especially when decisions are made.

A Word from the Rector

We began the year as any other, with hopes and plans. We had committed to taking part in the diocesan initiative called "Houses of Prayer" and were beginning to look at plans to plant trees to help the environment. We had no idea that by March our lives we would be facing a pandemic and a very steep learning curve as lockdown came and churches were closed with almost no notice just before Mothering Sunday. Reflecting on the year and looking back to events of January and February it seems like a life-time ago, so much has happened and so much has changed. We have all faced unprecedented challenges. But it has also been a year in which we have grown much and learned much.

As I sat to write this report, I wondered what effect the pandemic had had on our church in terms of the five marks of mission and was encouraged to find that in some way we had engaged with all of them.

Houses of Prayer

The idea of this initiative was to reclaim our churches as places of prayer throughout the week. So on 30th January we held a prayer evening at St Bartholomew's, with a variety of prayer stations around the building and an encouragement for people to just pop in. One of those prayer stations involved colouring and this inspired a planned art project in which pictures would be passed Sunday by Sunday amongst the congregation who would take the picture home and colour a small section. These pictures would then be framed and hung in St Chad's



as part of our witness to the many hall user groups of the presence of church in the building. Sadly, this project was only just getting off the ground when the pandemic hit and it has been on hold ever since – hopefully we will be able to pick it up again next year and use the pictures as part of our celebration at being able to share in these kind of activities once again.

During the first lockdown (March – June) our buildings were very much Houses of Prayer - as we displayed a whole variety of prayers in the windows for people to engage with whilst taking their daily exercise. And once buildings were allowed to be open again, there were several Sundays when they were open for individuals to pop in and pray.



Worship

The year began with our normal pattern of worship (8am St Bartholomew's, 9.30am St Chad's, 11.15am St Bartholomew's and Wednesday morning at St Chad's) and it ended with most Christmas Services being held on Zoom!

As worship began to take place at home, it was very quickly evident that we would need to provide people with resources for this. During the course of the year the following packs were put together and distributed to everyone on the electoral roll along with others who were regular at church but not on the electoral roll yet.



18th March – Letter explaining church closures. Prayer Resources for morning and evening prayer at home. Flyer with information about how to access support and help. And an early edition of the April Magazine. We also organized small phone groups for support.

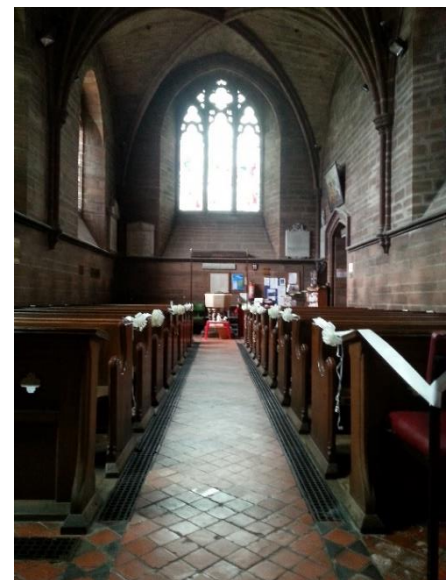
April – Easter Cards, craft activities for children, prayer resources for Holy Week, Mini Easter Egg and Palm Cross.

May – Thy Kingdom Come resources and Pentecost Resources and a small key-ring gift

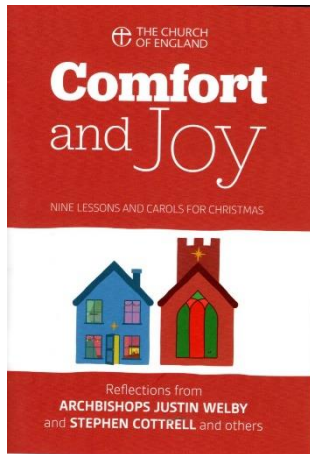
June – Self-care and Comfort booklets. Father's Day craft activities for families

July – A letter encouraging people to reflect on lockdown and return a postcard to be included in a montage.

August-October – we were in hybrid mode, with church open for socially distanced services, but still maintaining weekly sermons by email (and on Facebook). Church services required lots of planning and preparation, with a booking system put in place, pews blocked off to ensure social distancing (with ribbons for aesthetic reasons – hazard tape made it look like a building site), the requirement for people to wear face coverings, lots of hand sanitiser and lots of cleaning of light switches, door handles and anything else that was touched. Singing was not allowed and communion was brought in one kind only to the pews.



As Autumn approached it became clear that our “big” services were just not going to be possible “in-person”, so we made plans for our first online services by Zoom. Towards the end of October, we began services of Evening Prayer by Zoom. November 1st saw our first All-Age Zoom service for All Saints Day. And November 8th saw Remembrance Sunday service by Zoom.



October – Half Term Packs sent to families included, “A pumpkin craft that we would have done at our light party. A stained glass window rocket for you to display on Bonfire night. A poppy for you to make for Remembrance Sunday. A Bible Story for you”.

All Souls letters were sent to bereaved families and a display of doves and hearts was placed in St Chad’s which could be viewed from outside.

December – Lockdown number two, and the real possibility of Christmas having to be online, inspired the final postal pack of the year which included Advent prayer resources, family craft activities, Christmas Card and a chocolate.

Five marks of Mission

1 - To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom



Beginning in Holy Week, we encouraged people to use their windows as places of proclamation that Easter wasn’t cancelled. Churches were closed, but we were still celebrating resurrection. This grew into prayer windows and banners.

We also installed trails around St Bartholomew’s church yard for All Saints, All Souls and Remembrance Sunday. And followed this with a Nativity ADVENTure trail at both churches.



2 - To teach, baptise and nurture new believers

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We were able to conduct two very small socially distanced weddings, one very small socially distanced wedding blessing and two very small socially distanced baptisms, as well as a baptism in early February. We remain in contact with wedding couples and baptism families who chose to postpone their services.

3 - To respond to human need by loving service

Early in the first lockdown there was a request from the NHS for kit bags for staff to put their uniforms in and for pairs of hearts (one to be given to a patient and the other to be given to a relative not allowed to visit). Members of our church and wider community were very quick to respond and by the end of lockdown we had made and distributed 308 Kit bags, 30 Aprons, and 191 pairs of hearts to both the hospital and a selection of local nursing homes.



Lockdown birthdays were also quite challenging, so we committed to sending birthday cards to anyone who was willing to tell us when their birthday was.

4 - To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind, and to pursue peace and reconciliation

The pandemic raised lots of awareness of key workers who are normally taken for granted and often low paid. Our gratitude to these people has been massively increased and they are now treated as heroes who deserve our respect.

During late May and early July, the "Black Lives Matter" campaign was global. As a church we included these issues in our prayers and encouraged people to think through these issues.

We continued to raise awareness of global issues through support of the Leprosy Mission. And we continued to raise awareness of the work of the Children's Society, holding our annual Christingle service by Zoom.



5 -To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

We have planted trees at St Chad's. And ITPAS planted Daffodil bulbs at St Bartholomew's and donated more daffodil bulbs which we have planted at St Chad's.



