

PCC Report on 2022

Background

St. Anne's PCC has the responsibility with the Incumbent in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has responsibilities for the church hall, St Anne's CoE (Aided) School and the buildings and land at St Francis.

Membership Members of the PCC are ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representative Rules. During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Rev Canon Alison Cox (Vicar)

Rev Olwyn Marlow (PTO = Permission to Officiate)

Reader: Paul Edwards

Church Wardens: Pauline Stacey, Andrew Egarr

Treasurer: vacant

Elected Members of the PCC: Michael Beaven, Matthew Smith, Ann Hunt, Lynda Bywater, Helen Thorley, Hilary Lawlor, Rachel Boyle, Susan Heath, Jenny Egarr, Kerrie Hickman.

Deanery Synod: Hilary Lawlor

PCC secretary: Julia Greene (co-opted)

Standing Committee

This is the only Committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings subject to any directions given by the PCC.

Other Committees: Finance; Future Foundations; Overseas.

These meet regularly and report each year to the PCC.

Review of the Year

The full PCC has met in 9 ordinary sessions between January and December with one emergency PCC in April to confirm the Financial Report

All PCC members serve for one year at a time therefore everybody is up for election each year. There are vacant places.

The policy of having both in-person meetings and zoom meeting was established during lockdown and continues now as it suits members. During the summer months (during British Summer Time), the PCC meets in church. During the winter months, we meet via zoom.

The PCC has complied with the duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (to have regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Further details of the Parish Year including Church Life, St Anne's School, Financial details and Building works can be found in this Annual Report.

Electoral Roll Report

The current total of the roll for St Annes is 156.

Giving at St Anne's

The following charities are supported directly by St Anne's PCC:

- Trafford South Food bank
- Bible Society
- Trafford Youth for Christ
- USPG (United Society Partners in the Gospel)
- Sale Christians against Poverty (CAP)

The following charities are indirectly supported by St Anne's through fund raising events held at our church:

- Christian Aid
- The Children's Society

We also support the work of the Mothers' Union and through them, our members assist Literacy in Africa and holidays in the UK for those who would otherwise not be able to afford a break.

We support our church school in many ways (Foundation governors, worship, prayer and sharing resources) but we also give financial support through the annual purchase of bibles for Yr 6 children.

Julia Greene

PCC Secretary

Vicar's Report on 2022

Through out 2022, we came to terms with returning to the new normal post-lockdown. We were finally allowed to worship without social distancing or face coverings; by the summer, we were allowed to receive communion in both kinds.

But live streaming (filming the services in church and beaming them in real time to our YouTube account) has not gone away. Many older or housebound members of our church now prefer to watch the service online. We acknowledge them in every service. Families coming to us for Christenings, weddings and funerals also appreciate having live streaming for those who cannot travel to St Anne's for a variety of reasons. So it is not uncommon for our services to now be international - people are participating from around the country and further afield. It is the new normal.

January and February 2022

In January, we held another congregation consultation with the church architect for the Future Foundations Project (Saturday 29 Jan). Our architect Mark Pearce asked for a Design Team to be formed and several people volunteered for this group.

Education Sunday (6 Feb) fell on the Accession of the Queen to the throne so this was the theme to Yr 5 children spoke to us about. Joanne Clark, schools worker for Trafford Youth for Christ, came to preach at St Anne's - one of the first guest preachers since lockdown.

Spring 2022 (March, April & May)

We conducted the first Ashing Service for the children from our church school; it was very successful so we will repeat this special service in subsequent years.

In April, Bishop Sam (the Bishop of Stockport) came to St Anne's to conduct a school confirmation service for nine children. It was a wonderful and moving event.

Lent bible study resumed again post-lockdown.

General Synod required that the wider church was consulted about the House of Bishops examination of human identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. Deanery meetings were held across Chester Diocese and people from St Anne's attended local groups for the Living in Love and Faith project.

The Chester Diocese Clergy conference took place again at Swanwick, Derbyshire - the first since lockdown. Also, a Lay Conference was held at the same site.

We also attended the first post-lockdown Archdeacon's Visitation; this was held in Wilmslow.

A tree surgeon came to assess our big lime trees around the church but to our surprise, the trees he was concerned about were on the church field. We had to fell several diseased trees there.

Summer 2022 (June, July and August)

We celebrated the Queens's Platinum Jubilee over the extra Bank Holiday weekend at the beginning of June with a parish lunch. The school did us proud by painting hundreds of portraits of the Queen (produced by the children); these were hung through out the church for the summer. We also planted a tree in the church field (an Acer) as part of the Queen's Canopy and a rose in the south border outside the church.

Not quite so successful was our attendance at the Fathers' Day celebration in nearby Worthington Park on Sunday 19 June. Our small display was completely drowned out by the powerful PA systems of numerous professional entertainment stalls and fairground rides.

We held our first Lego brick exhibition at St Anne's on Saturday 9 July which was a great success (this is an event we will host again). My thanks to Tom Newby for introducing this event into the life of St Anne's.

A preacher from the Bible Society came to St Anne's in July.

At the end of the July, I got Covid for the first time which floored me for about 10 days and therefore had to cancel the planned Afternoon Tea events at the vicarage.

Over the summer, we worked hard to make decisions together for the Future Foundations Project. The congregation are consulted about key design elements including the flooring and the chairs for the church interior. We were still hopeful of completing all our design decisions in preparation for applying for a faculty by October following the architect's project timetable. (Actually, the application took another seven months to prepare).

