

**The Parish Church
of
St Mary the Virgin
Davyhulme**

**Annual Report and Accounts
for the year ending 31
December 2021**

**Presented to the
Annual Parochial Church Meeting
11 May 2022**

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2021 Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St Mary the Virgin, Davyhulme

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Governance

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. The PCC of St Mary the Virgin, Davyhulme, has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, Canon Christopher Ford until his retirement on 9 December 2021, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. From that date the responsibility transferred to the sequestrators, namely the Area Dean, Rev Nick Watson, together with the church wardens, Mrs Fiona Jones and Mrs Yvonne Mackereth.

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

Membership of the Parochial Church Council 2021 - 2022

Ex-Officio

Revd Canon Chris Ford
(2021)

Vicar and Chair of PCC (retired 9 Dec

Revd Jenni Beaumont

Assistant Curate (until 24 Dec 2021)

Revd Dr Simon Wright

Assistant Curate

Mrs Fiona Jones	Churchwarden, Children's Church leader
Mrs Yvonne Mackereth	Churchwarden, Vice-Chair of the PCC, representative on Deanery Synod and Diocesan Synod, Chair of the House of Laity

Elected to Deanery Synod for the Triennium 2020- 2023

Mrs Sue Wright	Representative on Deanery Synod
Mrs Yvonne Mackereth	Church Warden, PCC Secretary,
Mrs Karen Swales,	Representative on Deanery Synod
Mr Neil Pagan	Representative on Deanery Synod
Mrs Liz Spencer	Representative on Deanery Synod, Safeguarding co-ordinator

Elected to the PCC for 3 years

Mr Peter Williams	(24/05/2021)	
Mr William Boxford	(24/05/2021)	
Mr Glyn Chatterton	(24/05/2021)	
Mrs Andrea Shepherd	(18/10/2020)	
Mrs Fiona Jones	(18/10/2020)	
Ms Rebecca Hession	(18/10/2020)	Electoral Roll Officer
Mrs Niki Taylor	(27/03/2019)	Church Treasurer
Mrs Sue McGrane roll officer	(27/03/2019)	Deputy Church Warden, dep elect
Mr Simon Orr	(27/03/2019)	Deputy Church Warden
Mr Andrew Spencer	(27/03/2019)	Deputy Church Warden

Other Appointments and Positions.

Honorary Assistant Curate	Father Chris Waddleton
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Eucharistic Assistants

Until October 2022	Mrs Shirley Artus
	Mr David Shepherd
	Mrs Andrea Shepherd
	Mr Andrew Spencer
	Mrs Irene Hegg

	Mr Philip Hegg
	Mrs Sue Waddleton
	Mrs Niki Taylor
	Mr Simon Orr
	Mr Andrew Jarman
	Miss Elizabeth Miller (retired Dec 2021)
	Mrs Yvonne Mackereth
Church Organist	Mr Andy Penzak
Newsletter Editor	Mrs Yvonne Mackereth
Church Hall Lettings Manager	Mrs Angela May
Co-ordinator for Church Flowers	Vacant
Children's Church leaders	Mrs Fiona Jones
	Mrs Joanne Hardy
Website and ACNY Editor	Mrs Fiona Jones
Independent Examiner	Burton and Company (Accountants)
Bookkeeper	Mr Colin Wilkinson
GDPR Officer	Mr Ian Artus
Health & Safety/ Dis Access officer	Mr David Shepherd

Foundation Governors of St. Mary's CE Primary School

Canon Christopher Ford (ex-officio) (until 5 December 2021), Mrs Yvonne Mackereth (Diocese), Mrs Karen Wilkinson, Mr Andrew Jarman (Chair of Governors), Mrs Jennie Jones, Mrs Melanie Burden, Mr Peter Taylor, Revd Jenni Beaumont (until December 2021).

Vision Statement

The Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Davyhulme is a sacred place

- of quiet for prayer and mediation
- for worship
- for fellowship
- for community outreach
- and a focal point for the community

Aims and Objectives and Activities

The PCC (Powers) measure 1956 states that a PCC 'is to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.'

The Mission Statement of this parish is to be a growing, serving and nurturing church at the heart of the local community. The PCC is committed

- to encouraging more people to become disciples of Christ,
- to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church,
- to grow the church community across all age groups and backgrounds to become part of our parish community at St Mary
- to further develop links with our church school

The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and Scripture, music and sacrament. During the year our services have differed in accordance with guidance from the Government and the Church of England in relation to Covid pandemic measures. As such, services may, of necessity been limited, and, until August 2021 we additionally offered worship via Zoom on a Sunday morning in addition to worship in church. The worship with a particular focus for families and younger children also had to be limited to Zoom worship for some time.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish, noting that this has been restricted in order to comply with Covid guidance when home visiting was not permitted / discouraged.
- Missionary and outreach work, again limited in the past year.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church of St Mary. This has been achieved despite the considerable costs involved and the reduction in income from giving and other sources.

None of this work is possible without the help of a small group of volunteers who offer many, many hours of expertise and work to enable the church to function and grow.

It is not possible to name all our volunteers, but particular thanks are given to Elsie and Frank Firth for all they do, to the warden team, the PCC, the sidespeople, Fiona and the gardening team, John, Glynn and many more.

In December 2021 the parish said goodbye to our Vicar of the past 16 years, Canon Chris Ford. We give thanks for all that both he and Verity have done and given to this parish over that time, for his ministry, support, prayers and friendship. We wish them much happiness in their new life in retirement.

Special thanks are extended to Dr Simon and Father Chris as they provide ongoing ministry and pastoral support for the parish and now lead our worship on a weekly basis.

We will also be supported by clergy from other local parishes and our Area Dean.

PCC Meetings

There were 12 meetings of the PCC in 2021. Attendance of PCC members at these meetings was good overall by the majority of PCC members. All meetings were held via zoom with the option to dial in if required.

