

# **St Bartholomew's, Thurstaston with St Chad's Irby MISSION AND ACTIVITIES IN 2022**



## Members of the PCC 2022-23

The members of the PCC in 2022-23 were:

Revd J Turner	Rector
Mrs E Whitehead	Warden
Mr C Smale	Deanery Synod
Mrs J Davies*	Deanery Synod
Mrs P Neil	Elected
Mr G Barley	Elected
Mrs J Trigg	Elected
Mrs J Deboorder	Elected
Mr M Studholme	Elected
Mr J Oliver	Elected
Mr C Williams	Elected
Mr R Jackson	Elected
Mrs E Barton	Elected

\*Mrs J Davies retired during the year.

## A WORD FROM THE RECTOR

This year we have been able to begin to look forwards to where God is leading us and what God has been teaching us through the pandemic.

It has been sobering to accept the reality that the slow decline which we had been seeing before the pandemic was escalated during the pandemic. The statistics show us that church attendance is down and is much more sporadic than it used to be. The number of people volunteering within the church has also decreased, partly due to the safeguarding requirements, but largely due to the increasing age profile of our congregations. This gives us a real challenge as we seek to fulfil our mission statement of "serving Christ in Thurstaston and Irby" and to build the kingdom of God.

In the Autumn term the PCC looked at how we could reset following the pandemic and agreed three main areas of focus:-

### 1. *Community*

I have been focusing on Tots and Tinies as an area of contact with the community which has the potential, with time and relationship building, to lower the age profile of our church congregations. I am grateful to Allison for her ongoing work in leading this group, and to the team of people who come each week to serve the refreshments.

I am grateful to those who have made the Warm Hub a reality. It has provided a place for people to meet and enjoy one another's company.

I am also grateful to those who have enabled one-off community events to be held and supported (Fairs, Coffee mornings, Jubilee Party, Santa in Irby etc.)

If we are to grow the kingdom of God in this place, we must continue to look outwards and find ways of engaging with people beyond the walls of our church buildings on a more regular basis.

### 2. *School*

We have a church school and we must learn to work more closely together. The school is enabling children to explore faith through regular acts of worship and through RE. I am a visible presence in school every week. I am grateful to those who have volunteered to assist by listening to children read in school and to help with one-off projects. I am grateful to our foundation governors who give a huge amount of time to serve the school community.

We are exploring a national initiative "Growing faith" which aims "to promote a partnership between church, school and home ... to help us as we seek to welcome more children, young people and families into the family of Christ".

### 3. *Prayer*

Prayer is the bedrock of everything that we do. It has been wonderful this year to see the creation of the prayer room at St Chad's. This room is open and available to everyone using the building whether that's a child's birthday party, a regular hall user group, or church members. Morning prayer is said regularly

and it has been a joy to see prayers answered, as well as to have a place in which together we can bring the concerns of the world and our community to the cross of Christ.

I hope and pray that each and every member of church will want to get involved as we continue to reset our priorities, to serve our community, to grow relationships and links between church and school, and to commit to seeking God in prayer.

If you have ideas about how these areas of focus could be further developed, or if you would like to get involved, please do let me know.

"I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you ..., for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord ..., but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God" (2 Timothy 1:6-8)

**Revd Jane Turner**

## **REPORT ON THE BUSINESS OF THE PCC AND OTHER CHURCH MATTERS IN 2022**



The Parochial Church Council met five times in 2022 and there was an additional meeting with the Governors and staff of Dawpool school. The Standing Committee dealt with several issues by email. The Council discussed many important matters but three in particular stand out: recovery from the effects of the pandemic and lockdown, finances and the urgent need to find volunteers willing to be churchwardens or PCC members.

### **Church attendance and recovery from the pandemic**

The PCC first reviewed the pattern of services in March. Some parishioners disliked the new arrangements and the PCC was also concerned about what seemed to be a lack of a sense of identity as one parish.

Sunday services now alternate between St Bartholomew's and St Chad's. PCC members knew that the numbers attending church were falling and hoped that the Jubilee event would provide us with a re-start, as there should be a blaze of publicity.

At the meeting in November, the downward trend in total attendance at church services was clear. Since the introduction of 10.30 am services alternating between St Bartholomew's and St Chad's, most of those who before the-pandemic worshipped weekly at St Bartholomew's never attend St Chad's which reduced the overall numbers of worshippers every other week. In addition, most wedding couples now choose to attend the 9 am service, along with some of those who had previously worshipped at St Chad's. Some people who previously worshipped only at St Chad's now attend the 10.30am service in both buildings. The number of people worshipping only at St Bartholomew's was slowly decreasing and it became obvious that we had to

look outwards, engage with others and attract more people into our church congregations. The PCC was also aware that ideally, there should be one service in each church every Sunday, but there was concern that returning to the previous arrangements would lead to smaller congregations. Unfortunately, despite the good attendance at the Jubilee event, it had no significant effect on numbers attending church.

There were very few children in the Junior Church, mostly under the age of 7. We could not involve young people in services because there was no one to ask. Despite several requests, there was no adult support for a version of Messy Church on the two Sundays when there were no services at St Chad's, although Messy Church might draw in more young people. These issues should concern us all.

### **Financial Matters and Parish Share**

Parish Share is what each parish should give the Diocese. We should pay the standard rate which applies to nearly all parishes, £71,757 for 2023. For several years we have been unable to pay the full amount and during 2022 we paid 35% of our Parish Share. This would create serious difficulties in the event of a change of incumbent although that is unlikely to happen for some time. In January 2022 Mr Marley, the Treasurer, had pointed out that increasing our payments would be difficult because of the effects of lockdown. The Diocese would allow us to change our payments during the year and there is a wide variation in how much other parishes pay. The PCC agreed to continue to pay 35% of our share, with an intention to increase the payment if our finances recovered. It was also agreed to retain the balance of the 50% (as far as possible) in a separate "ringfenced" account that the Treasurer had set up which we intended to repay to the diocese later if finances allowed. At present, we "owe" the Diocese a considerable sum.

The Treasurer also reminded the PCC that it was important to encourage church members to join the Planned Giving Scheme and to set up standing orders, as this helped enormously with planning and budgeting. The Treasurer retired later that year and Mrs Butler became our Bookkeeper. At present we do not have a treasurer. The PCC finance committee and the bookkeeper have enabled us to continue to pay bills and other expenses.