We have learned so much this year about

- Gratitude
- Looking outwards to our community
- New ways to be church
- Care of housebound and vulnerable people

I look forward with hope to the day when we will once again be able to hold big services of celebration and to hug one another, but I sincerely hope and pray that we never forget what we have learned during this year.

Revd Jane Turner

REPORT ON THE BUSINESS OF THE PCC AND OTHER CHURCH MATTERS



The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is the governing body of the church. Its members are the clergy, churchwardens and the people elected at the Annual Church Meeting (the APCM) to represent all church members.

The Council is legally responsible for the financial affairs of the parish, for looking after the buildings and land and for all the goods and property in the churches. It also works with and supports the minister (the Rector) in the whole mission of the Church – caring for the people of the parish, teaching people about God through church services, the Junior Church and by example, supporting the Church School, growing and developing our community through enjoyable social activities and cooperating with other religious groups. Our “mission statement” is “Serving Christ in Thurstaston and Irby”.

PCC Business during 2020

During 2020, the PCC met twice before the first lockdown prevented normal meetings. Between March and the beginning of November, there were ten “PCC Consultations”, mostly on single issues, and in November the PCC met remotely using “Zoom”. Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), originally planned for March 2020, was postponed until 26th October 2020 when it took place using Zoom.

Summary of the main topics discussed at the meetings in January, March and November.

“Seasons of Giving”

It was agreed that a package of information, called “Seasons of Giving”, should be sent to those on the Electoral Roll, parents of children recently baptised, wedding couples and a few other categories. This would be 150-160 people, in about 120 envelopes. One member commented that if the targets discussed in the package could be achieved, we would be able to increase our Parish Share contribution to 100% of that expected, at least for 2020. The amount of Parish Share unpaid over the last five years was £263,256. It was not clear whether most members of the congregations were aware of Parish Share and the amount of income required each month to pay all parish costs. Members discussed how to encourage church members to contribute regularly and explain that it was not just a nominal donation.

Financial reports

Mr Marley, the Treasurer, provided financial reports to the PCC throughout the year. His report for the full year is on page 9.

Lay Conference

The Lay Conference is an event organised by the Diocese for members of the congregations. The PCC had reserved a free place but had to find a named person to take it up within three weeks. To promote interest, the PCC decided to ask those who had been to the last Lay Conference to talk about it in church on the following Sunday. Two church members wished to attend the conference was cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions.

The legacy from the estate of Mrs Butler

A computer expert had informed us that the desktop computer in the Parish Office could fail at any time. As it was essential for the administrative work of the parish and for providing information in various forms to all the congregations, the PCC agrees that a legacy from Mrs Butler for the parish should be used to purchase a new computer for the Parish Office.

Toilet facilities at St Bartholomew's

Mr Harford had spoken to several suppliers of modular buildings. He proposed a building with a toilet suitable for people with disabilities, a sink, a hand dryer and a baby change facility. The Open Door Fund would cover the cost of the building and its installation. The next steps would be to approach the Church Architect for advice, decide where to position the building, contact the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) and apply for a faculty (church planning permission). It was noted that drainage pipes were already in place on the south side of the church that there was an external tap nearby. At the November meeting, PCC members asked several questions and unanimously approved these proposals.

Churchwarden's Reports

Mrs E Whitehead, the churchwarden, informed the PCC regularly of issues related to the land around the churches, the buildings and their contents. More information can be found in Mrs Whitehead's Churchwarden's report, which appears below.

St Chad's Car Park

A person responsible for painting the white lines in another car park had offered to repaint the lines in St Chad's car park but was unable to complete the work. Following a PCC discussion, L&R Roadlines Ltd were engaged to complete the work.

The Diocesan Past Case Review (PCR) Investigations

The Diocese required all parishes to search all records for anything that might indicate a potential Safeguarding Issue, especially anything that had not been addressed properly. This included all records held by the Rector, in the Parish Office (paper and electronic) and older records stored at the Diocesan Archives in Chester. In addition, Mrs Timmins, the Parish Safeguarding Officer, searched her records. None of these searches found any issues and the previous Rector, Revd Diane Watson, confirmed that no such issues had arisen during her incumbency.

Appointment of a Foundation Governor for Dawpool Primary School

Mrs D Rudd retired as a Foundation Governor of Dawpool School. The Rector and the Chair of Governors, Mrs Robson, recommended that Mrs Catherine Mathieson, the school crossing supervisor, should be appointed to replace Mrs Rudd as a Foundation Governor. PCC members approved the appointment and thanked Mrs Rudd for her contributions to the School.

Easy Pay

A member of the congregation had offered to pay for an electronic card reader to enable people to make an instant contribution using a credit or debit card. This was referred to the Finance Committee.

St Chad's Garden Project

A proposal to plant a small number of trees in the field at St Chad's was discussed and agreed in principle by the PCC in 2019. In January 2020, the PCC considered a proposal based on advice from the Woodland Trust, which was offering packs of assorted saplings at very low prices as part of a national project to increase the number of trees in the UK. With increasing carbon emissions and climate change, this could be considered as a small contribution to the project, which we could describe as helping to look after the world and God's creation. After a further discussion, it was agreed that a pack of 30 trees should be purchased.

This plan was absorbed into a further proposal, approved by the PCC, for the restoration of the grassed area at the back of St Chad's. Financial support was available for the work involved. Some members still had real concerns about the tree-planting proposal, and it was agreed that the issues raised would be re-examined. Dr Hilary Ash MA, PhD, MCIEEM, the Conservation Officer for Wirral Wildlife, the Wirral Group of Cheshire Wildlife Trust and a full Member of The Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management, inspected the area and made several suggestions about the garden area and the trees, addressing all the points that PCC members had made.

Summary of PCC consultations and decisions by email between March and October

From the middle of March, normal meetings became impossible owing to Covid-19. Under new regulations about the voting process, PCC decisions were made following email consultations. Later in the lockdown period, the Church of England authorised all PCC meetings, including committee meetings and the APCM, to be conducted electronically.

i. Parish Share during lockdown

The PCC agreed that we would reduce our Parish Share payment to 50% of what we usually pay, with the other 50% put aside for use in an emergency or to pay to the Diocese if not needed.

ii. Activity Packs for Young Families

The Standing Committee confirmed the purchase and distribution of Activity Packs for young families.

iii. The effect of lockdown and Covid-19 on our Churches and Service

This was a complicated issue to deal with electronically. It included:

Opening the churches for private prayer

PCC members were asked how to approach this, how many people were likely to attend and cleaning arrangements. The responses provided guidance as we moved forward during the lockdown period.

Risk assessments

The PCC accepted the risk assessments that Mr Studholme had produced.

Access to the Church Tower

The PCC agreed that Mr Turner could enter St Bartholomew's tower (the default national regulation was that no one could enter churches without authorisation).