The follow were among the major issues discussed during the year

- Implementation of Covid 19 guidance
- Closing of church for worship in line with Church of England guidance church closed from 6 January 2021, reopen on Sunday 7 March 2021.
- Installation of broadband in church
- Stewardship, income generation
- Maintenance of the buildings including heating
- Approval of and implementation of risk assessments mainly related to Covid 19 guidance
- Online worship
- Annual accounts, finance, parish share
- Submission of faculty for reordering
- Diocesan / deanery updates
- Church hall rental
- Play & Stay group
- Interregnum

The following additional meetings were held, all via zoom:

- Church officers met twice to discuss finance related to building maintenance, finance in general and stewardship.
- Faculty implementation group met once in March to approve the draft faculty application
- The stewardship group met once in March to discuss the way forward with regard to long term financial issues for this church
- The church hall committee met twice to review church hall rental and hire of the premises.

Minutes from these informal sub-groups are brought to the full PCC for information and approval of any actions.

Risks

All risks are managed with the support of the parish Health and Safety Officer and reviewed / actioned by the PCC.

All areas related to Covid 19, such as opening the buildings and cleaning, follow the Government and Church of England guidance.

The relevant Risk Assessments are reviewed and updated on an ongoing basis.

Fire alarms, lightening conductor, electrical installations and boilers are inspected and maintained on a regular basis.

Policies and Procedures

As the PCC has ultimate responsibility for the implementation of a wide range of actions. To support this a number of policies and procedures are in place including those related to Safeguarding, GDPR, Health & Safety (risk). Additional policies are currently being developed for PCC approval and will be available on the parish website.

Achievements and performance

Worship and prayer

Due to restrictions placed as a result of the Covid pandemic, the range of worship offered in 2021 has differed to that in recent years. We have endeavoured to offer worship both on a Sunday and during the week that our community, both young and old find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. For example, Wednesday morning Eucharist provides a quieter and reflective environment for worship.

During the lockdowns Fiona kept in touch with families with worship and activity opportunities. We have built up a regular worshipping group of 10 families for 'zoom' or 'in-church' (many more receive the emails and invitations to join in when they can). Baptism families have made contact and met each other and the clergy on zoom. Fiona continued with the uploaded video activities until just after Easter and then clergy held monthly zoom worship with resources using the @ROOTS site that we subscribe to

We did have a few opportunities for 'In Church' worship at 3 pm on a Sunday and this worked safely with action rhymes (rather than songs) simple bible stories with involvement of the families from their pews. They also had worship activity bags to take home. On 6 June we gathered for a family service in church focusing on nature at home and on holiday. On 3 October Canon Chris led us in a BEE Thankful Harvest festival.

As restrictions eased families returned to church services and weekly pew activity packs related to the liturgy were provided and families were able to attend on different weeks dependent on the covid isolation periods for them all... a tricky time but we kept in touch.

The year closed with Christmas services including the toy service that the children brought gifts to for the Toy House appeal in Flixton. We also held an outdoor crib service for families and members of the community.

With thanks to Clergy, safeguarding officer, Wardens, Stewards and of course, the families we are continuing to grow our faith together as we move forward with plans to restart children's church in the hall in 2022

All are welcome to attend our services both in church and virtual. The average weekly attendance, counted during October, was 57 but this number varied week by week over the year and reflected the Covid pandemic guidance at the time. Until August 2021 the parish also offered a Sunday Eucharist via zoom which was well attended. Lenten meditations were held each Tuesday in Lent via zoom and services were held on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Eve and Easter Day. Family worship at home was supported with on line videos, non- eucharistic zoom services and latterly 3 p.m. family worship in church. At Christmas we were able to welcome the school community back into church to worship and to hold a carol service and a crib service where we gathered outside round the crib.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life; in marriage, public vows are exchanged with God's blessing; through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life that is now complete in this world and commend the person into God's safe keeping.

The Parish Hall

The church hall provides an important part of our outreach to the local community. As Covid restrictions eased, we are able to use the hall on an infrequent basis for party hire in 2021 with a view to re-opening fully in 2022.

Regular church hall users such as the daily play group, Earlybirds, and the uniformed organisations, have now restarted their regular use of the hall.

We would like to thank Angela May for managing the church hall lettings which provide us with not only important outreach but additional income.

Pastoral care

Helping and keeping in contact with others is a demonstration of our faith. We have tried during the past year to keep in touch with as many members of our church community as possible. This has been done by:

- Visits by the clergy at times of need,
- Monthly newsletters, both emailed and hand delivered
- Doorstep visits
- Regular prayer
- The parish website
- Social media
- Gardening group
- Children's church through videos, zoom, emails and 3 p.m. Sunday worship and activity packs when Covid restrictions allowed delivery.

Yvonne Mackereth
Fiona Jones
Church wardens

Electoral Roll Officer's report

At present there are 228 parishioners on the church electoral roll, 10 of whom are not resident within the parish. 12 names were added during the year and 6 were removed either through death or because they moved away from the parish. 23rd Feb 2022

Treasurer's report

The accounts for the year ending 31 December 2021 show a debit of £9,855 in the General Fund, following the Independent Examination of the accounts carried out by Burton and Company (Accountants) Ltd.

Income has significantly increased in many ways due to the church being open for some services. Non gift aid donations reduced by £590, collections in church increased by £2,184 but the church hall rental income reduced by £673 as the church hall was not hired out for parties only to our regular hirers for some of the year. Fees from weddings, funerals and interment of ashes also increased by £3,383. Gift Aid Tax recoverable for the year amounted to £12,274. Many thanks to all those who maintained their regular giving.

Expenditure on major repairs and maintenance in 2021 amounted to £6,391 which included roof repairs of £3,120 to repoint ridge tiles and fit bird spikes to the church. There was also some lighting work which amounted to £1,166 which included lighting in the church car park and expenditure spent to repair the hall door and step. This year our Parish Share was set at £61,200.00 and we were able to pay this in full.

Fund raising activities for the year amounted to £2,325 which includes income from a quiz, raffle, Christmas tree festival and other music and social evening.