In September, the Parish Bookkeeper produced a report on the finances of the parish between January and August 2022. Total income was £54,320 and total expenditure £64,014 which included the cost of the new floor in St Chad's. As we had been promised a legacy of £10,000, we considered that our finances were balanced during the period.

### **Vacancies in the Church Council**

Members were reminded that Mrs Whitehead will retire as churchwarden in April 2023 and were asked to begin to think about who our new church warden or church wardens could be. In addition, with four vacancies on the PCC, more members should be found including a treasurer.

## **PCC “Reset”**

Before the meeting in September 2022, the Rector had visited all PCC members individually to discuss their views on the future development of the parish. She wanted to look forwards and to see where God was leading us in 2022 and 2023. She identified three main areas to focus on, Community, School and Prayer.

### *Community*

Members hoped to see more people using the picnic tables in the garden of St Chad's. It was reported that help was available, perhaps starting at Easter, to complete the improvements in the garden. It was suggested that it could be opened at weekends for picnics or just for people to enjoy. Building community was a vital part of our vision statement “serving Christ in Thurstaston and Irby”.

### *School*

A national project called “Growing Faith” had been discussed at the Deanery Synod meeting in June. Its aim was “to promote a partnership between church, school and home ... to help us as we welcome more children, young people and families into the family of Christ”. A special PCC meeting took place at Dawpool, which included members of the Senior Leadership Team and the Governing Body, with representatives of the Diocesan Education Department. Those present watched a video with many suggestions about how to encourage links between church, school and home.

In the first week of school, every child is given a leaflet “Dawpool’s Church Links” which contains service details and invitations to EMU and Tots and Tinies. The project is still under consideration by the School and the PCC. Initial thoughts were that if PCC members went into school regularly, children would begin to recognise them, building relationships beyond the church walls.

### *Prayer*

The PCC was told that the prayer room at St Chad’s was now available as a very visible sign to all who use our building that this is a place of prayer and also a way in which the wider community can ask us (via the prayer tree) to pray for them or things they care about.

## **Warm Hub**

Following initial discussions about a Warm Hub, the Finance Committee had discussed its affordability. As the heating in the extension was always on when Mrs Butler was in the office during the winter, no additional expenditure on heating was expected, although there would be some running costs as the Warm Hub would have to provide at least hot drinks and possibly hot meals. During the PCC discussion, the Rector suggested that the Ismay Trust might cover those costs. Later however, we received details of a grant from Wirral Council that Churches Together in Wirral had applied for and we are expecting to receive a substantial sum from that grant which will be used by the Warm Hub.

## **Hall Hire Charges**

The charges for hiring rooms at St Chad’s had not been reviewed since January 2016. Having reviewed information about the costs of hiring rooms in other nearby places,

the PCC considered and approved increases in charges by between 25% and 150%, noting that further information might necessitate further changes. In November, with further information available, the PCC reduced the charges in bands 3 and 4 with immediate effect and scheduled a review in November 2023.

### **Floor at St Chad's**

It was reported in 2021 that the entire floor at St Chad's was beginning to break up. Floor blocks continued to pop out occasionally, temporary repairs were carried out and the PCC decided that the floor should be replaced and that possible sources of grant funding would be sought. At a later meeting, the PCC agreed to use a promised legacy of £10,000 for the work.

In July 2022, the main hall floor was re-laid by Arrowe Flooring. All comments received about the new floor have been extremely positive.

### **Quinquennial Inspection Report**

The immediate requirements of the Report were dealt with quickly. Among other issues, it had specified trees and bushes to be cut back in addition to the yew trees and the holly by the porch. We had been advised that this work should be carried out in March. The Report also required Electrical Installation Condition reports for both churches, which were arranged by Mr Oliver.

In September, we had the faculties and planning permission for the work required on the trees at St Bartholomew's. The quotation we received for the work in 2022 was £10 less than the quotation in 2017 and included disposal of all the waste material. The PCC decided to engage Merseybranch to carry out the work.

### **The Old Tower at St Bartholomew's**

Mr Whitehead and Mr Studholme returned to the Old Tower to fit mesh inside the wooden louveres as pigeons were still able to enter the space after Mr Whitehead, Mr Studholme and Mr Oliver had cleared debris and fitted a new hatch door. This prevented further entry by pigeons. Further work was to be carried out in the summer of 2022.

### **Safeguarding**

In May, PCC members received a letter from Bishop Julie, Bishop of Birkenhead, referring to safeguarding training and DBS checks. Under these requirements, all PCC members and others, about 50 altogether, would need a DBS certificate and online training. Face-to-face training was also offered, which Bishop Julie's letter suggested would be easier for some.

By the November meeting, all who required the basic safeguarding course had completed it. Face to face courses had been delayed. A new Assistant Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser had been appointed and two assistants would be appointed, to make it easier for the Diocese to cover needs.

### **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

Also in May the PCC continued to discuss the arrangements for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration event which had been planned for the third week of June,

depending on any limitations that the Government might impose such as Covid restrictions on gatherings.

Mrs Deboorder said that the garden at St Chad's was progressing. The sensory garden had been re-seeded with grass and some seating would be installed. She has several pots of bulbs (tulips and daffodils) ready to plant.

It was reported in March that, aided by a grant from the Raby School Trust, commemorative Jubilee books had been ordered for the children at Dawpool, Irby Primary School and Tots and Tinies. Further books would be ordered so we could deliver a book and a letter to every house in the parish.

By May, there had been a good response to the request for support to buy Jubilee books, one for each home in the parish. Prizes and other necessities had been ordered and leaflets advertising the church event would be delivered with the books to every home in the parish.

Mrs Trigg had investigated the possibility of a commemorative tree and had spoken to Mr John Roberts, the Queen's Green Canopy Project Lead for Merseyside. A special directive from the Diocese would allow us to plant a tree with a plaque at St Bartholomew's without the need for a faculty, in addition to a tree and plaque at St Chad's. The PCC reviewed suppliers and their prices and selected one to provide two stainless steel plaques showing an image of a tree and the words, "The Queen's Green Canopy. The Platinum Jubilee 2022". Mrs Trigg arranged the purchase. One tree would be planted at St Bartholomew's on 30<sup>th</sup> October at a location selected by Mr Studholme and the Rector and the other at the front of St Chad's on 6<sup>th</sup> November. Both would be rowans, native British trees.