Maintenance of the organ at St Bartholomew's

The PCC agreed that the organist could enter St Bartholomew's to keep the organ in good condition.

iv. Gift from the Diocesan Board of Finance

PCC members voted on a range of options. The most votes were for improved wi-fi at both churches, a new telephone in the Parish Office and the purchase of a laptop computer for PowerPoint presentations and use by Junior Church and the Seniors. It is anticipated that these options will be discussed and implemented during 2021.

v. Capacity of the churches under lockdown regulations

The PCC considered and approved the Rector's proposals.

vi. Re-opening the churches

Following a Parish Survey about re-opening and related matters and a discussion by the Standing Committee of the responses, PCC members reviewed and approved detailed plans for re-opening, including numbers allowed in the buildings, safety equipment and risk assessments, booking systems, on-line information and service arrangements.

vii. Retirement of Rural Dean

After a discussion by the Standing Committee, in which a range of views was expressed, it was agreed that we should give £25 to the collection for a retirement gift for the Rural Dean.

Attendance at Church Services after re-opening

In November, the Rector reported to a "Zoom" PCC meeting that since re-opening, with a reduced capacity in each church, St Bartholomew's had generally

had 7-10 people at each service, depending on whether people came alone or with others in their household, which was near its limit under lockdown. The maximum capacity of St Bartholomew's during the lockdown was 14 individuals or seven households.

St Chad's had never been up to full lockdown capacity (30 people or 16 households) and the largest congregation on a Sunday had been 13 adults and one child. The services seemed to have been well-received and the people present felt safe. Wednesday morning services had attracted eight or nine people, nowhere near its full capacity under lockdown.

Graham Barley
PCC Secretary



TREASURER'S REPORT

As you all know it has been a year to forget for so many reasons, yet financially due to everyone's incredible generosity we as a parish have been able to maintain our financial position. We have been able to do this due to a number of reasons which I will explain throughout this report.

PARISH SHARE

We started the year again paying 60% of the agreed Parish Share in order to maintain our reserves at the required level. However due to the pandemic we agreed with the diocese to reduce our 60% by half. This saved us £15215 which was effectively all our excess receipts over income. This has been ringfenced so that if we are able to in the future, we can repay the Diocese the share that was due.

If we do this it still leaves us in the vulnerable position of possibly receiving only 60% of a replacement if the need arose.

Analysis of performance between 2020 and 2019

INCOME

PLANNED GIVING

Our main source of income was actually up by 5.3% on last year. I can only thank everyone for their amazing generosity in these troubled times. It represented 60% of our total income up from 52%, not including the gift aid that is due. The difference is due to the lack of income elsewhere compared to a normal year.

As attendance at church becomes more erratic due the pandemic, it becomes more important that more members are encouraged to join, and current

members set up standing orders to eradicate any gaps in their financial support of the church. The increase in standing orders since the start of the pandemic has helped enormously with the planning and budgeting, so again my thanks to you all.

DONATIONS/GRANTS

The income from donations was up 127% and again a huge thank you to all who have donated over the past 12 months.

We also received a one-off grant of £2000 from the Diocese which was very gratefully received by all Parishes.

We will be examining ways of making donations via contactless technology over the course of the year once we know what the new normal will be.

Everyone should be encouraged to read our legacy policy and think about including the church in their will.

GIFT AID AND GASDS

This provides us with very valuable income and is vital to our accounts as this year it made up nearly 15% of our total income. It is cost free to the payee as long as they have paid enough tax throughout the year. With this in mind could everyone who is eligible, sign a gift aid declaration and also can current members let the Planned giving officers know if you have moved, are no longer eligible or have changed your name.

At this Juncture I must thank Chris Turnbull, Chris Smale and Roger Dennison for the amazing work they do on this area which can be very time consuming and laborious.

FEES RECEIVED

Unfortunately, due to the ongoing issues fees received were down again this year by 15%.

HALL HIRE

Income was down by 80% this year due to not being able to hire out the hall.

My thanks to Jean Heath, Chris Rostock and Kate Butler for their tireless work on bookings, invoices, debt collection and QuickBooks entry.

INVESTMENTS AND RESERVES

Despite the poor economic climate and the disintegration of the interest rates on savings we were only down by 4% in investment income, so our assets have held up really well and have actually increased in value by 6.3%.

We have been able to maintain our reserves at a decent level by not paying the full parish share but the nature of our situation means this needs to be maintained for the continued financial health of the PCC and to cover any unexpected expenditure which can occur at any time.

There has been no work done through the Open Door Fund this year, but plans are still under consideration.

EXPENDITURE

I have not done a line-by-line explanation as it is impossible to compare this year to last. Our overall expenditure was down by 14% mainly due to the churches and hall being closed for most of the year. This was in line with the overall drop in income of 15%. We still had to incur cleaning and salary costs as certain jobs still needed to be done so we didn't need to furlough anyone.

ASSISTANT CLERGY

Our expenditure on Assistant Clergy fees fell by 55% over the year due to fewer services but our thanks continue to go to you all for your unwavering support and generosity.

SUMMARY

It has been a difficult year for everyone for many reasons so to have come out the other end in a fairly stable financial position is a credit to the generosity of everyone in the Parish. We have been fortunate to have not incurred any exceptional costs this year which has helped to keep us in the position we are in.

I would like to thank everyone for their support and in particular the other members of the finance team who have again been a great help.

The finance team comprises:

Accounts Partner	Chris Rostock
Parish Giving Officers	Chris Turnbull and Chris Smale
Banker	Roger Dennison
Parish Administrator	Kate Butler
Signatory and cashier	Roger Jackson
Hall Hire Officer	Jean Heath
Payroll Officer	Patsy Brady
Committee members	Chris Williams and Malcolm Studholme

Kevin Marley (Honorary Treasurer)



SAFEGUARDING

1. Safeguarding Policy and Procedures

The government is continuously reviewing legislation and guidance to ensure children, young people and adults at risk are kept safe as far as possible. It is our responsibility to ensure we do all we can to make the environments in which we work and worship, safer for vulnerable people.

Our policy at St Chad's and St Bartholomew's is based on the policy and procedures outlined in the Church of England Parish Safeguarding Policy.

This Safeguarding policy and its procedures will be amended in line with any recommendations or good practice guidance from the House of Bishops and will be reviewed annually. These procedures may be adapted specifically to meet the needs and practices of St Chad Irby and St Bartholomew Thurstaston as required.

Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator

The current Safeguarding Co-ordinator appointed is Mrs Kathryn Timmins. Kathryn has no pastoral responsibility for the children or adults at risk within the Parish. Kathryn is responsible for the administration of all DBS correspondence, references and online checks through Thirty One Eight DBS online portal.

2. Children's Advocate

Currently the Parish has decided not to appoint a separate person to act as 'vulnerable person's advocate' whom children or adults at risk could talk to about any safeguarding concerns they might have. Safeguarding concerns and referrals in relation to children will continue to be reported by the Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator or the Rector.

3. Safeguarding Co-ordinator Contact Details

Details are currently displayed on Church notice boards along with contact details of local authority safeguarding boards.

