

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
OF
ST MARK'S, BREDBURY**

**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

31ST DECEMBER 2020

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The Parish of St Mark's Bredbury, Diocese of Chester (Church of England)

Church Office

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Bankers

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Independent Examiner for the accounts

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and as a charity is registered with the Charity Commission; charity number 1132326. The PCC has no other charities under its control.

The PCC pays Parish Share, at a level set by the Diocesan Synod, to the Chester Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd (Registered Charity) to provide the stipends for the clergy, support other parishes in the diocese, pay for vicarage repairs, pay for the central work of the Chester Diocese and the national work of the Church of England.

The Parochial Church Council - (PCC)

These are either ex-officio or elected according to Church Representation rules at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). The Churchwardens are chosen by the Vicar and those present at a Meeting of Parishioners, held immediately before the APCM.

Vicar: Revd Andy Bull (Chair)

Curate: Revd Martin Makin

Churchwardens: Dave Brotherton (Deanery Synod Rep)
Les Cope

Elected members: Ruth Bull (Deanery Synod Rep)
Victoria Cope
Harry Davies (Deanery Synod Rep)
Richard Hall (Secretary)
Kate Hughes
Rachel Kanes
Naana Kufuor
Simon Owen
Sadana Piroozfar
Harold Rothwell
Shirley van Olffen
Christine Wrenn (Treasurer)

The appointment of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church of England Representation Rules.

- Members are elected for a term of three years after which they may not stand for re-election for one year.
- Members elected to fill casual vacancies may stand for re-election for a further term of three years at the end of their two or one year term.
- Deanery Synod members are elected for a three-year term and may stand for re-election immediately. However, in line with the updated 2020 Church Representation Rules, the 2020 APCM voted that henceforth, individuals may not serve for more than two successive terms on Deanery Synod.
- The PCC may co-opt up to two more electoral roll members if they wish to.

Standing Committee

This sub-committee is required by church law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings. This is composed of the clergy licensed to the parish, the churchwardens and treasurer, and the PCC secretary, appointed at the first meeting of the PCC following the APCM.

Safeguarding

The PCC oversees safeguarding in the life of the church, along with the church's designated Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator, Kevin McKeown. The PCC conducts an annual review of all its procedures, and each year approves amended safeguarding policies for work amongst children and adults. All leaders in children's and youth groups have undergone DBS checks and have signed confidential Declarations of Criminal Offences prior to taking on leadership roles. Safer recruitment procedures are carried out with regards to volunteers working with adults, in line with the church's policies.

Contact details for our Safeguarding Co-ordinator along with the Diocesan Vulnerability and Safeguarding Officer are displayed prominently in the church premises. If there are any matters of concern to you, please contact them. As always, our aim is that all of the children, young people, and adults who have contact with the church should be kept safe from harm, and to this end, the most important factor that we can all contribute is to maintain a culture of informed vigilance.

Health and Safety

The PCC has delegated responsibility for Health and Safety to the churchwardens, who makes regular reports to the PCC.

Aims of the Church

The official aim of the PCC is to "cooperate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical". (PCC (Powers) Measure 1956).

St Mark's Church vision is centred around the following three areas:

Loving God: We aim to be a church where people are pursuing a wholehearted relationship with God, devoted to a life of worship and prayer, applying the Bible to their daily lives, and responding to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Sharing Life: We want to be a welcoming, generous and loving community, where people encourage and support one another.

Growing Faith: We seek to be a church that connects people with Jesus. By being missional and adventurous we will try to create as many opportunities as possible for people to encounter God.

Attendance

In this most unusual of years, our last 'normal' Sunday without limits on attendance was 15th March, before government restrictions were brought in to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic. National lockdown and the closure of public worship came into force from mid-March to early July 2020, and then again in November. At the points where public worship was permitted, strict social distancing remained in force, limiting our seating capacity at St Mark's to 40 on a pre-booked basis only. However, from the first Sunday of the March lockdown, we began to broadcast our pre-recorded church services on Facebook. Throughout the 15 months of our online services there was an average of over 600 views per service. Although some of these 'views' may only represent a few seconds of watch time, others may represent a whole family group watching for the whole duration. As a result, in 2020 we have no accurate way to measure attendance at St Mark's Church, but we do know from comments received that many new people have joined us online, including: seekers and enquirers exploring the Christian faith from the security of their home; friends and family of church members; people who have been previously prevented from attending in person through ill health; former church members who have moved away, but retain an active interest in the life of the church; and curious visitors from further afield. As a result, we have been able to reach many more people in 2020 through online worship than we would have done in a normal year.