### **Maintenance of the Churches**

Mrs Whitehead arranged for the eyebolts on the tower of St Bartholomew's church to be tested In March: one eyebolt was replaced. Mr Studholme had made and installed a new unit for the sound system in the chancel.

All electrical installations at both churches were inspected and the church architect was informed, as these checks were required in the Quinquennial Inspection Report. Some of the ceiling uplighters at St Bartholomew's required earth connections and a new socket had been fitted for the oil storage tank level gauge at a higher level to avoid false readings due to the sandstone blocking the signal. Mr Oliver checked the lights at St Chad's and replaced four emergency lights. Contractors removed debris and ivy and replaced damaged fencing between the flats and St Chad's.

In September, the PCC heard that the Rector and Mr Oliver had discovered several unsafe monuments in St Bartholomew's churchyard. Some had already fallen and were broken. The Archdeacon's advice was that relatives should be contacted where possible but the parish was not responsible for paying for unsafe memorials. Some of the dates on the slabs were more than 100 years ago and it was proving difficult to contact the owners.

In November, Mrs Whitehead reported that PAT testing had been completed at each church. Mr Oliver had dealt with a flood in the kitchen at St Chad's, caused by water

flowing from a locked cupboard. He had also repaired severe damage to the fire door between the entrance lobby and the extension.

### **Christmas Services**

During its November meeting, the PCC discussed whether it was worthwhile to hold the 10.30 service Christmas Day service, as there would be a service at St Bartholomew's on Christmas Day at 9 am and at St Chad's on Christmas Eve. Some of the congregation would be away from home on Christmas Day, no one had offered to act as a sidesperson and some had said that 10:30 was too late to start the service. The PCC decided that as there would be people present for the Bible readings and the prayers, we should hold the service and ask members of the congregation to be sidespeople.

**Graham Barley**

**Honorary Secretary to the PCC**



### **TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2022**

We have again had a very difficult year which has had an impact on the financial running of the Parish. However, we have also been able to take advantage of certain financial grants to achieve things that would have been out of reach. Our thanks go to Revd Jane and anyone else who had a hand in applying for the relevant grants.

### **PARISH SHARE**

For the year 2022 we maintained a payment of 35% of the agreed Parish Share in order to maintain our reserves at the required level. The PCC intends to increase this when finances permit.

### **ANALYSIS OF PERFORMANCE BETWEEN 2021 AND 2022**

#### **INCOME**

Our overall income from giving was down by 12% on last year. I would like to thank everyone for their amazing generosity in these troubled times. Regular Planned Giving was down 11% on last year.

Even though services have returned to normal following the pandemic our overall giving has fallen.

#### ***Donations/Grants/Legacies/Insurance Claims***

The income from donations other than planned giving was up 67% which is encouraging, so again a huge thank-you to all who have donated over the past 12 months.

We also received three grants, a £986 energy grant from the diocese, £1,000 Jubilee grant funding and £750 for Tots and Tinies from Wirral Borough Council's Together Fund.

We have received no legacies this year, but we are expecting one in 2023.

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 it would be very helpful if everyone who is eligible signed a gift aid declaration and also if current members of the Planned Giving Scheme let the Planned Giving Officers know if they have moved, are no longer eligible or have changed their name.

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

### ***Fees Received***

Fees received were up 46% this year as things return to normal.

### ***Hall Hire***

Income from hall hire increased significantly from £1,144 in 2021 to £8,547 in 2022 as we can now hire out the main hall.

### ***Investments and Reserves***

Given the interest rate rises over the year our income from investments was up by 14% but because of the poor economic climate, assets have decreased in value by 10%.

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 up by 2% mainly due to the new floor at St Chads and the increased costs of utilities.

### ***Assistant Clergy***

We have had an expense of £86 on Assistant Clergy over the year, our thanks continue to go to you all for your unwavering support and generosity.

### ***Summary***

It has been another difficult year for everyone for many reasons so to have come out the other end in a stable financial position is a credit to the generosity of everyone in the Parish.

This is my first Treasurer's Report since I became the bookkeeper and I would like to thank Kevin for his significant support and help over the year.

During 2022, the finance team comprised:

Accounts Partner	
Parish Giving Officers	Chris Turnbull and Chris Smale
Cashier	Linda Barley
Banker	Kate Butler
Parish Administrator	Kate Butler
Signatory	Roger Jackson, Chris Turnbull
Hall Hire Officer	Kate Butler
Payroll Officer	Patsy Brady
Committee members	Chris Williams, Chris Smale, Malcolm Studholme

### **Kate Butler**



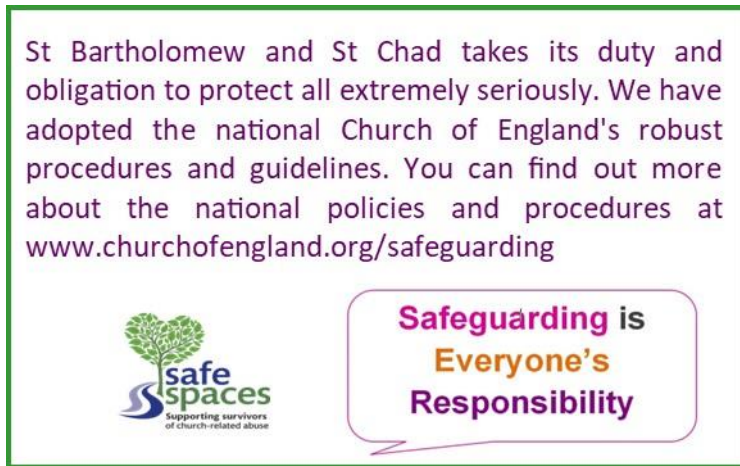
## **SAFEGUARDING**

Following a letter to all PCCs from Bishop Julie in May 2022 instructing us to tighten up on Safeguarding training and DBS checks, the Rector on behalf of the PCC wrote to everyone who would be required to do this – PCC members and employees of the PCC, Bell Ringers, Junior Church Leaders and helpers, Tots and Tinies Leaders and helpers, Sidespeople, Sacristans, Servers, Refreshment Servers, Flower arrangers and Warm Hub Helpers.