In common with all Anglican churches, we received permission to take communion in both kinds. We thought most people would be wary of drinking from the chalice but actually, within a few weeks, most people were receiving communion in both kinds.

Autumn 2022 (September, October and November)

We closed St Francis hall to all hall users at the end of the summer in preparation for the sale of the site. The Bread & Butter Thing food project moved to St Anne's hall and the food bank transferred to the Methodist Church in Sale Moor. The Knit & Natter group also moved across to St Anne's Hall. The massive rise in energy prices plus the deteriorating condition of the hall roof met that we could no longer guarantee people's safety at St Francis nor could we afford to heat the building.

Tracy Ward came to preach one Sunday in September following her sudden retirement from parish ministry; it was good to see her and husband Martyn. (Tracy had served her curacy here at St Anne's for two years). Also in September, we appointed a Grant Administrator on a two year contract. Tracy Perez Albeu will assist Revd Alison in applying for grants for the Future Foundations Project. And Bipasha Choudhury, who is on our serving team, started the diocesan Foundations for Ministry training with a view to becoming a Reader.

It was a profound shock to the entire nation when the Queen died aged 96 on Thursday 8 September. On Friday the following day, we held two services in church (one for the community and one for the school) to mourn her and give thanks for her years of service to our country. A condolence book was made available and the church left open to allow anybody who wanted to leave their message of appreciation and gratitude.

We started reading the book together 'Bouncing Forward': most joined in via zoom but I got ill with a sore throat that moved to an ear infection at the end of October. I am grateful for Ngozi taking over the zoom meeting.

My ear infection continued for three months which was both bewildering and exhausting for me and tough for the wardens and Olwyn not knowing when I would return to full health. I returned to Sunday duties on Advent Sunday despite still not hearing properly (my ear didn't stop its discharge until the end of January 2023). Thank you for your patience during this time.

Winter 2022 (December)

We held our first concert and Christmas Fair in church in December as a fund raiser for the Future Foundations Project. It was a surprising success; it was easier to listen to singing and also support the stalls and refreshments in the church rather than the hall.

We also held a **Christmas lunch in the hall** following worship which was well attended (my thanks to Olwyn and helpers who put this together). The usual Christmas acts of worship took place - the Carol Service, the nativity play and, of course, our popular Christingle services. My thanks to Carol, Jackie and the team for continuing this important ministry.

Deaths this year

Sadly, in 2022 we said goodbye to the following people who died this year:

Mary Brewer (died in Feb 2022 aged 103); Alice Ringer, aged 97 who died in July 2022. Alice used to attend Evensong at St Anne's.

Thank you's

I am indebted to many people for their support during 2022; running a church is a team effort and I am very grateful to have a committed team of people here at St Anne's. Thank you to:

- our church wardens, Andrew Egarr and Pauline Stacey, for always being available and giving so generously of your time and energy;
- to my colleague Olwyn for your dedication and thoughtfulness - thank you for always listening and giving of your best to further God's kingdom here at St Anne's;
- for Andrew stepping up to look after the church finances - thank you;
- for Lynda Ronan who looks after the weekday hall bookings;
- For laptop operators and those using the live streaming camera that enables many housebound members of our church to follow and join in our worship on Sundays and Wednesdays. It is very much appreciated by many people - thank you.
- Sarah Kostiuik Smith who steered the Design Team meetings and ensured that the design detail for the Future Foundations Project was completed; I'm very grateful for her skill, time and energy devoted to this task.
- For those who support our worship - Sue Heath (sacristan), Pauline Sellars (church flowers); Sidespeople and assistant wardens.
- Ann Helm and Kerrie Hickman who regularly deliver our weekly notice sheet every Saturday to those unable to attend church; thank you for carrying out this ministry to older, housebound members of our community.

Blessings,

The Revd Canon Alison Cox
Vicar of St Anne's, Sale

Wardens' Report for Annual Meeting

The churchwardens have had a busy year attending all services, participating in regular weekly meetings, and overseeing the church buildings including St Francis and the former scout hut.

Due to the church treasurer vacancy, Andrew has provided invaluable on-going support with the church finances and budget. In addition, throughout the year, both wardens have attended Future Foundation meetings and relevant meetings concerning the Land Sale.

Advent season went smoothly despite Alison's troublesome infection and illness, thanks to her perseverance in the preparing and delivering of services. The wardens much appreciated this.

Advent services were well attended, particularly the two Christingle services. In addition, the Bootleg Choir held a Christmas concert and the addition of gift stalls contributed to a lovely atmosphere in church.

General tasks on a regular weekly or monthly basis:

- The wardens have met weekly with Alison in church.
- Attended all services, either one warden or two.
- Visited all buildings twice weekly, including the former scout hut.
- Replenished items such as bin bags, toilet rolls and handwash in buildings that need them.
- Put out and returned bins on weekly collection day.
- Fire alarms checked weekly at church hall and St Francis.
- Helped set up at Mums and Tots Group on weekly basis.
- Read meters in all buildings and submitted to energy companies on monthly basis. Bills and contracts monitored.
- Cleaned church and refreshment area weekly.
- Refreshment area (church) replenished as needed.

St Anne's Church

- Support at school assembly in church as needed.
- Organised the lightening conductor on spire assessment. Report received and passed.
- Organised visit by tree surgeon.
- Organised PAT servicing of electrical items in the church.
- Attended the Visitation service in Wilmslow.
- Arranged for church boiler annual service.
- Organised the "Clean the Church Event" before Remembrance Sunday and cooked bacon butties for helpers.