I would particularly like to thank Colin Wilkinson for doing all the bookkeeping and also thank Yvonne Mackereth for all the gift aiding and for supporting me in so many ways and to Fiona Jones for all the many things she does as well.

No members of the PCC have received any payments apart from certified expenses.

PCC Accounts are held as follows:

Current Account	HSBC Bank plc. 11 Stamford New Road Altrincham WA14 1BW
CBF Deposit Account	CCLA Management 80 Cheapside, London

Niki Taylor
Treasurer

Report of Deanery Synod 2021

In the Church of England a deanery is a group of parishes forming a district within an archdeaconry. Four members of the PCC are parish representatives on the Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the Church.

After much consultation and prayer, the Diocese of Manchester, in June 2021, brought together the then existing twenty deaneries and established seven new larger deaneries under the leadership of seven fulltime Area Deans and newly elected Lay Chairs. This parish is now part of Manchester South and Stretford Deanery. Our Area Dean is Rev Nick Watson, the Lay Chair is Canon Addy Lazz-Onyenobi.

A further development has been the move to small local Mission Communities. St Mary parish now forms part of a Mission Community together with St Michael, St Clement, St John, Christ Church, All Saints and St Matthews.

In February 2021 there was an 'informal' meeting of the Standing Committee of the new larger deanery followed by an 'informal' synod meeting. Both meetings were held via Zoom and allow synod members to get to know each other a little with presentations from the three deaneries forming to new deanery.

Two meetings of the new synod Standing Committee were held prior to two full synod meetings, all via Zoom. Items for discussion at synod included the election of deanery officers, the establishment of one bank account for the deanery, Parish Share, attendance and income surveys, formation of Mission Communities and lay training opportunities.

We look forward to working alongside colleagues both in the deanery and the local Mission Community.

Yvonne Mackereth
Deanery Treasurer

Report of Safeguarding Officer

Each Parochial Church Council, together with the parish priest, shares the responsibility for the duty of care of the children and young people and adults at risk in their church setting. Each PCC must be fully aware of, and work in line with, the Diocesan Policy on Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk.

The Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator is appointed by the PCC annually and is responsible for ensuring that

- the Parish Policy is reviewed, updated and adopted by the PCC on an annual basis
- the Parish Policy is widely available to organisations using the facilities of the church.
- that all volunteers go through the appropriate recruitment process in conjunction with the PCC and parish priest, including DBS process.
- that volunteers have met the requirement to undertake basic child safeguarding training, and to maintain a record of those who have completed this training.
- To monitor the implementation of Parish Policy and report to the PCC any difficulties in doing so.

In line with Diocesan guidance, a DBS check has been done for all members of this PCC as the PCC have overall responsibility for safeguarding within the parish. DBS clearance should be renewed every 5 years. All volunteers are required to complete online training and attend a training update. This has been delivered locally within the deanery. In addition all clergy are required to have a DBS check completed by the Diocese and attend regular safeguarding training.

As part of good practice, safeguarding of both children and adults who may be at risk, is a standing item on the PCC agenda. In this way the PCC are kept up to date with any issues or policy and document changes such as recruitment procedures and training.

The Diocese of Manchester, in line with best practice, has a Safeguarding Board. Details of this can be found on the Diocesan website. The Safeguarding board develop policies and procedures for safeguarding children and adults and promote a safe church.

However, safeguarding is not just the business of the PCC or the Diocese, it is the role of all of us to help to safeguard everyone who attends or is connected with this church.

I am always happy to answer questions related to policy and practice and any safeguarding issues should be brought to the direct attention of myself.

Once again, I would like to thank all those helpers who willingly complete the required DBS formalities and any required training. This is a further indication of the seriousness that is placed on Safeguarding within this church and the wider church.

There have been no child protection issues at St Mary during the past year.

A list of relevant contact names and address for Safeguarding may be found on notice boards in church and in the church hall.

Safeguarding posters in the Church have recently been updated as have contact details for external agencies who can offer support.

Lis Spencer
Safeguarding Officer

Warden's notes

Throughout the year the wardens and team have continued to work together with the PCC and a range of congregation volunteers to care for the building and fabrics of the church and grounds.

A detailed inventory was checked and edited during the year including photographs. Pat testing, lightning conductor tests, fire extinguishers were all checked. In the autumn, a new programmable thermostat and a boiler timer was installed making the heating much easier to control. Carpark lighting was improved.

There were repairs and maintenance work to the roof and gutters. Repairs as needed were done for wear and tear around the church hall.

In February Broadband was installed and by April we had a cashless giving machine.

During the year we were grateful for the help of volunteers in extra cleaning involved in covid safety. This included deep cleaning the hall and hall floor.

By September we were able to gradually return some fabric furnishing to church as covid restrictions began to ease. By Christmas kneelers and Bibles had been returned to church.

We are always grateful for the extra help that our congregation members bring. This has ranged from repairs to notice boards, some new notice boards donated by the main gate and a folding one for 'Church Open'. We were donated portable ramps for wheelchair access at the front porch. The outdoor meter cupboard and display shed were kindly re-roofed, white line steps refreshed, a smart new boiler area gate built and installed.

Our resident pianist, Andy, accompanied by Elaine on the violin, has added a musical spiritual side to our worship when singing in church was not permitted. Our thanks to them in their wonderful playing once they were fully back in church services.

We have had a loyal team of side-people who have welcomed, sensitively guided people through covid guidance and sanitized and cleaned after each service. It was special to be able to welcome back those aged over 70 to our teams and we were all aware of the impact that restrictions have had on people's lives. By the summer people had returned to the church volunteering roles that they love.

We are fortunate to have large grounds surrounding our church but these take some looking after. Our thanks to the 3 or 4 volunteers who help with gardening. Also, to Simon Orr who organizes the gritting and lawn mower teams. All these rotas enable the grounds to be kept neat and safe for visitors. Each week sees visitors walking through the grounds for quiet reflection and visits to the Garden of Remembrance.