4. Safer Recruitment and DBS (Disclosure & Barring) Vetting

All volunteers currently working with children and adults at risk have registered for DBS checks. References from two referees are requested along with suitable identification checks prior to DBS certificates being issued. New volunteer applicants are asked to complete a pre-appointment questionnaire and declaration in relation to any previous offences.

New volunteer applicants are asked to sign a consent form in relation to the sharing of their personal information under the Data Protection Act 1998.

DBS checks are completed and retained by Thirtyoneeight as the

appointed DBS service provider. This is an on-line service which works well for these purposes and DBS certificates will be requested to be renewed at regular intervals.

5. Appropriate Insurance Cover

The Parish is responsible for ensuring adequate annual insurance cover for its Church activities.

People requesting hall hire are asked to ensure that they have also made appropriate insurance arrangements and advised that they need to ensure risk management strategies are in place for the activities they wish to engage in and that it is their responsibility to provide adequate supervision for children and young people taking part in these activities.

6. Local Ecumenical Partnerships (LEPs) and Joint Safeguarding Policy Arrangements

St Chad's Irby with St Bartholomew's Thurstaston do not currently have any such joint partnership arrangements in place

7. Safeguarding Concerns

In the event of a safeguarding concern or referral being made, under the current arrangements, any such referrals should be directed to the Safeguarding Co-ordinator Kathryn Timmins or Reverend Jane Turner who will liaise with the Diocese Safeguarding Officer and the relevant local safeguarding authority.

Despite a difficult year due to COVID-19 restrictions, there have been no safeguarding referrals or concerns raised to the Safeguarding Coordinator during the year 2020

8. Safeguarding Training

Safeguarding Training for volunteers is arranged by the Diocese. Dates of any new classroom based safeguarding training events will be circulated as they become available, however an easier to access, online e-learning course is also freely available through the Church of England website.

All current volunteers have been asked to complete this Church of England online safeguarding training course.

All current volunteers have received a guidance document outlining the types of abuse which can lead to safeguarding referrals, this should enable them to identify any potential abuse situations.

9. Safe Working Practice

Risk Assessments forms are in place and should be carried out and recorded for all new and changing activities and should be assessed at least annually.

Agreements with Offenders

Offenders who become known to the Church and who pose a risk to children or adults at risk and who wish to take part in activities or Church worship, should enter into an agreement which should be reviewed on a regular basis.

The Safeguarding Officer has not been informed of any new or recent offenders who require such Agreements

10. Confidentiality

Safeguarding referrals and all relevant sensitive information should remain confidential and should only be shared with local authority safeguarding boards and the Safeguarding Officer for the Diocese.

All personal information in relation to volunteers and sensitive information in relation to safeguarding referrals must be stored and locked away in a safe place, inaccessible to anyone other than authorised personnel.

Current DBS Registrations

- 11 people within the Parish currently have DBS certificates in place
- 3 of these people will be required to renew their DBS certificates in February 2022 to remain compliant and they will be contacted with re-registration instructions.
- 2 new contacts were approached with regard to their interest in Junior Church volunteer work, however both have not progressed due to their personal commitments. Perhaps we can approach these people again once COVID-19 restrictions lift and Church life resumes to a more normal position.
- There are currently No new DBS applicants being processed.

The Rector or the Safeguarding Officer will only provide details of DBS certificate holders on request.

The Parish commits itself to promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust. The current policies and procedures have been adopted and are in place in order to ensure that the Parish is compliant and has robust safeguarding protocols in place.

I believe that provided the current policies and safeguarding procedures are followed and adhered to, the Parish will remain compliant.

Kathryn Timmins

Safeguarding Co-ordinator

St Chad's Irby with St Bartholomew's Thurstaston 22 February 2021

CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

The year began with the usual pattern of services and activities taking place in both churches. However, early in March, the onset of covid-19 pandemic meant social restrictions and increased hygiene became incorporated into our practices, swiftly to be followed by complete closure of both churches as we entered our first lockdown on 24th March.

As restrictions eased in the summer, a limited number of services took place at St Chad's, followed by St Bartholomew's in the early autumn.

In January we had a visit from Ecclesiastical Insurance regarding a change in policy for St Chad's. St Chad's original policy, called Hall Guard was discontinued. A new policy has been put into place incorporating St Chad's with St Bartholomew's. This is called a Parish Plus policy. The total cost remained the same.

In late January, a 2-metre section of the sandstone wall, to the left of the churchyard gate at St Bartholomew's had been damaged, probably by a large vehicle reversing into it. Our insurers were informed, and the church architect was consulted. By March, the wall had been repaired.



Just before lockdown, Dr Peter Robson painted the men's and ladies' toilets at St Chad's.

I have received two separate donations to the church containing pictures of the old St Bartholomew's churches, newspaper cuttings and postcards.

In November, Mr Richard Turner, who has very kindly wound up, each week, St Bartholomew's church clock, discovered that the pendulum suspension spring was broken. The original manufacturer was still in business and was able to repair the spring.

Richard has replaced the spring and monitored the clock's timekeeping before adding the chimes. By the end of the year all appears to be working well.

Work has continued on churchyard maintenance at St Bartholomew's and parishioners have maintained the grounds at St Chad's throughout the year.

In November, I attended the Archdeacon's Visitation service via Zoom.

As the only churchwarden, again, for both churches, it continued to be a challenge throughout this very difficult year. My thanks again go especially to Mr Malcolm Studholme who has continued to assist in many aspects of the running of both churches, to Mr John Oliver, Dr Peter Robson, Mr. Richard Turner and to Mr Peter Whitehead who has been a continual support in numerous ways.

The services and activities in both churches, although extremely limited for most of the year, have involved many parishioners, including the PCC, and I am very grateful for everyone's contributions.

Finally, but most importantly, we as a parish thank our Rector, Revd Jane Turner, for all her hard work and devotion, supporting us in many different ways under the very difficult circumstances caused by this pandemic.

Now we pray that the Lord gives us his blessing for 2021, as we go forward in these still uncertain times.

Liz Whitehead (Churchwarden)

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

The meetings and activities of the Deanery Synod, in common with worship and so many other activities in our own parish, were seriously curtailed in 2020, as a result of Covid 19. Matters were further complicated by the departure of one Rural Dean, Revd Peter Froggatt, at the end of the year and the appointment of a new one, Revd David Vestergaard, as well as by the fact that the Lay Chair, Lesley Young, came to the end of her term of office. At the time of writing this report, no successor has presented him/herself, so your prayers are asked that a suitable person may soon be found to take on this role.

The first meeting of the year was held at St Andrew's, West Kirby, on Wednesday 4th March, just before the first national 'lockdown'. This was also the last Synod meeting of the current cycle and everyone was thanked for their contribution to the Deanery. Elections for Synod normally take place at the Annual Church meetings, but subsequently APCMs were postponed until the end of October.

The appointment of a new Bishop of Chester was underway. The Rural Dean was a member of the Crown Nomination Committee and could not reveal all their deliberations, but a short list of four candidates would be interviewed on the 16th/17th March 2020 and a public announcement made thereafter.