- Organised draught excluders on the church doors to be fitted.
- Organised visit of organ tuner.
- Organised the church and church hall piano to be tuned by piano tuner.
- Organised gutter cleaning.
- Organised Christmas tree delivery, decoration, tidying and removal.
- Organised and distributed church Service rotas for laptop, camera, welcome, duty warden.
- Organised stone circle area and stones outside church doors to be power cleaned.
- Supported with the organisation of Christmas Choir/ Fair Event.
- Organised the draught excluders on the church doors to be refitted.
- Set up and tidied away the Christmas nativity scene.
- Support at community concert.
- Support at Bootleg Choir event.
- Organised the checking of Fire Extinguishers by external service.
- Rock salt put on church paths leading to entrance before services when needed.
- Organ buckets refilled when needed.
- Dishwasher fixed.
- Support with organisation and running of the Sound of Music Event.
- Ordered supplies for toilets in church and church hall.
- Quinquennial visit.
- Large architectural plans put up on display in church.
- Organised the removal and transport of folding tables and other furniture from St Francis to St Annes.
- Arranged for the dishwasher from St Francis to be transferred and installed in St Anne's Church.

St Anne's Church Hall

- Tidied up and washed the walls in the back room with Alison.
- Set up the café in the right-hand room at the back of the hall and supported with its running.
- Ordered new audio-visual system.
- Organised annual service of the cooker.
- Obtained quotes for 5 yearly electrical installation survey.
- Metal curtain hooks on church hall curtains fitted and beeswax put on lower rails to help easier movement of the curtains.

- Arranged for the two church hall boilers to be repaired as they were not functioning properly.
- Electrical installation survey completed by local electricians and passed as “satisfactory” on subsequent report.
- Organised Audioworks to update audio system in the church hall.
- Organised cleaning of gutters.
- Tidied up of leaves outside.
- Replanted planter with winter pansies and heather.
- Timers regulated.
- Fire extinguishers checked by external service.
- Organised delivery of hand sanitisers.
- Support with the Beer Festival.
- Sorted out some of the hall cupboards.

Former Scout Hut

- Obtained quotes for hedge to be trimmed.
- Two portable electric heaters removed, transferred to St Anne’s, and stored in church hall boiler room.
- Liaison with water company regarding water meter.

St Francis Church Centre

- Kettle and an urn removed to St Annes Church Hall.
- Burst water tank dealt with.

This year, Andrew has attended a day of churchwarden training run by the Diocese.

Pauline and Andrew

Church wardens for St Anne’s, Sale

Future Foundations Project

The Future Foundations Project is the name for our building re-ordering project to include both our Victorian church and hall. During 2022, we created a Design Team (Sarah Kostiuik Smith, Barbara Abell, David Thomas, Olwyn Marlow, Lynda Bywater, Jenny Egarr, the church wardens and vicar) on the advice of our church architect. Nicola Harrison stood down as Project Manager in July 2022; we are grateful for her work over the previous 12 months.

The deadline for submitting our Faculty Application was October 2022 according to the architect's timescale so we had much to do this year to have the entire design for the church interior agreed by the congregation, the Design Team, and the architect and his team. It turned out that this timescale was too ambitious for us and submitting the re-ordering project to Chester DAC will take place in 2023.

But by the end of the year, most of the big decisions about the church interior had been agreed. For instance, the new chairs (pictured above) were agreed by the congregation over the summer. Also the type of flooring was agreed by the congregation. The colour scheme has been based on the Victorian tiles on the floor of the sanctuary (picture below) around the high altar.

The land sale has sadly made little progress as Trafford Planning department have been incredibly slow in responding to our request for advice. The outline planning scheme we presented to Trafford Planning department was rejected. A new scheme will be presented to the department in 2023.

Overseas Group Report for 2022

Our aim is to assist St Anne's to make links between our parish and the worldwide Church. Essentially we do this by engaging with three mission agencies: Trafford Youth for Christ, USPG and Bible Society. We support them financially, prayerfully and practically.

TYFC (Trafford Youth for Christ)

Joanne McVicker, the Schools Worker joined us at a 10am service in January 2022. Joanne shared with us the future plans with local schools and how we as a church might be able to support them.

USPG (United Society Partners in the Gospel)

Education for Change in Sri Lanka is our link Mission Partner, through USPG. We gave a presentation to MU in March about the work of the Church of Ceylon and how the local church is supporting families on the tea plantations by providing pre and after school classes for young children. USPG have created a dedicated webpage to share monthly prayer requests, stories and updates specifically for partner churches like us. Link [here](#).

Lent Lunches

We held two lunches this year, the first time since the start of COVID. It was good to have the Brownies take one Sunday. Donations were given to Christian Aid and Water Aid.

Bible Society

At a Sunday service in July the Rev Osoba Otaigbe presented the work of the Bible Society to us and afterwards joined us for lunch to show us BS resources, ideas and answer questions. It has made the link between us stronger.

Harvest

As usual our harvest gifts were distributed to Foodbank and Boaz Trust. Both were very thankful,

Janice Mason for and on behalf of the Overseas Group.

Sale Debt Advice Centre with Christians Against Poverty (CAP)

Report of Activities during 2022

St Anne's is one of six churches in a partnership running this local debt advice scheme in conjunction with CAP. Kingsway Church in Ashton is the lead body.