As the year drew to a close, we were able to consider covid safe gatherings for more social events and thanks go to David, our Health and Safety Officer, for guiding us through this and to Angela, Elsie and others for their work in enabling them to happen. The major event was Canon Chris's retirement party (just before the Christmas restrictions ...what timing) A wonderful evening was enjoyed with Andy and Elaine's music. A good time had by all.

Elsie and Frank organised a wonderful Christmas tree festival. Thank you to the people who helped to steward this. Numbers attending were a little lower than we hoped but those that attended really appreciated it. We had visitors who travelled to the Garden of Remembrance and incorporated the festival into their visit.

2021 has been a year of changes as we thanked Angela for her years of Warden duty and welcomed Yvonne as warden to join Fiona. We said good bye and wished Rev Debra all the best as she joined St Johns Flixton as Curate in Charge. As she said, she is only 'next door'!

At the beginning of December, we wished Canon Chris and Verity all the very best for his retirement and celebrated his ministry to us all. Finally at the end of

December we wished Rev Jenni and family all the very best as she became vicar at St Michaels church, Tonge-cum- Alkrington.

Finally, thanks to all of you, our parishioners and friends, worshipping together be at home or in church under the loving arms of our Lord. As we move forward in new times in 2022 may we all continue to pray and work together to reach out as a mission community to the wider world.

Fiona Jones
Yvonne Mackereth
Churchwardens

Parish of St Mary the Virgin Davyhulme

Parochial Church Council

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2022

Accounts

For the Year Ended 31st December 2021

The Parochial Church Council of St Mary The Virgin Davyhulme

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The Parochial Church Council of St Mary The Virgin Davyhulme

Accountant and Independent Examiner's Report

Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

We report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31st December 2021, which are set out on pages 1 to 10.

The trustees of the church are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and accounting records. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Independent Examiner's Report

It is our responsibility to:

- a) Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- b) Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act
- c) State whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 prepared with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures made in the accounts, and seeking explanations concerning any unusual matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not provide an opinion as to whether the accounts show a true and fair view.

The report is accordingly limited to the matters set out in the statement below:

In connection with our examination, no matters have come to our attention which:

- a) Give us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with s130 of the 2011 Act, or to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records and comply with the 2011 Act have not been met.
- b) To which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

2020 £	INCOME	Note	2021 £	General Funds £	Restricted Funding £
64,517	Voluntary Income	2a	73,714	71,418	2,296
1,279	Activities for generating funds	2b	2,325	2,325	-
99	Income from Investments	2c	12	-	12
9,239	Church Activities	2d	10,223	9,983	240
0	Other Income	2e	5,000	5,000	0
<u>75,134</u>	TOTAL INCOME		<u>91,274</u>	<u>88,726</u>	<u>2,548</u>
	EXPENDITURE				
0	Grants and Charitable Giving	3a	0	-	0
84,653	Church Activities	3b	101,129	99,381	1,748
<u>84,653</u>	TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>101,129</u>	<u>99,381</u>	<u>1,748</u>
(9,519)	NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR		(9,855)	(10,655)	800
	Transfer between funds in the year			0	0
57,677	TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		48,158	(27,228)	75,386
<u>48,158</u>	TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>38,303</u>	<u>(37,883)</u>	<u>76,186</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2021

Mrs N Taylor
Hon Treasurer

The Parochial Church Council of St Mary The Virgin Davyhulme

Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act (2011) and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, Financial Reporting Standard 102, and the 2016 Charities Statement of Recommended Practice.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the PCC.

Restricted funds are income funds and reserves that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of those funds are provided in the notes to the accounts.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of other Church groups that owe their affiliation to another body or those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Income

Collections, donations and legacies are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.

Income Tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Funds raised by fundraising events are accounted for gross.

Rental Income from the letting of Church premises is recognised when received.

Income from grants is recognised, where possible, in the same accounting year as that for which any related expenditure is payable.

Interest and investment income is recognised when received.

Expenditure

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if the award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

The Diocesan Parish Share is accounted for when paid, such payments reflecting relief under the Encouragement Scheme.

The Parochial Church Council of St Mary The Virgin Davyhulme

Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FIXED ASSETS

Consecrated Property and moveable Church Furnishings

Consecrated and beneficial property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable Church furnishings held by the Vicar and Church Wardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a Faculty for disposal are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected at any reasonable time.

For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 have been capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic life on a straight line basis.

Depreciation is charged at the following rates to write the fixed assets off over their estimated useful economic lives:

Church Hall	5% per annum to a minimum book value of £ 5,000
Fixtures	15% per annum down to a minimum book value of £ 5
Equipment	25% per annum down to a minimum book value of £ 5

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

2. INCOME

2020 £		2021 £	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £
	a) Voluntary Income			
47,231	Gift Aid Donations	52,162	52,162	-
1,310	Non Gift Aid Donations	720	720	-
686	Collections in Church	2,870	2,870	-
2,792	Donations and Contributions	4,222	3,392	830
12,498	Tax Recoverable	12,274	12,274	-
	Donations for Retirement Fund	1,466	-	1,466
<u>64,517</u>		<u>73,714</u>	<u>71,418</u>	<u>2,296</u>
	b) Activities for Generating Funds			
1,279	Fund raising activities (note 6)	2,325	2,325	-
	c) Investment Income			
99	Interest received	12	-	12
	d) Church Activities			
2,608	Fees	5,991	5,991	-
4,665	Church Hall Income	3,992	3,992	-
120	Flowers	240	-	240
1,812	Parish Retreat	0	-	0
34	Churchwomen's Fellowship	0	0	-
<u>9,239</u>		<u>10,223</u>	<u>9,983</u>	<u>240</u>
	e) Other Income			
0	Legacy	5,000	5,000	-
<u>0</u>		<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>75,134</u>	TOTAL INCOME	<u>91,274</u>	<u>88,726</u>	<u>2,548</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