We have completed 14 enhanced DBS checks, with two outstanding, and 11 basic DBS checks. Forty-two people have completed the Basic Safeguarding module, with four people still needing to complete it. Sixteen people have completed the Foundation Safeguarding module with four people still needing to complete it. Eight people have completed the "Raising awareness of domestic abuse" safeguarding module with six people still needing to complete it. Mr Alan Jones (Reader Emeritus) has also completed the Leadership Safeguarding module, and Mr Chris Williams has completed the Parish Safeguarding Officer module.

We have also set up a dedicated email address [safeguarding@thurstaston.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@thurstaston.org.uk) and made sure that safeguarding information is always on the front page of our parish website.

And you will all have become familiar with the following image which is printed on our weekly notice sheet, in the parish magazine, and on service sheets for one-off services.



There have been no reported safeguarding concerns or incidents.

**Revd Jane Turner**

**(on behalf of Mr Chris Williams – Parish Safeguarding Officer)**

## **CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT**

Services have been held in both churches throughout the year. They have followed the new pattern, created after the COVID restrictions were removed. This pattern has been reviewed periodically by the PCC but has remained unchanged due to congregation size and fewer volunteers to assist at services.

In January the annual inspection of the eyebolts on St Bartholomew's tower, by PTSG, revealed that one had failed and had to be completely replaced. As a result, teddy bear parachute jumps on St Beartholomew's day can now continue in safety!

In March we were contacted by local volunteers for CWGC 'Eyes on, hands on project'. They monitor and care for war graves across six Wirral churchyards including St Bartholomew's. They plan to carry out an inspection and report back to the Rector.

In last year's Quinquennial Report, we were strongly advised to have the yew trees at St Bartholomew's pruned. We obtained a faculty under list B and permission from Wirral Borough Council was granted for this work to go ahead. The yew trees are subject to a tree preservation order and they are in a conservation area. The work on the trees is scheduled to take place in February 2023.

In May I took a large group from Burton and Neston History Society on a guided tour of St Bartholomew's. The occasion was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and the society gave a generous donation to the church.

In June I attended the Archdeacon's Visitation service, in person, for the first time since 2019 due to the pandemic.

In July, at St Chad's, the major project was to replace the floor in the main hall. This was undertaken by Arrowe Flooring. All hall users are benefiting from the superior, safer surface.

In July, at St Bartholomew's, the Rector and Mr Jon Oliver discovered a number of unsafe headstones. The Archdeacon was informed and gave advice that where possible, families should be informed as the parish is not responsible for paying for unsafe memorials.

At St Chad's, we are very grateful to Mrs Julie DeBoorder and a number of parishioners as they have continued to maintain and improve the garden and paved areas.

Just before Christmas a neighbour contacted the Rector to inform her that the boundary wall at the north corner of the churchyard at St Bartholomew's had been damaged by an unknown vehicle, possibly reversing into it. We await its repair.

Once again, as the only Churchwarden for both churches, the role has continued to be challenging. As I complete my final full year, I would like to thank all who have helped in any way with the day to day running of the churches.

In particular, I would like to thank Mr Malcolm Studholme, Mr Jon Oliver and my husband, Mr Peter Whitehead for their continued support and assistance, without whom my role would be virtually impossible.

Finally, we as a parish must give our thanks to our Rector, Rev'd Jane Turner, for her continued support, hard work and devotion throughout the year.

Now, we pray that the Lord will give us his blessing for 2023, as we go forward in these challenging times.

**Liz Whitehead**

## DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

The Deanery Synod enables clergy and lay representatives from parishes within a particular area to meet periodically, not only to discuss matters of mutual interest and concern, but also to hear presentations on initiatives within the diocese and the national church. It is always uplifting to be encouraged to raise our eyes above the immediate horizon and to see what can be achieved through prayer, commitment and hard work.

The first meeting of the year, held on February 7<sup>th</sup> at St Mary's, Upton, focused on three topics: Mission, Christians Against Poverty, and Christmas and Easter Events. The Revd Andy Greenhough gave a presentation on the Wirral Gospel Partnership "Life Mission", which was subsequently held from March 28<sup>th</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>, with meetings held each day and a different topic spoken about each evening. Then a member of the congregation at St Mary's spoke about the Christians Against Poverty work carried out there over the past ten years, which includes helping people with their financial problems as well as lack of household equipment. In addition to practical support, clients are also offered spiritual help and prayer at each appointment, with some going on to take Alpha courses and attend different churches. The Rural Dean and the Revd Al Rogers reported on a dramatic event, "Christmas Journey", held annually in the grounds of St Andrew's Church, Bebington and supplemented by a tree festival, café and crafts. In 2021 it was attended by between 500 and 600 members of the public, resulting in increased awareness of the church and an opportunity to make contact with people who did not usually attend. A similar "Easter Journey" had been held several times on Good Friday.

At the second meeting, held at St John's, Meols, on June 9<sup>th</sup>, Jonny Masters gave a presentation on "Growing Faith Adventure". At its heart is a call for a shift in attitude and culture, so that it becomes second nature for every member of the church to include and value children, young people and households in every aspect of church life, for the lifelong formation of faith. It involves partnership between church, households and schools. The initiative is not in itself about getting children into church, although that may be a result, but about enabling them to meet Jesus Christ and develop faith. In the ensuing discussion, various examples were given of some of the different ways in which parishes are trying to bring about this shift in attitudes and culture. Afterwards, the Rural Dean encouraged people from the various parishes to attend the Everyday Faith event at St Stephen's, Prenton, at the beginning of July. The aim of this Church of England initiative is to help all Christians live out our faith, and follow Jesus with confidence, in all areas of our lives.

The final meeting of the year took place at The Centre (St Mary's), Saughall Massie, on October 12<sup>th</sup>. The Rural Dean spoke about the aim of the Diocese to discern and develop its vision, with contributions sought from parishes throughout the area. There followed a presentation by the Revd Dr. Joe Kennedy, Annie Merry and Zarah Ross, entitled "Net Zero 2030: Making it a reality". After Joe had outlined the mess that we're currently in, he reminded members that God created the world and gave instructions to look after it: we are stewards of it, we must treasure it and not spoil God's creation. The longer we take to do something the worse it will become. We

need to care enough to change our own behaviour. Then Annie and Zarah outlined some of the schemes that have already been put in place by, for example, Liverpool Diocese, as well as a number of parishes, "to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth".