Debbie Walters continues to support clients practically and emotionally through a process to lift the burden of debt. 4 people have gone debt free now since the start of the project. It can take up to 3 years for people to be debt free.

In March the project appointed Emma Barclay Watt as Job Club Manager (8 hours a week) to set up and run the Job Club. Stepchange cites unemployment or redundancy and reduced income or benefits as the first and second reasons for debt. Over 8 weeks, members of Job Club are given the tools, skills and confidence to resume employment. Emma and 4 trained volunteers offer practical and emotional support. In the 1st Job Club: 7 clients completed, 3 found work, 2 started volunteering. In the 2nd Job Club; 6 clients signed up, 3 completed the course, 2 started volunteering. Clearly this is helping people with confidence, skill and ultimately increased income.

In 2022 Sale Debt Centre has also

- Run two CAP Money Courses
- Trained 4 volunteers coaches for Job Club
- Trained 8 volunteers as Befrienders
- Provided Christmas hampers to 30 clients
- Held a joint Trafford CAP Hub Christmas dinner for 40 clients
- Provided emergency assistance eg energy vouchers and food parcels
- Attended Coppice Library and Stretford Jobcentre on a monthly drop in
- Networked widely across Trafford with key agencies

Thank you St Anne's for your financial, prayerful and practical support. We hope people from our church will volunteer to serve the project and help people in Sale.

Janice Mason, 2023

Mother Union Report 2022

2022 saw us hold a full 12 months of meeting compare to 2021 when we only met up again on the July.

We had our usual party in January where the Buffet was provided by Events by Charlie {Charley's Cafe} and it was well received. We spent the evening chatting, eating, exchanging Prayer Partner gifts and then had a Quiz followed by a couple of games. In February we held our Annual General Meeting where reports were read out, Accounts approved and the Committee elected for the next twelve months. Actually this did not change as we had hardly met up in 2021. In March we had Janice Mason come to talk to us about Fairtrade. We had a fun evening where Janice had us measuring or guessing the lengths of pasta for food distribution. In March members of the MU also made the Daffodil posies to be distributed to all on Mothering Sunday. Attached to each posy was a small reading from the Bible, designed by Margaret Ward.

With our April meeting falling during Easter various members attended the Choir Concert in church before meeting in the hall for a short period of Meditation lead by Alison. We had talked about going to Bala in May to visit Mary Jones Chapel but due to the cost of the Coach and the Museum being closed this idea was cancelled. Instead we had a 'Coach Drive' instead of a 'Beetle Drive' where you had to complete a Coach and not a Beetle. Great fun was had by all. In June Alison demonstrated the art of Quilting and we had quite a few non members come to watch her. It was really interesting to see how Quilting is done and how precise you have to be. The end results of Alison's quilts are beautiful.

In July we had our usual Meal out at the Boat House in Sale and I know that we all really enjoyed it, plus the entertainment from a group of teenagers cross the other side of the Water park!!!

We started back in September with a Eucharist in church followed by a chat and tea and coffee with biscuits and actually stayed in church for this and didn't move over to the hall. I think everyone enjoyed themselves. In October Michael Riley came to talk to us and show us slides of old Sale . This was another meeting where we had a number of members of the congregation come to listen and watch. The whole evening was fascination, seeing how much Sale has changed over the years. November saw us welcome Emmallee from the Embassy Village talk about looking after and helping the homeless. It was really interesting to learn of the work that this organisation does to get homeless men back on their feet.

The year was completed by our Symposium in December. This is always a calm evening in the rush of Christmas. This year it was organised by Elizabeth, to whom we are very grateful. We were also delighted to enrol two new members, Elaine Thompson and Lynda Bywater.

Carol and I agree that it was nice to have a normal year and hopefully our programme for next year will be as interesting. We also wish those members who are still not able to return due to circumstances beyond their control a speed recovery and a return to good health.

Jackie and Carol.

Traidcraft Report of Activities during 2022

Though seemingly “things are back to normal” after the Covid-19 pandemic we have not reinstated a stall in church and there have not been visits from Sale Grammar but we did set up stall in the hall on the first and third Sundays of the month and ordered from catalogues for people interested. We’re grateful to those who ordered for Christmas and to our all-year-round regulars. We also sold at events: after a talk to the Cameo Group at Trinity Methodist, at Trinity Methodist’s Spring Fair and at the Church Christmas Fair. Overall, sales of £2,518 were down slightly on 2021, and one factor behind this was difficulty getting the goods we wanted from Traidcraft: popular lines were sometimes out of stock for significant periods. (Since then we have of course learned of Traidcraft’s decline into administration.)

Our financial picture is still fairly positive. We made a trading profit in cash terms. We made a surplus but from this we donated £200 to Transform Trade (formerly Traidcraft Exchange) so that we show an overall loss of £5.96.

Stock control continues to be a challenge; we’ve again had some items go past their sell by date.

We ended the year with financial assets of £641.19 and goods in stock worth around £400.

Sadly 2022 saw Pauline Weeks’s decline in health mean she could no longer help us as part of the Traidcraft team and we welcome Gillian Crossley and Hilary Lawler to the team.

Howard & Janice Mason, for the Traidcraft Team

The Spire - Annual Report for 2022

We have continued to produce a monthly magazine that is, primarily, on-line only, the eSpire, available through the website but a few copies are printed from this for those who cannot access the internet.