3. EXPENDITURE

2020 £		2021 £	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £
	a) Grants and Charitable Giving			
-	St Mary's School	-	-	-
0	Disaster Appeal	0	-	0
-	Night Shelter	-	-	-
-	Other Home Charities	-	-	-
<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>0</u>
	b) Church Activities			
	Ministry:			
46,840	Diocesan Parish Share	61,200	61,200	-
3,746	Clergy Housing	4,028	4,028	-
206	Clergy Working Expenses	310	310	-
	Church Running Expenses:			
10,772	Heat, Light, Water and Insurance	10,228	10,228	-
1,143	Repairs	167	167	-
8,707	Salaries and Support Services	9,463	9,463	-
1,080	Upkeep of Church surroundings	0	0	-
204	Flowers	227	-	227
1,319	Cost of Services	2,309	2,309	-
22	Bank Charges	800	800	-
2,813	Major Repairs and Maintenance (note 7)	6,391	6,391	-
5	Churchwomen's Fellowship	0	0	-
1,963	Parish Retreat	0	-	0
2,257	Stationery, Sundries and IT	913	913	-
1,872	Church and Church Hall Running Costs	1,908	1,908	-
1,212	Depreciation of Fixed Assets	1,030	1,030	-
0	Retirement Gift and Party	1,521	(0)	1,521
492	Accountancy	634	634	-
-		-	-	-
<u>84,653</u>		<u>101,129</u>	<u>99,381</u>	<u>1,748</u>
<u>84,653</u>	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>101,129</u>	<u>99,381</u>	<u>1,748</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

4. EMPLOYEES AND EMOLUMENTS

During the year the PCC paid a cleaner, musician and a support worker for services rendered. PCC members were directly reimbursed for expenses incurred on its behalf but did not themselves receive any remuneration from Church funds.

There was one employee during the year.

5. LEGACIES

In March 2021, a legacy was received for the sum of £ 5,000.

6. SUMMARY OF FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

A detailed list of amounts raised is provided as an appendix to these accounts.

7. MAJOR REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

	£
Roof Repairs	3,120
Lighting	1,166
Heating Church Hall	964
Fire Protection	418
Joinery	568
Sundry Items	155
	<u>6,391</u>

8. FIXED ASSETS

	Church Hall	Fixtures and Equipment	Total
Actual/Deemed Cost			
At 1st January 2021	157,123	30,164	187,287
Additions			0
Disposals			
At 31st December 2021	<u>157,123</u>	<u>30,164</u>	<u>187,287</u>
Depreciation			
At 1st January 2021	152,123	23,298	175,421
Charge for the year		1,030	1,030
Eliminated on disposals			
At 31st December 2021	<u>152,123</u>	<u>24,328</u>	<u>176,451</u>
Net Book Value at 31st December 2021	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,836</u>	<u>10,836</u>
Net Book Value at 31st December 2020	<u>5,000</u>	<u>6,866</u>	<u>11,866</u>

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9. CASH AND BANK BALANCES	General Fund £	Restricted Fabric Fund £	2021 £	2020 £
CBF Church of England deposit fund	-	20,003	20,003	23,488
HSBC Bank	(45,742)	50,625	4,883	9,936
Churchwomens' Fellowship cash and bank	0	-	0	551
	<u>(45,742)</u>	<u>50,625</u>	<u>4,883</u>	<u>10,487</u>
10. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS	2021 £	2020 £		
Unrestricted Funds:				
Income Tax Recoverable	3,164	2,367		
Insurance Paid in Advance	0	0		
Sundry debtors and prepayments	1,214	1,131		
	<u>4,378</u>	<u>3,498</u>		
11. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS	2021	2020		
Gas, Electricity and Water	309	692		
Sundry Creditors and Accruals	1,488	489		
	<u>1,797</u>	<u>1,181</u>		

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12. FUNDS

Restricted funds include the fabric fund and the funds restricted for specific purposes.

13. MOVEMENT ON INDIVIDUAL FUNDS	Total	Unrestricted General	Restricted Fabric	Restricted Flower
	£	£	£	£
Balance at 1st January 2021	48,158	(27,228)	75,386	-
Net Income for the Year	(9,855)	(10,655)	800	
Transfer between funds				
Balance at 31st December 2021	<u>38,303</u>	<u>(37,883)</u>	<u>76,186</u>	<u>-</u>

14. BANK CHARGES

Please note that the expense of bank charges includes the associated costs of operating the bank account. These include the costs associated with acquiring card machines and facilitating the payments and receipts of expenses and income.

These are in addition to the regular costs of operating a bank account.

15. ASSOCIATED CHURCH GROUPS - INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

	Balance 1 Jan 2021 £	Income	Expenditure	Balance 31 Dec 2021
Mothers' Union	402	2,957	1,550	1,809
Play and Stay	480	0	360	120
Children's Society	27	0	0	27
	<u>909</u>	<u>2,957</u>	<u>1,910</u>	<u>1,956</u>

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SUMMARY OF FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES - 2021

	£
Quiz	560
Raffle	475
Other Music and Social Evening Fundraising	818
Christmas Tree Festival	472
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	2,325
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**The Parish Church
of
St Mary the Virgin
Davyhulme**

**Annual Report and Accounts
for the year ending 31
December 2021**

**Presented to the
Annual Parochial Church Meeting
11 May 2022**

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Governance

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. The PCC of St Mary the Virgin, Davyhulme, has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, Canon Christopher Ford until his retirement on 9 December 2021, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. From that date the responsibility transferred to the sequestrators, namely the Area Dean, Rev Nick Watson, together with the church wardens, Mrs Fiona Jones and Mrs Yvonne Mackereth.