The Revd Peter Froggatt then presented Lesley Young with gifts and thanked her for her time as Lay Chair, since she was completing her term of office at the end of the current cycle of Synods. A visit to Chester Cathedral had been arranged for Saturday 4th July 2020. Prior to a tour, a meeting would be held to elect a new Lay Chairman.

Revd Canon Jane Brooke (Vice Dean and Canon Missioner of Chester Cathedral) addressed Synod:

The Cathedral, with the arrival of the new Dean, had a plan for 2018-2023: "Chester Cathedral will follow Christ through Discovery, Encounter and Faith." The Cathedral plans that one of its clergy will attend the installation of every new incumbent. It is also developing links with Street Pastors and those ministering to the homeless, as well as developing education and exhibitions in the Cathedral itself.

The new altar and dais were installed, and it was planned to increase the number of special services, to make the Cathedral a resource for churches and the Diocese.

On Wednesday 17th June, the Venerable Mike Gilbertson, Archdeacon of Chester, spoke via Zoom to Wirral North Deanery and Churchwardens, etc, about the constraints of holding services and maintaining churches during the coronavirus pandemic.

The meeting planned for Saturday 4th July to elect a new Lay Chair was cancelled, together with the tour of the Cathedral.

At the Deanery Synod meeting held on Wednesday 16th September by Zoom, several clergy moves were noted: Revd Steph Warrell had moved from Upton, Revd Ailsa Whorton was to become an Army Chaplain, but would still be at Newton as an SSM. Revd Al Metcalfe was moving to Ipswich as an incumbent. Revd Alec Ham was the new Associate Minister at Upton and Revd Alex Williams had been appointed to St Bridget's, West Kirby.

Several deacons were to be ordained in October: Danny Sedano – Greasby, Richard Skinner – Hoylake, Frances Skinner – Meols, George Roach – Higher Bebington and Paul Lewis – Poulton Lancelyn.

The Pastoral Scheme to reorder the boundaries of Christ Church Higher Bebington with St Paul and St Luke Tranmere was still under discussion.

The Rural Dean announced that he would be leaving parish ministry to become the Diocesan Director of Outreach on 18 January. He was congratulated and thanked for his work for the Deanery and Diocese.

The Venerable Mike Gilbertson, Archdeacon of Chester then spoke about "Everyday faith" (previously "Setting God's People Free"), a trial project held in 20 parishes across the Diocese. Reports from the parishes had now been received and collated but, because of lockdown, proposals to "roll out" across the Diocese were on hold until it was practicable to continue.

He suggested that members view the Diocesan website, with its variety of resources, such as "Back to Better", to support lay and clergy in their work, and conversations with people about "Everyday Faith".

Michael gave thanks for all those who were helping to steer the Church through this period. Parishes had not turned in on themselves but had utilised the technology available to produce services. Most churches had now resumed services in church buildings, observing the guidelines. The Church of England website also had up-to-date information on the interpretation of restrictions.

Because the dates of church Annual Meetings in 2020 had been put back by six months, the Electoral Roll, even if revised in readiness for an APCM earlier in the year, would have to be revised again as it must be correct 28 days in advance of an APCM.

Archdeacons' visitations were to be held by Zoom.

Bishop Mark was legally in post from the date of his Confirmation of Election. On 20th September he would be "taking up the Crozier" which would allow him to carry out his pastoral role. It is hoped to have his full installation service in 2021.

Chris Smale, Malcolm Studholme and Julie Davies (with thanks also to Lesley Young)

ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT

At the APCM in 2020, the roll contained 147 members from 101 households.

During the past year six members have been deleted from the roll. During recent revisions I added 10 new members who applied to join. The Electoral Roll now has 151 members from 103 households.

Helen Williams (Electoral Roll Officer)

CHARITIES SUPPORTED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR



LEPROSY MISSION

What a strange twelve months we have had, and how devastating it's been for charities to raise vital funds. However, the parishioners of St. Barts. and St. Chads have been amazing in their generosity, and proactiveness.

Not being able to collect the leprosy boxes this year, and asking instead for donations by cheque, ended with a total of £470.00 being raised. This is the largest single donation we have raised for the Mission. Well done!

This money has helped to find, and cure children affected by leprosy. What a gift!

Thank you for changing their lives and giving them a future.

Pat Hulme



THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Jean Heath (648 6015) and **Barbara Kozer (648 3512)** co-ordinate fund raising for the Society in the Parish.

Due to Covid restrictions it was not possible to hold our annual 'Thank You' Coffee Morning in October.

The Society was also concerned about the safety of collectors regarding the collecting and counting of house boxes. However, with due regard to health and safety, Barbara and Jean were able to collect in 55 of the 62 boxes on the list and, thanks to these supporters, a record amount of £1,020.07 was paid in to help with the Society's work with young people across the country.

Reverend Jane organised a Zoom Christingle Service, which was enjoyed by the families and individuals who attended and provided another opportunity to support the Society's work in a difficult year for fundraising.

Jean Heath (648 6015)

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Junior Church and Seniors 2020

In the short time that the church was open during January-March, Seniors were able to meet once a month and Junior Church during term time.

Seniors took part in the family service in February, "Seasons of Giving", by dramatising the Bible reading, Matther chapter 6, verses 19-35. We had a farmer, a birdwatcher, a pirate and Jesus, an unlikely combination! However, we got the message across that God provides us all with all we need and we are not to spend our lives worrying about our crops, wildlife and valuables.



The Annual Pancake party was held on Sunday 23rd February, and children



and seniors enjoyed games, crafts and of course hot pancakes.

Eggs were decorated and many pancakes were eaten, covered in fruit, chocolate buttons. Syrup and cream.



Seniors and senior leaders together completed a colouring scripture art piece, and in Lanuary it was framed and hung in the Seniors' room.

Everyone took the picture home in turn and coloured different bits and passed it on to the next person or



family. We had been studying the importance of rest and that God gave us the seventh day to rest. We discussed the necessity to find time to be with God.

Colouring the picture was hopefully a restful time and time to reflect on the words being coloured as well.

During Pentecost, Anna and Daniel Wiseman helped me create the flames on the Come Holy Spirit poster. A particularly fiddly time consuming and sticky task, completed with Deanne's oversight and safely done in their own hole and passed back to me.

At the end of the summer, when we would normally have the Book Giving Service and give out the shield to the senior who in that year had made an impression on us, we decided a lockdown Shield Presentation was possible, with Revd Jane on the camera and me at a safe distance at the front door of the senior being awarded the shield. There was a bit of sneaky goings on in order to trick the recipient into thinking that we were coming round to interview a family, in order to maintain the surprise. This year, Anna Wiseman was chosen to receive the shield. She and her brother Daniel had only joined Seniors that year, but Anna had already shown a strong presence in discussions and willingness to help out.



During the rest of the year, Revd Jane and I set about providing support to families. We got together crafts and activities to post out to everyone, covering Easter, Fathers' Day, the Pumpkin Party, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Sunday, Advent and Christmas.