It continues to be difficult to source material for the magazine from within the parish. We are really grateful to Bridget Beggs, to Carol Thomas and Jackie Sheldon, and to Polly Knight and the School for their regular contributions but we do need more, regular or one-off, from others of you within our fellowship. We try to balance the content with the material we gather from elsewhere. We do appreciate feedback – the little we get is very positive – and of course if you aren't impressed by the content the solution lies with you, you are very welcome to write about the things you think are missing.

We think the magazine still has a place and we are happy to continue to compile it but we are open to challenge and a change of direction if the parish thinks that would be desirable.

Howard & Janice Mason - April 2023



Website report

The website is up and running. The home page is up to date and all the links work (unless, of course, you know otherwise). We keep the static pages under review, but we're grateful to those who point out errors and out of date content. Alison, Andrew Egarr, Rachel Boyle and Sarah Kostiuk have access to make changes. Maintaining the site involves frequent small-scale amendment and only occasionally requires something more technically challenging but last summer we did have an issue with the domain name; this had been lurking beneath the surface from when the website was first created and it suddenly surfaced and rendered the website inaccessible for a while. This happened while we were on holiday in Australia and this delayed the resolution of the problem.

The website appears differently if viewed on a mobile phone and I try to keep this in reasonable shape though there are one or two features that simply do not work on a phone.

We receive some analysis of usage: it's not huge but numbers of people find us on-line and the site generates a number of queries about hall bookings as well as questions for the clergy. It has also been useful for booking for events. It also provides access to the magazine and the weekly newsletter and offers links to other relevant organisations

Feedback on accuracy, ease of use, appearance, content, malfunctions, is always welcome.

Howard Mason – April 2023

Deanery Synod Annual Report 2022

This report outlines key issues arising from the Deanery Synod meetings held during 2022.

January 2022

This meeting was attended by Bishop Mark whose inspirational address provided an insight into his vision for the Diocese. Bishop Mark encouraged parishioners to recognise the importance of reaching out to their communities and reminded us of the responsibility we have as Christians to be everyday disciples in an era where church attendance has declined and Christianity has lost its relevance to many. He stressed the need to consider how churches can adapt and find new ways of spreading the gospel.

At this meeting Julie Withers the lay chair reminded both clergy and lay persons about the importance of undertaking safeguarding training, details can be found on the Diocese website.

May 2022

The main focus of this meeting was an address by Revd. Beverley Jameson, Diocesan Ecumenical Officer. Beverley gave an interesting overview of her role, including highlights and challenges involved in joining together with other denominations to promote Christian presence within the Diocese. She was pleased to report that there has been encouraging progress in many localities with regular dialogue and joint ventures. However, she acknowledged that there could be difficulties often due to doctrinal differences and misunderstandings, and that there were areas where Christian groups have little or no contact with each other spiritually despite being situated in neighbouring locations. Part of Beverley's role is to increase awareness amongst individual churches and deaneries and promote the importance of talking and praying together as Christians, whatever the denomination in order to spread and uphold the Gospel.

October 2022

Revd. Timothy Hupfield, Diocesan Healing Advisor gave an enthusiastic and extremely interesting presentation on healing ministry and his role within the Diocese. Revd Timothy explained we are emerging from a difficult time for the ministry of healing, as covid had meant that we were unable to anoint and use laying on of hands as we had in the past. He said this could be seen as an opportunity to evaluate what we do, and why.

Revd Tim explained the definition of healing and emphasised that all types of healing ministry need to be supported by pastoral care and prayers. We need to have self-awareness of our own needs and to be aware that healing isn't counselling and that we should be mindful to sign post people to other professional services where appropriate.

This was a powerful presentation and if you would like copies of Revd. Tim PowerPoint presentation or minutes of any of the Deanery synod meetings please ask Hilary.

St Anne's has vacancies for reps on the Deanery synod if you are interested in becoming a rep please speak to Alison.

Hilary Lawlor April 2023

St Anne's Parish Church, Sale- Safeguarding Report 2022

This year has seen the publishing of reports following investigations by "the House of Bishops" into historical cases of abuse within the Church of England. It doesn't make good reading. As a negative "positive" we are not alone. Numerous other reports have been published by other denominations, government bodies, sporting bodies, the entertainment industry and even the "Blue Light Organisations....." in whom we rely on.

This only goes to show that Safeguarding needs to be taken as seriously as a pandemic- because ABUSE is an endemic social disease.

At St Anne's, unless it has been reported elsewhere, has not had any safeguarding issues. The PCC have received letters from the Bishop of Birkenhead who is responsible for ensuring that Safeguarding Good Practice is adhered to in the Chester Diocese. Processes and actions have been identified. To this aim Rev. Alison, the PCC and myself have set up an action plan in order to achieve the Bishop's objectives.

PCC members and anyone in the Parish who is involved in activities with children and vulnerable adults are required to have an EDBS and undertake training geared to church settings and this is required to be renewed every three years. Safeguard Training is provided by Chester Diocese on-line.

As the Safeguarding Officer I will guide those who approach me with the process for training and application for EDBS. As most roles are voluntary there is no cost to you- this is picked up by the Diocese. If you are in employment and hold an EDBS and signed up for the Update Service, the reference numbers can be shared with me to carry out the check.

Important - EDBS certificates are your property.

Just as a reminder – Posters in the Church and Hall give contact details for those who need help. If you know anyone who is in danger PLEASE phone- don't hesitate as you could save a life. Processes are in place to ensure the reporter's safety.