In conclusion, I hope this report has given some indication of the wide range of topics covered at Deanery Synod meetings. Any parishioner is welcome to attend; you don't have to be an elected member.

**Chris Smale**

## **ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT**

At the Annual Meeting in 2022, the roll contained 151 members from 102 households. During the past year, seven members have been deleted from the roll. During recent revisions the names of seven new members who applied to join have been added. The Electoral Roll now has 151 members from 101 households.

**Helen Williams (Electoral Roll Officer)**

## **CHARITIES SUPPORTED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**



*With children, for children, with you*

### **THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**

For 140 years, the Society has worked to transform the hopes and happiness of young people facing abuse, exploitation and neglect, supporting them through their most serious life challenges.

The Society also campaigns tirelessly for the big social changes that will improve the lives of those who need hope most.

**Jean Heath** and **Barbara Kozar** co-ordinate fund raising for the Society in the Parish.

After two years of being unable to hold our 'Thank You' coffee mornings in October, due to Covid restrictions, we started 2022 with a March coffee morning and were blessed with a beautiful, warm, sunny day. Thanks to our hard-working stall holders, contributions to bring-and-buy and kind donations, we raised £707.70. In addition, Dilys raised a further £152 for the Ukrainian appeal and our thanks go to all who supported the event.

In the Autumn, the House Boxes provided another source of income for the Society with a total of £884.88. This was considerably down on last year by approximately £370, but some people are choosing to pay directly online, given the change to more card use and less cash transactions. However, whilst losing some boxholders, we were happy to welcome three new ones this year.

Again with thanks to our stall holders and helpers, we were able to hold another coffee morning in November with a Christmas theme, which was very well attended and raised £725.80.

We rounded off the year by making the Christingles for the service on Christmas Eve. Tesco kindly donated the oranges, cocktail sticks and sweets and Jean, Barbara and family members, together with some kind friends, gathered at St. Chad's on the 23<sup>rd</sup> to put them together, with the help of tea and cakes! The Christingles were given out at the lovely service the next day at St Bartholomew's, and on Christmas morning.

**Jean Heath (648 6015)**

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

### Junior Church 2022

Junior Church is held once a month in term time, usually the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. Sally Partington and Dawn Rudd have produced lovely sessions with crafts and stories for a small number of children ranging from a regular two to occasionally a couple more.



I have been helping with tots and tinies and have been able to involve them with decorating our windows, they made fruit and vegetables for Harvest, Poppies for Remembrance and stars for Christmas, some of these toddlers are now coming to church.



On 20<sup>th</sup> August we saw the first St Bartholomew's day since Covid. We had good weather and lots of families came to watch the teddies parachute off the St Bartholomew's spire, with only a few getting stuck in the holly tree! Everyone had

a good afternoon, enjoying the spectacle, having cakes and tea, the children's raffle, sweets in a cup and lucky dip.



On October 31<sup>st</sup> Revd Jane organised a Pumpkin Party, there was pumpkin carving, games, crafts and



glowsticks and outside they toasted smores (marsh mallows sandwiched between chocolate biscuits). Several families came to this and it was a great success.

On November 6<sup>th</sup> the children helped plant a Rowan tree for the Queen's Green Canopy which they all enjoyed being involved in.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> December, we provided children's crafts and games at Irby Evangelical church for the Irby Christmas lights Turn On, this was packed out and a great time was had by all.



We were not able to produce a nativity service as in the past, as there were not enough junior church children, but Rev Jane organised a Pop Up Nativity which was able to run with the aid of a few props, a few



willing adult volunteers, Guides and a few children. It was a lot of fun, we had some

funny sketches and I think the adults liked dressing up more than the children! It was a wonderful service enjoyed by all.

Many thanks to all the leaders, helpers, friends, members of the congregations of both churches and Rev Jane for all their support and hard work.

**Julie De Boorder**



## **Bellringers' Report 2022**

I am pleased to report that we have returned to regular practice and service ringing at Thurstaston following the easing of Covid restrictions. We continue to be an enthusiastic group who are willing to learn and improve our ringing.

We now only ring on alternate weeks on a Sunday morning (due to the change in service patterns). We continue to meet on the other Sundays for coffee, chat and hand bell practice.

This year's ringing included a significant amount of ringing following the death of Queen Elizabeth II. For this occasion the bells are rung muffled (by placing leather spacers on the clapper to deaden the sound – as done for the Remembrance Day service). Ideally following the death of the Monarch the bell should be rung fully muffled; will all bells except the tenor back stroke muffled. This produces a very mournful sound alongside the slow tolling tenor note. This is the first time any of the ringers had rung bells fully muffled as this is only ever done following the death of the Monarch.

Fully muffled bells is logistically challenging (as all churches only have one set of muffles and therefore need to arrange sharing) but we did manage this for one of the quarter peals.

The following ringing took place during the year:

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January**                      **¼ peal 1260 Plain Bob minor**

A visiting band from the Welsh Colleges Society.

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February**                      **Peal 5040 7 Minor** (*London Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Bourne Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob*)

A band from Liverpool Universities Society including Peter Robson. Rung to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Elizabeth II's accession to the throne.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**                                      **Ringling of methods, rounds and call changes**

Rung by 9 members of our band. Rung on the morning of the service of celebration for the Platinum Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September**                              **Muffled tolling of the tenor for one hour**

Rung by 7 members of our band at midday following the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September**                              **Open ringing: Rounds, call changes, Grandsire and Plain Bob**

Rung by 10 members of our band. Bells rung open to celebrate the Proclamation of King Charles III.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September**                              **Half muffled ringing: Rounds, Kings and Queens**

Rung by 9 members of our band. Rung half muffled for the commemoration service marking the death of her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September**      **¼ peal 1260 Grandsire doubles**

A Wirral Branch band including Alice Pettitt and Peter Robson. Rung fully muffled in memory of Queen Elizabeth II.

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September**      **Rounds, call changes, Grandsire and Plain bob**

Rung by 9 members of our band. Rung half muffled for morning service in memory of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September**      **Rounds, call changes, Plain bob doubles and minor and Grandsire**

Rung by 12 members of our band. Rung half muffled prior to the funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September**      **¼ peal 1260 Plain Bob Doubles**

Rung by a tower band. In celebration of King Charles III.

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October**      **¼ peal 1260 4 doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, St Simon's and St Martin's doubles)**

Rung by a Wirral branch band including Alice Pettitt and Peter Robson (conductor).