Main developments in 2020

When 2020 began, none of us had any idea of what lay ahead.

The year began brightly at St Mark's with the celebration of the completion of the church building refurbishment project on 2nd February. Also, in addition to our regular church ministries and activities, a 'Faith in Films' group had been launched, many were gathering weekly for 'Soup and Study' as we were working through 1 Peter together on Wednesday lunchtimes, the Bible Course was running weekly with many people in attendance, and a Bible storytelling group had been newly formed. Church life was running at full pelt, but then everything changed. On Monday 16th March, the Prime Minister announced new measures to combat the spread of Covid19 including the immediate closure of non-essential gatherings.

We had already met for Messy Church on Saturday 14th March and had sensed a growing nervousness from people as we gathered. Then as the team gathered for Rock Solid on the night of the Prime Minister's announcement we realised we couldn't safely run this ministry, and had to turn families away as they arrived. By Sunday 22nd, public worship was also closed, and we broadcast our first online service on Facebook. By Monday 23rd March, we were into our first national lockdown.

For us at St Mark's Church, this has been a year of sustained loss but also extraordinary creativity and new life. The sense of loss has been profound. We've lost the chance to gather together, hug and shake hands, mingle and drink coffee and tea together. We've lost our ability to gather for sung worship, sit together with friends, and for our children and young people to go to their groups. We've lost our ability to plan and take holidays, work in our usual ways, go to the shops without wearing masks, and visit loved ones. We've lost liberties we all used to take for granted. Some have lost employment. Children and young people have lost out on their education and formative life experiences. And as the death toll from coronavirus has mounted, we've all lost friends and family and church members. Despite these losses, the response at St Mark's Church has been one of extraordinary creativity, and I want to thank all those who have worked so hard to find new ways to keep church life going, and care for our church members during this difficult time.

Worship Services: With the sudden closure of public worship in mid-March, we moved to online worship the following Sunday. We are so grateful to all those who contributed so creatively to these services.

Zoom: Many of the church community discovered a new way of connecting, through Zoom. For the first six weeks after 23rd March we met online each day for Morning Prayer and 'St Mark's @ Seven' (a short evening service and catch up). The zoom schedule then lightened a little but we made sure there was at least one thing to log on for each day. During the year we ran online the Prayer Course, an Alpha Course, a Fruitfulness on the Frontline course, had some half nights of prayer, and engaged in the Church of England's month of prayer in November.

Open Church: Once it became permissible, we opened the church for private prayer twice a week.

Pastoral care: Alongside the development of 'virtual fellowship' on zoom, many at St Mark's have been involved in reaching out to others to extend pastoral care during these difficult times. Many have been ringing up church members throughout the year, concentrating particularly on those known to us who are particularly isolated. We've also delivered our monthly bulletin to all on the mailing list, along with some extra goodies at certain times throughout the year.

CAP Life Skills: Kate did a wonderful job of delivering the course online and a good number of people signed up.

Foodbank: Our Foodbank ministry continued with a smaller team and managed to keep up with the need for emergency food provision for local people.

Curate: In July we welcomed (virtually, of course!) Revd Martin Makin and his family to St Mark's. Martin will do his curacy with us.

Occasional Offices

Many of our ordinary services such as baptisms and weddings were interrupted by the pandemic restrictions. In 2020, we conducted the following 'occasional' offices:

- Baptisms: 3
- Weddings: 0
- Funerals: 31
- Interment of Ashes: 8

I have never been more grateful for the church members at St Mark's, who have done so much to support one another throughout this very challenging year.

The trustees' report was approved by the PCC on 18th March 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Andy Bull', written in a cursive style.