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

Membership of the Parochial Church Council 2021 - 2022

Ex-Officio

Revd Canon Chris Ford
(2021)

Vicar and Chair of PCC (retired 9 Dec

Revd Jenni Beaumont

Assistant Curate (until 24 Dec 2021)

Revd Dr Simon Wright

Assistant Curate

Mrs Fiona Jones	Churchwarden, Children's Church leader
Mrs Yvonne Mackereth	Churchwarden, Vice-Chair of the PCC, representative on Deanery Synod and Diocesan Synod, Chair of the House of Laity

Elected to Deanery Synod for the Triennium 2020- 2023

Mrs Sue Wright	Representative on Deanery Synod
Mrs Yvonne Mackereth	Church Warden, PCC Secretary,
Mrs Karen Swales,	Representative on Deanery Synod
Mr Neil Pagan	Representative on Deanery Synod
Mrs Liz Spencer	Representative on Deanery Synod, Safeguarding co-ordinator

Elected to the PCC for 3 years

Mr Peter Williams	(24/05/2021)	
Mr William Boxford	(24/05/2021)	
Mr Glyn Chatterton	(24/05/2021)	
Mrs Andrea Shepherd	(18/10/2020)	
Mrs Fiona Jones	(18/10/2020)	
Ms Rebecca Hession	(18/10/2020)	Electoral Roll Officer
Mrs Niki Taylor	(27/03/2019)	Church Treasurer
Mrs Sue McGrane roll officer	(27/03/2019)	Deputy Church Warden, dep elect
Mr Simon Orr	(27/03/2019)	Deputy Church Warden
Mr Andrew Spencer	(27/03/2019)	Deputy Church Warden

Other Appointments and Positions.

Honorary Assistant Curate	Father Chris Waddleton
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Eucharistic Assistants

Until October 2022	Mrs Shirley Artus
	Mr David Shepherd
	Mrs Andrea Shepherd
	Mr Andrew Spencer
	Mrs Irene Hegg

	Mr Philip Hegg
	Mrs Sue Waddleton
	Mrs Niki Taylor
	Mr Simon Orr
	Mr Andrew Jarman
	Miss Elizabeth Miller (retired Dec 2021)
	Mrs Yvonne Mackereth
Church Organist	Mr Andy Penzak
Newsletter Editor	Mrs Yvonne Mackereth
Church Hall Lettings Manager	Mrs Angela May
Co-ordinator for Church Flowers	Vacant
Children's Church leaders	Mrs Fiona Jones
	Mrs Joanne Hardy
Website and ACNY Editor	Mrs Fiona Jones
Independent Examiner	Burton and Company (Accountants)
Bookkeeper	Mr Colin Wilkinson
GDPR Officer	Mr Ian Artus
Health & Safety/ Dis Access officer	Mr David Shepherd

Foundation Governors of St. Mary's CE Primary School

Canon Christopher Ford (ex-officio) (until 5 December 2021), Mrs Yvonne Mackereth (Diocese), Mrs Karen Wilkinson, Mr Andrew Jarman (Chair of Governors), Mrs Jennie Jones, Mrs Melanie Burden, Mr Peter Taylor, Revd Jenni Beaumont (until December 2021).

Vision Statement

The Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Davyhulme is a sacred place

- of quiet for prayer and mediation
- for worship
- for fellowship
- for community outreach
- and a focal point for the community

Aims and Objectives and Activities

The PCC (Powers) measure 1956 states that a PCC 'is to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.'

The Mission Statement of this parish is to be a growing, serving and nurturing church at the heart of the local community. The PCC is committed

- to encouraging more people to become disciples of Christ,
- to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church,
- to grow the church community across all age groups and backgrounds to become part of our parish community at St Mary
- to further develop links with our church school

The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and Scripture, music and sacrament. During the year our services have differed in accordance with guidance from the Government and the Church of England in relation to Covid pandemic measures. As such, services may, of necessity been limited, and, until August 2021 we additionally offered worship via Zoom on a Sunday morning in addition to worship in church. The worship with a particular focus for families and younger children also had to be limited to Zoom worship for some time.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish, noting that this has been restricted in order to comply with Covid guidance when home visiting was not permitted / discouraged.
- Missionary and outreach work, again limited in the past year.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church of St Mary. This has been achieved despite the considerable costs involved and the reduction in income from giving and other sources.

None of this work is possible without the help of a small group of volunteers who offer many, many hours of expertise and work to enable the church to function and grow.

It is not possible to name all our volunteers, but particular thanks are given to Elsie and Frank Firth for all they do, to the warden team, the PCC, the sidespeople, Fiona and the gardening team, John, Glynn and many more.

In December 2021 the parish said goodbye to our Vicar of the past 16 years, Canon Chris Ford. We give thanks for all that both he and Verity have done and given to this parish over that time, for his ministry, support, prayers and friendship. We wish them much happiness in their new life in retirement.

Special thanks are extended to Dr Simon and Father Chris as they provide ongoing ministry and pastoral support for the parish and now lead our worship on a weekly basis.

We will also be supported by clergy from other local parishes and our Area Dean.

PCC Meetings

There were 12 meetings of the PCC in 2021. Attendance of PCC members at these meetings was good overall by the majority of PCC members. All meetings were held via zoom with the option to dial in if required.

The follow were among the major issues discussed during the year

- Implementation of Covid 19 guidance
- Closing of church for worship in line with Church of England guidance church closed from 6 January 2021, reopen on Sunday 7 March 2021.
- Installation of broadband in church
- Stewardship, income generation
- Maintenance of the buildings including heating
- Approval of and implementation of risk assessments mainly related to Covid 19 guidance
- Online worship
- Annual accounts, finance, parish share
- Submission of faculty for reordering
- Diocesan / deanery updates
- Church hall rental
- Play & Stay group
- Interregnum

The following additional meetings were held, all via zoom:

- Church officers met twice to discuss finance related to building maintenance, finance in general and stewardship.
- Faculty implementation group met once in March to approve the draft faculty application
- The stewardship group met once in March to discuss the way forward with regard to long term financial issues for this church
- The church hall committee met twice to review church hall rental and hire of the premises.

Minutes from these informal sub-groups are brought to the full PCC for information and approval of any actions.

Risks

All risks are managed with the support of the parish Health and Safety Officer and reviewed / actioned by the PCC.

All areas related to Covid 19, such as opening the buildings and cleaning, follow the Government and Church of England guidance.

The relevant Risk Assessments are reviewed and updated on an ongoing basis.

Fire alarms, lightening conductor, electrical installations and boilers are inspected and maintained on a regular basis.