Thank you for being a caring Parish.

Elizabeth Mills

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Governors' Report 2022

Inspire
Inspiring everyone to achieve



Care
Caring about God's family



Respect
Respecting and valuing each other



Challenge
Challenging ourselves to grow



This report details all matters concerning the life of the school and is correct in writing on 01/05/2023.

	Pupil Totals
Total Number on roll	235
Nursery	26
Reception	23
Year 1	30
Year 2	32
Year 3	27
Year 4	32
Year 5	31
Year 6	34

KEY PASTORAL	Pupil Totals
EAL – English as an additional Language	74
SEND – Special Educational Needs - School Support	42
SEND – EHC Plan	4
FSM – Free School Meals	49
Pupil Premium	52
Medical Conditions	22
LAC – Looked After Children	0
Previous LAC	3

SIAMS Update

In November, the National SIAMS team from the Church of England have announced a new framework that will come into effect from September 2023. SIAMS is the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools, as part of section 48 of the Education Act 2005. The national team have described the new framework as 'radically different, radically the same.' It will continue to have a focus on the impact of the Church school's theologically rooted Christian vision in enabling pupils and adults to flourish. The approach, however will be different, with a much greater emphasis around the evidence of 'impact' rather than schools evidencing against lists of criteria. The context of the school will also play a much greater role than at present. One significant change is that inspections will no longer be graded and instead an overall judgement will be awarded. Trusts will also be held more accountable for their responsibilities for Church schools. Our diocesan team will be providing further details and information over the coming months through a range of briefings, courses, cluster meetings and forums (further details can be found on p.3) to support schools in preparation for these changes. We are not expecting a SIAMS inspection this year or next.

Financial Audit – Spring 2022

Over the Spring and Summer term we completed a Trafford Finance Audit. We have now received the draft feedback and action plan. We received the highest rating- **Substantial Assurance** – demonstrating a sound system of governance, risk management and control exists, with internal controls operating effectively and being consistently applied to support the achievement of objectives in the area audited. There are 4 actions that we have already started to implement. Thank you to Beth McDowell as the audit demanded a lot of additional time and workload (and a few sleepless nights). It shows the sound systems that are in place at school which is down to the hard work of all the Admin team (past and present). The auditor was particularly impressed with our new income recording system and he has recommended that we share this good practice with others.

Admission Policy

Towards the end of 2022, we held a consultation regarding our school's Admissions Policy and our admissions criteria.

Our consultation and review of the Admissions Policy has now been finalized. The new Admissions Policy is on the school website after our Teaching, Learning and Community Committee approved the policy.

RE Lessons – Understanding Christianity

Staff had training in September 2022 to further develop their Understanding of Christianity(The Big Story) with Chester Diocese. The whole school took part in the 'Big Story' launch day. This was an important day for our school community as we dived deeper into the bible.

In school we now use 'Understanding Christianity' materials and activities that explore Christian responses to the bible, as well as the pupils' own responses, whether they are Christian, atheist, agnostic, or from a faith tradition other than Christianity. The day started with the children learning about the entire bible through props, retelling and videos!

Classes then explored in detail one of the eight concepts and designed artwork to reflect their concepts.

This artwork was then judged and winners selected worked with The Fairy Godmother to create a whole school, large-scale version of the 'Big Story'. Our Ethos Committee also helped to decorate a large cross to be displayed in our worship space. I think you will agree, the display and learning resource (each panel can be removed for lessons or worship) looks stunning.!

Worship

We continue to enjoy our weekly worship in church. Every Tuesday Reverend Alison leads worship for us in church. She has also led special services for the school which included a memorial for our late Queen and Ash Wednesday worship. We also continue to embrace iSing Pop worship in school and children love singing these songs. Weekly Picture News allows us to reflect on international/national events and think about how this links to our Bible.

Christian Leadership

In Summer 2022, I completed the Christian Leadership course by successfully completing the coursework and presentation for the diocese. The assessors stated:

Your vision is becoming a reality. It works because of the process that you have adopted, being all inclusive and informed by research. You have vibrantly demonstrated a passion to hold onto what you know is right for the children and you have shown the ability to lead by example, influencing and encouraging people to move along the path of development and change with you. You have learnt to reflect and contemplate the right direction to take. You have learnt to STOP and to take time for yourself. You have the ability to make your thinking 'join up,' bringing together the best of everything to make well considered developments. Your plans for the curriculum are ambitious and exciting; you have a determination to ensure that each child will be allowed to express themselves in their own way, recognising their uniqueness.

Your school is a place where children can learn to know God and where your drive and passion as a Christian leader are recognised.

Suggested next steps were to consider completing the Church School Partnership.

Key School Events in 2022 – here are just some of the events held last year:

- Harvest Celebrations
- Easter Production
- Easter Bonnet and Easter Egg Decoration competition
- Reception Nativity
- Holi Celebrations
- Children in Need / Sports Relief Day
- Anti-Bullying Week
- Ukraine Day
- Confirmation
- Guitar and Ukele Performance
- Violin and Cello performance
- FOSA School Discos; Reindeer visit; Wreath Making; Christmas Wreath making; Father's/Mother's Day
- Jubilee Celebrations
- Celebration of Queen Elizabeth's Life
- A range of school trips – Fletcher Moss; Tatton Park; Jodrell Bank; Blackpool Zoo; Y6 Beach Trip; Robinwood
- Local library visits
- Numerous football competitions – boys and girls
- Trafford – Commonwealth Games Baton Relay
- Sports Week including Sports Day
- Choir singing @ Festival 2022 – Wythenshawe Park
- Y6 Leavers Service @ Chester Cathedral
- Y6 Production
- Women's Euros Opening Match and Opening Ceremony @ Old Trafford
- Experience Days including Wet 'n' Wild
- EYFS Mouse Club
- KS1 and KS2 Young Leaders Award
- Y6 Enterprise Project and Market

Our children continue to enjoy our Friday Forest School sessions. They thrive in the Forest School environment and appreciate the access to a green space. Thank you to Reverend Alison and the PCC for your continued support with this work.