Andy Bull
Vicar

St.Marks Church

Balance Sheet detailed

		As at 31/12/2020	As at 31/12/2019
Fixed assets			
	30101: Parish Hall	200,000.00	200,000.00
	Total Fixed assets	200,000.00	200,000.00
Current assets			
	30201: Current A/C Lloyds/TSB	14,657.92	20,930.95
	30202: HRMC	7,843.20	7,843.20
	30203: CBF Investment Account	24,224.11	24,121.69
	30204: TSB Deposit Account	—	—
	30206: Petty Cash	530.80	540.13
	Z05: Accounts Receivable	—	5,394.51
	Total Current assets	47,256.03	58,830.48
Liabilities			
	6699: Agency collections	1,148.70	299.00
	Z04: Accounts Payable	118,059.44	118,059.44
	Total Liabilities	119,208.14	118,358.44
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	128,047.89	140,472.04
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	(12,424.15)	—
	Z01: Starting balances	140,472.04	140,472.04
	Total Reserves	128,047.89	140,472.04

Represented by Funds

Unrestricted	124,731.89	110,016.92
Designated	18,330.19	20,080.70
Restricted	(15,014.19)	10,374.42
Endowment	—	—
Total	128,047.89	140,472.04

St.Marks Church

Analysis of receipts and payments Selected period: 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Receipts						
Receipts from generated funds A1						
Voluntary income A1a						
10102 - Standing Orders (Gift Aid)	33,910	—	—	—	33,910	31,353
10103 - Standing Orders (no Gift Aid)	1,600	—	—	—	1,600	1,464
10104 - Envelopes 1-40 (Gift Aid)	4,514	—	—	—	4,514	9,618
10105 - Envelopes 41-130 (no Gift Aid)	30	—	—	—	30	—
10106 - Tax Reclaimed (unrestricted)	25,866	—	—	—	25,866	—
10107 - Collection Plate at services	2,287	—	—	—	2,287	6,464
10109 - Misc donations no Gift Aid	2,190	—	—	—	2,190	27
10110 - Unplanned Gift Aid Income	4,836	—	—	—	4,836	3,361
10112 - Legacies - General Fund	500	—	—	—	500	—
10204 - Floodlighting (with Gift Aid)	—	—	—	—	—	30
10206 - Other Fundraising	977	—	—	—	977	89
10602 - Hall Donations + Gift Aid	—	150	—	—	150	150
10603 - Hall Donations no Gift Aid	—	—	1,000	—	1,000	3,000
10801 - Christians against Poverty	333	—	666	—	1,000	1,000
10802 - Organ Fund	—	—	—	—	—	500
10803 - Perpetual Care of Churchyard	—	—	480	—	480	660
10804 - Restoration Fund	—	—	369	—	369	13,656
10806 - Flowers	—	—	—	—	—	25
10809 - Parish Hall	—	—	—	—	—	5,500
10818 - Grants (restricted fund)	—	—	—	—	—	13,200
10823 - Tower Repair Fund	881	—	7,925	—	8,806	20
10829 - Food Bank	—	—	22	—	22	—
10831 - Church Reordering Project	—	—	12,230	—	12,230	948
10832 - Friends no gift aid	—	—	—	—	—	90
11831 - Church Reordering Project + GA	—	—	—	—	—	9,669
11832 - Friends + gift aid	—	—	1,098	—	1,098	1,086
Voluntary income A1a Sub-totals	77,927	150	23,792	—	101,869	101,913
Activities for generating funds A1b						
10111 - Votive Candles etc	47	—	—	—	47	281
10203 - Christmas Fair	1,137	—	—	—	1,137	1,465
10601 - Hall Rents	—	3,279	—	—	3,279	6,684
Activities for generating funds A1b Sub-totals	1,184	3,279	—	—	4,463	8,430
Investment income A1c						
10114 - Interest	102	—	—	—	102	302
Investment income A1c Sub-totals	102	—	—	—	102	302