Policies and Procedures

As the PCC has ultimate responsibility for the implementation of a wide range of actions. To support this a number of policies and procedures are in place including those related to Safeguarding, GDPR, Health & Safety (risk). Additional policies are currently being developed for PCC approval and will be available on the parish website.

Achievements and performance

Worship and prayer

Due to restrictions placed as a result of the Covid pandemic, the range of worship offered in 2021 has differed to that in recent years. We have endeavoured to offer worship both on a Sunday and during the week that our community, both young and old find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. For example, Wednesday morning Eucharist provides a quieter and reflective environment for worship.

During the lockdowns Fiona kept in touch with families with worship and activity opportunities. We have built up a regular worshipping group of 10 families for 'zoom' or 'in-church' (many more receive the emails and invitations to join in when they can). Baptism families have made contact and met each other and the clergy on zoom. Fiona continued with the uploaded video activities until just after Easter and then clergy held monthly zoom worship with resources using the @ROOTS site that we subscribe to

We did have a few opportunities for 'In Church' worship at 3 pm on a Sunday and this worked safely with action rhymes (rather than songs) simple bible stories with involvement of the families from their pews. They also had worship activity bags to take home. On 6 June we gathered for a family service in church focusing on nature at home and on holiday. On 3 October Canon Chris led us in a BEE Thankful Harvest festival.

As restrictions eased families returned to church services and weekly pew activity packs related to the liturgy were provided and families were able to attend on different weeks dependent on the covid isolation periods for them all... a tricky time but we kept in touch.

The year closed with Christmas services including the toy service that the children brought gifts to for the Toy House appeal in Flixton. We also held an outdoor crib service for families and members of the community.

With thanks to Clergy, safeguarding officer, Wardens, Stewards and of course, the families we are continuing to grow our faith together as we move forward with plans to restart children's church in the hall in 2022

All are welcome to attend our services both in church and virtual. The average weekly attendance, counted during October, was 57 but this number varied week by week over the year and reflected the Covid pandemic guidance at the time. Until August 2021 the parish also offered a Sunday Eucharist via zoom which was well attended. Lenten meditations were held each Tuesday in Lent via zoom and services were held on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Eve and Easter Day. Family worship at home was supported with on line videos, non- eucharistic zoom services and latterly 3 p.m. family worship in church. At Christmas we were able to welcome the school community back into church to worship and to hold a carol service and a crib service where we gathered outside round the crib.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life; in marriage, public vows are exchanged with God's blessing; through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life that is now complete in this world and commend the person into God's safe keeping.

The Parish Hall

The church hall provides an important part of our outreach to the local community. As Covid restrictions eased, we are able to use the hall on an infrequent basis for party hire in 2021 with a view to re-opening fully in 2022.

Regular church hall users such as the daily play group, Earlybirds, and the uniformed organisations, have now restarted their regular use of the hall.

We would like to thank Angela May for managing the church hall lettings which provide us with not only important outreach but additional income.

Pastoral care

Helping and keeping in contact with others is a demonstration of our faith. We have tried during the past year to keep in touch with as many members of our church community as possible. This has been done by:

- Visits by the clergy at times of need,
- Monthly newsletters, both emailed and hand delivered
- Doorstep visits
- Regular prayer
- The parish website
- Social media
- Gardening group
- Children's church through videos, zoom, emails and 3 p.m. Sunday worship and activity packs when Covid restrictions allowed delivery.

Yvonne Mackereth
Fiona Jones
Church wardens

Electoral Roll Officer's report

At present there are 228 parishioners on the church electoral roll, 10 of whom are not resident within the parish. 12 names were added during the year and 6 were removed either through death or because they moved away from the parish. 23rd Feb 2022

Treasurer's report

The accounts for the year ending 31 December 2021 show a debit of £9,855 in the General Fund, following the Independent Examination of the accounts carried out by Burton and Company (Accountants) Ltd.

Income has significantly increased in many ways due to the church being open for some services. Non gift aid donations reduced by £590, collections in church increased by £2,184 but the church hall rental income reduced by £673 as the church hall was not hired out for parties only to our regular hirers for some of the year. Fees from weddings, funerals and interment of ashes also increased by £3,383. Gift Aid Tax recoverable for the year amounted to £12,274. Many thanks to all those who maintained their regular giving.

Expenditure on major repairs and maintenance in 2021 amounted to £6,391 which included roof repairs of £3,120 to repoint ridge tiles and fit bird spikes to the church. There was also some lighting work which amounted to £1,166 which included lighting in the church car park and expenditure spent to repair the hall door and step. This year our Parish Share was set at £61,200.00 and we were able to pay this in full.

Fund raising activities for the year amounted to £2,325 which includes income from a quiz, raffle, Christmas tree festival and other music and social evening.

I would particularly like to thank Colin Wilkinson for doing all the bookkeeping and also thank Yvonne Mackereth for all the gift aiding and for supporting me in so many ways and to Fiona Jones for all the many things she does as well.

No members of the PCC have received any payments apart from certified expenses.

PCC Accounts are held as follows:

Current Account	HSBC Bank plc. 11 Stamford New Road Altrincham WA14 1BW
CBF Deposit Account	CCLA Management 80 Cheapside, London

Niki Taylor
Treasurer

Report of Deanery Synod 2021

In the Church of England a deanery is a group of parishes forming a district within an archdeaconry. Four members of the PCC are parish representatives on the Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the Church.

After much consultation and prayer, the Diocese of Manchester, in June 2021, brought together the then existing twenty deaneries and established seven new larger deaneries under the leadership of seven fulltime Area Deans and newly elected Lay Chairs. This parish is now part of Manchester South and Stretford Deanery. Our Area Dean is Rev Nick Watson, the Lay Chair is Canon Addy Lazz-Onyenobi.

A further development has been the move to small local Mission Communities. St Mary parish now forms part of a Mission Community together with St Michael, St Clement, St John, Christ Church, All Saints and St Matthews.