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December**      **¼ peal 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor**

Rung by a visiting band from Mid Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

Many thanks to all the team who made themselves available to ring following the death of the Queen..

We did manage to book our Christmas meal following the lifting of Covid restrictions. We met in February and had a wonderful evening with good food at The Anchor. Caroline, our latest recruit, brought a gift of decorative bells for the team – this was greatly appreciated.

During the year we have hosted the monthly Branch Surprise minor practice on the first Wednesday. This has given a couple of the team an opportunity to learn new methods and to develop their ringing further.

We currently have 16 ringers but will always welcome more. You are welcome to come and see what we do and to join us (please ring first to confirm that we will be there).

**Peter Robson**

## COMMUNITY ACTION 2021

### Heart Bomb

In February the W.I. helped us hang hearts made by the congregation and W.I. in time for Valentine's Day all around Irby Village, and at St Chad's and St Bartholomew's Churches.





The idea started last year to lift spirits with so that everyone felt loved. Many residents and shops heard about this on Facebook and through ITPAS and joined in putting hearts in their front gardens and windows.



It was a lovely event and many people commented how cheerful it made them feel and how the community felt stronger.



### Garden Project

This summer the work that began in September 2021 to remove the large, raised area of wooden barriers and overgrown scrub and return it to grass was finished. Grass was sown and it successfully re-covered the area which can now be mowed along with the rest of the back garden. From the wood that was saved it is hoped we can make the broken compost bin into a leaf store and mend the wooden raised beds that surround the established bushes. The bark paths that lead to the new raised flower bed, composting area and woodland area have been restored.



This summer the work that began in September 2021 to remove the large, raised area of wooden barriers and overgrown scrub and return it to grass was finished.

The new raised planter was planted up in time for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and maintained with subsequent planting.

We have some funds left and hope to continue with this project by mending and tidying up the old, raised beds, plant up the woodland borders and get it ready so that it can be opened as a community area to be enjoyed by all.

### **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Party**

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June, we held a community party at St Chads to celebrate the Queen's platinum Jubilee.

This was a fabulous event and was attended by many residents of the area and congregation, the hall was packed to capacity, with all ages coming together to have their picnics and enjoy a special celebration cake, tea and ice-cream. The weather was raining, but eventually stopped and the children went outside to play on the bouncy castle and the complete the outdoor quiz, inside there was also a toddlers play area, children's crafts and a crown competition.



### **MacMillan Coffee Morning**

On Saturday 1 October we held a coffee morning to raise money for MacMillan. This was very successful, we raised £520 for this good cause. Everyone enjoyed delicious cakes, bought plants, cards and Bring and Buy items and were very generous to make cash donations as well.

### **Christmas Fair**

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November we held the first Christmas Fair since Covid, (we did have



a small Christmas coffee morning last year, but not with all the trimmings of a full fair due to restrictions).

This was a great success and attracted all ages of the local community.

Claire House and Dog Rescue charities were given free tables, it was lovely to be able to support them.



We sold tables to six various independent vendors who provided us with fantastic gifts and a good variety of quality goods. Our own stalls consisted of beautiful handmade Christmas Craft items, second-hand books, homemade cakes, refreshments, raffle, Santa's Grotto, children's games and children's crafts.



We made £644, but for me the best part was the community coming together, chatting to friends not seen for ages, the children excited to make their Christmas goodies and seeing children with armfuls of teddies, their faces beaming with their bargain.

Other Family events are detailed in Junior Church and Children's Activities Report:- Pumpkin Party, St Beartholomew's Day and Irby Christmas Lights Switch on Children's Crafts.

THANK YOU to the many people involved these events and to everyone who supported them.

**Julie De Boorder**

## CHURCH RELATED ORGANISATIONS



**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families

Please visit [www.mothersunion.org/](http://www.mothersunion.org/) or [www.mothersunionchester.org.uk](http://www.mothersunionchester.org.uk) to find out more about the work of Mothers' Union.

### EMU report January – December 2022

We started off the year in February with 'My Journey into Photography' led by Roger Ellison, which was enjoyed by all who attended.

Retired Vicar Revd David Felix came along to talk to us about his time in Daresbury, a very interesting and amusing talk.

Another Vicar, Rev'd George Palmer, joined us in May to give us an insight into his work as a hospital chaplain, again very interesting.

Our June meeting was led by Jan DeBoorder who talked about 'Fly tipping'.

A meal in The Gravesberie Inn at Greasby was enjoyed in July.

Alison Youde came along in September to explain her very valuable work with 'Special Needs' children and we all joined in with some crafts that she uses in her teaching.

We had a talk by Caroline about the Wirral charity 'Horse Sense' who care for neglected horses along with a variety of small animals. This was a very informative talk and we were all shocked by the level of neglect.

We finished off the year with 'The Upside of Lockdown' by 'Little Eye' photographer Roger Ellison, back by popular demand in time for Christmas.

This is my last report for EMU as Secretary as I have decided it is time to step down. As there is no one willing or able to take over, we have all decided that it is time for our branch of Mothers' Union to close.

I would like to thank the committee for their help and members for supporting our meetings over the last ten years.

If anyone would like to become a Diocesan member then please visit the website below.

[www.mothersunion.org/](http://www.mothersunion.org/) or [www.mothersunionchester.org.uk](http://www.mothersunionchester.org.uk) to find out more about the work of Mothers' Union.

**Chris Rostock – Branch Secretary**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Thurstaston Guides Annual Report 2021**



We've had a whole year of being able to meet in person in 2022. Unfortunately, Ellie was unable to attend meetings during the summer term but was definitely a much-needed presence in the background and it was great to have her back in the autumn term 😊.

#### **Outings**

We try and incorporate some trips away from the hall when we can and 2022 was no exception. We had many outings during the year – Boulder Hut in Ellesmere Port, Calm at Church Farm, the Yog Bar in Hoylake followed by rounders on the beach, night hike to West Kirby (and chips at the end), chippy walk from Parkgate (there's a theme here!), Litter pick on Thurstaston beach, Manley Mere adventure trail (the usual muddy, cold but somehow enjoyable event), cinema trip to see Matilda at the end of the year and a theatre trip to see a pantomime at the start of the year. This is in addition to our games evenings in Irby park, the annual barbeque at the end of the summer term at Thurstaston and the meal out to present Guide awards to those girls leaving us.