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Receipts from generated funds A1 Totals	79,214	3,429	23,792	—	106,435	110,645
Receipts from charitable activities A2						
Receipts from charitable activities A2						
10302 - Wedding Fees PCC	857	—	—	—	857	535
10303 - Funeral + Churchyard Fees PCC	2,803	—	—	—	2,803	3,430
10304 - additional Churchyard Income	420	—	—	—	420	575
10501 - Memorial Pathway	3,441	—	—	—	3,441	1,971
10502 - Magazine	—	—	—	—	—	140
Receipts from charitable activities A2 Sub-totals	7,521	—	—	—	7,521	6,652
Receipts from charitable activities A2 Totals	7,521	—	—	—	7,521	6,652
Other receipts A3						
Other receipts A3						
10709 - Childrens Society	—	—	—	—	—	45
Other receipts A3 Sub-totals	—	—	—	—	—	45
Other receipts A3 Totals	—	—	—	—	—	45
Receipts Grand totals	86,736	3,429	23,792	—	113,957	117,342

Payments

Costs of generating funds B1

Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold etc B1b

20501 - Memorial Pathway	2,687	—	—	—	2,687	1,251
20502 - Magazine	26	—	—	—	26	100
20504 - Cost of fundraising activities	—	—	244	—	244	—

Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold etc B1b Sub-totals	2,713	—	244	—	2,957	1,351
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Costs of generating funds B1 Totals	2,713	—	244	—	2,957	1,351
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Charitable activities B2

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Charitable activities B2						
20101 - Parish Share	51,701	—	—	—	51,701	43,849
20102 - Deanery Contribution	—	—	—	—	—	60
20103 - Vicar's Expenses	104	—	—	—	104	185
20104 - Curate's Expenses	1,186	—	—	—	1,186	—
20106 - Vicarage Expenses	3,484	—	—	—	3,484	3,371
20107 - Curate's house expenses	1,135	—	—	—	1,135	5,459
20151 - Miscellaneous Ministry costs	—	—	—	—	—	180
20202 - Organist	—	—	—	—	—	500
20203 - Chancel Supplies	—	—	—	—	—	45
20205 - Other items for services	636	—	—	—	636	671
20301 - Church Repairs	259	—	—	—	259	—
20302 - Insurance	3,776	—	—	—	3,776	3,828
20304 - Misc Church Building expenses	1,853	—	13,885	—	15,738	2,046
20305 - Church Utilities	1,737	—	—	—	1,737	1,654
20307 - Churchyard Wages	—	—	—	—	—	1,075
20308 - Churchyard Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	358
20402 - Office Supplies	190	—	—	—	190	164
20403 - Servicing of Office Equipment	—	—	—	—	—	47
20405 - Phone & Internet	795	—	—	—	795	755
20406 - Bank charges	272	—	—	—	272	419
20407 - Other Admin	212	—	—	—	212	110
20601 - Hall Insurance	1,618	—	—	—	1,618	1,640
20602 - Hall Gas	—	1,863	—	—	1,863	2,018
20603 - Hall Electric	—	851	—	—	851	1,180
20604 - Hall Water	—	174	—	—	174	668
20605 - Hall Cleaner	—	2,055	—	—	2,055	2,138
20606 - Hall cleaning materials	—	—	—	—	—	105
20609 - Hall electrical cert.& repairs	—	—	—	—	—	116
20611 - Hall repairs	—	—	—	—	—	17,698
20613 - Hall miscellaneous	49	—	—	—	49	—
20713 - other mission	294	234	3,240	—	3,768	2,280
20804 - Restoration Fund	—	—	29,557	—	29,557	35,600
20814 - Other restricted expenditure	—	—	1,628	—	1,628	—
20823 - Tower Repairs	—	—	624	—	624	—
Charitable activities B2 Sub-totals	69,307	5,179	48,936	—	123,423	128,230
Charitable activities B2 Totals	69,307	5,179	48,936	—	123,423	128,230
Payments	72,021	5,179	49,180	—	126,381	129,582
Grand totals						

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. MARKS, REDHOUSE LANE, BREDBURY, STOCKPORT - 1102

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Marks, Redhouse Lane Bredbury, Stockport, for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those Accounts in accordance with the terms of the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Name.....Julie Howard.....

Address38 Crosland Edge, Helme, Holmfirth, HD9 5RS.....

Signature..........Date.....28.03.2021...