In February 2021 there was an 'informal' meeting of the Standing Committee of the new larger deanery followed by an 'informal' synod meeting. Both meetings were held via Zoom and allow synod members to get to know each other a little with presentations from the three deaneries forming to new deanery.

Two meetings of the new synod Standing Committee were held prior to two full synod meetings, all via Zoom. Items for discussion at synod included the election of deanery officers, the establishment of one bank account for the deanery, Parish Share, attendance and income surveys, formation of Mission Communities and lay training opportunities.

We look forward to working alongside colleagues both in the deanery and the local Mission Community.

Yvonne Mackereth
Deanery Treasurer

Report of Safeguarding Officer

Each Parochial Church Council, together with the parish priest, shares the responsibility for the duty of care of the children and young people and adults at risk in their church setting. Each PCC must be fully aware of, and work in line with, the Diocesan Policy on Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk.

The Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator is appointed by the PCC annually and is responsible for ensuring that

- the Parish Policy is reviewed, updated and adopted by the PCC on an annual basis
- the Parish Policy is widely available to organisations using the facilities of the church.
- that all volunteers go through the appropriate recruitment process in conjunction with the PCC and parish priest, including DBS process.
- that volunteers have met the requirement to undertake basic child safeguarding training, and to maintain a record of those who have completed this training.
- To monitor the implementation of Parish Policy and report to the PCC any difficulties in doing so.

In line with Diocesan guidance, a DBS check has been done for all members of this PCC as the PCC have overall responsibility for safeguarding within the parish. DBS clearance should be renewed every 5 years. All volunteers are required to complete online training and attend a training update. This has been delivered locally within the deanery. In addition all clergy are required to have a DBS check completed by the Diocese and attend regular safeguarding training.

As part of good practice, safeguarding of both children and adults who may be at risk, is a standing item on the PCC agenda. In this way the PCC are kept up to date with any issues or policy and document changes such as recruitment procedures and training.

The Diocese of Manchester, in line with best practice, has a Safeguarding Board. Details of this can be found on the Diocesan website. The Safeguarding board develop policies and procedures for safeguarding children and adults and promote a safe church.

However, safeguarding is not just the business of the PCC or the Diocese, it is the role of all of us to help to safeguard everyone who attends or is connected with this church.

I am always happy to answer questions related to policy and practice and any safeguarding issues should be brought to the direct attention of myself.

Once again, I would like to thank all those helpers who willingly complete the required DBS formalities and any required training. This is a further indication of the seriousness that is placed on Safeguarding within this church and the wider church.

There have been no child protection issues at St Mary during the past year.

A list of relevant contact names and address for Safeguarding may be found on notice boards in church and in the church hall.

Safeguarding posters in the Church have recently been updated as have contact details for external agencies who can offer support.

Lis Spencer
Safeguarding Officer

Warden's notes

Throughout the year the wardens and team have continued to work together with the PCC and a range of congregation volunteers to care for the building and fabrics of the church and grounds.

A detailed inventory was checked and edited during the year including photographs. Pat testing, lightning conductor tests, fire extinguishers were all checked. In the autumn, a new programmable thermostat and a boiler timer was installed making the heating much easier to control. Carpark lighting was improved.

There were repairs and maintenance work to the roof and gutters. Repairs as needed were done for wear and tear around the church hall.

In February Broadband was installed and by April we had a cashless giving machine.

During the year we were grateful for the help of volunteers in extra cleaning involved in covid safety. This included deep cleaning the hall and hall floor.

By September we were able to gradually return some fabric furnishing to church as covid restrictions began to ease. By Christmas kneelers and Bibles had been returned to church.

We are always grateful for the extra help that our congregation members bring. This has ranged from repairs to notice boards, some new notice boards donated by the main gate and a folding one for 'Church Open'. We were donated portable ramps for wheelchair access at the front porch. The outdoor meter cupboard and display shed were kindly re-roofed, white line steps refreshed, a smart new boiler area gate built and installed.

Our resident pianist, Andy, accompanied by Elaine on the violin, has added a musical spiritual side to our worship when singing in church was not permitted. Our thanks to them in their wonderful playing once they were fully back in church services.

We have had a loyal team of side-people who have welcomed, sensitively guided people through covid guidance and sanitized and cleaned after each service. It was special to be able to welcome back those aged over 70 to our teams and we were all aware of the impact that restrictions have had on people's lives. By the summer people had returned to the church volunteering roles that they love.

We are fortunate to have large grounds surrounding our church but these take some looking after. Our thanks to the 3 or 4 volunteers who help with gardening. Also, to Simon Orr who organizes the gritting and lawn mower teams. All these rotas enable the grounds to be kept neat and safe for visitors. Each week sees visitors walking through the grounds for quiet reflection and visits to the Garden of Remembrance.

As the year drew to a close, we were able to consider covid safe gatherings for more social events and thanks go to David, our Health and Safety Officer, for guiding us through this and to Angela, Elsie and others for their work in enabling them to happen. The major event was Canon Chris's retirement party (just before the Christmas restrictions ...what timing) A wonderful evening was enjoyed with Andy and Elaine's music. A good time had by all.

Elsie and Frank organised a wonderful Christmas tree festival. Thank you to the people who helped to steward this. Numbers attending were a little lower than we hoped but those that attended really appreciated it. We had visitors who travelled to the Garden of Remembrance and incorporated the festival into their visit.

2021 has been a year of changes as we thanked Angela for her years of Warden duty and welcomed Yvonne as warden to join Fiona. We said good bye and wished Rev Debra all the best as she joined St Johns Flixton as Curate in Charge. As she said, she is only 'next door'!

At the beginning of December, we wished Canon Chris and Verity all the very best for his retirement and celebrated his ministry to us all. Finally at the end of

December we wished Rev Jenni and family all the very best as she became vicar at St Michaels church, Tonge-cum- Alkrington.

Finally, thanks to all of you, our parishioners and friends, worshipping together be at home or in church under the loving arms of our Lord. As we move forward in new times in 2022 may we all continue to pray and work together to reach out as a mission community to the wider world.

Fiona Jones
Yvonne Mackereth
Churchwardens