In April, Revd Jane sourced a resource for seniors called "95". This was emailed out to seniors, with parents' permission.

With the Remembrance parcel there was also a small keepsake to show that we were thinking and praying for the children and young people.

Revd Jane and I created activities in St Chad's windows consisting of picture prayers and quiz trails. Dawn created a lovely crib scene for everyone to enjoy.



A difficult year and very different from normal, but a challenge I think we rose to, with the help of leaders and revd Jane.

With God's help we came through it together.

Many thanks for parents' help in sessions and to all the leaders, helpers and Revd Jane for their support and hard work.

Julie DeBoorder



Bellringers' Report

2020 has been a very disrupted year for all. We started the year ringing regularly for Sunday morning Church services at Thurstaston with no real knowledge of what was to come.

Following the commencement of the Covid lock down ringing was curtailed. As the regulations relaxed in late August, we returned to 'socially distanced ringing' with significant precautions. This allowed ringing on three bells for a maximum of 15 minutes to occur for one wedding and two services before the regulations were again increased and ringing once again stopped.

At the start of the crisis, we set up a Ringers' WhatsApp group to keep in touch. We continue to keep ourselves amused and in contact with jokes, videos, and chat. From the summer onwards, we met for coffee and chat in ringers' gardens. This led to us starting to learn how to ring hand bells on Sunday mornings. This was a wonderful and often very funny experience enjoyed by all. These meetings remained in place until the tightening of restrictions in the autumn. I hope to return to meeting and hand bells again when the situation allows it.



There was one quarter peal rung at the Church on 1st February 2020, this was Plain Bob Doubles called by myself and was the first quarter for James Bussey, a young ringer from West Kirby.

Our Christmas Meal was held at The Anchor in January this year and was enjoyed by all.

We currently have 15 ringers but will always welcome more. I hope after an enforced absence this year will allow us to get back to ringing for Church services as before. You are welcome to join us.

Peter Robson

Community Action 2020

This is a new subject to have a place in the Annual Report, because due to the pandemic, I have been involved in several community projects that would not have happened otherwise.

In April, my choir told me about a request for knitted pairs of hearts and kit bags for the NHS. I acquired the knitting pattern and details of the bags and asked our congregation if anyone would like to get involved. There was an immediate pick up on the kit bags by members of the congregation, spreading to the W.I., a local Craft Group C.O.W (Craft on Wednesday) and friends and neighbours. I made several deliveries to Arrowe Park Hospital, totalling approximately 200 kit bags. The Charity people at Arrowe Park asked if we would like to start to support the Care Homes instead, as they had had such an overwhelming response and felt the Care Homes would be struggling too.



At the start of May, I then started "Hearts for Homes".



I contacted six local Homes who were overjoyed and touched to receive pairs of hearts, a much needed pick me up and a lovely way to feel in touch with loved ones, when no visiting was allowed. The idea being that one heart was with the resident and the other with the loved one.

Knitted and sewn hearts started arriving from all corners, some people were posting their hearts to me from afar, others arrived via Bishop Keith's secretary, via

Rev Jane and so on. We continued to make a small amount of kit bags too, for those homes that needed them, and one home needed aprons. The Aprons were difficult and time consuming, but we managed a few, then called in the cavalry - Calday School sewing group had a great set up and a production line so soon filled the quota. In total we supplied 191 pairs of Hearts to Homes, approximately 80 kit bags and 30 Aprons.



In May with church buildings closed, I set about keeping the community uplifted and started using chalk pens to create short prayers in one of my top windows. One of my first was

“God I Trust You, you are with me, I am not alone, Amen”



And one of the last prayers



“Be still & rest a while, bathe your soul in His light & let the Spirit renew & comfort you, Amen”

Longer prayers as moved to a bigger window! Then once I was allowed inside St Chad's.....



In June Councillor Liz Skillicorn-Grey, a member of our congregation, contacted Revd Jane with a plea to help with a predicament.

Because of previous bad weather, young sapling trees had been unable to be planted and been kept bare rooted in cold storage, but now had to come out and be put into soil urgently. However, because of Covid, there was no one able to plant them. She asked if anyone could foster any trees during this crisis as otherwise, they would have to be destroyed.

Many of the congregation and their families agreed to take



some trees for fostering, but there were hundreds of trees still in danger and Liz was so busy with her councillor hat on and her teaching job, that I offered to help her out. I organised an email to help highlight the plea and asked my neighbours



on WhatsApp to help as well. I helped deliver to people around the Wirral and negotiated with people to take more until they were all gone. Liz estimates we managed to save around 300 trees in total! Which is a fantastic plus for the planet!

Plus, as we were looking to plant trees in the garden at the back of St Chad's, we got all our trees for free, and my son and I planted them just before Christmas.

Towards the end of the year, I put plans in motion to restore the back garden at St Chad's, in the hope that we could eventually have a communal area to enjoy, as a peaceful area and for all ages to engage in the joys of growing flowers etc. In December I was compiling a fund application to submit to Wirral Together for funding to restore the garden.

Julie De Boorder

CHURCH RELATED ORGANISATIONS



Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Please visit www.mothersunion.org/ or www.mothersunionchester.org.uk to find out more about the work of Mothers' Union.

Our branch of EMU (Evening Mothers' Union) meets monthly during the school term at St Chad's, usually on the third or fourth Wednesday of the month at 8.00pm. We would love to welcome new members. Please come along and give it a try. We have a varied programme to suit all tastes.

During 2020 we managed two meetings before lockdown.

29th January – 16 of us went along to the Potting Shed and made lots of different pots whilst enjoying a good old natter and a 'cuppa'



26th February – Some of us joined the Ash Wednesday service at St Chad's.

As we have been unable to meet up, our creative side has come in useful.

A group of us, along with church members made uniform bags, scrubs and masks for NHS staff and carers. We also made lots of hearts for Care Homes.



I continued to knit Baptism teddies and have a stock ready for when needed.



Please visit www.mothersunion.org/ or visit www.mothersunionchester.org.uk to find out more about the work of Mothers' Union

Chris Rostock – Branch Secretary

1st Thurstaston Guides Annual Report 2020

Well, what can we say about this past year! Like for everyone, things have been hugely different for us for most of this year. We managed to hold meetings from January up until guiding informed us to stop having face-to-face meetings on March 16th, and we have not been able to meet face-to-face since then, so this report will be Pre and Post lockdown!



Pre-Lockdown

Whilst we were still able to meet in the church hall, without knowing what was to come, we managed several exciting and informative evenings including:

Designing, making, and presenting Mocktails

First Aid training with Little Lambs First Aid. Emma from Little Lambs was fantastic, and the guides learnt all about dealing with all sorts of first aid situations that they may come across, as well as learning CPR. Really valuable skills.

Belly Dancing – guides had to learn a new skill as part of one of the badges we were doing and had great fun.

For world thinking day, we were once again part of a district event with our 2 guide, 2 brownie and 2 rainbow units all coming together to celebrate.