West Wirral scouting and guiding held their gang show at the Gladstone Theatre this year with a couple of our guides also taking part. We went to see the show and it was amazing – a huge well done to all involved 😊

There was a residential trip to PGL for a few days in June, with other brownies and guides from Wirral and everyone had a fantastic time. We also had a few guides go to Wellies and Wristbands camping – a guiding festival open to units across the country. The girls that went had a brilliant time!

## **Hall Meetings**

We always begin each term with a catch up and craft night which always goes down well as a chance to see friends after the holidays. In addition to this we've completed a few badges including chopsticks and courage for Chinese New Year and the Be Well theme award. We've had a couple of fundraising evenings and raised money for Children in Need and Red Nose Day, we also helped at the Church Christmas fair serving the drinks. Earlier in the year, we spent a couple of weeks doing activities relating to the late Queen's Jubilee celebrations which culminated in a tea party that we held during one meeting, and we were obviously devastated to then hear that she had passed away in September.

Our unit was part of a fantastic, uniformed turn out for Remembrance Sunday. This is always a lovely, moving service and it is so nice to see all our local uniformed units taking part as it is the one time of year that Squirrels, Rainbows, Beavers, Brownies, Cubs, Guides and Scouts are together.

Unfortunately, due to work commitments, Lily had to take the decision to leave us at the end of 2022 and so we would like to take the opportunity to thank her for everything she has done for us and to wish her all the best for the future.

As always, we wish the guides who have now left us every happiness and success in the future and look forward to seeing many new faces joining us in 2023.

**Ellie Randall, Gaynor Vaughan, Lily Foster and the Guides!**

## **3rd Irby Brownies**

We have had another fantastic year at St Chad's.

The Brownies have been very busy this year completing several guiding interest and challenge badges. We have had several girls achieve the highest programme award "Gold Award" this year. This is a really special achievement and means that they fully completed the Brownie programme prior to moving up to Guides.

We have had various overnight and day trips including a sleepover at Gulliver's World, PGL at Winmarleigh Hall and evenings at Saughall Massie fire station and Freedome trampolining park. The Brownies have also attended church parade at St Chad's and Remembrance Sunday at St Bartholomew's.

We also had a district event in the Summer when we met up with all other Guiding members in Irby and completed activities including making small fires, toasting marshmallows and singing around a campfire. The girls also learnt various Circus Skills earlier in the evening.

Anyone who has a particular interest or service which they think the Brownies would be interested to learn about please feel free to get in touch as we are always looking for new ideas for our meetings.

**Lynn McCoy, Gemma Willerton, Emma Parker.**

## **2nd Irby Rainbows**

We have had a good year which has flown by.

We have 17 girls, including some four-year-olds (they can start Rainbows at four now).

We have been lucky to have two new leaders join us, which is great.

Rainbows have completed some challenge badges and interest badges. We have enjoyed being in the garden (even using our torches in the dark!).

Rainbows took part in UK Parliament week and took part in Remembrance Sunday church parade.

We enjoyed our District get-together at St Chad's, we learnt circus skills, did outdoor BBQ, made keyrings, even the rain did not put us off.

Our goals for 2023 are to keep our girls interested in the Guiding programme. We would like to increase attendance at Church Parades. We are hoping to raise money to buy ourselves a Unit flag too.

**Karen, Alison, Emily and Trish.**

**Unit leaders, 2nd Irby Rainbows.**

## **TOTS & TINIES**

We have continued to meet weekly term time; numbers have been increasing with between 30-40 children every week. The session begins with free play and craft, followed by snack time and finally a story time and song all together. It is lovely to see the parents, grandparents, carers, and children engaging with each other. We also contribute to any church activities such as the heart bomb event. Father Christmas visited us which the children all enjoyed. Reverend Jane has planned the craft activities and bible stories for the term and comes every week to read at story time, this has been of great benefit.

It has been a great help and is very much appreciated having volunteers to provide Tea/Coffee and Juice throughout the session and clear up the Kitchen, this makes a huge difference to the tidying up at the end. We are not providing any snacks for the children at the moment to minimise the risk of spreading COVID.

Thank you to everyone who plays a part in making this group so successful and welcoming to all who attend.

**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 2022

Charity no  
(if any)

1132086

Set out on pages

1 to 7

(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:

30th March 2023

Name:

Margaret Ann Walker of MAW Accountants

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

ICPA(Fellow)

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33 Thingwall Road

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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 2022

### 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 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
<b>Receipts &amp; Payments account</b>					
<b>Receipts</b>					
<i>Voluntary Receipts</i>					
Planned Giving St Bartholomew	23786			23786	26603
St Chad	12935			12935	14304
Other Collections St Bartholomew	1875			1875	629
St Chad	552			552	546
<b>Total</b>	<b>39148</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>39148</b>	<b>42082</b>
<i>Donations</i>					
Wallbox	0			0	0
Recurring Donations	0			0	0
Sum up	5			5	16
Non recurring Donations (see note 1)	2305			2305	2883
<b>Total donations</b>	<b>2310</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2310</b>	<b>2899</b>
	<b>41458</b>			<b>41458</b>	<b>44981</b>
<i>Grants received (see note 2)</i>	2736			2736	6321
<i>Legacies (see note 15)</i>	0			0	5000
<i>Tax recovered</i>	10723			10723	11231
<b>Total</b>	<b>13459</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13459</b>	<b>22552</b>
<b>Total Donation Income</b>	<b>54917</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>54917</b>	<b>67533</b>
<i>Activities for Generating Funds (See note 3)</i>	898			898	176
<i>Church Activities (See note 4)</i>	13956			13956	8030
<i>Income from Investments (See note 5)</i>	5314			5314	4770
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>75085</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>75085</b>	<b>80509</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
<i>Cost of generating voluntary income (See note 6)</i>	135			135	126
<i>Mission Giving (See note 7)</i>	137			137	65
<i>Church Activities (See note 8)</i>	66463			66463	65674
<i>Major Works - new floor at Chads</i>	16178			16178.4	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>82913</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>82913</b>	<b>65865</b>
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>	<b>-7828</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-7828</b>	<b>14644</b>

Transfers between funds

<b>Total</b>					
Bank Current and Deposit Accounts 1 Jan	72312	193095	5634		271041
Bank Current and Deposit Accounts 31 Dec	65235	175042	4843		245120