Building Work

Re-wire – during Summer 2022 we started stage one of our re-wire work and replacement of lighting within school. This first stage has now been successfully completed. We have one further stage of this work to complete.

Nursery playground project – our Nursery playground has now had a complete refurbishment with an undercover learning area; bicycle/tricycle track; mud kitchen and sand pit. The children love this new learning space.

Smaller Projects – we have had a range of smaller jobs to completed in school to ensure the upkeep of the school building e.g. re-flooring Junior cloakroom.

School Development Plan

Quality of Education

- **INTENT** - Bespoke St. Anne's Curriculum
- **IMPLEMENTATION** - Review key educational policies and implementation of our new curriculum
- **IMPACT** - Develop Assessment across the curriculum
- Embed READING and PHONICS across the school
- **Mathematics**
- **Writing**
- **EAL Provision**

Personal Development

- SAFEGUARDING
- Interventions
- Prayer

Behaviour & Attitudes

- Ensure consistency **Relationship and Behaviour Policy - Zones of Regulation**
- SEMH/SEND needs (ASD/ADD/ADHD)
- Improve Attendance across the school

Leadership & Management

- **Community Cohesion** – strengthen relationship between School and Church **AND Governors** – Reviewing what **academy status** would look like
- SPP - Develop school-to-school support and internal collaboration
- **Curriculum Leadership** - Continue to develop leadership of all subjects and develop our succession planning. Establish a cycle of Deep Dives.
- **Effective use of PP and COVID Recovery Funding**

Headteacher
Ms Polly Knight

Sunday, 24 April, 2022 @ 12.noon in the church hall

Vestry Meeting – Pauline & Andrew appointed as Church Wardens.

APCM

Apologies: Ann Hunt, Paul & Sylvia Edwards.

Minutes – APCM 2021 accepted. Proposed – Hilary Lawlor; Seconded – Jenny Egarr.

Matters Arising – None

Financial Report & Statement: TM: Explained reasons for loss for the year. Explained the figure showing £11,160 – as detailed in the statement of financial activities. Parish account - £5,927 – loss arising from: a) Consequences of pandemic and lack of rental income in the 2 halls; b) Lack of advertising revenue from magazine. TM – grateful to those who continue to give regularly to the church. AC – biggest drop in income was the church halls for obvious reasons. Not due to bad management or budgeting and we worked hard in controlling our expenditure and that was on budget. Very frustrating because we worked hard to bring our expenditure under control. AC – doubt that there is a church in the land that is not saying the same thing.

AC – PCC has approved the Financial Report & Statement and the accounts have been independently examined.

AC – thanked TM for his 10 years of service to the PCC as Treasurer. Challenges of being a Treasurer are enough but add to that Covid, changes in Vicar, changing bank, changes re technology. AC – TM willing to carry on doing Gift Aid and monthly banking. Hugely grateful for his service.

Reports:

Electoral Report (Page 18) – current total is £186. AC thanked Lynda Ronan for completing Electoral Roll role and also looking after the letting of the hall.

Reports – as detailed in Annual report were received.

AC – wardens report – huge amount of work involved in running buildings. AE – checking halls here and at St Francis and old scout hut as well as church. Has been an interesting 12 months. OM – wardens have done an amazing job. AC thanked both wardens.

Deanery Synod – 3 meeting last year in total and last one in person. Two deanery synod reps – Hilary Lawlor and Sue Heath.

Future Foundation – AC – momentum year last year for the project. Once you have gone public, you have got to deliver on this.

PCC Elections; - 11 people duly elected.

Appointment of an Independent Examiner

AC – sensible to have a qualified accountant to do this job. Darren Bristow – Assistant Director at Trafford Housing Trust and qualified accountant willing to act as our Independent Examiner for no fee.

Safeguarding – we follow all safeguarding guidelines. AC has just updated her enhanced DBS (done every 3 years). Commitment to proper safeguarding.

Vicars Report – AC gave that in the church. Duty and joy to thank various people:

A) David Murray

- B) Wardens – hugely grateful to the wardens. Meet once a week. Could not do the job without their support and help.
- C) Olwyn
- D) Matthew Roughley. Huge thanks to Matthew for all his work. Hugely delighted that church is being used in different ways.

Any other Business

OM – thanked Alison.

Meeting closed with prayers at 12.36.