We also had a visit from Claire bear from Claire House and we were able to present her with a cheque that was raised when guides did a sponsored walk last year arranged by two of our older guides that have now left us.

Post-Lockdown

We did not start meeting virtually with Zoom meetings until the Autumn term in September as it was a big adjustment to make and we weren't sure how it was going to work. We have found it to be working well – especially as we have all got more used to it! So far, the things we have managed to do include:

- Making pizzas – we would usually have a trip to pizza express when it is time to present awards and for our older guides to leave but obviously could not do that this year and so we made our own pizza's at home on Zoom.
- Cake in a cup – more delicious than it sounds!
- Origami
- Rock painting – poppies for the display at the war memorial at St Barts for Remembrance Sunday
- Taekwondo Session – Brian Anderton from Pensby TAGB Taekwondo did a virtual training/self-defence session for the girls which was really useful and a lot of fun.
- Various Christmas activities including quizzes, making Christmas cake, and Christmas crafts.

So, after starting the year in normality like everyone else, we have had to adapt but we feel that we have still managed to have another great year (albeit with a term missing) and managed to involve the girls in a good range of activities.

We have also managed to award 2 Gold Awards (replaced Baden Powell award in the new programme).

As always, we wish the guides who have now left us all the best for the future, and we all hope to be able to meet face-to-face again sometime soon when it is safe for us to do so.

Ellie Randall and Gaynor Vaughan, supported by Lily Foster, Caitlyn Pridgeon, and the Guides!

3rd Irby Brownies

3rd Irby Brownies are continuing to meet weekly albeit virtually on Zoom rather than face to face! The Brownies have done a brilliant job moving over to this format and have been able to complete plenty of badges throughout the year. We have said goodbye to some of our older Brownies who have gone to Guides and even welcomed some new Brownies who we are yet to meet in person! We are looking forward to our first virtual district wide Thinking Day event in a couple of weeks. We can't wait until we can meet face to face again but for the time being, we will carry on doing our activities online.

Gemma Willerton, Lynn McCoy, Kate Preston & Emily Fearn Nicol

2nd Irby Rainbows

Our year started well, with a good-sized group of Rainbows. During lockdown last March we had a break from all our activities.



At the end of August, we decided to meet via Zoom. We were not sure how the girls would like this! How would meetings work over Zoom? How could craft work? These were some of the questions we thought about. Luckily, Girl Guiding had resources we could adapt, we thought about games we could play differently, simplifying crafts so they could be done more independently.



We have been successfully running Zoom meetings for six months now. We have a group of nine girls who come each week. We have made mug cakes, decorated Rudolph style biscuits, drawing, making craft and one of the girl's favourite games is a scavenger hunt...bring me something green/ something beginning with A etc. We have managed to compete some fun challenge badges, ABC challenge, Mermaid Challenge, Parliament week as well as some Guiding Badges as a group.



We have had great support from our Rainbow parents, and a 'surprise' visit from Father Christmas!

Karen Fearn and Allison Youds.

TOTS & TINIES

Before the lockdown, each Thursday morning during Term Time, Tots & Tinies met at St Chad's Hall, Irby from 9.30am-11.30am. The playgroup welcomes parents and carers with babies and children up to school age. There is a charge of £1.50 per child and accompanying adult, with a supplement of 50p for each extra child.

Each week the children are provided with a snack of fresh fruit, toast and a drink. Adults are invited to help themselves to tea/coffee, biscuits and toast. This provision is funded from the cover charge.

Parents and carers are invited to supervise their own children in this friendly group environment. The children freely interact with one another whilst using a wide variety of activities. These include a reading corner, crafts, large/small play toys, jigsaws – all of which encourage fine and large motor skills and social skills.

The group is co-ordinated by Allison Youds, with help from a few mums who are regular attenders. Alan and Elaine Jones have been providing snacks. A sing song/music session follows snack time and a story finishes each session.

Parent volunteers help put equipment out and away and help with the dishes at the end of each session.

Tots & Tinies welcomes on average 35+ children plus their parents/carers each week. It should be noted the safety and supervision of each child is the sole responsibility of the child's attending parent/carer at all times.

Unfortunately, since the lockdown in March 2020, Tots and Tinies has been unable to meet.

Allison Youds

Independent examiner's report on the accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical
Parish of St. Bartholomew, Thurstaston

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2020

**Charity no
(if any)**

1132086

Set out on pages

1 to 8

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed. ~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [named body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention (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 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:



Date: 26th March 2021

Name:

Margaret Ann Walker of MAW Accountants

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):

ICPA(Fellow)

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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.

CHURCH ACCOUNTS 2020

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Bartholomew, Thurstaston

Registered Charity Number 1132086

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ending 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
Receipts & Payments account					
Receipts					
<i>Voluntary Receipts</i>					
Planned Giving St Bartholomew	26343			26343	20358
St Chad	17068			17068	18413
Other Collections St Bartholomew	296			296	1921
St Chad	454			454	1257
Total	44161			44161	41949
<i>Donations</i>					
Wallbox	0			0	17
Recurring Donations	0			0	30
Text Donations	0			0	0
Non recurring Donations (see note 1)	6151			6151	2709
Total donations	6151			6151	2756
	50312			50312	44705
<i>Grants received (see note 2)</i>	2000			2000	0
<i>Legacies</i>	0			0	11000
<i>Tax recovered</i>	10489			10489	9641
Total	12489			12489	20641
Total Donation Income	62801			62801	65346
<i>Activities for Generating Funds (See note 3)</i>	0			0	1377
<i>Church Activities (See note 4)</i>	5434			5434	14223
<i>Income from Investments (See note 5)</i>	39	4659	131	4829	5044
TOTAL	68274	4659	131	73064	85990
Payments					
<i>Cost of generating voluntary income (See note 6)</i>	157			157	636
<i>Mission Giving (See note 7)</i>	310			310	831
<i>Church Activities (See note 8)</i>	57287			57287	83798
<i>Major Works</i>	0			0	27929
TOTAL	57754	0		57754	113194
Excess of Receipts over Payments	10520	0	4659	15310	-27204
Transfers between funds					
Total					
Bank Current and Deposit Accounts 1 Jan	41848	171451		4073	217372
Bank Current and Deposit Accounts 31 Dec	58045	179427		4849	242321

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
Statement of Assets and Liabilities					
Assets					
Cash at bank and in hand and undeposited funds	13			13	15
<i>CAF Current Account</i>	25730			25730	9571
<i>CAF Gold Account</i>	28375			28375	28352
Total	54118			54118	37938
Investment Assets (See note 9)					
<i>Morrell Trust</i>		8178		8178	7206
<i>Ismay Charity</i>			4849	4849	4073
<i>Tudor Trust</i>		24080		24080	22465
<i>Eileen Shaw Trust</i>		108109		108109	102885
Open Door		39060		39060	38895
Reserve Fund	3927			3927	3910
Total	58045	179427	4849	242321	217372
Other Monetary Assets					
Gift aid claimable	10693			10693	9082
Total Assets	68738	179427	4849	253014	226454
Liabilities (See note 11)	204383			204383	162218
Total Assets less Liabilities	-135645	179427	4849	48631	64236