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
<b>Statement of Assets and Liabilities</b>					
<b>Assets</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand and undeposited funds	13			13	13
CAF Current Account	32812			32812	39992
CAF Gold Account	28487			28487	28378
<b>Total</b>	<b>61312</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>61312</b>	<b>68383</b>

Investment Assets (See note 9)							
Morrell Trust		7660			7660		8893
Ismay Charity				4843	0		5634
Tudor Trust		23506			23506		28085
Eileen Shaw Trust		104282			104282		117037
Open Door	0	39594			39594		39080
Reserve Fund	3981				3981		3929
<b>Total</b>	<b>65293</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>175042</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4843</b>	<b>245178</b>	<b>271041</b>
Other Monetary Assets							
Gift aid claimable	8644				8644		9911
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>73937</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>175042</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4843</b>	<b>253822</b>	<b>280952</b>
<b>Liabilities (See note 11)</b>						<b>0</b>	<b>785</b>
<b>Total Assets less Liabilities</b>	<b>73937</b>		<b>175042</b>		<b>4843</b>	<b>253822</b>	<b>785</b>

Approved by the PCC on and signed on their behalf by Rev E Jane turner (PCC Chairperson)  
and Mrs Kate Butler (Bookkeeper)

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
<b>Notes to the accounts</b>					
<b>1. Non recurring donations</b>					
Gift Aided Donations	933			933	2505
Non-Gift Aided Donations	1372			1372	378
<b>Total</b>	<b>2305</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2305</b>	<b>2883</b>
<b>2.Grants Received</b>					
Grant from Diocese Energy Grant	986			986	0
Jubilee Grant funding	1000			1000	3506
Wirral Borough Concil - Together Fund - Tots & Tinies	750			750	2815
<b>Total</b>	<b>2736</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2736</b>	<b>6321</b>
<b>3.Generating Funds</b>					
Christmas Fair/Santa in Irby	715			715	176
Other fund raising events bears day	183			183	183
<b>Total</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>359</b>
<b>4. Main Church Activities</b>					
Fees Received	3879			3879	2502
Contribution to heating	167			167	56
Hall Hire	8547			8547	1144
Tots and Tinies	1000			1000	443
Magazine subscriptions	193			193	184
Magazine income	170			170	240
Insurance claims				0	3461
<b>Total</b>	<b>13956</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13956</b>	<b>8030</b>
<b>5. Income from Investments</b>					
Bank Interest	656	52		708	25
Morrell Trust	217			217	223
Ismay Charity	558			558	0
Tudor Trust	1176			1176	762
Shaw Trust	2655			2655	3465
<b>Total</b>	<b>5262</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>5314</b>	<b>4610</b>

## 6. Costs of Generating Voluntary Income

<i>Planned Giving Envelope Systems</i>	135					135	126
<i>Harvest Supper</i>	0					0	0
<i>Christmas Fair/Santa in Irby</i>	0					0	0
<b>Total</b>	135	0	0	0	0	135	126

## 7. Mission Giving

<i>Diocesan Family of Schools</i>	0					0	0
<i>Friends of Chester Cathedral Deanery Synod</i>	25					25	25
<i>Ismay Charity donation</i>	0					0	0
<i>art exhibition and flood relief</i>	0					0	0
<i>Gifts (Retiring Treasurer &amp; Clergy</i>	112					112	40
<b>Total</b>	137	0	0	0	0	137	65

## 8. Church Activities

Parish Share	24384					24384	23072
Salaries							
<i>Caretaker</i>	394					394	394
<i>Cleaners</i>	2944					2944	1519
<i>Parish Clerk</i>	3560					3560	3560
<i>Parish bookkeeper</i>	1650					1650	1650
Pastoral Expenses							
<i>Rector's Expenses</i>	1354					1354	567
<i>Rector's Office Expenses</i>	880					880	1874
<i>Rectory Expenses</i>	3179					3179	2959
Mission Costs							0
<i>Assisting Clergy Fees &amp; Expenses</i>	86					86	0
<i>Organist's Fees</i>							66
<i>Service Costs (worship materials)</i>	2942					2942	1228
<i>Website</i>	233					233	215
<i>Youth</i>	60					60	0
<i>Tots &amp; Tinies</i>	1126					1126	221
St Bartholomew Overheads							
<i>Church Insurance (see note 16)</i>	5994					5994	5828
<i>C26: Church Licences</i>	87					87	83
<i>C23: Church Building Maintenance</i>	1367					1367	841
<i>C19: Churchyard Upkeep</i>	2245					2245	7358
<i>C24: Church Organ Expenses</i>	150					150	329
<i>C21: Church Electricity</i>	612					612	329
<i>C22: Church Heating Oil</i>	968					968	1330
St Chad's Overheads							
<i>Hall Insurance ( see note 16)</i>	0					0	0
<i>Hall Licences</i>	371					371	332
<i>Hall Building Maintenance</i>	1771					1771	200
<i>Hall Grounds Maintenance</i>	1160					1160	4996
<i>Hall Electricity</i>	656					656	691
<i>Hall Gas</i>	2191					2191	1062
<i>Hall Water</i>	1003					1003	1105
<i>St Chads Building Maintenance</i>	365					365	106
<i>Magazine Costs Production Expenses</i>	48					48	47
Admin Expenses							
<i>Office equipment</i>	1269					1269	1859
<i>Office Software</i>	1165					1165	1686
<i>Office Stationary</i>	1710					1710	402
<i>Office Phone &amp; Internet</i>	460					460	96
<i>Bank Charges</i>	81					81	
<b>Total</b>	66463	0	0	0	0	66463	65654

## 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

	2022	2021
<i>Retained wedding and funeral fees</i>		785
<i>Hall Hire paid in advance</i>	538	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>785</b>

The Parish has been unable to meet its Parish Share contribution in full for several years.  
 The Parish achieved a payment amounting to 35% of the total request for 2022 (£24384 paid of £69668 requested)  
 The Parish are mindful that they have not been able to reach a full payment,  
 but will look to increase payment to the Diocese as income allows.

#### 12. PCC member payments

PCC member Jon Oliver was paid £422.40 because of his 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 2022 for the 2021 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

No Legacies this year

#### 16. Insurance

The insurance figure is now a combined figure for both churches