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Financial Summary

1	Income & Expenditure	2022	2021
A	Income	£124,915	£125,076
B	Expenditure	£134,650	£136,237
C	Expenditure – Future Foundations Project	£40,959	
D	Profit / Loss for the year Running Expenses	-£9,735	-£11,160
2	Balances		
A	Parish Current Account		
1	Annual Opening Balance	£11,960	£26,918
2	Annual Closing Balance	£2,225	£11,960
3	Movement of Funds	-£9,735	-£14,957
B	Future Foundations Current Account		
1	Annual Opening Balance	£10,519	£5,902
2	Annual Closing Balance	£14,257	£10,519
3	Movement of Funds	£3,738	£4,617
C	Deposit Account *		
1	Annual Opening Balance	£337,987	£338,807
2	Annual Closing Balance	£297,028	£337,987
3	Movement of Funds	-£40,959	-£821
D	Petty Cash		
1	Opening Balance	£94	£94
2	Closing Balance	£0	£94
3	Movement of Funds	£0	£0
E	Overall Balance		
A	Total Opening Balance (All Balances)	£360,560	£371,721
B	Total Closing Balance (All Balances)	£313,604	£360,560
C	Final Overall Balance	-£46,956	-£11,161

*Note The previous years accounts showed these monies as restricted funds in error.

Annual Income Statement



Parish Running Expenses	2022
Income	124,915
Gift Aided Donations	47,479
Standing Orders	47,479
Non-Gift Aided Donations	10,852
Envelopes	1,250
Donations Restricted	2,500
Appeals	103
Standing Orders	6,999
Fees	502
Wedding Fees	502
Rent Income	18,931
St Anne Church	1,320
St Anne Hall	14,866
St Francis	2,745
Gift Aid Rebate	15,933
HMRC Rebate	15,933
Sum Up	5,087
Internet Payment	736
Banking	9,087
Weekly Sheets Cheques	16,308

Expenses	134,650
Cost of Generating Funds	580
Cost of Generating Funds	580
Parish Share	69,667
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Costs of Clergy	4,571
Assignment	2,440
Clergy Expenses	2,131
Insurance & Licences	7,459
Building's insurance	6,940
<i>St Anne</i>	5,891
<i>St Francis</i>	1,049
<i>St Anne Hall</i>	0
<i>Scout Hut</i>	0
Music Rights	519
<i>St Anne</i>	251
<i>St Francis</i>	0
<i>St Anne Hall</i>	267
Church Running Expenses	3,317
Altar	408
Worship	1,652
Music (restricted)	0
Music (non-restricted)	0
Organ/Piano	1,257
Funerals	0
Readers etc.	0
Salaries & Wages	5,507
Assistant Priest	0
Organist Wages	42
Choir lead	1,945
Organist Fees	3,160
Verger Fees	360
Church Givings	5,112
Missionary Societies	1,170
<i>Un-restricted</i>	1,170
<i>Restricted</i>	0
Relief & development	0
Home missions	2,442
<i>Secular Charities</i>	1,500

Management & Administration	3,675
Equipment Hire	1,325
Legal & Professional fees	0
Bank commission	46
Printing & Stationary	127
Other admin costs	2,177
Buildings	34,763
St Anne	20,330
<i>Maintenance</i>	7,332
<i>Churchyard upkeep</i>	3,080
<i>Water</i>	278
<i>Gas</i>	8,304
<i>Electricity</i>	1,335
St Francis	3,577
<i>Maintenance</i>	237
<i>Ground upkeep</i>	840
<i>Water</i>	811
<i>Gas</i>	1,689
<i>Electricity</i>	0
Vicarage	1,984
<i>Council Tax</i>	1,623
<i>Water</i>	361
<i>Maintenance</i>	0
St Anne Hall	8,610
<i>Maintenance</i>	4,861
<i>Water</i>	412
<i>Gas</i>	2,402
<i>Electricity</i>	935
Scout Hut	262
<i>Maintenance</i>	0
<i>Water</i>	0
<i>Gas</i>	0
<i>Electricity</i>	262
Excess/(Deficit) of income over expenditure	-£9,735

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Expenses	134,650
Excess/(Deficit) of income over expenditure	-9,735

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St. Anne, Sale
with St. Francis, Sale Moor

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2021, which are set out herewith is in respect of an examination carried out under Regulation 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations ('the regulations') and s.43 of The Charities Act 1993 ('the act').

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirements of Regulation 3(3) of the regulations and s.43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report of those accounts in accordance with the terms of Regulation 25 of the Regulations and Regulation 7 of the Charities (Accounts & Reports) Regulations 1995.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under s.43(7) of the Act and to be found in the guidance from the CBF. The examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with s.41 of the Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act, as also contained in the Regulations have not been met; or

(2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Darren Briscoe Independent Examiner

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on the 2022

And signed on its behalf by:

..... **Alison Cox, Chairperson**

..... **Member**

19 October 2023

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From: Darren Briscoe <briscoe_darren@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 15, 2023 7:56 PM
To: Andrew Egarr <andrew.egarrew@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Balance2022FinalV1_Audit.xlsb

Hi Andrew

I believe what you have done is correct. What I would also do is categorise the two payments as SumUp income on the bankfile tab so that they pull in to the main accounts and reduce the income from SumUp. I have done this on the attached.

On your main accounts file the SumUp income is showing as £5,087 which matches the value on the SumUp tab with the two transactions included. A minor point would be that the £45 relating to the 21st March 2022 has been paid without deducting the SumUp fees that were taken off from the income received in the bank (54 pence) whereas the £133.41 relating to the 7th March 2022 was paid after deducting the SumUp fees from the payments received of £135.

I believe now your accounts are correct overall as they balance to the value of transactions that have gone through the bank statement in the year.

Kind Regards

Darren

Received by Alison Cox.

The Revd Canon Alison Cox

Vicar of St Anne's Sale