Approved by the PCC on and signed on their behalf by Rev E Jane turner (PCC Chairperson)
and Mr Kevin Marley (Treasurer)

Notes to the accounts

1. Non recurring donations

<i>Gift Aided Donations</i>	2272	2272	1493
<i>Non-Gift Aided Donations</i>	3879	3879	1216
Total	6151	6151	2709

2.Grants Received

<i>Grant from Diocese due to COVID</i>	2000	2000	0
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3. Generating Funds

<i>Christmas Fair/Santa in Irby</i>			0	1258
<i>Other fund raising events</i>			0	119
Total			0	1377

4. Main Church Activities

St Bartholomews Church

<i>Fees Received</i>	2456			2456	2865
<i>Contribution to heating</i>	280			280	336
<i>Hall Hire</i>	1852			1852	8938
<i>Tots and Tinies</i>	238			238	1363
<i>Magazine subscriptions</i>	180			180	346
<i>Magazine income</i>	428			428	330
<i>Other income</i>	0			0	0
Total	5434	0		5434	14223

5. Income from Investments

<i>Bank Interest</i>	39	165			204	380
<i>Morrell Trust</i>		237			237	251
<i>Ismay Charity</i>				131	131	0
<i>Tudor Trust</i>		747			747	750
<i>Shaw Trust</i>		3510			3510	3662
Total	39	4659	0	131	4829	5044

6. Costs of Generating Voluntary Income

<i>Planned Giving Envelope Systems</i>	157				157	238
<i>Harvest Supper</i>	0				0	0
<i>Christmas Fair/Santa in Irby</i>	0				0	398
Total	157				157	636

7. Mission Giving

<i>Diocesan Family of Schools</i>	0				0	300
<i>Friends of Chester Cathedral Deanery Synod</i>	65				65	25
<i>Ismay Charity donation</i>	220				220	0
<i>art exhibition and flood relief</i>	0				0	206
<i>Gifts (Rural Dean)</i>	25				25	300
Total	310				310	830

8. Church Activities

<i>Parish Share</i>	25359				25359	39585
<i>Salaries</i>						
<i>Caretaker</i>	394				394	362
<i>Cleaners</i>	1607				1607	2388
<i>Parish Clerk</i>	3560				3560	3405
<i>Pastoral Expenses</i>						
<i>Rector's Expenses</i>	567				567	1581
<i>Rector's Office Expenses</i>	1873				1873	879
<i>Rectory Expenses</i>	2818				2818	2737
<i>Mission Costs</i>						
<i>Assisting Clergy Fees & Expenses</i>	406				406	890
<i>Organist's Fees</i>	868				868	1720
<i>Service Costs (worship materials)</i>	1006				1006	1105
<i>Website</i>	233				233	230
<i>Youth</i>	0				0	56
<i>Tots & Tinies</i>	116				116	747
<i>St Bartholomew Overheads</i>						
<i>Church Insurance (see note 16)</i>	5918				5918	4302
<i>C26: Church Licences</i>	80				80	78

<i>C23: Church Building Maintenance</i>	867	867	1053
<i>C19: Churchyard Upkeep</i>	915	915	5847
<i>C24: Church Organ Expenses</i>	115	115	230
<i>C21: Church Electricity</i>	450	450	432
<i>C22: Church Heating Oil</i>	1061	1061	1415
St Chad's Overheads			
<i>Hall Insurance (see note 16)</i>	0	0	1617
<i>Hall Licences</i>	307	307	268
<i>Hall Building Maintenance</i>	492	492	1758
<i>Hall Grounds Maintenance</i>	600	600	1195
<i>Hall Electricity</i>	620	620	2849
<i>Hall Gas</i>	1245	1245	1289
<i>Hall Water</i>	231	231	399
<i>St Chads Building Maintenance</i>	91	91	642
<i>Magazine Costs Production Expenses</i>	109	109	134
Admin Expenses			
<i>Office equipment</i>	2152	2152	1444
<i>Office Postage</i>	31	31	151
<i>Office Software</i>	825	825	627
<i>Office Stationary</i>	1898	1898	1901
<i>Office Phone & Internet</i>	413	413	422
<i>Bank Charges</i>	60	60	60
Total	57287	57287	83798

9. Investments

The investments relate to 5 funds:

(i) The Morrell Trust is invested with the CBF Church of England Investments, split between the Fixed Interest Securities Fund and the Global Equity Income Fund.

(ii) The Ismay Charity is invested with the CBF Church of England Global Equity Income Fund with the balance held in the bank account for distribution at the discretion of the incumbent, or for eventual reinvestment.

(iii) The Tudor Trust. This is invested with CBF Church of England income investments, The property fund, the UK equity fund and the global equity income fund

(iv) The Eileen Shaw Trust is a restricted fund producing income for general church use and is invested in C of E Global Equity, Property, UK Equity, Investment and Fixed income Funds

The fund is held by Chester DBF as Diocesan Authority on behalf of the PCC

This trust is now shown in the PCC's statement of Assets and Liabilities

(v) The Reserve fund is a small general reserve held for emergency work at St Chads

(vi) The Open Door Fund is held for specific work on St Bartholomews

10. St Chad's Building

St Chad's building is 50 years old and was built using donations. The first extension was built using funds from the sale of land on which Village Court was built. The new extension was built over 10 years ago.

11. Liabilities

	2020	2019
<i>Retained wedding and funeral fees</i>	785	1143
<i>Hall Hire paid in advance</i>	885	0
<i>PAYE</i>	0	25
<i>Sundry creditors</i>	0	0
<i>Outside Collections</i>	0	0
<i>Unpaid Parish Share (2011) 10,422</i>	10422	10422
<i>Unpaid Parish Share (2013) 12,600</i>	12600	12600
<i>Unpaid Parish Share (2014) 15,000</i>	15000	15000
<i>Unpaid Parish Share (2015) 20,666</i>	20666	20666
<i>Unpaid Parish Share 2016</i>	24506	24506
<i>Unpaid Parish Share 2017</i>	25118	25118
<i>Unpaid Parish Share (2018)</i>	25746	25746
<i>Unpaid Parish Share 2019</i>	26390	26390
<i>Unpaid Parish Share 2020</i>	42265	0

<i>organist fees outstanding</i>	0	496
<i>Accounts Payable</i>	0	106
Total	204383	162218

12. PCC member payments

PCC member Jon Oliver was paid £245 because of his employment as Verger.
PCC member E Whitehead was paid £42 because of her employment as Verger

13. Accounts

This financial statement has been prepared in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

The Gift Aid refers to money received in 2020 for the 2019 financial and tax year.
Also no reference is made to stock held or debtors

14. Reserves Policy

We have no Quinquennial provision and we aim to carry a minimum of 3 months turnover i.e approximately £30000

15. Legacies

We received no legacies this year.

16. Insurance

The insurance figure is now a combined figure for both churches